

Debt Reduction Fund	
Mortgage payment due May 1st, 2021	\$ 1,753.77
April collections	\$ (390.15)
Balance	\$ 1,363.62
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

**~ 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!

## APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

### PRAYER FOR HEALING VICTIMS OF ABUSE

*God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by the blood of his cross.*

*Breathe wisdom into our prayers, soothe restless hearts with hope, steady shaken spirits with faith: Show us the way to justice and wholeness, enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.*

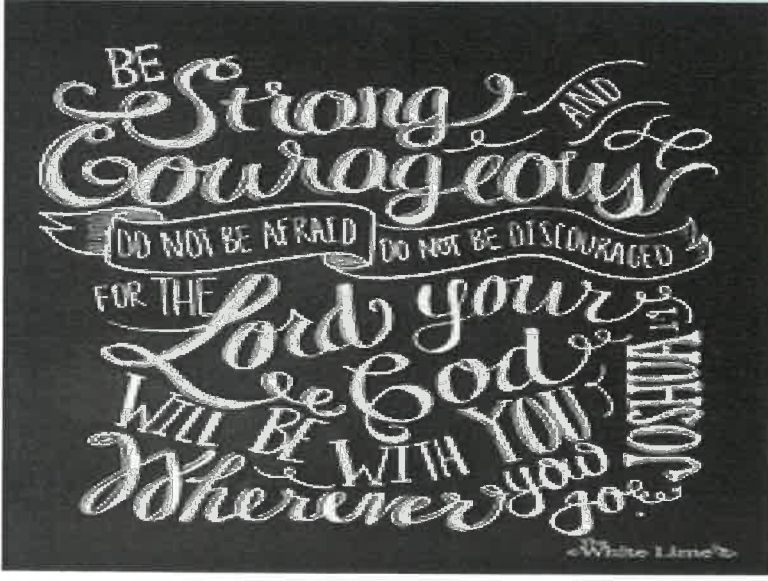
*Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.*

*Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform our brokenness. Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace, so that we may act with justice and find peace in you.*

*Hear our cries as we agonize over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.*

*We ask this through Christ, our Lord.*

*Amen.*



### APRIL READINGS, MEETINGS & EVENTS

- ◇ **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
- ◇ **April 12: Monday Easter Weekday**  
**Readings: Acts 4: 23-31 Jn 3: 1-8**  
 NO MORNING MASS
- ◇ **April 13: Tuesday Easter Weekday**  
**Readings: Acts 4: 32-37 Jn 3: 7b-15**  
 7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
- ◇ **April 14: Wednesday Easter Weekday**  
**Readings: Acts 5: 17-26 Jn 3: 16-21**  
 7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
- ◇ **April 15: Thursday Easter Weekday**  
**Readings: Acts 5: 27-33 Jn 3: 31-36**  
 7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
- ◇ **April 16: Friday Easter Weekday**  
**Readings: Acts 5: 34-42 Jn 6: 1-15**  
 7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church  
 3:00 a.m. ~ Divine Mercy Prayer
- ◇ **April 17: Saturday Vigil Mass**  
**Readings: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19 1 Jn 2: 1-5a**  
**Lk 24: 35-48**  
 3:30 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 5:00 p.m. ~ Vigil Mass @ St. Rita Church  
 2nd Collection ~ St. Rita's Debt Reduction ~  
 Our monthly payment for our Land
- ◇ **April 18: Sunday THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Readings: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19 1 Jn 2: 1-5a**  
**Lk 24: 35-48**  
 8:30 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church  
 11:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Gabriel Church  
 2nd Collection ~ St. Rita's Debt Reduction ~  
 Our monthly payment for our Land

### 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



**~OFFICE~**  
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 Haiku, HI 96708

**St. Rita's Website:**  
<http://stritahaiku.com/>

**Text App to 88202 to download our Parish App**

**~STAFF~**

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 Rev. Chacko Muthoottil

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[stritahaiku@gmail.com](mailto:stritahaiku@gmail.com)

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 # 815-735-0612  
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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

**~ANONING 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**

# ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH

## 655 HAIKU RD., HAIKU, HAWAII 96708

# ST. GABRIEL MISSION

## WAILUANUI, KEANAE



## Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 11, 2021  
 Second Sunday of Easter  
 (Sunday of Divine Mercy) (B)  
 Acts 4:32-35  
 1 Jn 5:1-6  
 Jn 20:19-31

### I Want Proof

**W**ho doesn't? It's not simply that we are children of the scientific age in which proof is essential. Concrete evidence gives us a sense of security; it helps us understand how things work. Even in ordinary human relationships, we want proof. A tune from *My Fair Lady* demands: "Don't talk of love...show me." It's very difficult to live without a certain degree of surety. Consequently, we should not be surprised at Thomas' insistence: "I want proof."

Thomas is often described as lacking faith. This isn't the full story. The reason the other disciples believed was because they had an experience of the risen Lord. Before that experience they were hiding behind locked doors. Thomas was absent; we are not told why. Whatever the reason, he was not content to base his believing on their word alone. In a sense, more was being asked of Thomas than the others.

Thomas is the patron of all of us whose faith in the risen Lord is based on the word of others rather than on our own unique revelatory experience. Who of us wouldn't want some mystical experience? We are called to believe without seeing. Yet, this isn't strictly true—we can see evidence of the resurrection. The best proof is evident in the lives of millions of people who commit themselves to God and who strive to live with integrity.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*



*Jesus said to [Thomas], "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."*  
 JOHN 20:29

### For Reflection

- Who are the people who taught you your faith and who live it themselves? Thank God for them.
- Who looks to you as an example of one who believes that Christ is alive today?



KCIC 740 AM or online @  
[RELEVANTRADIO.COM](http://RELEVANTRADIO.COM)

**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 [cmatheis2014@gmail.com](mailto:cmatheis2014@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 4/4/2021	St. Gabriel
\$ 2,574.00	Easter Collections	\$ 352.00
\$ 385.00	Debt Reduction/Land	~~~
\$ 78.61	Candles	~~~
\$ 269.35	Thrift Shop	~~~
\$ 100.00	Shepherd's Care	\$ 16.00
\$ 70.00	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 35.00
\$ 706.86	CRS Rice Bowl	\$ 154.22
\$ 461.00	Holy Land	~~~
<b>\$ 4,824.82</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 557.22</b>

## 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  
**May 16th** ~~~ Kids ~ Grades 2-12 ~ 9:45 ~ 11:00 am / Church Hall

\*\*\* A Message from our Director of Religious Education \*\*\*



As we Celebrate Easter Season with the Risen Lord, please mark your calendars for classes on April 11th and May 16th. In the Church Hall 9:45 ~ 11:00 a.m. Please remember a snack and water for your child.

**PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHO WILL BE ATTENDING.**

With limited space, I need to plan ahead for different grade level placement. Older students may need to be moved to the Church loft area. ALL students will meet in the Church Hall at 9:45 am.

Hope to see everyone this Sunday. Take care and God Bless your families.  
Christine

## PRO LIFE CORNER

"Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature." ~ Genesis 2:7

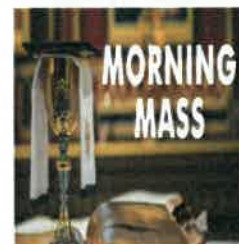


Do you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential non-judgmental help is available.

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



**Please Note:** Monday, April 5th we will be going back to the regular Morning Masses ~ Tuesday thru Friday, 7:00 a.m. Thank you!



### April Mass Intentions

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



Next Sundays Readings: \*\*\*\*\*

April 18, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 3: 13-15, 17-19  
PS 4: 2, 4, 7-9  
1 JN 2: 1-5a  
LK 24: 35-48



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



Next weeks 2nd Collection will be for our monthly payment for our land, "St. Rita's Debt Reduction." 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 5 for \$25.00. This will be a drive thru pick up from 9 am ~ 12 noon. Envelopes are available at the entrance of our Church. Mahalo!



Happy Earth Day ~ April 22nd

Earth Day is an annual event celebrated around the world on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First celebrated in 1970, it now includes events coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network in more than 193 countries.

Earth Day is intended to inspire awareness of and appreciation for the Earth's environment. There are many ways that families can celebrate Earth Day. Not only is it the best time of year to get outside and enjoy the weather, it is a perfect opportunity to teach children how they can also enjoy, and take care of their environment for the future.

We are seeking a Mason to install 8 Memorial Tiles in front of our Church. If you know of someone who can install them, please call the Office of see Esther after Mass. Thank You!

Saturday, April 17th, 2021

There will be a Finance Committee Meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.



## Dear Padre,

I get a lot of questions from Protestant friends about the Catholic "obsession" (as they put it) with Mary. What should I say to them?



A convert to Catholicism tells the story of a dinner he had with a friend who had a very evangelical outlook. As they talked about the new Catholic's decision to convert, the friend asked hesitantly, "What do you think about Mary?" The new Catholic smiled and said, "I think she's wonderful, don't you?" The friend responded with an embarrassed "Yes, but..."

If Catholics and Protestants can begin with this premise—that Mary is wonderful—it might be possible to step back and consider why. Mary is an extraordinary human being who holds a special place in the Christian faith for two reasons: first, it was through her that God became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ; and second, she was the first to believe in Jesus' mission and ministry.

All Catholic doctrine about Mary refers to two special relationships. She has a special relationship with God because she bore the "God-man" in her womb. She also has a special relationship with us because she was the first Christian.

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSsR  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)

### A WORD FROM Pope Francis



[The disciples] had abandoned the Lord at his passion and felt guilty. But meeting them, Jesus did not give a long sermon. To them, who were wounded within, he shows his own wounds. Thomas can now touch them and know of Jesus' love and how much Jesus had suffered for him, even though he had abandoned him.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 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:

Sister Bernadette Meno  
Email: [hawaiicatholichermit@aol.com](mailto:hawaiicatholichermit@aol.com)

