

ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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ST. GABRIEL MISSION

WAILUANUI, KEANAE



Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 21, 2021
 First Sunday of Lent (B)
 Gn 9:8-15
 1 Pt 3:18-22
 Mk 1:12-15

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God said... I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.
 GENESIS 9:12-13

Lost at Sea

We often think that Lent is a time to concentrate on the sufferings of Jesus. Actually that is the theme of Holy Week. The other readings of Lent suggest another theme—conversion. God initiates an intimate relationship with us and calls us to be faithful. This is the good news. However, when we are unfaithful, God gives us another chance. The first reading reminds God's gracelessness in saving humankind from destruction. Noah and his family must have felt that they really were lost at sea. However, God's protection was always there. In fact, the waters they so feared were destructive only to what was evil. They had been saved and now, though the covenant, all of creation was given a second chance. One might think that Jesus wouldn't have struggled with temptation. After all, he was God. However, today's Gospel says that he was tempted. He was in the wilderness, a place long known to be a place of temptation?

FOR Reflection

- When you feel "lost at sea," recall that through baptism you have a close covenant relationship with God who is always there for you.
- How do you strengthen yourself when you face temptation?

St. Dianne Ferguson, CSA

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

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, cmathets2014@gmail.com
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~MINISTERS~
 WAYNE FREITAS
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 Tuesday ~ 6:00 p.m.
 PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD
 EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
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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

FEBRUARY READINGS, MEETINGS & EVENTS

February 20: Saturday
 Readings: Gn 9: 8-15
 Mk 1: 12-15
 Vigil Mass
 1 Pt 3: 18-22

February 21: Sunday
 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
 Readings: Gn 9: 8-15
 Mk 1: 12-15

February 22: Monday
 St. Peter the Apostle
 Readings: 1 Pt 5: 1-4
 Mt 16: 13-19

February 23: Tuesday
 Lenten Weekday
 Readings: Is 55: 10-11
 Mt 6: 7-15

February 24: Wednesday
 Lenten Weekday
 Readings: Jon 3: 1-10
 Lk 11: 29-32

February 25: Thursday
 Lenten Weekday
 Readings: Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25
 Mt 7: 7-12

February 26: Friday
 Lenten Weekday
 Readings: Ez 18: 21-28
 Mt 5: 20-26

February 27: Saturday
 Vigil Mass
 Readings: Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
 Rom 8: 31b-34

February 28: Sunday
 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
 Readings: Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
 Rom 8: 31b - 34

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS
 Lito Urayanza
 Connie Munoz
 Vivian Lee
 Stanley Lee
 Mark Potter
 Rachel Crvalho
 Robert Robello
 Susan Redpath

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 March 1st, 2021	\$ 1,753.77
Fair CARRY-OVER & Feb. collections	\$ (416.69)
Balance	\$ 1,337.08
Ballon payment due January 31, 2022:	\$ 15,000.00
Real Property tax assessment:	\$ 1,200.00
Collections:	\$ (25.00)
Donation:	\$ (2,725.00)
Fundraising:	\$ (40.00)
Balance	\$ 13,410.00



Dear People of God of the Diocese of Honolulu,
 February 1, 2021

Please be with you!

As we go through the pandemic, we are enjoying the lifting of some restrictions, even as we still need to observe others for the safety and health of our community. I had extended the obligation from the obligations to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation through February 16, 2021. I am hereby extending the obligation beginning with Lent, but since we still need to maintain social distancing in our churches, I am hereby extending the obligation beginning with Lent, but since Holy Days of Obligation through February 16, 2021. I am hereby extending the obligation beginning with Lent, but since we will need to maintain social distancing in our churches, I am hereby extending the obligation beginning with Lent, but since Holy Days of Obligation through February 16, 2021, which marks the end of Lent. However, this time I am extending it until all who take the disposition engage in some other form of prayer or worship as suggested below. While none of these can be the equivalent of attending Sunday Mass, they will serve to keep us connected to worship, especially during the penitential season of Lent.

As I said in my last communication regarding the issue of Mass attendance, I urge all who are able to attend Sunday Mass to do so. There is nothing completely for our weekly encounter with the risen Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. Nevertheless, if you cannot attend Sunday Mass, you are strongly encouraged to do one or more of the following:

- Participate privately in a live-streamed or webcasted Sunday Mass (M30) spend at least 15 minutes in meditation on the Scriptures, preferably those proclaimed at Mass. (These can be found at www.m30.org/prayerlink.)
- Attend, in person, a weekday Mass (M30) spend at least 15 minutes on Sunday reading and meditation on the Sacred Scriptures.
- Spend at least 30 minutes on Sunday privately reading and meditating on the Sacred Scriptures.
- Pray at least two rosaries on Sunday, meditating on the Stations of the Cross and one other set of Mysteries you choose (i.e. Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous).

Note that anyone who is sick should not attend Mass and is not obliged to do so. The above alternative spiritual exercises are strongly urged for those who are physically able to fulfill them.

As we prepare for Lent, I also urge you to celebrate the sacrament of Penance. Communion with your parish for opportunities for sacramental Penance services or individual confession. The gift of the Lord's mercy and healing is readily available to us in the beautiful sacrament. May you have a holy and renewing Lent as you prepare for the great celebration of the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of the Lord!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 + Jimmy Fallon
 Bishop of Honolulu
 Most Reverend Larry Silva



St. Rita	INCOME	2/14/2021	St. Gabriel
\$	1,295.00	Collection	~~~
\$	120.00	Debt Reduction/Land	~~~
\$	48.00	Candles	~~~
\$	498.95	Thrift Shop	~~~
\$	20.00	Shepherd's Care	~~~
\$	50.00	Mass Intentions	~~~
\$	218.00	Augustine Education Foundation	~~~
\$	50.00	Repairs & Maintenance	~~~
\$	1,025.00	Pastel's	~~~
\$	3,274.95	TOTAL	~~~

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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!



"BE NOT AFRAID I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS"

Today we are faced with many challenges...

Loneliness, isolation, anxiety, fear of the pandemic, relationship problems, depression, financial difficulties, doubts about our faith...or maybe you would like to deepen your faith with adult teachings of the church. Fr. Mike Tolentino and the Neocatechumenal Way invite you to a faith formation beginning January 25th, 2021 on Mondays and Thursdays in the St. Joseph gym starting at 7:00 p.m. for eight weeks.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME COME AND LISTEN

Next Sundays
Readings: *****
February 28, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
GN 22: 1-2,9a,10-13, 15-18
PS 116: 10, 15-19
ROM 8: 31b-34
MK 9: 2-10



- + Fr. Pius
- + Alvin S. Estrella
- + Abel & Irene Gouveia
- + Nathan Perreira
- + Solomon Kaunamo
- + Magalena Liesunaitis
- + Vytautas Liesunaitis
- + Justin Pikunas



February Mass Intentions

Divine Mercy Prayer will be at 5:30 pm on Fridays now, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm. We will also be having morning Mass on Mondays starting February 22nd during this Lenten Season.



Mahalo to all who purchased Pastel's. The Drive-Thru pick up is next Saturday, February 27th from 9-11 a.m. See you at the Drive Thru!



PRO LIFE CORNER

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ~ Jeremiah 1:5

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

This weeks 2nd Collection will be for our monthly payment for our Land, "St. Rita's Debt Reduction." Thank You!

Next weeks 2nd Collection will be for the "St. Rita's Church 100th Jubilee Celebration Collection." Thank You!

Welcome to CRS Rice Bowl 2021!

This Lent CRS Rice Bowl takes us to three countries, Madagascar, El Salvador and Timor-Leste. Hunger and malnutrition, which happens when we don't get the right amount of nutrients, are challenges that too many families face each day. One out of every 10 people worldwide don't have enough to eat. Sometimes this is caused by natural disasters like floods and droughts. Other times, families don't have enough money to buy the food they need, or the food they can get doesn't have all of the vitamins and minerals they need to stay healthy.

Dear Padre,

As long as I can remember, our parish has offered the Stations of the Cross as a special devotion during the Lenten season. How ancient is this practice?

Over the centuries, many pilgrims would visit the Holy Land to retrace the steps of Jesus. When they returned to their home churches, many of these pilgrims paid for shrines to be built that represented the holy places they visited. In 1342, the Franciscans became the official guardians of the holy places, and they would guide pilgrims along the Way of the Cross. In 1668, Pope Innocent XI gave permission to the Franciscans to place Stations of the Cross in all of their churches. The number of these early stations varied, from as few as seven to as many as thirty-seven. Finally, in 1731, Pope Clement XII defined fourteen stations as the official devotion.

In recent years, two modifications of the Stations of the Cross have become fairly common. Some churches have a fifteenth station representing Jesus' Resurrection. Other churches have scriptural accounts that are not in the traditional station devotion. In more recent years, a popular Lenten devotion is the "Living Stations of the Cross." This is a play with music, singing, and dramatic speaking parts.

Regardless of their format or the liturgical season of the year during which they are celebrated, the Stations of the Cross are a gentle reminder that we journey with Jesus on his way to Calvary.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer them. Like the disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God's strength. He brings severity into our storms, because with God life never dies.

EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT OF PRAYER, MARCH 27, 2020
FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Are you interested in getting your Sacraments?

A meeting is scheduled after Mass next Sunday, February 28th in the Church.

All Adults who are interested need to be there.

A Big Thank You for all who helped with the set up of our Free Clothing Give-Away! Thank you for your many hours of WORK! Thank you to the Guys that put up the cones for the Distancing! Also, Thank you to all who Helped this day, for your guidance help- ing the people to distance and stay safe while they are coming and receiving their Free Clothes! God Bless You All!!