

Debt Reduction Fund	
~ OUR LAND, OUR CHURCH ~	
Thank you for continuing to support this effort to pay for our land. Please use the debt reduction envelopes for proper accounting. Envelopes are available by the door of the church. Mahalo!	
Mortgage payment due May 1st, 2021	\$ 1,753.77
March carry over	\$ (5.15)
Balance	\$ 1,748.62
Balloon payment due January 31, 2022:	\$ 15,000.00
Real Property tax assessment:	\$ 1,200.00
Fundraising:	\$ (4,030.00)
Donation:	\$ (2,750.00)
Balance	\$ 9,420.00

Have a Blessed Holy Easter



Lord Jesus Christ, today the world sings triumphant cries to heaven over the death that you conquered. Help us Lord, tomorrow as well, to continue as a celebration of life, that should last forever. Resurrection is a daily celebration over fear, which

is man's greatest and most powerful enemy. Fear of tomorrow, fear of yesterdays, fear of what shall become of our young, our old, our unborn. Resurrection is replacing fear with physical action. This alone, the most touching and profound sign, teach us that fear is dead and belief in you brings not just hope but life. You have destroyed this enemy from the world, and shared with us your joy, peace, unity, courage and strength. Help us to learn Fridays are essential for Easter Sunday and be prepared always. The most dreadful end became the most beautiful beginning. Dear Risen Lord, visit our homes, our dear and near ones alive and dead, and fill us with your manifold blessings.

Wish you all a Very Happy and Holy Easter! May the Risen Christ be your guide always!

Fr. Chacko Muthoottil

APRIL READINGS, MEETINGS & EVENTS

- ◇ **April 3: Saturday**
EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT
Readings: Gen 1:1 ~ 2:2 Gen 22: 1-18
Ex 14: 15 ~ 15: 1-11 Is 55: 1-11
Rom 6: 3-11 Mk 16: 1-7
3:30 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:00 p.m. ~ Solemn Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord
- ◇ **April 4: Sunday**
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Readings: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43 Col 3: 1-4
Jn 20: 1-9
8:30 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
11:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Gabriel Church
- ◇ **April 5: Monday** **Octave of Easter**
Readings: Acts 2: 14, 22-33 Mt 28: 8-15
NO MORNING MASS
- ◇ **April 6: Tuesday** **Octave of Easter**
Readings: Acts 2: 36-41 Jn 20: 11-18
7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
- ◇ **April 7: Wednesday** **Octave of Easter**
Readings: Acts 3: 1-10 Lk 24: 13-35
7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
- ◇ **April 8: Thursday** **Octave of Easter**
Readings: Acts 3: 11-26 Lk 24: 35-48
7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
- ◇ **April 9: Friday** **Octave of Easter**
Readings: Acts 4: 1-12 Jn 21: 1-14
7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
3:00 p.m. ~ Divine Mercy Prayer
- ◇ **April 10: Saturday** **Vigil Mass**
Readings: Acts 4: 32-35 1 Jn 5: 1-6
Jn 20: 19-31
3:30 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:10 p.m. ~ Divine Mercy Prayer & Rosary
5:00 p.m. ~ Vigil Mass @ St. Rita Church
2nd Collection ~ Shepherd's Care
- ◇ **April 11: Sunday**
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
Readings: Acts 4: 32-35 1 Jn 5: 1-6
Jn 20: 19-31
7:40 a.m. ~ Divine Mercy Prayer & Rosary
8:30 p.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
9:45 - 11:00 a.m. Religious Education for Children
2nd Collection ~ Shepherd's Care

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

James Gonzalez-Wesley	Lito Urayanza
Rosemary Robbins	Connie Munoz
Debbie Faborito	Vivian Lee
Rosamond Prince	Stanley Lee
Rachel Cravalho	Mark Potter
Robert Robello	Susan Redpath



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ST. GABRIEL MISSION
WAILUANUI, KEANAE



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<http://stritahaiku.com/>

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our Parish App

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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
Tuesday ~ 6:00 p.m.

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

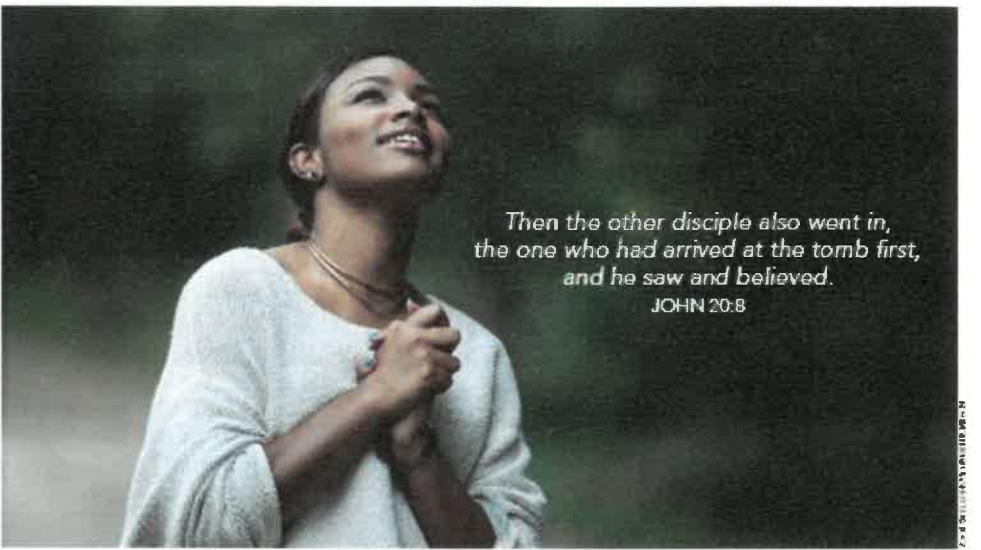
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

COMMUNION TO HOSPITAL

Our Parish
COMMUNITY

April 4, 2021
Easter (B)
Acts 10:34a, 37-45
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
In 20:1-9 or Mt 16:1-7



Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed.
JOHN 20:8

Seeing Is Believing

Clever phrase. But is it accurate? Believing means that we sometimes accept as true something for which we have no positive proof. We might base our belief on the word of someone we consider reliable, but we ourselves have no undeniable evidence. We may use this phrase in everyday conversation and know what we really mean, but when it comes to the resurrection of Jesus, the phrase "seeing is believing" really doesn't fit well.

In today's first reading, Peter states that Jesus was visible to some of his followers. What does this mean? It's clear from most of the Easter narratives that many people had a profound, life-transforming experience of the risen Jesus. They may not have realized this at first, but they were convinced of it when he allowed them to recognize him. Was it a visual experience? Was it auditory as Paul describes (Acts 9:4)? Or was it

touch as Thomas demanded (John 20:25)? Every mystic describes a revelation of Christ as an experience of one or more senses. For example, St. Bernadette saw our Lady, while St. Francis heard a voice. This isn't to say that the revelations weren't real. It is to say that our senses are our only way of experiencing it or talking about it. We are, after all, only human.

Maybe when referring to the resurrection we should modify this phrase: believing is seeing or hearing or feeling or being somehow convinced that he is really here. And this can be true for all of us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- Have you ever had a moment of profound religious insight? If so, how would you describe it?
- The risen Christ is with us still. Think about that for a moment.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades 1-12 Religious Education HOME STUDY options are available. Monthly meetings that will focus on the current liturgical season will be scheduled. Please contact Christine, 815-735-0612 or ematheis2014@gmail.com

THRIFT SHOP

Hours of Operation
Donation Drop Off.
Sunday: 9:45 am ~
12:00 noon
Tuesday: 8:00 am ~
12:00 noon

St. Rita	INCOME 3/28/2021	St. Gabriel
\$ 1,492.00	Collection	~~~
\$ 360.00	Debt Reduction/Land	~~~
\$ 92.00	Candles	~~~
\$ 730.60	Thrift Shop	~~~
\$ 40.00	Shepherd's Care	~~~
\$ 100.00	Easter Flowers	~~~
\$ 60.00	Repairs & Maintenance	~~~
\$ 35.00	Mass Intention	~~~
\$ 40.00	CRS Rice Bowl	~~~
\$ 398.00	100th Jubilee Celebration	~~~
\$ 1,021.00	Pickled Mango / Sushi (Jubilee)	~~~
\$ 4,368.60	TOTAL	~~~

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes

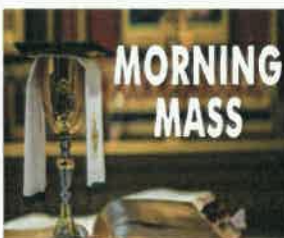
April 11th ~~~ Kids ~ Grades 2-12 ~ 9:45 ~ 11:00 am / Church Hall
April 25th ~~~ Adults ~ 9:45 ~ 11:00 am / Church Hall

April Mass Intentions

Sunmi Cho & Jihaeng Cho
 + **Karl Soliman**
 + **Justin Pikunas**
 + **Nathan Perreira**



Please Note: Monday, April 5th after Easter Sunday, we will be going back to the regular Morning Masses ~ Tuesday thru Friday. Thank you!



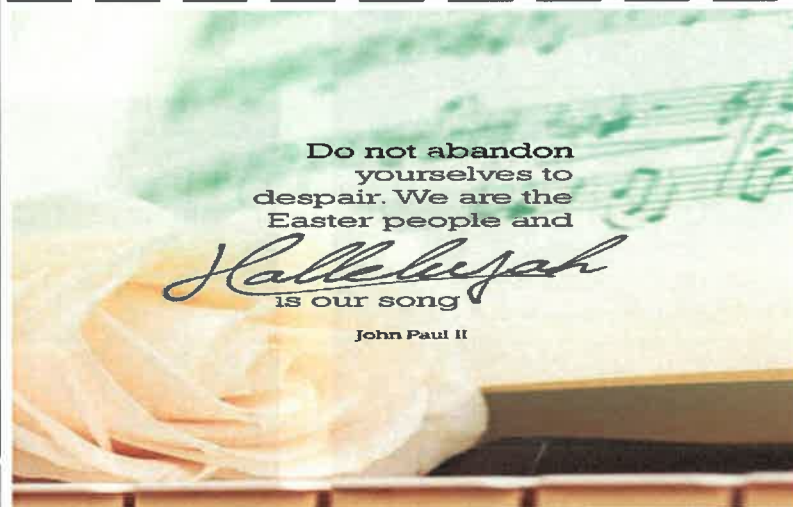
PRO LIFE CORNER

"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today." ~ Genesis 50:20



Do you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential non-judgmental help is available.

Call Project Rachel's national toll-free number: 888-456-HOPE (4673) www.hopeafterabortion.com



We want to THANK everyone who participated in these Holy Triduum and Easter Celebrations! Also a Big Mahalo to the Music Ministry, Lector's, Environment, Church Cleaners, and the men that helped set up the tents and take them down, for all of your hard work! God Bless each and everyone of you!

Next Sunday, April 11th, Divine Mercy Sunday, we will have the Divine Mercy Prayer and the Rosary before Mass. Saturday, April 10th, starting at 4:10 p.m. and Sunday, April 11th, starting at 7:40 a.m. Please join us!

Next Sundays Readings:

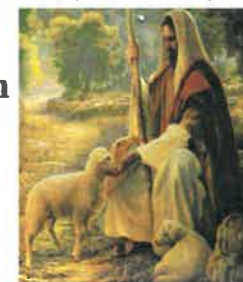
April 11,
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SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

ACTS 4: 32-35
 PS 118: 2-4,13-15, 22-24
 1 JN 5: 1-6
 JN 20: 19-31



Next's weeks 2nd Collection is for our "Shepherd's Care." Thank You!



SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, May 1st

We are selling Pastele Plate Lunch. The plate will include gandule rice, pasteles, bacalau salad and dessert for \$10.00. Also, available frozen pastels for 5 for \$25.00. This will be a drive thru pick up from 9 am ~ 12 noon. We will have envelopes available the next few weekends to place an order. Mahalo!



Dear Father

"I am the resurrection and the life."
- John 11:25

You gave us Your only Son Jesus, who offered Himself up for us and our salvation. How can we ever thank You enough? We are so grateful for the new and living way Jesus has opened for us through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, that we might experience His risen presence and draw near You with cleansed hearts and a clear conscience.

O Lord Jesus, help us to know Your love this Easter.

Help us adore and submit to Your Holy Spirit joyfully and confidently, with full assurance that You are with us, leading each of us to the ultimate victory of all that is holy and good. May Your Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Through the intercession of Mary, the Cause of our Joy, may we be Your Easter joy and compassion to all, especially the poor and sorrowful. **Amen**

Dear Padre,

Why do some churches use bells during the consecration and others do not?

We ring bells because they make a beautiful sound for the Lord and for our ears. They signal something important; they bring us comfort in sorrow, and they double our joy. The official name for the bell ringing is *tintinnabulation*. As with many practices, tintinnabulation is present in many traditions worldwide. It's a beautiful way to focus the mind and heart, lifting the soul to God. I'll never forget the stirring sunrise tintinnabulation at Assisi on Easter Sunday.



Catholics ring bells at the Eucharist, during the singing of the Gloria on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil, at the showing of the consecrated bread and wine and, in some places, at the beginning of the preparation of the gifts and the Communion procession. We also ring bells to mark the morning, noon, and evening hours, at which times devotion recalls the Incarnation of Christ and the praying of the Angelus. Bells are rung to assemble the community for prayer and festivities. At weddings and funerals, bells declare that something important is happening—an event to be surrounded by beautiful sound.

But why do some churches use bells during the consecration and others do not? The books of the revised liturgy give an option, so some parish leaders choose to ring bells and others do not. However, in the Latin Mass, there is no option—the bells must be rung at set times.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis



You cannot give [courage] to yourself, but you can receive it as a gift. All you have to do is open your heart in prayer and roll away, however slightly, that stone placed at the entrance to your heart so that Jesus' light can enter.... With you, Lord, we will be tested but not shaken.

EASTER VIGIL HOMILY, APRIL 11, 2020

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Sr. Bernadette Meno made her perpetual vows as a Diocesan Hermit, consecrated in poverty, chastity and obedience. Much of her day is spent in prayer. If you have any prayer requests please send them to:

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