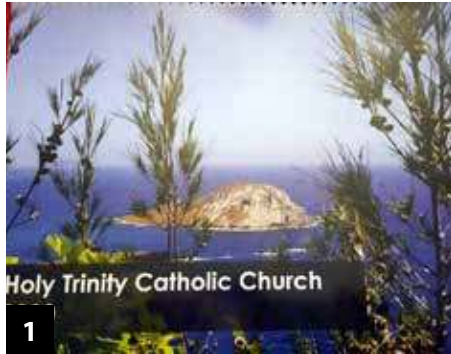


the parish news

1 KULIOUOU

Holy Trinity Parish

The New Year traditionally brings resolutions and new beginnings, but at our church, it means the **parish calendar** is ready for distribution. Our parishioners wait with anticipation to see if their photo was selected for publication and which events were highlighted. Producing the calendar is a labor of love. **Claudia and Charlotte Tang** undertook the heavy lifting preparing the layout; inserting feast days, parish events and liturgical seasons. The most challenging task was determining which of the 700 pictures to feature. This is the third year parish calendars have been distributed; it is our way to say mahalo to all for supporting Holy Trinity with prayers and service. Our calendar offers a reminder of the events on the horizon, anticipating the history Holy Trinity will write this year. Happy New Year to all! (Reported by Bob White)



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ing Mass on Christmas Day. The church grounds of **St. Roch and St. Joachim** were decorated with beautiful Christmas lights for the community to enjoy. It was a very busy time for all. Healthy Happy New Year to everyone. (Reported by Sharon Au)

6 PAUOA VALLEY

Blessed Sacrament Parish

On Nov. 30, the catechists and youth group coordinated a **prom Advent evening** by inviting a guest to the 5 p.m. Mass and the potluck dinner that followed in the parish hall. The hall was decked out with palms and purple and white balloons. The tables were beautifully set with seasonal tablecloths. Advent wreaths were prepared that morning by catechists and the environmental team. The evening began with an introduction of everyone, a prayer, and the delicious dinner that opened the season to Advent. Music brought participants to the dance floor. Catechist **Diana Leuta** led the little ones to the dance floor as well as the youth with the line dance. Before the evening ended, **Deacon Joseph Soon** blessed all the Advent wreaths and each family took one home. Kudos to **Onolata Soon** for her prom Advent idea and **Michael and Dree Ocier** for coordinating the decorations and **Heidi Patu** who supplied the pine branches for the wreaths and all those who helped procure the supplies as well as those that put the wreaths together and set up the hall. Mahalo a nui loa! (Reported by Leimomi Kondo)

2 WAIKANE

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

The parish faith formation students and staff dressed up like priests and nuns for their **annual parish Epiphany celebration** on Jan. 11. The students performed the song from the movie "Sister Act" called "My God" and the staff performed with the students to the "Sister Act" song "I Will Follow Him." Both were a hit! (Reported by Lucy Salas)

3 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

One of the goals of our **Parish Pastoral Plan** is to reach out to the Ewa Beach community, evangelize, and let residents know that our church and school are in their midst. In that spirit, we joined the Dec. 21 **Ewa Beach Christmas Parade**. Our walkers included pastor **Father Ed Barut**, parochial vicar **Father Jong Atinaja**, and principal **Sister Davilyn Ah Chick, OSF**. The walkers handed out school flyers, prayer cards and candy. The other members of our unit included **school students and their parents, the school's PTSA, faculty and staff, parish catechists,**

Life Teen Youth Ministry, Edge Middle School Youth Ministry, parents and children from the parish Religious Education Department, RCIA participants, Filipino Catholic Club, Parish Pastoral Council, Rep. Bob McDermott and wife Utu, seminarian Ace Tui, and members of other parish ministries, and parish staff. Standing in front of the trolley, from left, are **Mason Matsuda, Father Ed, Sam Atuatasi, Lalaine Calubayan and Chris Fidelibus**. Participation in the event pulled together the church and school. The cost of the trolley, prayer cards, flyers and candy was covered by donations. The parish also set up a tent in front of the

church where parishioners gave cups of water to walkers in need of refreshment. (Reported by Julia Torres)

4 MAKAKILO

St. Jude Parish

The parish's **religious education pre-schoolers** got into the spirit of giving this past Christmas season by collecting canned goods for our **food pantry**. Teacher **Linda Mazzula**, and aides **Mary Lyden** and **Jennifer Abuan-Respicio**, helped the little ones gather and box their goodies to give to the needy! They were very proud and pleased that they could be like Jesus and help people! (Reported by Keahi Teson,)

5 KAHUKU

St. Roch Parish

On Dec. 1, **Father Jun** and a few members of the **parish council** were invited to the 100th year anniversary celebration of the **Mormon Temple** in Laie. They listened to speakers, toured the visitor center, watched a movie about the building of the temple, enjoyed dinner and attended a devotional. It was a very special evening. They were welcomed by all. ... Dec 15 to 23 we had our fourth year of nine nights of **Simbang Gabi Masses**. Father Jun prepared a homily each night which involves lots of parishioner participation. Dec 24 we celebrated our Mid-night Mass followed by our morn-


7 KALAHEO

Holy Cross Parish

Christmas came to our **soup kitchen's** Dec. 17 meal service and food package distribution. Generous donations for boys, girls and families were wrapped by parishioners and a tree was decorated for the festivities. Mahalo to the **stewards of service** who prepared the Christmas meal and also to the **stewards of hospitality** who shared the spirit of Christmas with conversation and their presence. ... The Advent **Misa de Gallo Novena Masses** were well attended. The theme was "Renewing

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Our Parish Community through the Spirituality of Stewardship." Each morning had a theme-based topic founded on the Gospel reading. The messages encouraged everyone to be receptive of stewardship, with clarity, understanding and joy. ... Our **Festival of Lights** event (pictured) enjoyed only one weekend of display due to the strong winds before Christmas. Parish ministries, organizations and families created displays along the lanai of the school building. Musical entertainment was provided Dec. 14 by **Charlie Silva and Errol Ceballos** who shared the stage with a very tall **Santa** who posed for pictures with parishioners. The **youth ministry** sold and served a heart-warming soup and fixings. Everyone who walked through the light displays was asked to vote for the best one. Winning third place, **Ladies Altar Society**; second place, **Life Teen Ministry**, and in first place, **The Holy Cross-Sacred Heart Filipino Catholic Club**. Congratulations to all! ... Preparation for confirmation and first Communion began with a retreat for religious education candidates, their parents and sponsors on Jan. 12. Classes are 8:30 a.m. Sundays. Coordinator **Caroline Freudig** announced the schedule of classes and events leading up to the Sacramental Mass in March. ... The annual Santo Niño celebration from the Philippines was held here on Sunday, Jan. 19. Festivities began with the rosary at 2 p.m. followed by Mass in Tagalog presided by **Father Danilo Galang, MS**, spiritual director. Images and statues of the Santo Niño were blessed. A procession made its way around the church and concluded with fellowship in the parish hall. Kudos to the **Kauai Council of Filipino Catholic Clubs, the Holy Cross-Sacred Heart Filipino Catholic Club** and the **Kauai Visayan Club** in making this celebration happen. ... Thank you to all who participated in the **Respect for Life Rally** on Jan. 22. Your presence added to the support of all those who were in prayer for the legal protection of the unborn. Please continue praying for the women who are pregnant and for their babies, yet to be born. (Reported by *Judy Cabanting*)

8 AIEA
St. Elizabeth Parish
Our **YCLife Teens** were commended for the great effort they put forth during a cleanup of



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Kalaeloa Campgrounds as a part of Matson's **Ka Ipu Aina Program**. Because of their efforts, trash that would have continued to pollute Oahu's environment was removed and properly disposed. (Reported by *Bernie Teson*)

9 WAIANAE
Sacred Heart Parish
Our parish participated in the **2019 Waianae Christmas Parade** Nov. 30. The day started gloriously and just got better, with numerous ministries in attendance sharing their joy in service to our community. (Reported by *Chantal Aki-Marquez*)

10 KEKAHA
St. Theresa Parish
At the 2019 **Kauai Council of**



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Filipino Catholic Club's Charity Queen Coronation Sept. 28 at St. Catherine Parish's Coyle Hall, each of the Kauai Filipino Catholic Clubs chose someone within their parish they felt a worthy recipient of the **Father Ernest Claes Outstanding Member Award**. Our parish FCC chose **Mr. Henry Acosta** of Kekaha. Henry has been a devoted member of the **St. Theresa Parish Filipino Catholic Club** for over 10 years. He is a faithful member of our church usher ministry, church cleaner, and is presently answering the call to be an altar server and lector. He is also a most dependable and hardworking member of our parish **building and maintenance committee**. Henry answers the call to help whenever and wherever he is needed,



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while being one of the humblest and quiet men you could have the pleasure of knowing. Henry resides in our parish community of Kekaha, along with his devoted wife Mila. Our parish thanks Henry for his dedication and faithfulness to the Lord in all that he does, both for our parish FCC and our parish community! Congratulations, Henry! (Reported by *Chantal Duarte*)

WAIALUA
St. Michael Parish
On Jan. 5, the parish Knights of Columbus Council #16741 conducted its first combined degree ceremony for sic men. Receiving their second and third degrees were **Leonard Erroc, Brian Stancoven, Tony Kozma, Daniel**

Kapika, Adrian Lewis and Father Ernesto A Juarez Jr. Congratulations to those brother Knights who have given themselves fully to the guiding principles of the order. Men 18 and older looking to join St. Michael's Knights may call the parish office at 637-4040. (From the parish bulletin)

ENCHANTED LAKE
St. John Vianney Parish
Our parish continues its series on **Apologetics**, how to best defend and explain our Catholic faith and beliefs. The focus for January was on **"Faith and Good Works."** The Catholic Church does not believe that good works alone will get anyone into heaven nor does it believe that faith alone will get anyone into heaven. Catholics believe that works are not only a manifestation of faith, but also believe that the Word of God is saying that works complete our faith. For the month of February our focus will be on the **Pope, Successor of Peter**. The early church was guided by the **Apostles**, with **St. Peter** as their head, and the church today is guided by their successors, the bishops, with the pope as their head. The pope is the visible and perpetual foundation of unity among bishops and among Christ's faithful. There has been an unbroken succession of popes from Peter to Francis. (Reported by *Earl Walker*)

11 WAIMANALO
St. George Parish
Deacon Ed Cho of our parish retired from active ministry as a deacon in late December. He served as deacon here for the past 18 years. We thank him for his dedication and service to the pastors and parishioners of St. George Church. We wish him well and ask God to bless him and his ohana. (Reported by *Vicky DeSilva*)

12 MAKAWAO
St. Joseph Parish
Father Jaime Jose, left, pastor of our parish and his parochial vicar **Father Michael Tolentino** competed for the best-decorated Christmas tree priest at the parish's **Filipino Catholic Club Christmas party** Dec. 21. It was a tie. Both priests won. (Reported by *Deacon Pat Constantino*; photo by *Jacob Metz*)

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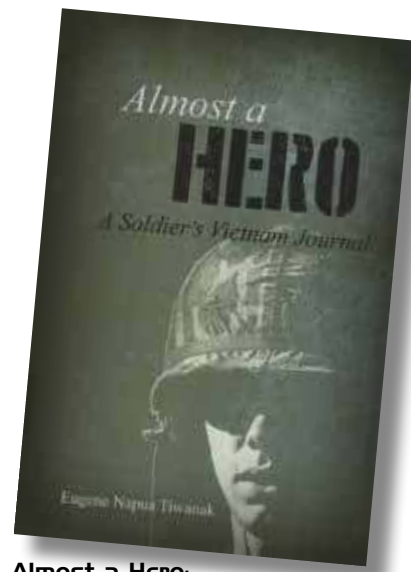
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