

the parish news

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1 WAHIAWA
Our Lady of Sorrows Parish
 The **Knights of Columbus** recently concluded a drive to collect toiletries for the homeless in the area. They turned over more than 600 personal care items to **Aiea Bridge**, a local non-profit that focuses on outreach to the homeless. Pictured, from left, **Knight Robert Pagliai**, pastor **Father Ajith Dass**, **Knight Max Velasco**, and **Joseph Acosta** of Aiea Bridge. (Reported by Jack Kamper)

2 KAHULUI
Christ the King Parish
 On **All Soul's Day**, we honored our departed love ones. Five minutes before the Mass, we read the names of those that passed on from December 2015 to present. A brief moment of silence was presented and after every five names read, the tone of the bell was rung. We then brought forward pictures of our love ones with lighted candles before the altar. Our new pastor **Father Augustine "Gus" Uthuppu** recited a special prayer and then blessed all of us with the holy water. Once done, we placed the pictures near the altar on a table which will remain for the month of November. As we remember those who have left their earthly life, we all shared fond memories which brought tears to our eyes. They are in God's hands now but remain in our hearts forever. (Reported by Audie Pascual and Carol Ursua)

3 PUNAHOU
Sacred Heart Parish
 To honor our dedicated priests, **Joseph and Pam Minder** hosted a dinner on Nov. 6 at the Pagoda restaurant in Honolulu. It was attended by, pictured from left, sitting, **Father Gordian Carvalho**, Sacred Heart pastor; **Father Joe Carroll**; **Pam Minder**; standing, **Father Paul Smith**, retired but still very active in the parish; **Father Jim**; **Father Thomas Joseph**, parochial vicar; and **Joseph Minder**. Surrounded by fish, these "fishers of men" enjoyed the gathering. We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Minder for their thoughtful generosity, as they have

faithfully hosted dinner gatherings in recognition of our priests over the years. Mahalo! (Reported by Lynn Murata)

4 WAIANAE
Sacred Heart Parish
 Our parish is very active in community and liturgical ceremonies that involve the various ministries of the church and the **Knights of Columbus** anchored there. Two of the recent activities include the **Living Rosary Prayer** on Oct. 30, and **All Souls Day** ceremony, on Nov. 2. The Living Rosary took place in front of the grotto dedicated to our Blessed Mother, and various ministries led one decade of the rosary, as the rest of the parishioners joined in. It was a prayerful and peaceful evening that was well attended. On All Souls Day, **Father Bong** led the ceremony of the blessing of the graves at the forgotten cemetery that was covered in a previous article. In the morning before the blessing, many volunteers went to the cemetery to do a final cleanup and green waste removal, so that the grounds would be worthy of the blessings that followed. Upcoming events include Christ the King procession of the Blessed Sacrament, and a Christmas social. (Reported by Sebastian Lopez)

5 PEARL CITY
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish
 A eucharistic procession followed the 5 p.m. Mass on Nov. 20 in celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe. **Father Pascual** and parishioners processed around the church with the Blessed Sacrament reciting prayers and singing songs of praise and worship. The procession ended by Benediction. The celebration coincided with the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. ... A big mahalo to all who donated socks for the men, women, children and babies of **Next Step Shelter** in Kakaako. Our **Young Adult Ministry** held a sock donation drive Nov. 13-22. On Nov. 23 the young adults cooked, transported and served Thanksgiving dinner of ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, corn and pumpkin

pies for the residents of the shelter, and presented the shelter with the socks for future distribution. They were assisted by **Ever Present in Christ (EPIC) Ministry** from Resurrection of the Lord, St. Michael and Our Lady of Sorrows Parishes. ... On Nov. 15, **Amber Hernando** and **Norma Remata** represented the parish **Outreach Ministry** at the **Pearl City Neighborhood Board** (Health, Education and Welfare Committee) special meeting on Hawaii Homelessness. Among those present were state homelessness coordinator **Scott Morishige**; City Office of Housing director, **Jun Yang**; Councilmember **Brandon Elefante**; and Representative **Sam Kong** (Aiea). **Scott Morishige** said that churches can be good partners to help service providers reach out to the homeless. One concern is the presence of a large number of homeless at Blaisdell Park. (Reported by Bernadette V. Cabe; photo by Rodel Eleccion)

6 MAKAWAO
St. Joseph Parish
 Members of the **middle and high school youth ministry** prepared luncheon for the graves. Mahalo to the youth and leaders for doing such an exceptional job with the annual **All Saints Day** candle lighting ceremony at the cemetery. It was truly amazing! ... A special congratulations to **Richard Harris** whom **Father Jaime** installed as a sacristan at the 9 a.m. Mass, on Oct. 23. (Reported by Donna Pico; photo by Diane Jacinto)

7 KULIQUOU
Holy Trinity Parish
Jesuit Father Philip Chircop, teacher, retreat director and artist, will present a three-day **Advent Mission**, Dec. 12-14, 7-8:30 p.m. The theme is "Practicing Mercy: kissed by mercy, embraced by love and the Word became flesh and lived among us. (John 1:14) This is what we celebrate on Christmas day. This is the festival of faith we prepare for all through the waiting season of advent. And is this not perhaps God's most gracious act of mercy towards creation? God dropping from the heavens, entering our chaos,

our pain, and our life, transforming it from the inside-out! It has been said that mercy is the capacity to enter the chaos of another, facilitating healing, wellness and wholeness in the process. In this parish mission, we will explore what it means to believe in a God whose mercy is fresh every morning and our call to practice mercy in all our encounters, on a daily basis. (Reported by Deacon Dan Guinaugh)

8 EWA
Immaculate Conception Parish
 On Oct. 30, our parish held its first **Annual Halloween Party**. Among the games provided for all were a donut eating contest, ring toss, adult "toilet paper" wrapping, and dunking for apples. There were lots of prizes for the kids along with shaved ice, cotton candy, and candy goody bags. The Halloween theme was certainly enhanced by a full-size skeleton, a full-size wicked witch, and several carved pumpkins by our pastor, **Father Nick Brown**. This Hallows Eve Party was attended by many, many families enabling fellowship among all. The Holy Spirit was truly present! A special mahalo must be given to all volunteers especially **Rosie Nitta**, **Rosie Tabarranza**, the **ICC Youth**, **R.J. Juanillo**, the **Knights of Columbus**, **Council 6734**, and **Father Brown** for all their hard work in the set-up, running of the event, and the breakdown. (Reported by Normand HJ Robert)

9 KALIHI KAI
St. Anthony Parish
 A pilgrimage to the **Holy Land/Jordan** Oct. 8-21, was a wonderful privilege and special blessing for 15 non-fearing friends. Their faith and trust in the Lord for a safe trip with God's guiding hands brought them back very happy, grateful for a dream come true for following the footsteps of the Lord in the Land of the Bible despite all the negative news. Eight parishioners with their pastor and chaplain, **Father Arnel Soriano**, **MS**, **Rosalia Caberto**, **Lilia Caranga**, **Narcisca De Jesus**, **Alda Domingals**, **Felix** and **Julie Pintor** and **Fa Rodillas** left for the Holy Land despite many cancellations. They did not experience any bomb-

ings, terroristic attacks, fighting or any disturbances even at the West Bank and Caesarea Philippi near the Syrian border. It was a very fruitful experience especially the Mass at the site of the tomb of Jesus. It is called the Edicule, the chamber housing the cave where Jesus is said to have been entombed and resurrected. It is the centerpiece of one of Christianity's oldest churches and one of its most important shrines. Only three or four pilgrims can stay with the priest during Mass in that small burial chamber. The rest stayed at the small circular antechamber called the Chapel of the Angel. A 12th-century building sitting on fourth-century remains, the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher** is the only place where six Christian denominations practice their faith at the same site. The group was told that thousands of priests all over the world request to celebrate Mass there but very few are approved. The group was very lucky indeed, especially the chaplain, **Father Arnel** who celebrated the Mass. The pilgrims were able to offer the names of their deceased loved ones at the altar. Thanks be to God! (Reported by Fe Rodillas)

10 HAWAII
Sacred Heart Parish
Religious education classes have begun. This year, **Evie Adams**, coordinator and her awesome RE team are, **Hope Keawe**, **Naomi Keawe**, **Sandie Torres**, **Jaime Lee Drew**, **Fred Silva**, **Angela Costa**, **Deacon Tom**, **Ellen Caitano**, **Arlene Bruno**, **Kehau Bruno**, **Carla Buczyzna** and **Helen Cramo**. The time of classes and activities have been changed from morning to early evening. They meet every other Sunday. On the welcoming day each child did a hand print activity signifying "God has his hand print on us." May they play, learn and grow together. ... **Michael Bartolome** who recently graduated from high school and is presently a student at UH Hilo has taken ill and is at Kapiolani Hospital receiving treatments. We continue to pray for Michael's full recovery and our RE classes did get well post and a get well video that was sent to Michael. ... We ended our



liturgical year on Christ the King Sunday with a procession partly on Akoni Pule Hwy., back to our church grounds while praying the rosary. Mahalo to **Leo Guitang**, **Calton Torres**, **Cama Carvalho**, **Raymond Moniz** and **Lee Rivera** for leading the decades of the Rosary back to church for eucharistic exposition and benediction. We look forward to the Advent season as we joyfully wait for Jesus' birthday. (Reported by Lee Rivera; photo by Evie Adams)

how mercy is the key that unlocks indifference. A handout on the Corporal Works of Mercy and the Spiritual Works of Mercy reminded us how we need to help our neighbors in their needs. A Bible verse raffle ticket giveaway made us more aware of the verses of the Bible! The evening entertainment was capped with a presentation of some of the most beautiful Filipiniana gowns. On Saturday, everyone headed to St. Theresa Church in Kihel for a memorial Mass for our beloved, dearly departed. We especially remembered our long-time, beloved spiritual director **Father Jojo**, and all of our DCFCC presidents who have gone before us, including our very own, **Ernie Pasion**, whom we lost last year. Our annual business meeting with some passionate discussions lasted until lunch. Following lunch, a workshop on the greatest school of mercy, the family, was presented by **Lee and Tanya Barbero**, active members of Marriage Encounter. After some much needed rest, we were all recharged

for some very important socializing of the evening, our banquet. During the banquet, our very own Kauai CFCC Charity Queen, **Celine De Leon** of our parish wowed the audience with her graceful hula. Also from Kauai, our youngest unit president from Holy Cross Parish, **Karez Batangan**, entertained us for two nights singing the "Power of Love" and other songs. Our guest speaker Saturday night was the **Father Gary L. Secor**, vicar general, representing **Bishop Larry Silva**. He compared being merciful to the functions of our social media. It was enlightening! On Sunday, our last day, we carpooled to St. Anthony Church in Wailuku to celebrate Mass, enjoyed a Filipino breakfast, and adjourned the convention. Most of all, we had fun and camaraderie with our FCC family from all islands! It was great! (Reported by Nelly B. Capino)

12 KIHAI
St. Theresa Parish
 We celebrated **Veteran's Day** here with a Mass at 8 a.m. on Nov. 11.

It has become an annual tradition. This year, 25 veterans, including three women, were honored. As each name was called, the veteran was presented with a lei and when all were assembled on the steps of the sanctuary, our pastor, **Msgr. Terry Watanabe** bestowed a blessing upon them with gratitude and prayers from the entire congregation. The choir led by **Marsha Pascua** sang appropriate patriotic hymns and when Mass was over, veterans and family and friends headed down to the hall for a celebratory breakfast buffet prepared by head chef **Robert Rodrigues**. While many of the honorees already knew each other, the rest became new friends. Everyone shared their stories and memories and look forward to meeting up again on this day next year. (Reported by Anita Carrington)

HONOLULU
Sts. Peter and Paul Parish
 The parish's **Family Mass** is celebrated at 9 a.m. on the first and third Sunday of the month. During the Family Mass, the homily is addressed to families and to the children, giving them a better understanding of the Scripture readings. The children read Scripture from a children's lectionary. On the other Sundays, there is a dismissal for the children's liturgy at the 9 a.m. Mass. The children come forward for a blessing from the priest and then proceed to a reception area where they hear the Word of God through prayers, song and readings that they are able to better understand. The children rejoin their families at the Preparation of the Gifts or Offertory. Faith formation classes are after Mass. (From the parish bulletin)

WAIALUA
St. Michael Parish
 The parish's **Sts. Peter and Paul Mission** in Waimea will have a **religious education craft fair and bake sale**, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday Dec. 11. Vendors are needed. A vendor's booth is only \$15. Call **Debbie Eguires** at 542-6549 for information. (From the parish bulletin)

13 ENCHANTED LAKE
St. John Vianney Parish
 The **Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary** held its annual **Christmas Craft Boutique** on the weekend of Nov. 12-13. Again this year it was a great success thanks to all the help, dedication and support from its members and many parishioners. Monies collected will help with parish expenses, maintain the parish's grotto, support the outreach programs at **St. Anthony and St. George, St. Vincent de Paul**, the annual scholarship for an 8th grade girl from St. John Vianney School entering a Catholic high school and various other sodality projects. ... Our parish annual **Advent wreath making** is Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. in the parish center. Several families enjoyed making an Advent wreath for their home. Everything needed was provided. All enjoyed a home cooked spaghetti dinner beforehand. ... Our parish is pleased to present the **free concert** "At the Movies" by our school's **music department** on Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. The concert will feature the school's beginning orchestra and band, concert orchestra and band, and its junior choir making its debut. For more information, call 261-4651. (Reported by Earl Walker)

14 PAPAIIKOU
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
 Our **All Souls Day Mass** was celebrated at the **Kalaoa Catholic Cemetery**. About 16 parishioners attended the Mass to pray for all

the Holy Souls and for those of their families buried at that cemetery. After Mass, **Father Tim** proceeded to walk around the cemetery blessing the individual graves. ... The morning of Saturday, Nov. 19, sent the aroma of steaks being grilled on the fire, fresh sweet breads, home-made banana breads, cakes, pies and preserves filling the air. **Immaculate Heart of Mary and Good Shepherd Mission's Steak-Fry and Mini Bazaar** was a very enjoyable day of fun, fellowship and great products. There were grilled steak plates, fresh home-made goodies, preserves and pickles, plants and produce, crafts, aquarium fish and a silent auction. It took a lot of effort and hard work. Pictured are most of the parishioners who put their hearts and souls into this successful project. God bless them all! (Reported by Pat Phillips)

15 KAHUKU
St. Roch Parish
 Twenty-nine years ago, **Mel and Mary Roberson** recited their vows of marriage and love to each other before God. **Father Jun Pastrano** strengthened their union with blessings as the parishioners joined in on their special day. Congratulations to Mel and Mary Roberson ... You may kiss your bride! (Reported by Flora Ramos-Wildman; photo by Angel Ramos)

16 KALIHI VALLEY
Our Lady of the Mount Parish
 Pictured is the group that gathered at our parish on the evening of Oct. 25 to pray the rosary. The **"Pray the Rosary Makers"** group invited the public to join them every Tuesday in October at 6 p.m. to pray three sets of mysteries of the rosary (150 Hail Marys). The people are from various parishes. The gatherings were organized to honor the **Blessed Mother**, as the Catholic Church dedicates October to the holy rosary. (Reported by Wilfred Soong)

17 NUUANU
St. Stephen Parish
 The parish landmark, the statue of **Our Lady of Fatima**, which greets everyone driving up and down the Pali Highway, was donated by a non-Catholic couple, **Harry and Anne Ho**, in 1948. Sometime later, the couple embraced the Catholic faith. **Father Alphonsus Bouwmeister** was the pastor. The statue was blessed by **Bishop James J. Sweeney** in 1948. To make room for the new church, the statue was relocated to a new lava rock pedestal near the driveway to the present rectory. **Father Joseph Turk** was the pastor. **Bishop John J. Scanlan** blessed the outdoor statue at the grotto on Sept. 1 1968. The statue was again relocated to the present site closer to the church in 2014 with **Father Mario Raquepo** as pastor. Our Lady of Fatima statue is called by several of our long-time parishioners and commuters as "Our Lady of Pali Highway." The statue depicts the Blessed Mother dressed in a white mantle and holding a rosary as three shepherd children in Portugal had described the Marina apparition they had in 1917 in Fatima. The apparition began on May 13, 1917, when siblings Francisco, 8, and Jacinta, 7, and their cousin Lucia Santos, 10, were herding sheep near the Fatima village. The last apparition occurred Oct. 13, 1917. Our Lady of Fatima emphasized the importance of the rosary. Pictured are some of our **CCD children** (some in Halloween costumes) with our CCD director. October was the month of the Rosary. (Reported by Ginny Jordan, photo by Marie Tokuda Wong)