

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	\$ (239.92)
Balance	\$ 1,513.85
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	\$ 9,720.00



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



March 5, 2021

Peace be with you!

As we continue on our Lenten journey, we look forward to the joyful celebration of the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the greatest event in the history of the world. We have been living in this strange time of the pandemic, and now with decreasing numbers of cases, increasing accessibility to vaccines, and "herd immunity" on the horizon, we should be able to celebrate Easter in a more normal fashion this year. Since our Sunday encounter with the Risen Lord in the Eucharist is the source and summit of who we are as Christians, it is important that we return to our weekly celebrations.

Effective Easter Sunday, April 4 (or as of Easter Vigil, April 3) I am ending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which has been in effect since mid-March, 2020. However, anyone who is sick, may have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19, or who has a health condition that would endanger themselves or others by being present in church, continues to be dispensed.

At the same time, I realize that we must stay vigilant about our health protocols, and so the following norms must continue to be observed:

- ◇ Mask must be worn by all who attend Mass or other liturgical services.
- ◇ Social distancing and no-touch greetings and Sign of Peace remain the norms.
- ◇ Holy Communion is to be given only under the species of Bread.
- ◇ Sanitization is to continue between Masses.
- ◇ Social gatherings after Mass should still not take place.

God Bless you all, and have a blessed Lent, a joyful Easter Triduum, and a grace-filled Easter Season!

Bishop Larry Silva

MARCH READINGS, MEETINGS & EVENTS

- ◇ **March 20: Saturday Vigil Mass**
Readings: Jer 31: 31-34 Heb 5: 7-9
Jn 12: 20-33
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
- ◇ **March 21: Sunday FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
Readings: Jer 31: 31-34 Heb 5: 7-9
Jn 12: 20-33
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 ~ St. Rita's Debt Reduction ~ Our monthly payment for our Land
- ◇ **March 22: Monday Lenten Weekday**
Readings: Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
Jn 8: 1-11
7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
- ◇ **March 23: Tuesday Lenten Weekday**
Readings: Nm 21: 4-9 Jn 8: 21-30
7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
- ◇ **March 24: Wednesday Lenten Weekday**
Readings: Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95
Jn 8: 31-42
7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
6:00 p.m. ~ Our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service @ St. Rita Church
- ◇ **March 25: Thursday The Annunciation of The Lord**
Readings: Is 7: 10-14, 8: 10 Heb 10: 4-10
Lk 1: 26-38
7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
- ◇ **March 26: Friday Lenten Weekday**
Readings: Jer 20: 10-13 Jn 10: 31-42
7:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
5:30 p.m. ~ Divine Mercy Prayer
6:00 p.m. ~ Stations of the Cross
- ◇ **March 27: Saturday Vigil Mass**
Readings: Mk 11: 1-10 Is 50: 4-7
Phil 2: 6-11 Mk 14: 1 - 15: 47
3:30 ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. ~ Vigil Mass @ St. Rita Church
2nd Collection ~ St. Rita's 100 year Jubilee Celebration
- ◇ **March 28: Sunday PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

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
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS
COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND
COMMUNION TO HOSPITAL



KEIK 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

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

Do I Have to Die?

Who has not asked this question, at least to oneself? It's a valid question, because at the core of every living being is the drive to live. Jesus also must have asked this question. Today's Gospel account implies this in John 12:27. ("I am troubled now.") Despite his passion for living, Jesus was more passionate about the transformation that would take place later. The example of the grain that must die if a harvest of wheat is to be produced is a perfect metaphor to make this point. Just as the grain is insignificant compared with the possible harvest, so—our faith assures us—there is no comparison between this life and the wondrous transformation that awaits us. And yes, in order to move from this life to that splendid future, we will have to die.

Our Lenten meditations will soon focus on the suffering and death of Jesus. However, to concentrate solely on suffering and death is like examining the

death of the grain without any thought of its transformation and the bountiful harvest that will come. We must not minimize Jesus' suffering. However, it was precisely by means of his having been lifted up on the cross in suffering and death that he was lifted up in glory and exaltation. This is why we claim that death is not the end of life but the gateway to new life. So, as difficult as it might be to leave the life we love, like Jesus we have to die in order to enter that new life.

— Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- Begin to place yourself in God's hands with little things so that you are better able to do so in bigger things.
- The second reading reminds us that Christ is the source of our eternal salvation. Spend a moment in gratitude for this great gift.



[Jesus asked,] "Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour."
— JOHN 12:27

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St. Rita	INCOME 3/14/2021	St. Gabriel
\$ 1,276.00	Collection	~~~
\$ 70.00	Debt Reduction/Land	~~~
\$ 47.00	Candles	~~~
\$ 638.85	Thrift Shop	~~~
\$ 25.00	Shepherd's Care	~~~
\$ 400.00	Easter Flowers	~~~
\$ 25.00	Mass Intentions	~~~
\$ 330.00	Catholic Relief Services	~~~
\$ 625.00	Repairs & Maintenance	~~~
\$ 3,436.85	TOTAL	~~~

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes

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



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 Next Sunday, March 28th
 The Palms will be kept in the Sanctuary area, Fr. Chacko will bless them and they will be distributed after Mass to everyone. Thank you for your understanding during this Covid 19 time.

March Mass Intentions

- + Vytautas Liesunaitis
- + Abel & + Irene Gouveia
- + Gretchen Nahkula
- The Garza Family
- + Isaac James Honokaupu
- + Nathan Perreira



PRO LIFE CORNER

"In his hand is the life of every thing and breath of all mankind." ~ Job 12:10



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

Dear Padre,

I'm a non-Catholic church secretary who receives questions about a Purgatorial Society. What is it?

Those who die in God's grace and friendship imperfectly purified, although they are assured of their eternal salvation, undergo a purification after death, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of God" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1054). This process of purification is known as purgatory. Saint Gregory the Great (540-604) wrote "certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come" (see *Dialogues* 4, 39). This forgiveness of sins granted after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18.

Because Catholics believe we're in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers and sacrifices benefit the deceased (see 2 Maccabees 12:38-46). Thus, a Purgatorial Society is a formal association of Catholics who offer prayers, Masses, and other works of charity to benefit the souls in purgatory. Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers to benefit the living. This mutual assistance affirms our belief in an earthly and heavenly Church forming one body in Christ.

Purgatorial societies were especially prevalent from the Middle Ages through the previous century, but they're currently seeing a revival in some church parishes and religious communities. Societies generally maintain a



registry to enroll names of the deceased so that Masses are regularly offered for the holy souls in purgatory—especially during the month of November.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

By visiting the tombs of our loved ones we remember that we have a multitude of saints who before God intercede for our needs. Let us not forget, however, that so many deceased also await our spiritual support. Let us remember them in our prayers...asking that they be welcomed into the ranks of the elect in heaven.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 31, 2018

Next Sundays Readings: *****

March 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MK 11: 1-10
 IS 50: 4-7
 PS 22: 8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24
 MK 14: 1-15:47



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 "St. Rita's 100th Jubilee Celebration." Thank You!



Welcome to CRS

Rice Bowl 2021!

Although Madagascar is one of the poorest countries in the world, the joy of its people is contagious, and their hospitality is overwhelming. The communities that make up the country are tightly-knit, and they support each other through difficulties like climate change, chronic hunger and malnutrition. One in every 2 children in Madagascar are undernourished. But with new farming techniques and knowledge about nutrition, that is changing. Community members are learning how to improve their farms, grow different vegetables and prepare more nutritious meals with training and support from CRS. Aimee's family has farmed their land for generations. Aimee sees that the food from her garden is helping her children grow and stay healthy. She is proud of her hard work and can see the fruits of her labor. She says, "What makes me happy is when I go to my garden and I see all the things that I've planted grow. When I see the first seeds sprouting, it's like I've transferred a kind of power from my hands to the plants. That makes me happy."

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!



LENLEN PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

St. Rita's Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service ~ Wednesday, March 24th at 6:00 p.m. Come and lay down your burdens

Turn to the Lord for mercy, to our God, who is generous in forgiving. *Isaiah 55: 7*



PASCHAL TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, April 1st

6:00 p.m. ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Collection: Lenten 'Sacrificial' Gift for the Needy (Operation Rice Bowl)
 ~ No Washing of the Feet due to the Covid 19~
 ~ Adoration after Mass in the Church ~

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, April 2nd

Day of Paschal Fast & Abstinence
 3:00 p.m. ~ Stations of the Cross
 Followed by the Divine Mercy Prayer
 6:00 p.m. ~ Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death
 Collection : Shrines of the Holy Land
 ~Veneration of the Cross & Communion ~

EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT, April 3rd

7:00 p.m. ~ Solemn Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, April 4th

8:30 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Rita Church
 11:00 a.m. ~ Mass @ St. Gabriel Church
 ~No Easter Egg Hunt due to the Covid 19~