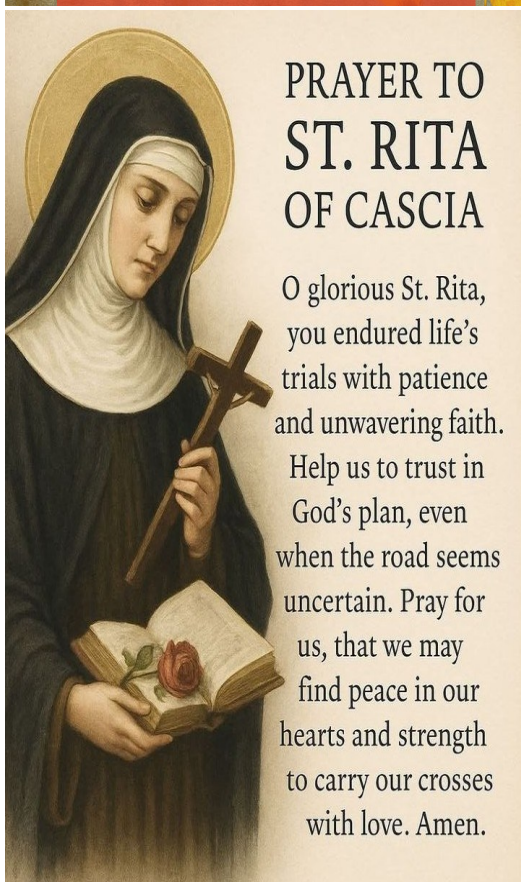


SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.



### PRAYER TO ST. RITA OF CASCIA

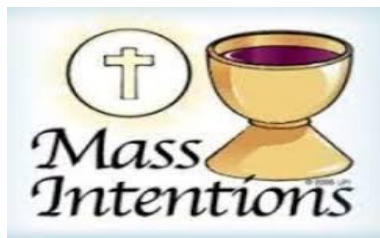
O glorious St. Rita, you endured life's trials with patience and unwavering faith. Help us to trust in God's plan, even when the road seems uncertain. Pray for us, that we may find peace in our hearts and strength to carry our crosses with love. Amen.



### DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

EVERY FRIDAY AFTER MORNING MASS

KCIK 740 AM or online @ RELEVANTRADIO.COM



Albert Phillips—5/2

Rose Visalli—5/9

Frank Tassone—5/16

Nathan Perreira—5/23

Dayna Mae Domingo—5/26

Christopher Benjamin Castillon—5/29

Patrice Yamashita—5/30

### 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
- Clarita Pimentel
- Felicia Gonzalez
- Rosaline DeMello
- Gosha Jasowicz
- Annette Palamino
- Bob Garza
- Theresa Honokaupu
- Sandy Silva

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



### ST. RITA MINISTRIES

PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCIL

FAITH FORMATION

STEWARDSHIP

ENVIROMENT & LITURGICAL

SACRISTANS & ALTAR SERVERS

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CHURCH CLEANERS

HOSPITAL & HOMEBOUND

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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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~  
Please contact the Office

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

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD  
COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

### Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 17, 2026

The Ascension of the Lord (A)

Acts 1:1-11 / Ephesians 1:17-23 / Matthew 28:16-20



### Stairway to Heaven

MIGUEL DULICK

Even by the Ascension, after forty days of eating and drinking with the resurrected Lord, the obtuseness of the Apostles still frustrates Jesus. In Acts, they're ready for a fight, "to restore the kingdom to Israel" (Acts 1:6). Matthew reports that "they worshiped, but they doubted" (Matthew 28:17). Pentecost cannot come soon enough, when they will be baptized with the Holy Spirit, and all will be made known.

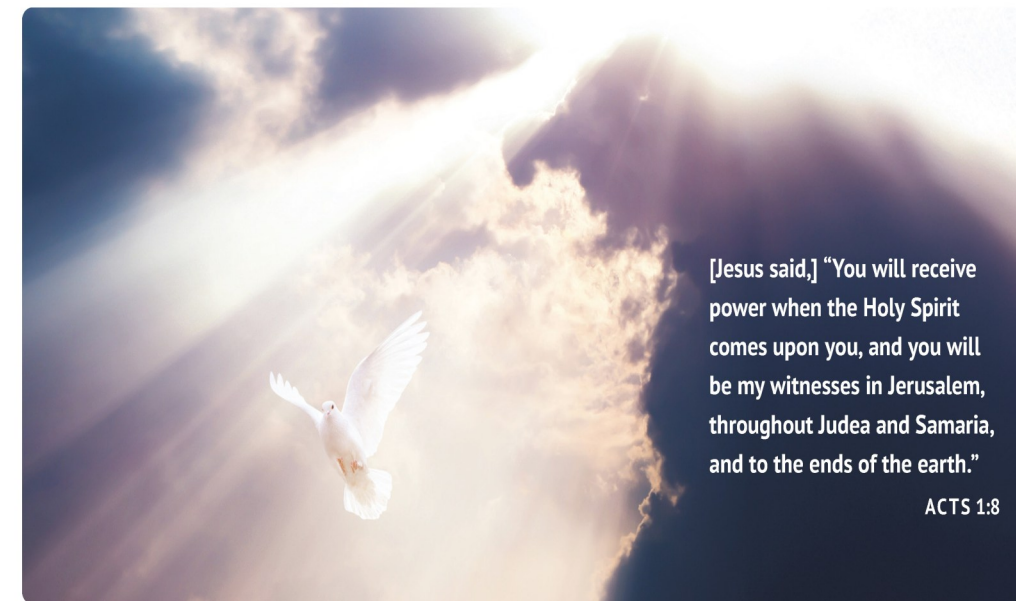
So the next nine days are crucial. The apostles and other disciples, 120 persons in all, prepare for the arrival of the Holy Spirit, a spiritual retreat, the original "novena." Only then can the apostle go and "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

Jesus, who brought heaven down to earth in the Incarnation, now ascends, taking earth up to heaven, with his resurrection. Saint Paul gives us a hint of how special this interchange is when he wishes for the Ephesians to receive from Jesus "a Spirit of wisdom and revelation" (Ephesians 1:17).

Our own obtuseness can block the Holy Spirit when we think we have all the answers. When I first preached in Honduras, in the village where I live, I was so prepared. I said everything I could think of, all that I had learned in my courses for a masters degree in divinity. But then, when I heard the prayers and insights of poor and simple folks, supported by a rich, personal knowledge of the Lord himself, I cut my sermons in half and let the "saints," as St. Paul liked to call the people, finish the job. Thank you, Holy Spirit! ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



[Jesus said,] "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8

### Reflect

How can I better cooperate with the Holy Spirit?



The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord commemorates the fortieth day after the Resurrection when Jesus ascended body and soul into Heaven and took His seat at the right hand of His Father. Traditionally, the location of the Ascension is believed to be less than a mile east of the Old City of Jerusalem, and that spot is marked by the Chapel of the Ascension, which is said to contain a miraculous imprint of the footprints of Christ before He ascended. The Ascension marks the completion of Jesus' earthly mission. He first united His divine nature with human nature through the Incarnation at the moment of the Annunciation. The Feast of the Ascension was celebrated annually from as early as apostolic times.

- MONDAY**  
May 18  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 19:1-8  
Jn 16:29-33
- TUESDAY**  
May 19  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 20:17-27  
Jn 17:1-11a
- WEDNESDAY**  
May 20  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 20:28-38  
Jn 17:11b-19
- THURSDAY**  
May 21  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 22:30;  
23:6-11  
Jn 17:20-26
- FRIDAY**  
May 22  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 25:13b-21  
Jn 21:15-19
- SATURDAY**  
May 23  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 28:16-20,  
30-31  
Jn 21:20-25
- SUNDAY**  
May 24  
Pentecost Sunday  
Acts 2:1-11  
1 Cor 12:3b-7,  
12-13  
Jn 20:19-23

**Saint Rita of Cascia** feast day is celebrated annually on May 22. Known as the patroness of impossible causes, she is honored on this day for her life of unwavering faith, forgiveness and dedication to God.

Holy Mass and potluck lunch celebrating St. Rita Feast Day and our Kupuna

**SUNDAY, MAY 17TH**  
**AFTER MORNING MASS**  
**IN THE PARISH HALL**

everyone is welcome. Please bring your favorite dish to share.



**7th Sunday of Easter (The Ascension of the Lord)**

**Prayerful Stewardship**



"I am praying for them..." JOHN 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of **stewardship**. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

| St. Rita               | INCOME<br>May 10, 2026                      | St. Gabriel |
|------------------------|---|-------------|
| \$2,175.00<br>\$325.00 | Collection<br>Online                        |             |
| \$59.00                | Candles                                     |             |
| \$1,001.00             | Loan Repayment                              |             |
| \$72.00                | Shepherd's Care                             |             |
| \$50.00                | Repairs & Maint.                            |             |
| \$60.00                | Recycle                                     |             |
| \$217.00               | Thrift Store                                |             |
| <b>\$3,959.00</b>      | <b>TOTAL</b><br>Mahalo for your generosity! |             |

This week's second collection:  
**Catholic Communication Campaign**

Next week's second collection:  
**Repairs & Maintenance**

**St. Rita Thrift Store**  
Tuesday 8am—12pm  
Sunday 9:45am—12pm

**Closed on Sunday 5/17**

**CLOTHES, HOME DÉCOR, BEDDING, DISHES & MORE**

The **THRIFT Shop**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**6/6/26**

**EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION**

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MAUI AND LANAI VICARIATE

**Eucharistic PROCESSION**

FROM THE ALTAR TO THE WORLD

**SATURDAY JUNE 6, 2026**

Christ the King Catholic Church  
20 W. Waialeale Ave.  
Ehala, Hawaii, Maui

8:00 AM: HOLY MASS  
Celebrant: **MSGR. TERRY WATANABE**

Eucharistic Procession follows right after the Mass.

**ROUTE:**  
We will exit the church onto W. Waialeale Avenue, turning right onto LOWE Avenue, then right onto KAHAMANU Avenue, right onto PULUHANI Avenue and then back to Christ the King Church.

**WHAT TO BRING/EXPECT:**  
• WEAR comfortable shoes  
• Bring **WATER, UMBRELLA**, or a **HAT**.  
• **REFRESHMENTS** will be served after Automass.

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