

St. Rita	INCOME 2/21/2021	St. Gabriel
\$ 1,769.00	Collection	\$ 195.00
\$ 1,007.00	Debt Reduction/Land	~~~
\$ 100.00	Candles	~~~
\$ 693.05	Thrift Shop	~~~
\$ 55.00	Shepherd's Care	\$ 16.00
\$ 60.00	Mass Intentions	~~~
\$ 25.00	Augustine Education Foundation	~~~
~~~	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 30.00
\$ 230.00	Pastele's	~~~
<b>\$ 3,939.05</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 241.00</b>

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Religious Education Classes

- March 7th** ~~~ Kids ~ Grades 2-12 ~ 9:45 ~ 11:00 am / Church Hall
- March 21st** ~~~ Kids ~ Grades 2-12 ~ 9:45 ~ 11:00 am / Church Hall
- March 28th** ~~~ Adults ~ 9:45 ~ 11:00 am / Church Hall
- April 11th** ~~~ Kids ~ Grades 2-12 ~ 9:45 ~ 11:00 am / Church Hall
- April 25th** ~~~ Adults ~ 9:45 ~ 11:00 am / Church Hall



There will be a Parish Council Meeting next Saturday, March 6th after Mass.



## PRO LIFE CORNER

"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward." ~ Psalm 127:3

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)

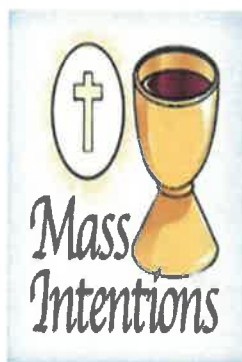
Mahalo to all who purchased Pasteles. We thank the pasteles makers for all their hard work in preparation and cooking this popular food item. Monies raised will go toward the annual balloon payment for our land. God bless you for all your support!



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.

### February Mass Intentions

- Chauncey Kimokeo
- + Fr. Pius
- + Alvin S. Estrella
- + Abel & + Irene Gouveia
- + Nathan Perreira
- + Solomon Kaauamo
- + Magolalena Liesunaitis
- + Vytautas Liesunaitis
- + Justin Pikunas

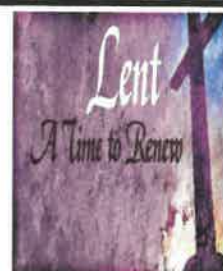


Next Sundays Readings: *****

March 7, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

EX 20: 1-17  
PS 19: 8-11  
1 COR 1: 22-25  
JN 2: 13-20



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



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



Welcome to CRS Rice Bowl 2021!

This Lent CRS Takes us to Madagascar. Half of all children in Madagascar are undernourished, meaning they don't have enough nutritious food to stay healthy. Community workers trained by CRS teach families about doctor visits, hand washing and rainbow foods-different colored foods like tomatoes and carrots have important vitamins and nutrients-are necessary to stay healthy. Every parent wants their children to reach their full potential, and CRS is helping make sure they can do just that.

The CRS Rice Bowls are available, please pick up your Rice Bowl at the Entrance of our Church! Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 100 different countries each year. Thank you for your support!

### 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)

## Dear Padre,

Was Lent always associated with sacrifice, sin, and penance? Did Lent have some other purpose in Church history?

A set period of Lent was not observed during the first centuries of Christianity. Rather, Christians prepared for the Easter celebration with an all-night vigil and a fast. This vigil concluded with a morning Eucharist. Gradually, Christians extended this celebration to include Jesus' own Passover (the supper on Holy Thursday and the death of Jesus on Friday). By the end of the second century, baptism became linked to the Easter Vigil, and the time leading to Easter became a period of intense preparation for baptism. At first, this preparation period lasted only three weeks. This baptismal preparation program eventually extended to forty days. The idea of forty days came out of Mark's Gospel (1:13), where we read about Jesus going into the desert for forty days to prepare for his ministry.



Today the Lenten period serves a double purpose. It is still a time of intense preparation for the catechumens, as they anticipate celebrating the sacrament of baptism at the Easter Vigil. But Lent also has become a time for baptized Christians to reflect on their own baptism. During Lent, the baptized are challenged to turn away from sin and choose again the deepest meaning of their baptism: the fact that they have died and risen with Christ and are now alive anew in Jesus. This renewal is done through the traditional penitential practices of fasting, prayer, and works of charity.

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### A WORD FROM Pope Francis

We learn from Abraham to pray with faith, to dialogue, to argue, but always ready to receive the word of God and to put it into practice. We learn to talk with God as a child with his father: to listen to him, respond, argue, but transparent, as a child with his father.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 3, 2020

Are you interested in getting your Sacraments? A meeting is scheduled after Mass today Sunday, February 28th in the Church. All Adults who are interested need to be there.

**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
Jan. carry-over & Feb. collections	\$ (1,423.69)
Balance	\$ 330.08
Balloon 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



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII  
**DIocese of HONOLULU**  
WITNESS TO JESUS

February 1, 2021

Dear People of God of the Diocese of Honolulu,

Peace 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 dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation through February 16, 2021. I wanted to reinstate the obligation beginning with Lent, but since we still need to maintain social distancing in our churches, I am hereby extending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Mass through noon on Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021, which marks the end of Lent. However, this time I am strongly urging that all who take the dispensation 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 that substitutes 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 prayerfully in a live-streamed or televised Sunday Mass AND spend at least 15 minutes in meditation on the Scriptures, preferably those proclaimed at Mass. (These can be found at [www.usccb.org/readings](http://www.usccb.org/readings).)
- Attend, in person, a weekday Mass AND spend at least 15 minutes on Sunday reading and meditating on the Sacred Scriptures.
- Spend at least 30 minutes on Sunday prayerfully reading and meditating on the Sacred Scriptures.
- Pray at least two rosaries on Sunday, meditating on the Glorious Mysteries 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. Consult with your parish for opportunities for communal Penance services or individual confessions. The gift of the Lord's mercy and healing is readily available to us in this 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,

+ Larry Silva

Most Reverend Larry Silva  
Bishop of Honolulu

**“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**

**FEBRUARY & MARCH READINGS,  
MEETINGS & EVENTS**

- February 27: Saturday Vigil Mass  
Readings: Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  
Rom 8: 31b-34 Mk 9: 2-10  
9:00 a.m. ~ 12 noon ~ Pastele Pick up  
3:30 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:00 p.m. ~ Vigil Mass @ St. Rita Church  
2nd Collection ~ St. Rita's 100th Jubilee Collection
- February 28: Sunday SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
Readings: Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  
Rom 8: 31b - 34 Mk 9: 2-10  
8:30 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church  
2nd Collection ~ St. Rita's 100th Jubilee Collection
- March 1: Monday Lenten Weekday  
Readings: Dn 9: 4b-10 Lk 6: 36-38  
7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
- March 2: Tuesday Lenten Weekday  
Readings: Is 1: 10, 16-20 Mt 23: 1-12  
7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
- March 3: Wednesday Lenten Weekday  
Readings: Jer 18: 18-20 Mt 20: 17-28  
7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
- March 4: Thursday Lenten Weekday  
Readings: Jer 17: 5-10 Lk 16: 19-31  
7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
- March 5: Friday Lenten Weekday  
Readings: Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a  
Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46  
7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church  
5:30 p.m. ~ Divine Mercy Prayer  
6:00 p.m. ~ Stations of the Cross
- March 6: Saturday Vigil Mass  
Readings: Ex 20: 1-17 1 Cor 1: 22-25  
Jn 2: 13-25  
3:30 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:00 p.m. ~ Vigil Mass @ St. Rita Church  
6:00 p.m. ~ Parish Council Meeting  
2nd Collection ~ Shepherd's Care
- March 7: Sunday THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
Readings: Ex 20: 1-17 1 Cor 1: 22-25  
Jn 2: 13-25  
8:30 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church  
9:45 ~ 11:00 a.m. ~ Religious Education / Kids  
11:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Gabriel Church

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS**

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|-----------------------|---------------|
| 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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~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  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS  
COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND  
COMMUNION TO HOSPITAL

**Our Parish**  
COMMUNITY

February 28, 2021  
Second Sunday of Lent (B)  
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  
Rom 8:31b-34  
Mk 9:2-10

**Future Gazing**

Some spiritual writers and psychologists tell us how important it is to live in the present. Still, many of our decisions are made with an eye toward the future. Life commitments are always future oriented. Each newborn child carries promises for the future. Because we are part of the emerging universe, we are always called into the future. Today's readings also carry implications for the future.

Isaac was not only Abraham's beloved son; he was Abraham's legacy and future dynasty. Isaac's death would have put an end to Abraham's memory in the future. Consequently, this was more than a test of obedience. Abraham was presented with a choice: Choose Isaac and all that the future might bring to your family and memory through him. Or, trust that the promise God made—that your descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky—would be fulfilled even if Isaac dies. God asked Abraham to place his future in God's hands.

Some scholars believe that the real meaning of Jesus' transfiguration lies in its effects on the disciples who witnessed it. In this experience they came to see Jesus in a significantly new way. They saw that he has somehow associated with Moses, an agent of the law, and Elijah, a great prophet. In other words, Jesus was somehow associated with the very core of Jewish religion. The disciples did not understand how, nor did they grasp what "rising from the dead meant." Still they placed their future in his hands.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- Have you ever felt like your whole world has collapsed? How did you get through it?
- True disciples must place their lives in God's hands. Pray for this grace.



*I will bless you and  
make your descendants  
as countless as the  
stars of the sky and the  
sands of the seashore.*  
GENESIS 22:17



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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](mailto: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