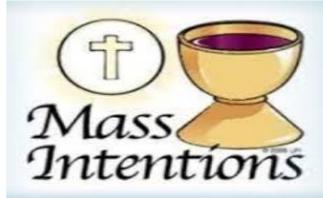


God, I pray for my prayer life to become vibrant and strong in this season of Lent. I pray that Your voice, even though a whisper, would ring loud and true in my life. I pray for the courage and boldness to follow wherever You lead me, to love and serve whomever and however You invite me.

Amen.

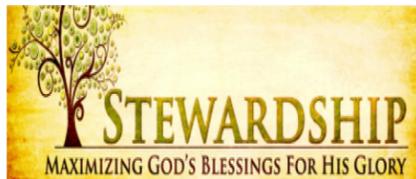


Juanita Yap—2/3
Fr Edwin Pius Sammat—2/4
Chris Zbiciak—2/5
Margaret Louis—2/6
Alvin & Helen Estrella—2/7
Ronald Patrick Chong Kee—2/12
Paul Anthony Kaina, Sr—2/14
Awapuhi Carmichal, Sissy Latham, Pualani & Willie “Kaip” Kimokeo Sr, Walter “Maka” Kuluhiwa Sr—2/15
Jadwiga Jasowicz—2/18
Lidia Cholewinska—2/21
Mikey Pszyk—2/28

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

James Gonzalez-Wesley
Debbie Faborito
Rachel Cravalho
Robert Robello
Melissa Prince
Stanley Lee
Fr. Chacko Muthoottil
Winona Martinez
Rachel Chong Kee
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Felicia Gonzalez
Rosaline DeMello
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Annette Palamino
Colette Alexander
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Theresa Honokaupu

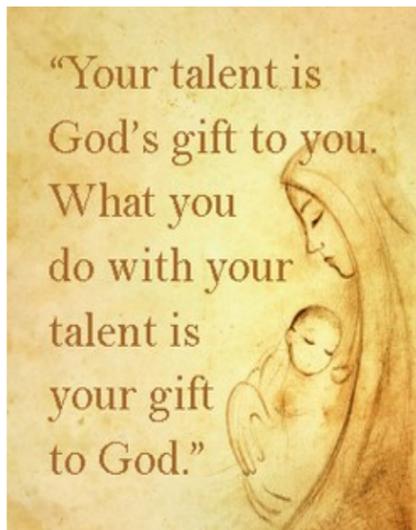
Join Us to Pray the *Litany of St. Rita, Holy Rosary, and Guardian Angel Prayer* Tuesday thru Friday after morning mass
Saturday before Mass at 4:30pm
Sunday at 8:00am



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~MASS SCHEDULE~
 ~ST. RITA~
 Saturday: 5:00 p.m. ~ Vigil
 Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES:
 7:00 a.m. ~ Tuesday—Friday
 ~ST. GABRIEL~
 1st & 3rd Sundays: 11:00 a.m.

~RECONCILIATION~
 ST. RITA~ Saturday: 3:30 ~ 4:00 p.m.
 ST. GABRIEL~ Before Sunday Mass

~ANOINTING OF THE SICK~
 Please contact the Office

~BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS~
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~MINISTRIES~
MINISTRY OF SONG: CHOIR
 Wayne Freitas & Rita Bauldry
 Tuesday ~ 6:00 p.m.

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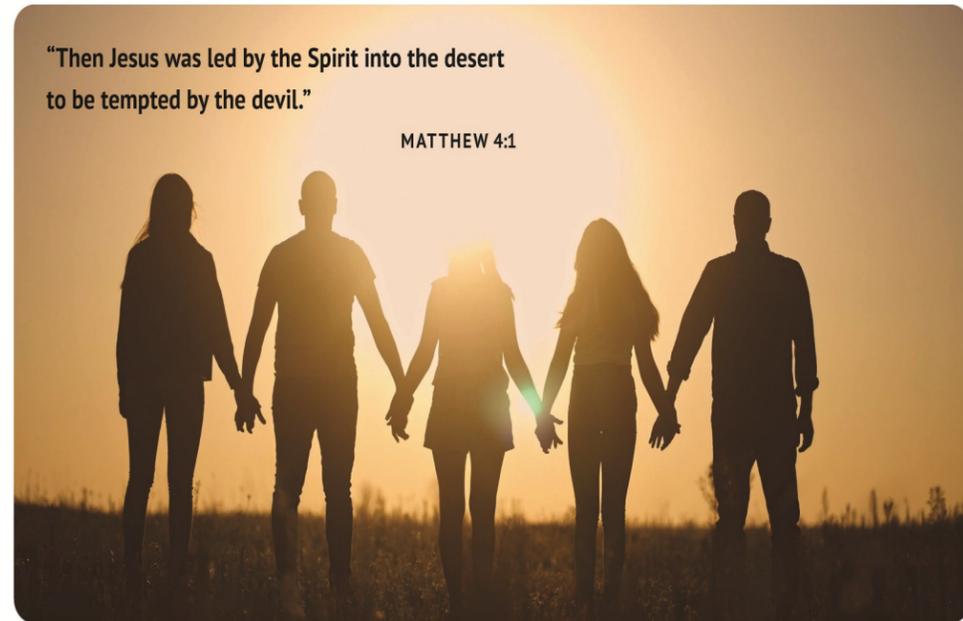
COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent (A)

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 / Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 / Matthew 4:1-11



"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil."

MATTHEW 4:1

Jesus for the Win

MIGUEL DULICK

The account of the temptations could be presented as a comical play. Pope Francis insisted, "Don't talk to the devil!" Indeed, Jesus does not engage in dialogue with Satan, much less any negotiation or any business. Stones become bread? Jesus may have fasted for forty days, but he's had plenty to eat—"every word that comes forth from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). Nor will Jesus "test" his Father by jumping off the "parapet of the temple" (like the bell tower of a gothic church). (See Matthew 5-7.) You don't play God, and you don't play with God. Satan really beclowns himself with the last temptation—promising the whole world if Jesus would just take a knee? No one would fall for that, would they?

Except—most of us. We'd do the bread; we'd do the jump; we'd definitely do the world! Look at the first reading, from Genesis. Adam and Eve give up paradise for a piece of fruit! It's a sad story because Eve does chat with the serpent, answering questions, allowing for a different point of view. But, as they say on Facebook, Satan "destroys" her! And Adam, too. If they didn't sew fig leaves for each other, the whole story would be unbearable. Even as they realize their sin, there is a little tenderness.

Saint Paul explains it clearly. Sin entered the world, but with Jesus Christ, there is an "overflow" of grace for the many. (See Romans 5:15.) And that's what Lent is about—a flood of grace. ●

Reflect

What grace do I pray for this Lent—for myself and for someone who is struggling?



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

JESUS I trust in you.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

EVERY FRIDAY AFTER MORNING MASS

KCIK 740 AM or online @ RELEVANTRADIO.COM



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MONDAY
February 23
Lenten Weekday
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18
Mt 25:31-46

TUESDAY
February 24
Lenten Weekday
Is 55:10-11
Mt 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY
February 25
Lenten Weekday
Jon 3:1-10
Lk 11:29-32

THURSDAY
February 26
Lenten Weekday
Est C:12, 14-16,
23-25
Mt 7:7-12

FRIDAY
February 27
Lenten Weekday
Ez 18:21-28
Mt 5:20-26

SATURDAY
February 28
Lenten Weekday
Dt 26:16-19
Mt 5:43-48

SUNDAY
March 1
Second Sunday
of Lent
Gn 2:1-4a
2 Tm 1:8b-10
Mt 17:1-9

1st Sunday of Lent

Stewardship Service



"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." MATTHEW 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent living **Stewardship** and letting go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

St. Rita	INCOME February 15, 2026	St. Gabriel
\$1,935.00	Collections	
\$225.00	Online	
\$93.00	Candles	
\$30.00	Shepherd's Care	
\$844.00	Repairs & Maint.	\$21.00
\$440.00	Mardi Gras	
\$370.00	Mass Intention	\$20.00
\$352.25	Thrift Store	
\$4,289.25	Mahalo for your generosity!	\$41.00
	TOTAL	

This week's second collection:
Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

Next week's second collection:
Shepherd's Care

St. Rita Thrift Store

Tuesday 8am—12pm
Sunday 9:45am—12pm

CLOTHES, HOME DÉCOR, BEDDING, DISHES & MORE

The **THRIFT Shop**

SCHEDULE

2/22 – CLASS FOR CHILDREN
3/1 – CLASS FOR CHILDREN
3/8 – CLASS FOR YOUTH GROUP
3/15 – SPRING BREAK NO CLASSES
3/22 – CLASS FOR FAMILY (PALM SUNDAY/EASTER ACTIVITY)
3/29 – CLASS FOR CHILDREN
4/5 – NO CLASS (EASTER)

Saint Rita and Divine Mercy intentions and favors

Join us to pray Novena to Saint Rita First Thursday of each month after morning mass. Intentions and favors can be offered and dropped into the designated boxes.

God hears our prayers.

Lenten Season

OBSERVING THE Lenten Season

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday at 5 pm

WEEKDAY MASS Monday thru Friday at 7 am

FINANCE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1st to December 31st, 2025

Financial statement is inserted in today's bulletin. If you have any questions, please see finance members. Thank you!

2026 Maui & Lana'i Vicariate Stewardship Day
Saturday, March 7, 2026
St. Theresa Catholic Church, 25 W Lipoa St, Kihei HI 96753

8:00 AM Opening Mass, Fr. William Kunisch, Main Celebrant

9:00 AM Registration

9:15 AM Welcome / Opening Prayer

9:25 AM First Talk: Brandee Menino, CEO of HOPE Services Hawaii

10:10 AM Break

10:30 AM Second Talk: Fr. Konelio Faletoi, Pastor of St. Michael Catholic Church in Kailua-Kona

11:15 AM Wrap up session / Questions & Answers

12:00 PM Lunch & Table Discussions

Registration and lunch will be provided by your parish once you register.

To register, scan this QR code, visit this website, or contact your Parish Office.
<https://tinyurl.com/bdfmldr8>

ST. RITA THRIFT SHOP

SAVE the DATE

Free CLOTHING Giveaway

Saturday, March 14th
Parish Hall
8 am to 12 pm

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