

The Parish & School News

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1 PEARL CITY

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

Thank you to the **youth and young adults**, pictured, who portrayed the Stations of the Cross last week Friday. **Father Pascual** has asked the group to lead the community in praying and reflecting on the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at noon. Thank you, Jesus for your guidance to pray this devotion, and to the youth, young adults and families for your willingness to give of your time, and the support of our pastor and parishioners. God bless. (Reported by Laurie Munoz)



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catechists that joined us, mahalo for your support! (Reported by Lei Kondo)

7 KEAUKAHA

Malia Puka O Kalani Parish

Alexa Bader, a Kamehameha Schools-Hawaii student and young parishioner, produced a student talent show as her high school senior legacy project on March 25. The cost of admission was one canned food item. The performance sold out. More than 200 pounds of canned food donations were collected for her parish's food pantry. **Father Oliver Ortega** and parishioners **Roberta Gacutan** and **Norman Arancon** join Alexa in a post-show celebration. Alexa is a fine example of stewardship at our parish. (Reported by Kehaulani Kuewa)

2 WAHIAWA

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

Our **youth and young adult ministries** once again presented "The Living Stations, Jesus Remember Me" an inspiring and moving portrayal of the Stations of the Cross, on Friday, March 20. Every year, our young people do an incredible job, and this year was no exception. We always look forward to this parish Lenten tradition that brings to life Jesus' path to the cross and moves us all to tears. Pictured are Confirmation students **Raven Demmert** and **Alyssa Tugaoen**. (Reported by Kainoa Fukumoto; photo by Ferd Damo)



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3 HONOLULU

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish

Carrying posters depicting the 14 Stations of the Cross, children in the **faith formation religious education program** and their parents walked the Stations inside the church at 6 p.m. on March 6. At each station, a child and parent read aloud from "The Way of the Cross for Children." "Jesus Remember Me" was sung as families walked to each station. It was a truly spiritual experience for the families and parishioners who attended! (Reported by Yvonne Toma; photo by Liz Cruz)



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4 KALIHI VALLEY

Our Lady of the Mount Parish

A **recognition award** was presented to **Aida Isidro** as **Outstanding Unit Member** of the parish by the **Oahu Council of Filipino Catholic Clubs** on Dec. 28, 2014. Mrs. Isidro was a nominee for the **Father Ernest Claes Award** for her active service in the Filipino Catholic Club and for her various capacities and roles at our parish since 1994. Her accomplishments include FCC president, hospitality member, hospitality chair, finance council member and pastoral council member. She is currently a lector, pastoral council member, FCC treasurer and finance council chair. Aida is pictured center with members of the Filipino Catholic Club and **Father Edgar Brillantes**, FCC spiritual director. (Reported by Fran Kovaloff; photo by Jennifer Jandoc)



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KALAUPAPA

St. Francis Parish

They came into view from behind some trees bordering the shore hugging the 26th switchback of the Kalaupapa Trail. I watched with a degree of amusement as they approached the now dry riverbed like a column of soldiers marching in step. A few days prior, this had been a raging river. So I assume that **Bishop Larry Silva**,



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who had led a pilgrimage here the previous day, had waved his shepherd's staff over it like **Moses** at the Red Sea. The **young pilgrims** from the **University of Notre Dame**, decked out in school jackets, shirts and other gear, had conquered the three-mile trail from Topside Molokai. From there we took them in a caravan of vans for a day of touring. The following day dawned early for these young pilgrims as they marched into St. Francis Church for 5:45 a.m. Mass like the Notre Dame Band on game day. Later that morning, after food for the journey, they prayed on the black sand beach, then started their climb back up 26 switchbacks to Topside Molokai, the Friendly Isle. Aloha. (Reported by Father Pat Killilea, SS.CC.)

5 KAPALAMA

Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

First Sunday of Lent was celebrated by **kindergarten to eighth grade religious education classes** as they gathered as one body at the foot of the cross. Each class proceeded to the cross placed on the hall stage. One by one, the children brought their personal sacrifices, written on heart-shaped papers, and attached them to the cross. It was terrific seeing them all smiles as they searched for their own space. Readers from each class led the Stations of the Cross. **Sister Mercedita** coordinated all 100-plus students and parents. It was the perfect warm up for Sunday morning Mass with **Father Greg**. (Reported by Eric Bolosan)

6 PAUOA VALLEY

Blessed Sacrament Parish

A joyful group of **religious education students and catechists** began their corporal works of mercy by visiting the residents of the **Convalescent Center** on Palm Sunday morning. They sang the "Hawaiian Doxology" and "Ekolu Mea Nui," followed by "I've Got Peace Like A River" and "You Are My Sunshine," and ending with "Make Me a Channel of your Peace." Youth helper **Brittney Mendoza** sang a solo "When You Wish Upon A Star." The students concluded by distributing palms to the residents. Mahalo to **Diana Leuta** and **Ono Soon** for preparing and directing the students and to parish choir leader **Leka Leano** for accompanying us! To all the

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Sacred Heart Parish

Our parish is offering "**Oremus — Let Us Pray**," an eight-week program on praying with Scripture. Based on **Lectio Divina**, this is a journey to help us discover and become more aware of God's presence in our life and how to respond to God and express ourselves personally in prayer. Weekly morning and evening sessions are being offered and 33 parishioners are participating. Facilitators are **Roberta Vangothem**, **Kathy Tilton**, **Bernice Walker** and **Marc Pomerleau**. (Reported by Richard Robbins)

9 WAIPIO

Resurrection of the Lord Parish

On March 27, our **annual fish fry** was followed by a "live" Stations of the Cross presented by the **youth ministry**. Teenagers from seventh to twelfth grade reenacted all 14 stations, providing reflective music and prayers between each station. The youth spent many hours planning and rehearsing their version of the stations, working hard to convey their true meaning to the many families who gathered on the front lawn that night. This highly anticipated event at our parish serves not only as an event to bring parishioners closer, but also as an event in which we remember the journey and sacrifice of our Lord. As the Lenten season has come to an end, parishioners look forward to the Easter season and all its glorious mysteries. (Reported by Stephanie Araki)

10 KAHULUI

Christ the King Parish

Parishioners celebrated **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion** on March 29 at the 5:30 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 6 p.m. Masses with celebrants pastor **Father Adondee Arellano, MS**, **Father Joseph Pilotin, MS**. Thank you to the many individuals from different ministries who gathered the palms and showed their artistic abilities by making very creative art with the coconut leaves at the church hall on Saturday, March 28. (Reported by Audie Pascual)

WAIALUA

St. Michael Parish

It's that time again to **update our parish directory** with pictures. Photo sessions have been set for April 14-18 in St. Damien Hall. There is no cost to have your pic-

ture taken and you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory for participation. (From the parish bulletin)

11 WAILUKU

St. Anthony Parish

Twelve parishioners, including three youth, accompanied pastor **Father Roland Bunda** to the annual **Los Angeles Religious Education Congress** March 12-15. All came back full of enthusiasm. Pictured are about half of the attendees, with Father Bunda at left. (Reported by Brother Fred Silbereis)



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12 AIEA

St. Elizabeth Parish

At our 10 a.m. Mass, March 22, the parish commissioned its pastoral council for 2015-2016 year. The newly elected **Patrick Downes**, **Lorie Nagata**, and appointee **Celia Betham**, were joined in the sanctuary by current members, chair **Brandon Elefante**, **Gilda Angle**, secretary **Natasha Fong**, **Wendy Ford**, vice-chair **Liz Ishimitsu**, **John Reed** and **Father Arnold**, **Father Joe** and **Deacon Kin**. Outgoing members **Bernadette Coloma**, **Joe Almeida** and **Tom Teson** were also recognized. It was a humbling moment for the new council to have from the congregation so many hands extended over them in prayer and blessings. (Reported by Wendy Ford)



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13 HILO

St. Joseph Parish

Pictured is the East Hawaii Vicariate Planning session March 24 in St. Joseph School cafeteria. (Reported by Charles Tobias)



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14 MAKAKILO

St. Jude Parish

For years the "morning coffee gang" has gathered after weekday morning Masses to talk story and bond over coffee. Many friendships have grown from this special group! (Reported by Caren Argenzia)



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15 KOLOA

St. Raphael Parish

Bishop Larry Silva blessed the children during our 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 22. Everyone was thrilled to have the bishop with us for Mass followed by our meeting to discuss our **five-year parish pastoral plan**. (Reported by Shelly Gerardo)

16 HAIKU

St. Rita Parish

Parishioners **Robin Weeks** and **Faythe Urayanza** shared their vision of opening a **parish thrift store** with our pastor **Father Leonard Ssempijja**. The store will help our island community; especially those looking for gently used items for a reasonable price. Store income will help fund the church environment and repairs and maintenance of adjacent buildings. We thank **Wesley Weeks**, Robin's husband, for painting the interior walls and floor and for setting up the shelves. Parishioners responded generously, donating used and new items for the store's March 15 blessing and grand opening. The event featured plants, art, baked goods, pansit and a silent auction. It was a beautiful and successful blessing! We thank all who came. Store hours are 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays, and 9:30 a.m.-noon, Sundays. Pictured are Faythe, Robin, **Deacon Stan Franco**,

Father Ssempijja and **Wayne Freitas** singing "Hoonani I Ka Makua Mau" — "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." (Reported by Esther Yap)

17 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

Our Grand Giveaway and Family Fair 2015 on March 7 on the school grounds was a huge and wonderful success through the effort of our principal **Sister Davilyn Ah Chick, OSF**, hand-in-hand with committee chairpersons and volunteers. One week before, faculty, staff and students offered petitions and special thanks to those who bought tickets and donated door prizes. We prayed for good weather and most especially to thank and praise God for a day to help families grow stronger, share quality time and have fun. The day was filled with fellowship, food, prizes, entertainment and games. Everybody enjoyed the mu-

sical stylings of **Pu'uloa, Hoku-lani Halau, the OLPH Fine Arts Choral Festival Group, the OLPH Heiwa Do Karate Clubs**, and the amazing talents of our students. Most anticipated were the grand prize drawings. Winning the \$2,000 grand prize was **Liberty Rongcal**. **Marifi Fortuno** won the \$1,000 second prize, and the winner of the \$500 third prize was **Julius Torres**. Congratulations to them! Pictured is **Father Edmundo Barut** drawing the first grand prize. (Reported by Emma C. Lacar; photo by Thalia Woodward)

18 KEKAHA

St. Theresa Parish

Our parish was blessed, as were others on Kauai, with the presence of **Capuchin Franciscan Father Robert A. "Father Bob" Udulutsch** who filled in while our pastor **Father Arnel Soriano** visited his family in the Philippines.

Father Bob offered a two-part prayer and ministry course and a three-evening Lenten retreat. Those who attended felt the presence of the Holy Spirit and came away with a renewed love of Jesus and his many gifts, the varied ways to communicate with him and to reconcile with him through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. What a blessing! During Holy Week, we brought our Lenten journey to fulfillment and welcomed our newly initiated into our parish. (Names to be listed in the next issue.) From our parish to yours, we send God's abundant blessings as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Let us spread the Good News! ... Come on down to Kekaha to check out the **St. Theresa School Carnival**, 6-11 p.m., Friday and Saturday, April 17-18, for an abundance of good food, good fun and great entertainment! Come one and all ... and drive safely. Pictured is the first night of our parish Lenten retreat.

(Reported by Chantal A. Duarte)

KULIOUOU

Holy Trinity Parish

Thank you to parishioners who have signed up for the **parish on-line giving program**. On-line giving is available for one-time donations or for automatic periodic donations such as weekly or monthly donations. The donations may be deducted directly from your bank account or you may use your debit or credit card. To access the system, log on to our website, or scan the QR code in the parish bulletin. (From the parish bulletin)

ENCHANTED LAKE

St. John Vianney School

Our annual **Country Fair**, 5-10 p.m., May 1, is just around the corner. Being presold in the school office, now until April 30, are malassadas, luau plates, raffle and scrip tickets. Tickets will also be sold after all Masses April 18, 19, 25 and 26. For more information, call the school at 261-4651. ... **New student applications** for the 2015-2016 school year are now available. Pick them up in the school office or download them from sjvkailua.org. Testing for kindergarten and parent interviews for grades 1-8 are by appointment. For information, call the school at 261-4651. (Reported by Earl Walker)

19 HONOLULU

Sacred Hearts Academy Lower School

Our **fourth graders** returned from their three-day huakai (journey) to Hawaii Island with a greater understanding of the geology and history of the Islands. The students hiked the volcano, examined lava rocks, smelled the sulphur steam, tasted ohelo berries, touched the ohia lehua (flower from the ohia tree) and hapuu fern. The girls also learned from park rangers, listened to moololo by kumu hula **Pohai Souza** and **Carol Young**, prayed, chanted, sang, danced hula, learned about tsunami history, explored the petroglyph fields and the remains of Puu Honua O Honaunau (place of refuge). They documented the whole experience, including swimming in the hotel pool, on their iPads. Teacher **Michelle Tuzon** said the trip was "one of the best I've ever taken. It was immersion in history, culture and friendship and has made an indelible impression on the students." Pictured are **Ashley Tom**, **Carlee Marcello**, **Brooke Matsubara**, **Kayla Tom** and **Andromeda Tong** at Volcano National Park (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)

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Our Lady of Good Counsel School

We were delighted to have two student projects qualify for the state level in the **Hawaii State Science and Engineering Fair**, March 23-24, at the Hawaii Convention Center. Each year, Hawaii students in grades six through 12 represent their schools at the fair, which is aimed at fostering scientific methodology. These students have already won on the school and district levels. Representing our school were sixth grader **Chloe Toledo** and eighth grader **Joshua Smith**. On March 23, the entrants were interviewed and judged on their expertise in the science or engineering category. Projects were eligible for awards and prizes from the state and private companies. Pictured

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in their school uniforms are, from left, eighth graders **Matthew Valencia** and **Richard Seaman** interviewing a student from another school. (Reported by Ginger Kamisugi)

21 HONOLULU
Star of the Sea School

Congratulations to our school families for raising over \$1,000 to assist **Catholic Charities Hawaii Foundation**. Student council president **Lance Tan** presents the donation to Catholic Charities president **Jerry Rauckhorst**. Also pictured, **Father Frankie** and principal **Mrs. Rufo**. (Reported by Keith Haugen; photo by Hannah Jones)



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22 HONOLULU
St. Theresa School

Excitement was in the air at Honolulu International Airport at 5:30 a.m. on March 16. Fourteen **fifth graders and two chaperones** made their yearly trek to the Big Island. We flew into Kona, ate breakfast and then headed to **West Hawaii Exploration Academy**, a project-based school. They gave us a grand tour of their campus. We saw their robotics room, shark tank, and other fish tanks. It was such a different and interesting learning environment. We then went to Puuhonua O Honaunau where we learned how the old Hawaiians sought refuge from punishment or death. After that, we headed for Kilauea Military Camp where we stayed in dorms for two nights. We also visited the Imiloa Astronomy Center, Pacific Tsunami Center, Maunakea Visitor Center, Volcanoes National Park, Rainbow Falls, Liliuokalani Gardens, and the King Kamehameha statue. Our last stop before going to the airport was none other than the world famous Big Island Candies. Everyone had fun! (Reported by Mrs. Liane Bilonta)



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23 HONOLULU
St. Anthony School

Every Friday during the Lenten Season, **students, faculty and staff** gathered at the church for the **Stations of the Cross**. On March 31, the Stations were prayed and portrayed in a very different and meaningful way. The prayers not only focused on the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ but also how the people involved in his passion and death felt. What ran through the minds of the soldiers when they whipped and ridiculed Jesus? What was Pilate thinking when he condemned Jesus? How did Mary feel when she saw her Son suffering and nailed on the cross? How about Simon the Cyrene? What were his thoughts while he helped Jesus carry the cross? Many questions were answered and thoughts were revealed during the prayer. The students, faculty and staff felt they were actually present with Jesus and had a better understanding of the events that led to his death. Thank you, **Mrs. Josefina Thorp** for directing the prayers and **Sister Victoria Lavente, SPC**, for her guidance and support. And to the **fifth to eighth grade students**, it was a wonderful presentation! (Reported by Tess Reyes)



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24 HONOLULU
Sacred Hearts Academy High School

Our **dance department** will present excerpts from the comic



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ballet **Copplia**, April 11, 3 p.m., at Mamiya Theatre. Set in a Polish town, the ballet tells the story of a beautiful life-sized doll that steals a young man's heart causing him to forsake his fiancé Swanilda. Free tickets are available at www.sacredhearts.org/tickets. Academy ballet instructor **Micki Kolberg** said that by selecting excerpts from a ballet, students become familiar with ballet classics and are challenged with choreography. Choreographers may revise the original ballet to meet the increasing technical prowess of present-day dancers, but the story remains unaltered as a source of entertainment for audiences of all ages. Pictured is senior **Daisy Panganiban**. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)

25 HONOLULU
Maryknoll School

Congratulations to senior **Natalie Kamada** on her recent acceptance into the **John A. Burns School of Medicine's Doctor of Medicine Early Acceptance Program** for fall 2015. Natalie shared the news on March 23 with Maryknoll's director of college guidance **Mr. Larry Kekaulike** who had helped her in the college research and application process and describes her as "an excellent academic student who is goal-oriented and driven." Only 10 students were accepted into this program. Natalie has also been granted a scholarship from the school of medicine, which means her undergraduate bachelor of science in biology degree will be paid for. All of us here at Maryknoll

are extremely proud of Natalie's amazing achievement, and we are thrilled to see where this next step takes her. Congratulations, Natalie! (Reported by Maycee McQuin)

26 MAKAWAO
St. Joseph Early Learning Center

No **Billy Goat Gruff** here! The students fed the goats, sampled goat cheese and watched the milking of the does on the tour of **Surfing Goat Dairy**. It was a beautiful day for the field trip. Pictured are some of the students getting a close up look at the animals and feeding them dried alfalfa. We thank all the chaperones and staff at the Surfing Goat Dairy and wish everyone a Happy Easter. (Reported by Helen Souza)

27 HONOLULU
Star of the Sea Early Learning Center

Amused by the storybook "**When You Take a Mouse to the Movies**," three toddler girls share a happy moment. (Reported by Louise Roman)

28 HILO
St. Joseph Montessori Preschool

On April 1 the students celebrated an early Triduum with child-like enthusiasm! The school's director, **Marie Roberts**, washed the feet of children and staff to help the children experience what Jesus did to prepare his Apostles for a life of service. The children, ages 3 to 5, also experienced Good Friday and Easter in the same ceremony through a sensory approach utilizing cloth and color. Ms. Roberts, pictured, wore a blue cloth when washing the "apostles" feet, a red cloth when re-enacting the death and burial of Jesus, and a white cloth while expressing the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus. The principal of St. Joseph School, **Llewellyn Young**, who participated, found the entire experience refreshing and awe-inspiring. Afterward, the children moved outside on the veranda to wash each other's feet while staff assisted. (Reported by Llewellyn Young; photo by Michelle Song)

29 KAILUA
St. Anthony School

Our **fourth graders** had a fantastic time, along with their chaperones, on the annual **fourth grade Big Island trip**. They learned about our Hawaii; the heritage, culture and the development of our islands. A week before, some of our **middle schoolers** took a trip to Spain with our Spanish teacher **Ms. Wong-Barrios** and our social studies teacher **Ms. Stewart**. They learned so much and had a wonderful time enjoying all that Spain has to offer and sharing the aloha spirit with those they met. (Reported by Patricia Barros)

30 AIEA
St. Elizabeth School

Our **second graders** celebrated their **First Reconciliation** on March 20. Pictured with them are our parish priests **Father Arnold Ortiz** and **Father Joe Selvan**. God bless these precious children as they prepare for their upcoming **First Holy Communion** on May 2. (Reported by Sharon Nagasawa)

31 HONOLULU
Saint Louis School

Students, faculty and ohana toured Japan on a cultural study tour that included meeting with our sister schools from Ibaraki prefecture. The **sister school relationship** marks its 40th anniversary this year and has hosted annual exchanges since 1975. The tour is the culminating activity of months of study in Japanese language, culture and history, and is a credited course for students. Participants visited Osaka, Kyoto, Tokyo and Nikko, and met with Japan-based **Saint Louis alumni**. Pictured at the Kinkaku-ji, or Golden Pavilion, in Kyoto, are back row, from left, **Paul Savchenko, Andrew Cashdollar, Austin Choy, Gino Dawiczkyk**. Front row, **Joshua Terakubo, Gavin Lemasa, Derek Ong, Nick Sebastian, Jonathan Tu, Marvin Trantham**. (Reported by Faye Muranaka)