

the parish news

1 KULA

Kula Catholic Community

This past June 3 and 4, the **Holy Ghost Mission** celebrated its 125th Feast Anniversary. Maui's **Kula Catholic Community** is comprised of three churches: **Our Lady Queen of Angels in Keokea**, **St. James the Less Mission in Ulupalakua** and the **Holy Ghost Mission in Waiako**. This year's feast queen was **Kamaile Aipa**, pictured with **Bishop Larry Silva**, her father **Roy Aipa**, brother **Ryan** and sister **Jocelyn**. Kamaile is a 2017 graduate of Kamehameha Schools Maui Campus and will be attending **Chaminade University** on Oahu this fall. She has served as a lector and altar server, and is part of the youth group and **Ukulele Choir**. Outside of church she volunteers for **Imua Rehab** and **Big Brothers, Big Sisters**. Our 2017 feast chair was **Tony Arrieta**, who added a **First Annual Golf Tournament** to our pre-feast events! It was a great weekend, with entertainment, food, games and our annual Queen's Meal on Sunday! Please visit our website for more information: www.kulacatholiccommunity.org. ... Our **Lady Queen of Angels Feast** was celebrated on Aug. 6, with Mass and a pot-luck celebration in Keokea! It was a fun time to meet, talk-story and enjoy the endless buffet of favorite dishes prepared! (Reported by *Donna Ventura*)



2 MILILANI

St John Apostle and Evangelist Parish

The **Diocese of Honolulu Catholic Committee on Scouting** members and scouts from the 2015 and 2017 Saint George Trek celebrated Mass at our parish on Aug. 5. Pictured in the top row are **Brenda Nonweiler**, **Erin Gallogly**, **Charmaine Garcia**, **Father Joseph Ayinpuusa**, **Father Michael Suh Niba**, **Father Patrick McDaid**, **Ellen Cleghorn** and **Jack Cleghorn**. In the bottom row are **Keola Cleghorn**, **Peter Gallogly**, **Marianne Garcia** and **Ryan Garcia**. (Reported by *Jolly Guerrero-Tano*)



3 HAWI

Sacred Heart Parish

Congratulations to **Angela Costa** and **Keone Emeliano**. They were married on June 24 at our parish. ... Upon our pastor **Father Eli's** return from the Philippines, he brought back two carved wooden statues of **St. Damien** and **St. Marianne**. With these, we have created a prayer corner in the back of our church. ... This is the first year that our parish participated in the **hotel industry annual walk**. We walked for **Catholic Charities Hawaii**. Happy to say they surpassed their goal of over \$10,000. Father Eli won second place for collecting the second most pledges. ... Our **religious education students** enjoyed a summer night of indoor hockey with lots of snacks. It was fun, fun, fun so they did a second night. ... **Marriage Alive and Thrive**, a program introduced

to our parish a few months ago, held another gathering this month. The topic was "Divorce, Separation and Annulment." Guest speakers were **Father Mark Gantley** from the diocese and **Cynthia Taylor** from St. Michael's. It was very informative. ... Our **rectory renovations**, are almost complete. Mahalo for your financial generosity that made this all possible. ... Mahalo to Father Eli for all the corporal works you have done and continue to do for our parish. We are blessed! (Reported by *Lee Rivera*; photo by *Angela Costa Emeliano*)

4 WAHIAWA

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

Our parish youth staffed a game booth at the **Family Fun Fair** sponsored by area churches on Aug. 5 at Fred Wright District Park in Wahiawa. From left, **Aaliyah Dacuycuy**, **Udie Algosgo**, **Jackie Montano**, **Precious Algosgo**, **Cookie Dacuycuy**, **Richie Algosgo**, **Nicole Dacuycuy**,

Keahi Algosgo and **Kaimana Algosgo**. (Reported by *Jack Kampfer*)

5 AIEA

St. Elizabeth Parish

On the evening of July 14 at Pearl Country Club, so many happy friends gathered to celebrate the 45th anniversary of pastor **Father Arnold Ortiz's** ordination to the priesthood. Beautiful table settings, good food, plenty of greetings and laughter, wonderful Hawaiian music and dance, and the antics of **Frank De Lima** with his own brand of humor, made for such a great evening of fun. Even some of Father Arnold's longtime friends travelled from Sacramento (his former parish home) to celebrate with him. Other very special guests were **Bishop Larry Silva** and **Msgr. Gary Secor** along with fellow clergy, deacons and nuns, who all seemed to be very relaxed and enjoying the evening. Father was also recognized and honored by **Mayor Kirk Caldwell** who presented

him a plaque designating July 14 as Father Arnold Day. How cool is that? We are so grateful to God for calling Father Arnold to serve him all these years and to Bishop Larry for saying yes to Father's request to come to Hawaii. And to you Father Arnold, with great joy and gratitude, we thank you for being our pastor and friend, for all your great homilies, and for being the calm and humbly gentle person that you are. We pray that there will be many more years of celebrations to come, and maybe, if you're really good, the bishop will fulfill your Maui wish. Love you, Father Arnold, happy anniversary. (Reported by *Wendy Ford*)

6 PEARL CITY

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

On July 9, our parishioners, family and friends gathered together to extend their heartfelt mahalo and best wishes to our outgoing parochial vicar **Father Rex Rilveria**, left, and

to warmly welcome newly ordained **Father Alfred Guerrero** to the position. The love and generosity of the parish were evident in the bountiful luncheon buffet and delightful multi-cultural program that included a creative Chinese lion dance by the children, Filipino songs, a Samoan money dance, Tahitian dance and hula. ... In tribute to their spiritual director Father Rex, the **Young Adult Ministry** highlighted their special time with him in a wonderful slide show. The event would not have been complete without a friendly toast of Father Rex and a rendition of his favorite song "My Way" by our pastor **Father Pascual** which was accompanied by a beautiful hula. It was a memorable day! We wish Father Rex all the best as he continues his ministry in the Philippines. He will be greatly missed for his spiritual guidance, joy and friendly smile! Mahalo Father Rex! This occasion also introduced Father Guerrero, who is from Hawaii. Our parish is grateful to have one of our very own answer God's call to serve. As Father Alfred shared, God is good! All the time! Aloha and welcome Father Alfred! (Reported by *Arlene Bali*; photo by *Elaine Okamoto*)

7 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

The first orientation night for parents whose children are registered for **pre-kinder to grade eight** took place Aug. 11 in the parish church. The opening prayer involved the **Lectio Divina** method of praying the Scriptures. Pictured are **Monica Weida**, left, and **Melinda Suster** as they shared their reflection on the Aug. 13 Gospel reading from Matthew 14:22-33. The orientation covered the new norms for sacramental preparation, requirements for confirmation sponsor, the family handbook, and the catechetical year calendar for 2017-2018. ... Meanwhile, orientation for parents and youth in **Life Teen high school youth ministry** is scheduled for Aug. 27 while **Edge middle school youth ministry** will be on Sept. 3. (Reported by *Julia Torres*)

8 WAILUKU

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Our parish welcomes our newly confirmed into full membership. Our 10 confirmandi are pictured with **Bishop Larry Silva**. Mahalo nui loa to Bishop Silva, **Father Roland Bunda** and all the clergy, **Chiree Souza**, youth minister, **Lori Cabangan** and **Uilani Carpio**, **Roger Yarbough** and the Sunday 5 p.m. choir, parents and sponsors and everyone who gave support to our confirmandi. Congratulations to our confirmandi! (Reported by *Serina Souza*)

9 PAPAIKOU

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

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Blessed Mother took place on May 7 before the 10 a.m. Mass. The faithful gathered in front of the church and proceeded toward her statue at the entrance of the church parking lot, singing her praises with their floral gifts in their hands. **Alyssa Faletoi** was given the honor of crowing Our Lady. ... Our parish, during the summer, instituted a **Parish Family Fun Night** to bring together families in fun and fellowship. It is usually held in June and again in July. This year the first was held on June 25 in the parish hall and about 41 parishioners attended. They enjoyed the variety of good food, playing bingo and having lucky numbers for prizes. The second on July 30 included a potluck, karaoke contest, liturgical and Bible quizzes for prizes and lucky numbers. Winning the karaoke contest were, in the adult division, **Rosanna Figueira, Marie Roberts, Maxelyn Sibucan** and **Eunice Domingo**. Children's division winners were **Xavier Tagaca** and **Kennadie Rose Asej**. ... In addition to observing the **First Saturdays (Fatima Rosary)** with rosary and Mass, our parish has started to observe the **First Fridays** with Mass and Adoration. Our first observance was Aug. 4. ... In accordance with the diocese, our church is now open during office hours to accommodate parishioners who wish to come and pray and honor the Lord or light candles for their loved ones or for special intentions. (Reported by *Pat Phillips*)



10 KOLOA

St. Raphael Parish

During the latter part of 2016, our parish community started planning for a **new entry sign** to the church. The parish agreed on the design and location of the sign, and the first phase was to create a base for it. The moss rock used for the base was gathered from the church grounds and were blessed by our pastor **Father Arlan Inta, MS**. Helping construct the base were **Perfecto Labrador, Leonard Vierra** and **Milton Ceria**. The sign, which was completed in July, says, "Komo Mai" (Welcome, come in). The logo of our old church on the sign was selected in honor of its 175th Anniversary in 2016 when St. Raphael Church was selected the parade grand marshal in the Koloa Plantation Days 31st Anniversary. Our parish is the oldest Catholic church on Kauai. (Reported by *Lillian Vierra*)



KEKAHA

St. Theresa Parish

Our parish has been blessed with many **faithful and devoted stewards** in our various parish ministries, two of whom made their annual commitments recently. Our parish **eucharistic ministers** were commissioned on June 18, the Feast of Corpus Christi and our parish ushers made their annual commitment on July 30. Next up are our **catechists, altar servers, sacristans, choir and musicians**, then our **commentators and lectors**. On each commitment on Sundays, a member of each ministry shares his or her stewardship with the congregation, highlighting that particular ministry. We look forward, too, to our first **stewardship education cycle** which will begin on Sept. 3, culminating with our **Commitment Sunday** for all parishioners on Oct. 1, the feast day of our parish patron saint, **St. Therese of Lisieux**.

It's a new and exciting time in our parish, as we work toward helping one another on our journey to becoming intentional disciples of Jesus and committing our own time, talent and treasure to the building up of our relationship with Jesus and our parish community. (Reported by *Chantal A. Duarte*)

11 HAIKU

St. Rita Parish

Ready set go! At the start line, **Father Chacko Muthoottil** sent the kids off on a **potato sack race** at our **parish picnic and walk for our future**. Our annual event, held on July 30 at Giggle Hill Park in Kokomo, is a parish favorite bringing together families for a day of fun and fellowship. Before lunch the parish held its seventh annual walk for our future. As walkers completed their laps they were sprayed with an array of color

that added to the fun. Monies raised went toward the payment of our land. There was an amazing spread of homemade foods and barbecue at the park. After lunch there were lots of games for the children. Parishioners played instruments and sang songs of yesterday. We were blessed with beautiful weather, good fellowship and an abundance of food and a successful fundraiser. We thank all the walkers and donors for their generosity for our parish. (Reported by *Esther Yap*)

KULIOUOU

Holy Trinity Parish

Our **Vacation Bible School children** raised \$96.80 to help dig a village well in a remote area of Peru. Just imagine, \$5 gives a child clean water for a whole year! The children watched video clips showing how children lived in several different regions of Peru. Watching a child draw

water for the day from a dirty river along with the classroom experience really made them see how fortunate we are to have clean, running water. (From the *parish bulletin*)

HONOLULU

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish

The parish kicks off its **Catholic Education Scholarship** Sept. 10 at the Pagoda Hotel with a noon-12:30 p.m. meet-and-greet and a 12:30-2:30 p.m. lunch. The Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Education Scholarship will provide tuition assistance for families who need financial aid in order to send their children to Catholic high schools. The mission is to make quality Catholic education possible for deserving students. Tickets to attend the kick-off celebration will be available in the church office during regular office hours or after all the Sunday Masses in the courtyard. Luncheon is \$35

and includes coffee and tea. A silent auction will be held. (From the *parish bulletin*)

WAIALUA

St. Michael Parish

Bishop Larry Silva is coming to visit this weekend. He will celebrate the Saturday vigil Mass, which will be followed by a potluck dinner with the parish leadership. On Sunday, he will celebrate the 7:30 a.m. Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Mission, the 10 a.m. Mass at the parish church and lead a town hall meeting at 11:15 a.m. to which all parishioners are invited. Finally, he meets with the youth and young adults at 1 p.m. (From the *parish bulletin*)

12 KAHUKU

St. Roch, Kahuku

Following the diocese's **Pastoral Plan** with one of the foci, "Strengthening of Marriage and Family," and an activity of the parish's centennial year, our parish held a **convalidation ceremony**, presided over by **Father Anastasio "Jun" Postrano**, for five couples on June 25. One of the couples, **Michael and Kay Wagner**, had been married for over 30 years. The other four couples were **Michael and Juliet dela Cruz, Pikai and Helen-Jean Kaniho, Alex and Kanani Ponciano** and **Liberato and Marites Pasol**. Family and friends gathered at our parish to celebrate this significant ceremony and afterward shared delicious food, a wedding cake and fellowship. (Reported by *Mary Magann Roberson*)

13 KAILUA

St. John Vianney Parish

Our **parish pastoral council** has adopted the pastoral plan of the Diocese of Honolulu into its own pastoral plan. The four strategic priorities adopted are: **Faith Formation**: To grow in prayer and to know our Catholic faith so we may share it with others. **Leadership Development of Clergy and Laity**: To create leaders who are focused on the mission of our parish and its ministries. **Strengthening Marriage and Family**: To build stronger marriages and families through the teachings of the Catholic Church. **Youth and Young Adult Ministry**: To prepare our young to digest the Word of God and understand their encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. By focusing on these priorities our parish will continue to grow in stewardship, evangelization and social ministry while deepening our faith. ... On Sept. 2-3, our parish will celebrate its 55th anniversary. Founded in 1962, the parish was named in honor of the patron saint of parish priests. **Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney** was ordained in 1805 and became the parish priest of Ars, a remote French hamlet not far from the town of Lyon. Within a short time, his reputation as a confessor became well known, and people began coming to him from nearby villages, all parts of France and other countries. During the last 10 years of his life, he spent from 16 to 18 hours a day in the confessional. He died in 1859, was canonized in 1925 and declared the patron saint of parish priests in 1929 by Pope Pius XI. May St. John Vianney pray for our priests, pray for us, and pray for the mission of our parish. Amen. (Reported by *Earl Walker*)

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