

St. Rita	INCOME 2/28/2021	St. Gabriel
\$ 1,383.00	Collection	~~~
\$ 165.00	Debt Reduction/Land	~~~
\$ 101.00	Candles	~~~
\$ 774.60	Thrift Shop	~~~
\$ 40.00	Shepherd's Care	~~~
\$ 581.00	100th Jubilee	~~~
\$ 25.00	Mass Intentions	~~~
\$ 70.00	Repairs & Maintenance	~~~
\$ 130.00	Rice Bowl	~~~
\$ 1,790.00	Pastele's	~~~
<b>\$ 5,059.60</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>~~~</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

### ~ 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)

## PRO LIFE CORNER

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." ~ Ephesians 2: 10

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 of \$4,100 will go toward the annual balloon payment for our land. God bless you for all your support!



### March Mass Intentions

- + Vytautas Liesunaitis
- + Abel & + Irene Gouveia
- + Isaac James Honokaupu
- + Nathan Perreira



Next Sundays Readings:  
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March 14, 2021

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 CHR 36: 14-16,19-23  
PS 137: 1-6  
EPH 2: 4-10  
JN 3: 14-21



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



Next weeks 2nd Collection will be for the "Catholic Relief Services." Thank You!



### Welcome to CRS Rice Bowl 2021!

This Lent CRS Takes us to El Salvador. Some young people in Ahuachapan in eastern El Salvador think that being a farmer is a thing of the past. Sadly, El Salvador has lost 75% of its rich land because of the large number of trees that have been cut down and harmful agricultural practices like the extensive use of fertilizers, making it one of the most food-insecure countries in the hemisphere. Thanks to their school program they know how to use water properly so that it is not wasted, and organic manure and other resources to provide nutrients to the soil to produce more-and healthier-crops.

Pope Francis reminds us that "young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environment crisis." Thanks to programs like CRS' Raices Ahuachapan, young people are becoming active agents of that change.

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!

We are accepting Donations for our Easter Flowers! If you would like to make a donation "In Memory Of" please ask for an envelope or just put "Flowers" on your own envelope and drop it in the collection box. Thank you!



## Dear Padre,

Our deacon was preaching about Lent and mentioned that the Church calls us to *metanoia*. What did he mean?

Most of us think of Lent as a time of penance. We receive our ashes and take up some traditional practice of giving up something or doing something for Lent. But there's more to Lent than just practices of piety or acts of penance and mortification. Your decision is correct. In Lent, the Church calls us to *metanoia*, a Greek word meaning "a change of mind and heart."



We begin a new way of thinking and acting. We take a long, hard look at our lifestyle and compare it to the values Jesus offers. Then we change our lives to match the values of the Lord. This, of course, is difficult to do alone. The Church asks us to pray during Lent that the Lord's power will enter our lives and give us the wisdom to see a new direction and the courage to move in that direction. The Church suggests we strengthen our resolve through acts of personal mortification and sacrifice for others. This will tighten the belt of our discipline and

train us for the more sweeping changes that we must make. The Scripture readings for the first three weeks of Lent center on *metanoia*. The readings direct us to understand what is involved with "changing our hearts" and seeking a new life direction. Listen to them well and they will lead you to *metanoia*.

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### A WORD FROM Pope Francis



I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting, and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.



If you or a friend are hurting from a past abortion...



Rachel's Vineyard is for anyone who has experienced emotional pain and suffering after abortion. This weekend retreat offers a private environment of safety and trust for both women and men to begin the healing process.

The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held on April 16-18, 2021 (Arrival at 5:30pm on Friday/departure on Sunday at 5:00pm) Space is Limited. Registrations are Strictly Confidential.

"If the emotional and spiritual wounds of a past abortion have been sapping faith, love and joy from your life, I can promise, that if you enter this process for healing, your life will begin to change. A journey into Rachel's Vineyard is a gift only you can open your heart to receive... A new chapter of your life awaits you... Take courage, God is calling you towards peace, love, hope, and freedom." (Dr. Theresa Burke, Founder of Rachel's Vineyard Ministries)

To register, contact Lisa Shorba at (808) 349-5071 or email: [rvinhawaii@gmail.com](mailto:rvinhawaii@gmail.com).

For more information go to: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

Suggested donation: \$175/person (covers room, meals/refreshments and materials). Need-based scholarships are available. Retreats take place at a private retreat center on Oahu.

A Ministry of the Respect Life Office of the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii and Priests For Life.

**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 April 1st, 2021	\$	1,753.77
March collections	\$	.00
Balance	\$	1,753.77
Balloon payment due January 31, 2022:	\$	15,000.00
Real Property tax assessment:	\$	1,200.00
Collections:	\$	(25.00)
Donation:	\$	(2,725.00)
Fundraising:	\$	(3,085.00)
Balance	\$	10,365.00



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!

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.

Note that anyone who is sick should not attend Mass and is not obliged to do so. As we prepare for Lent, I urge you to celebrate the sacrament of Penance. The gift of God'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,  
**Bishop Larry Silva**



**"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**

**MARCH READINGS, MEETINGS & EVENTS**

- ◇ **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  
2nd Collection ~ Shepherd's Care
- ◇ **March 8: Monday Lenten Weekday**  
Readings: 2 Kgs 5: 1-15ab Lk 4: 24-30  
7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
- ◇ **March 9: Tuesday Lenten Weekday**  
Readings: Dn 3: 25, 34-43 Mt 18: 21-35  
7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
- ◇ **March 10: Wednesday Lenten Weekday**  
Readings: Dt 4: 1, 5-9 Mt 5: 17-19  
7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
- ◇ **March 11: Thursday Lenten Weekday**  
Readings: Jer 7: 23-28 Lk 11: 14-23  
7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
- ◇ **March 12: Friday Lenten Weekday**  
Readings: Hos 14: 2-10 Mk 12: 28-34  
7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church  
5:30 p.m. ~ Divine Mercy Prayer  
6:00 p.m. ~ Stations of the Cross
- ◇ **March 13: Saturday Vigil Mass**  
Readings: 2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23  
Eph 2: 4-10 Jn 3: 14-21  
3:30 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:00 p.m. ~ Vigil Mass @ St. Rita Church  
2nd Collection ~ Catholic Relief Services
- ◇ **March 14: Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
Readings: 2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23  
Eph 2: 4-10 Jn 3: 14-21  
8:30 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church  
9:45 ~ 11:00 a.m. ~ Religious Education / Kids  
2nd Collection ~ Catholic Relief Services
- ◇ **March 15: Monday Lenten Weekday**

**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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~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**

March 7, 2021  
Third Sunday of Lent (B)  
Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17  
1 Cor 1:22-25  
In 2:13-25



While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing.  
JOHN 2:23

**The Long Arm of the Law**

Eventually you're going to get caught. That's what this expression means. And that is pretty much how most people understand law—as something that hems them in and, if disregarded, will get them in the end. But that is not how Israel understood its law. The psalm verses for today insist that the law refreshes the soul, rejoices the heart, enlightens the eye, is more precious than gold, and is sweeter than syrup or honey from the comb. The people cherished the law because it outlined for them how they were to live as God's Chosen People.

Whenever the law of Israel seems to be criticized (as is often the case in St. Paul's writings), it is not really the law itself but the inappropriate attitude toward it that is censured. As important and precious as the law might be, it is only a means to an end. It is not the end itself, any more than the directives for flying a plane are what are uppermost. From the Bible's point of view, the long arm of the law is meant to direct and support us, not intimidate us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

**For Reflection**

- The laws in today's first reading deal with basic living. Which ones seem to be the hardest to live by? Why?
- Which laws give you the most support as you try to live with integrity?



KCIK 740 AM or online @  
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