

# The Parish & School

## 1 MAKAKILO St. Jude Parish

On Jan. 20, **Bishop Larry Silva** confirmed 35 youth and one adult. The pastor **Father Khanh Hoang** and **Father Joseph Ayinpuusa** concelebrated. Deacons **John Coughlin**, **William Friese** and **Raul Perez** assisted in the Mass. (Reported by *Caren Argenzia*)



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## 2 HAWI Sacred Heart Parish

It was a busy, blessed weekend on the west side of the Big Island. On Jan. 16, we held a **huge bazaar** at St. Damien Hall to continue to raise funds for our rectory repairs. The outpouring of support and donations to our silent auction, food and bake sale, concession, plants and rummage was overwhelming. Because of the generosity of our parishioners, families and friends, here and beyond, we are now over 50 percent of our \$100,000 goal! ... Thirteen ladies from our parish accompanied **Father Eli** to the **Santo Nino festivities** Jan. 17 at St. Michael's church in Kona. The afternoon started with a procession with many people carrying statues of Santo Nino, followed by Mass and fellowship, food and a program. Four of our parishioners danced the Philippine folk dance "Pagtatahip" (Winnowing Rice). Pictured, from left, are **Nora Toribio**, **Vivian Moku**, **Juana Mejia**, **Paz Rivera**, **Father Elli**, **Sally Castillo**, **Leo Guitang**, **Connie Bautista**, **Elsie Carpio**, **Linda Gonzales**, **Lydia Mones**, **Belma Rullan** and **Macaria Ancheta**. Missing is **Erlinda Alejandro**. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon. (Reported by *Lee Rivera*; photo by *Elsie Carpio*)



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## 3 PAHOA Sacred Heart Parish

On Jan. 3, at our 8:30 a.m. Mass, RCIA candidate **Cheryl Sanderhill** was confirmed and received the Holy Eucharist for the first time. In the photo, she stands proudly with our pastor, **Father Mike Scully** and her sponsors **William and Anna-Marie Cesaletti**. As I spoke to Cheryl after Mass, she shared the events that led up to this wonderful day. Her young adult life was one with many trials and bumpy roads. About ten years ago she visited the amazing cathedrals of France, including the **Basilique of Sainte Marie-Madeleine** in Vezelay, where she received the gift of tears. Not understanding why, she completely broke down and wept through vespers. Later in life, her mother converted to Catholicism and she would regularly attend services with her. Her turning point came when a priest encouraged her to attend a retreat in Colorado at the Abbey of Saint Walburga, where she listened to a Benedictine nun talk about her faith. This was the moment she

made the decision to become a Catholic. Now, three years later, she proudly shares in her own words how through RCIA, she has formed a closer relationship with God. "I would like to deeply thank my sponsor and teacher. You have shared your faith with great insight throughout my spiritual journey. I am now so moved by the powerful sense of God's presence at Mass. Every Sunday as I come to our little humble church, I experience the same gift of tears, as I did in Vezelay, France. Now as I sit in church, I truly feel like I'm home and loved by all." Cheryl, who has a voice of an angel and is a cantor at Mass, and is involved with other parish functions. Her Confirmation name is **Magdalene**. (Reported by *Steve Torres*)

## 4 WAIHEE St. Ann Parish

The **catechism program** presented parishioners with the play **"A Star is Born"** just be-

fore Christmas break. They also performed the play to our senior community at **Hale Mahaolu** in Kahului. Everyone enjoyed it and potluck gathering afterward. It is our hope that the children know the real "Reason for the Season" of Christmas and share this Parent's Prayer: "Loving God, You are the giver of all we possess. The source of all of our blessings! We thank and praise you. Thank you for the gift of our children. Help us to set boundaries for them, and yet encourage them to explore. Give us the strength and courage to treat each day as a fresh start. May our children come to know you, the one true God, And Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. May Your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope and love, so they may know peace, truth and goodness! May their ears hear your voice! May their eyes see your presence in all things! May their lips proclaim your word! May their hearts be your dwelling place! May their hands

do works of charity! May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord. Amen." (Reported by *Frances Asuncion*; photo by *Leilani Ventura*)

## 5 MILILANI St. John Apostle and Evangelist Parish

After their commissioning, the **Respect Life Ministry** gathered around the parish monument built by the Knights of Columbus. It states, "In Loving Memory of All the Unborn Children of God." During the commissioning, they all resolved to promote the church's teachings on the dignity of human life, as outlined in "The Gospel of Life." They also said they were ready to work with the pastor, under the guidance of the U.S. bishops' "Pastoral Plan for Pro Life Activities," to pray, educate, shape public policy and provide concrete assistance to the most vulnerable from conception to

natural death. Pictured, from left, are **Duane Ogata**, **Father Boniface Waema**, **Rosalie Tadda**, **Mary Smart**, **Clyde Sauget**, **Maria Aguirre**, **Felicia Routon**, **Pat Asano** and **Melissa Crisostomo**. (Missing: **Negriz Indacio**, **Wanya Ogata**, **Frank Tadda**, **Julie Sauget**, **Angela Bolan** and **Barbara Ursal**). (Reported by *Melissa Crisostomo*)

## 6 PEARL CITY Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

The **Epiphany of Our Lord** was celebrated with the arrival of the **Three Kings**. Members of the **Neo-Catechumenal Way** reenacted the Magi's visit to the newborn King for the youth of our school and parish. The Kings offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They spoke in their native tongues and told of the long journey they endured. The children asked them questions and were very curious about how long they had traveled, where they left their camels and why they traveled so far for a little baby. They reminded the children to continually seek God in all they do. The Kings gave the children blessings and presented them with gifts of chocolate. The experience was filled with meaning, songs, joy and laughter thanks to the three visiting seminarians who played the Kings — **Wilmer Chirino** of Venezuela, **Ianana Taranteua** of Kiribati, both from the Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Seminary of Guam, and **Michael Pollet** of New Orleans from the Redemptoris Mater seminary in Leon, Spain. It was a great way to learn the meaning of the Epiphany in a way the children will always remember. More than 100 children attended along with teachers and parents. (Reported by *Christine Parker*)

## 7 PAPAIOU Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

During all the Masses on the Feast of the Epiphany, parishioners reenacted the presentation of the gifts of the three wise men — gold, frankincense and myrrh — to the baby Jesus. Portraying the three wise men at the 10 a.m. Mass were **Tommy Figueira**, **John (Buddy) Souza** and **Jesse Terpestra**. ... Some parish councils and committees, under the guidance of **Father Tim**, have been undergoing changes. The **Parish Pastoral Advisory Council** is one. Current members are **Father Tim Tuyac**, **Deacon LeRoy Andrews**, **Fred Galdones**, **Rosanna Gomes-Figueira**, **Inez Johnson**, **James Kennedy**, **Susan Lee** and **Dotty Macanas**. Newly formed is the Stewardship Committee: **Deacon LeRoy Andrews**, **Madeline Cabalar**, **Nancy Chong**, **Rosanna Gomes-Figueira**, **Janet Galdones**, **James Kennedy**, **Anne Miller**, **Jesse Terpestra** and **Danica Terpestra**. God

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bless them for volunteering their time and talent toward the spiritual development of our parish. Pictured in front, Jesse Terpestra; in back, Tommy Figueira, left, John "Buddy" Souza. (Reported by Pat Phillips; photo by Inez Johnson)

## WAIALUA

### St. Michael Parish

The **Adult Faith Formation Ministry** is planning a pilgrimage to the **Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady Of Peace** in Honolulu on Feb. 15, for the opportunity to obtain plenary indulgence during the Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy. Plans are to rent a bus for those without transportation but with limited seating available. Preference will be given on a first-come first-serve basis according to the signup sheet that will be placed in the rear of both churches. Cost for bus fare to be determined at a later date. More information will be posted as it becomes available. (From the parish bulletin)

## 8 NUUANU

### St. Stephen Parish

The morning in upper Nuuanu Valley was sunny and beautiful for our first **Holo Holo ministry event** on Dec. 9. Forty-eight adventurers, 18 of whom were in their 80s and older (the oldest was 94), enjoyed a day of relaxation and fun. Transportation was by an air-conditioned Royal Star Hawaii tour bus. We left St. Stephen at 9:45 a.m. to journey to **Our Lady of Keaau** in Makaha. Our kupuna were the stars of the day. This Holo Holo was the first for the parish to take our kupuna, especially the homebound, travelling. It was a dream come true. The mood was upbeat with excitement and curious anticipation. All enjoyed the camaraderie, and singing and the reciting of the Rosary on the way. Upon arrival and after a short rest, we gathered in the spacious hall for Mass, celebrated by **Father Mario Raquero**. Lunch and fellowship followed. Members of our **Knights of Columbus** assisted those who needed help getting around. Some of our kupuna came with wheelchairs, walkers or canes. For many it was the first time seeing the communities on the Leeward coast as it is today and learning about Our Lady of Kea'au. Here are some of their comments: "I've never been out that way." "Better than just staying home all day." "It's good to get out of the house." "Wonderful, so nice to see far away places and watch the beautiful sceneries, the beauty of nature." "So refreshing. Feel like you are with God." "It was fun." "Heart-warming and so wonderful to have many of our seniors, come holo holo." One Knight from **Council 16267** said it was a privilege to help. "I thank the Lord for the opportunity and am looking forward to our next Holo Holo ministry adventure." The journey was one of spiritu-



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ality, fellowship and getting to know each other better. We arrived back at St. Stephen at 1:30 p.m., greeted by a light drizzle, a blessing from above. (Reported by Ginny Jordan; photo by Stan Contrades)

## 9 HAIKU

### St. Rita Parish

We were blessed with visiting priest **Father Joseph Kasule** from the **Diocese of Kampala** in Uganda. This was his first visit to Hawaii. Father Joseph was busy during his visit, taking care of the various needs in our island community. With daily and weekend Masses and attending parish meetings he had the opportunity to get to know our parish community and culture. Father Joseph did find the time to visit many beautiful sights on Maui. He was also blessed with a day trip to Kalaupapa. Pictured is Father Joseph with parishioners at a welcoming breakfast. (Reported by Esther Yap)

## 10 KEKAHA

### St. Theresa Parish,

Our parish recently celebrated the **Novena of Santo Nino** along with other parishes here on Kauai. Pictured are those parishioners that came together at our church on Jan. 11. The novena ended on Jan. 17 at **Immaculate Conception Church** with Mass celebrated with all the participating parishes. (Reported by Chantal A. Duarte; photo by Georgia)

## KULIOUOU

### Holy Trinity Parish

Do you enjoy doing crafts of all sorts? Come join our **craft group**. They meet Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Makai House. They have a variety of skills, so come and share your skills. (From the parish bulletin)

## HONOLULU

### Sts. Peter and Paul Parish

Mahalo church cleaners: **Carina Vung, Grace Porras, Gerald**

**Porras, Caesar Reyes, Poly Lapasaran, Cecillo Manalo, Teresita Luis, Matta Tai Nguyen, Fe Coloma, Joel and Lily Narusawa** for maintaining our church and grounds immaculately. These people spend a portion of their Saturday morning weekly keeping our church beautiful. (From the parish bulletin)

## 11 PEARL CITY

### Our Lady of Good Counsel School

Students statewide prepare for the yearly **Junior Science and Engineering Fair**, and at our school, this is no exception. The children in **grades sixth through eighth** work tirelessly, gathering their data, testing their hypotheses, and charting the results of the dilemmas they wish to solve. They know experiments selected will go on to district level competition, and then hopefully to the state level. The projects are judged on the presentation of the testable hypothesis, development of good procedures for testing the experiment,

if they provided sufficient tests and trials, and if the conclusions were presented in an organized manner. Colorful, eye-catching graphs and charts displayed the data on cardboard, tri-fold display boards. The students were also interviewed to test their knowledge, what formulas and principles they used, and their conclusion. Seven judges determined which projects moved forward to the district competition. They were **Mr. Mike Spencer, Mrs. Estrella Pajimula, Mr. Mark Tsuda, Mrs. Catherine Awong, Mr. Roland Lee, Mrs. Charlene Lawler-Tatro and Mr. Garry Dixon**. Going on to the next level are sixth graders **Joseph Akeo, Alyssa Bautista, Nathan Bonnell, Malie Kekoa, Katylyn Kuni and Nicholas Reynon**. Also moving on to the district competition are seventh grader **Chloe Toledo** and eighth graders **Conner Amano-Lee** (pictured), **Teanna Hubbard** and **Travis Lanier**. Congratulations to all who participated! (Reported by Ginger Kamisugi)

## 12 EWA BEACH

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

Students participated in the **Annual Kapolei City Lights Keiki Art Contest**, each decorating a heart with his or her ideas of what Christmas means. The students diligently created their hearts, filling them with depictions of what Christmas really means. Of the 6,000 entries received from various Leeward schools, 23 students from our school were awarded prizes. Two of the 25 grand prize winners were also from our school, eighth grader **Kylie Swann** and seventh grader **Anne Di Martino**. As a part of their prize, Kylie and Anne led the Kapolei City Lights Parade. They marched throughout the main streets of Kapolei, representing our school so beautifully. Truly, God has blessed our students with many gifts and talents. Our school is very proud of these Keiki Art Contest winners, as well as all of our students who share their gifts and talents in many diverse ways. (Reported by Laverne Suster; photo by Kahae Maikai-Iakopo)

## 13 HONOLULU

### Sacred Hearts Academy High School

Sophomores **Dorothy Sanidad** has hit the target, winning the **Junior Olympic Small-bore Match** on Dec. 20 at **Saint Louis School**. In winning this match, which featured both boys and girls, Sanidad qualified for the **Small-bore April Junior Olympics** competition in Colorado. She also competed in the air riflery section, finishing third, and will learn if her scores earned her a spot at the Olympics later this spring. Other Academy shooters participating in the small-bore match included **Aimee Pak, Angeliqe Mara, Janelle**

**Inao and Mabel Cheng.** (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)

**14 KAILUA**

**St. Anthony School**

Our school would like to first acknowledge the **12 Marines** from neighboring Marine Corps Base Hawaii who lost their lives in the tragic helicopter accident off Oahu. Many of our families and faculty have been affected as they either knew the soldiers, their families or were first responders. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with our military neighbors. ... Our most recent events include our **middle school students** participating in the **science fair**. A lot of thought went into these projects. We thank our science teacher **Mrs. Braden** for her hard work. A number of them will go on to the State Science Fair. ... We are also preparing for our annual Catholic Schools Week **talent show**. This event, which has been held for decades, highlights some of our many talented students. Some will perform at Windward Mall, Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m., during Catholic Schools Week. Come and join us. Pictured is one of our **pre-kindergarten classes** enjoying their **physical education class**. Don't tell them, but they are also learning a new skill. (Reported by Patricia Barros)



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**15 HONOLULU**

**St. John the Baptist School**

Congratulations **sixth-eighth graders** for your hard work in participating in the **School Science Fair 2016**. We are very proud of your achievements. You surprise us every day with your constant application when working on a task. Keep up the good work! (Reported by Kryzen Chloe Guillen)



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**KEKAHA**

**St. Theresa School**

In celebration of **Catholic Schools' Week** nationwide, we will have a **pancake breakfast fundraiser** on Jan. 31. Breakfast will include two pancakes, Portuguese sausage, scrambled eggs, rice and fruit. Cost per ticket is \$8 and will go toward the purchase of LED lamps for all classrooms (\$7,500). It's best to purchase your tickets from any student, because "at the door" will be limited to only unsold tickets. Mahalo to everyone for their continued support of our parish school! (Reported by Chantal A. Duarte)

**16 HONOLULU**

**Sacred Hearts Academy Lower School**

On Dec. 15, our **fourth graders** went to **Heeia Fishpond** in Heeia Uli on Oahu's Windward side to explore its history and the unique and advanced forms of aquaculture. Built by the ancient Hawaiians 800 years ago, the students discovered how adult fish are herded or trapped in the Pond, while allowing baby fish, or pua, to mature. The students filled buckets with coral and rock to fill the puka, or hole, in the 1.3-mile wall surrounding the fishpond.

In all, the students, including (right) **Amber Wolfe, Diana Lee** and **Reece Machida**, added 200 buckets to the restoration effort! (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)

**17 HONOLULU**

**Holy Family Catholic Academy**

For the sixth consecutive year, our school organized a **Christmas drive** for **Holy Family Home Orphanage in Osaka, Japan**. Members of our student **National Junior Honor Society** were responsible for organizing, packaging and decorating 135 gift bags for the children living at the orphanage. The gift bags were hand-delivered by **Wolfhound military personnel** from the **27th Infantry Unit** at Schofield Barracks. With much gratitude the sisters at the orphanage sent us this beautiful collage of heartwarming photos showing the happy children with their special gift bags. (Reported by Mrs. Becky O'Reilly)

**18 KAPAA**

**St. Catherine School**

On Jan. 11, **Father Anthony** blessed the site of our future **administration building**. Seminarian **Vincent Vu**, student **John-Paul Lindsey** and our principal **Mrs. Celina Haigh** assisted him while the entire school surrounded them for the blessing. Parents **Mr. Marc Ventura** and **Mr. Richard Siliman** have been working hard to make this dream a reality! This new building will enable more space for classrooms as our school is growing. ... On Jan. 13, **five alumni**, who will graduate from high school this year, visited our **eighth graders** to help get them ready for high school. They brought two school guidance counselors and their principal **Mr. Hamada**. We are so proud of our graduates! They are all planning to attend college, some with generous scholarships. ... On Jan. 18, our **Science Olympiad Team** under the direction of **Mrs.**

**Cathleen Triplett** competed against two teams from **Island School** and one team from **Waimea Canyon Middle School** for the regional. Many students won medals and **Team 1** took home a trophy for third place team overall. We will have one team at the **state competition** March 5 at Leeward Community College on Oahu. (Reported by Andrea Corbo and Patricia Doherty)

**19 MAKAWAO**

**St. Joseph Early Learning Center**

The students are gearing up for a new year as they return from their Christmas break ready to learn. Pictured are Ladybug room classmates **Alexander Kalama, Wyatt Fuqua** and **Antonio Lopez** working on a tricky domino bridge. The students look forward to **Catholic Schools Week** Jan. 29 -Feb. 5 and will be preparing for the Lenten season with **St. Joseph's famous malassadas** on Fat Tuesday Feb. 8. Have a

blessed Lenten Season. (Reported by Helen Souza)

**20 HONOLULU**

**Star of the Sea Early Learning Center**

**Snow Day** is sponsored yearly by our **Parent Teacher Guild** and the school so that the children can experience snow and how it feels, as well as play in it building snowmen and making snow angels. (Reported by Jill Hirata)

**21 HONOLULU**

**St. Patrick School**

The **seventh and eighth graders** competed in the annual **Science Fair** Jan. 11-14. Faculty and guest judges had decide on an array of projects. During the Science Fair awards night, Jan. 14, four winners were chosen. Third place went to seventh grader **Kellen Tongpalan** for "The Power Of Wind," second place went to eighth grader **Andrew Wong** for "How Effective Are Catapults," first place went to eighth grader **Chazmin Thurman** for "The Electrolyte Challenge: Orange Juice versus Sports Drinks," and the **Principal's Choice** went to seventh grader **Wyanette Thurman** for "The Strop Effect." This was the first year for seventh grade homeroom and science teacher **Marjorie Souza** as Science Fair coordinator. She ran the event smoothly. (Reported by Pamela Asuelo-Montalla)

**22 KAILUA**

**St. John Vianney School**

Congratulations to **Kathleen Tereschuk** in grade seven whose beautiful artwork was chosen to grace the front of the Epiphany card sent out by **Dr. Mike Rockers**, superintendent of Hawaii Catholic Schools. He presented her with a \$50 award and gave the entire seventh grade a pizza party to celebrate. ... Congratulations also to **Gabriel Wilke** who will complete the qualifying test for the **State Bee**. We will soon know if he will represent our school at the State Bee. ... We hosted our sixth **Breakfast with the Bishop** on Jan. 17, as part our school's 50th anniversary celebration. There were three servings. Bishop Larry Silva spoke at all three about the value of parish schools and a Catholic education. As part of the buffet, local celebrities prepared pancakes, **Ikaika Anderson, Chai Chaowasaree, Frank De Lima, Cathy Foy, Father Tom Gross, Father Gary Secor, Mihana Souza** and **Pamela Young**. Other celebrities attending were **Miss Hawaii Jeanne Lapeia, Tailor Grubbs** of Hawaii Five-0, and musician **Aidan James. Kainoa Hepener** and his **Cub Master Lisa Peddle Smith** were honored for their bravery at the helicopter crash at Bel-lows. Approximately 478 people attended the three breakfasts. Funds raised will go toward improving the school facilities and tuition assistance. Pictures of this event will soon be on the school website [www.sjvkailua.org](http://www.sjvkailua.org). Another Breakfast with the Bishop is scheduled for January 2017. (Reported by Earl Walker)