

the parish news

1 WAIPAHU

St. Joseph Parish

The parish school would like to congratulate the **163 students and alumni** who have received the sacrament of **Confirmation** over the past three months. We would like to thank all our faculty and staff and our families who have helped to make this a memorable celebration. Pictured are our **seventh grade** newly confirmed students. (Reported by Keala Kia)



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St. Rita Parish

We are grateful to the **parish thrift shop ladies** for all their hard work and dedication. The thrift shop offers the community in need affordable and slightly-used clothing and household items. It also offers anyone seeking treasures a place where they may find that special item. The thrift shop is open twice a week and processes donated items three times a week. God bless the ladies for their time helping the community in need and St. Rita Church. We also thank our parishioners for their generous donations. Pictured are (front row) **Robin Weeks, Susan Redpath**; (back row) **Laurie Ambrose, Joanne Potter** and **Theresa Honokaupu**. Missing from the photo are volunteers **Faythe Urayanza** and **Annette Scognamillo**. (Reported by Esther Yap; photo by Faythe Urayanza)



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3 WAHIAWA

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

Bishop Larry Silva celebrated our parish feast day here on Sept. 12 with Mass and the blessing of the new parish hall. The liturgy focused on the sorrowful **Blessed Virgin Mary** who witnessed the death of her son Jesus. It was agonizing for Mary to watch her son suffer so much. We pray for all those who are in agony during this **COVID-19 crisis**. With God's infinite love, we help each other as best we can. At the hall blessing, we contemplated on Scripture readings, prayers, the cutting of the ribbon and the sprinkling of holy water. Everyone felt God's presence with grateful hearts for the memorable occasion. Everyone enjoyed the bento lunches and made sure to keep social distances. We greatly appreciate the dedicated hard-working parishioners who did a great job in making this celebration heavenly. Pictured is the parish's **Pieta**, the statue of **Our Blessed Mother** holding her crucified son. (Reported by Pacita Baron)



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EDITOR'S CHOICE

4 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Agnes Tauyan, our new **Respect Life Ministry** coordinator, is getting her feet wet in the whats, whys, and hows of the ministry. Last Oct. 31, she, along with **Digna Villanueva, Ana Dumlaio, Carol Barredo, Lillian Eisma** and previous coordinators **Gina Maki** and **Patti Harlor**, participated in the 40 Days for Life Prayer in front of Planned Parenthood in Honolulu. Wearing face masks and observing social distancing, they carried signs, prayed the rosary and the Divine Mercy chaplet. Pictured are **Ana Dumlaio**, left, and **Gina Maki**. ... Our parish also held **A Night of Mercy** on Oct. 21 through the collaboration of Respect Life Ministry and **Knights of Columbus**, OLPH Council. The hour-long prayer included exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, and silent prayer. The 40 Days for Life is an international event held twice a year whose aim is to end abortion through prayer, fasting, community outreach, and peaceful all-day vigils in front of abortion businesses. The fall campaign started on Sept. 23 and ended on Nov. 1. The spring campaign will take place during Lent. (Reported by Julia Torres; photo by Agnes Tauyan)



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honor **Father Eli** with flower leis at each Mass. As humble as he is, he said, "No, the flowers will die. Give me a vegetable lei. Much better." Ask and you shall receive. He got a vegetable lei so he could cook it. After the 5 p.m. Mass, **Atarah Dela Cruz** was amazed at the lei. She had that questionable look, like, is this for pinakbet? ... What a beautiful end to the month of October. On Oct. 31, after the 5 p.m. Mass some members stayed to say the last rosary. Salamat po **Leo Guitang** for leading it. Others who stayed were **Father Eli, Elsie Carpio, Barbara Lincoln, Rita Maria, Rosalia Noble, Lee Rivera, Paz Rivera** and **Louie and Hazel Troche**. ... On All Souls Day, Father Eli said Mass at **Halawa Cemetery**. About 25 family members of loved ones resting there, went to pray with Father Eli. Mahalo, **Armando Realista Jr.** for being altar server. (Reported by Lee Rivera)

ENCHANTED LAKE

St. John Vianney Parish

St. Jerome (342-420 AD) said ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ. **Pope Francis**, in his document "Aperuit Illis," stated salvation, faith, unity and mercy all depend on knowing Christ and sacred Scripture. Although the church reads the Bible to its congregation over the span of three liturgical years, just hearing Scripture is not enough. On Nov. 1, our parish launched its series **A Year of Reading the Bible** to encourage our

parishioners to read the Bible at home as a family. Five reasons were given: 1) Hearing Scripture only on Sunday is not enough. 2) The Bible is the living Word of God. 3) God's Word reminds us that we are all His children. 4) Scripture reminds us of God's promise to us. 5) Reading Scripture helps us to pray better. The series will continue until November 2021 and will include bulletin inserts, weekly reminders, verbal announcements and included on our parish app. We hope all parishioners will learn that every time we open the Bible, we find that the Lord speaks of love and mercy. (Reported by Earl Walker)

6 KEKAHA

St. Theresa Parish

Did you watch **Disney/Pixar's "Coco"** this year? That's one of my favorite movies to watch on the eve of **All Souls Day** to remind me of the importance of remembering loved ones that have gone before us. It's a good movie for all ages and one I highly recommend! In keeping with my tradition of watching "Coco," our parish also has the **Blessing of the Graves** every year, even in this most challenging year. (It's not over yet!) Our pastor, **La Salette Father Edwin D. Conselva**, spent three to four hours traversing between the Kekaha Public, Kauai Veterans, Hanapepe Public and the small cemetery behind our mission church in Waimea, to bless the graves of

family and friends. Although we didn't have our usual photo display at our churches due to COVID-19 restrictions, we continue to pray for our deceased at every Mass. Let us always remember our dearly departed and continue to pray for them daily. May God bless and keep everyone safe and well. Pictured are **Mama Timotea Munar**, grandson **Maica Oporta Munar** and Father Edwin at the grave of **Papa Matias Munar Sr.** (Reported by Chantal A. Duarte, photo by Ursuline Munar)

7 KAHUKU

St. Roch Parish

Our church completed the daily evening rosary for the month of October. On the last evening **Father Sebastian** led a candle procession in the churchyard while reciting the rosary and carrying the statue of our Blessed Mother. The procession was followed by the movie "Miracles of Fatima." It's a must-see film. ... **Bishop Larry Silva** officiated at the Mass on Oct. 18 for the **first Communion and Confirmation** of 24 of our young people. The **Knights of Columbus** also attended. The Mass was held in the churchyard due to the number of people wanting to attend. We were blessed with beautiful weather, a beautiful ceremony and a day to remember. For **All Souls Day** we had a small lighted tree inside the church where parishioners hung papers with the names of

deceased loved ones. We also lit candles in their honor. We had three Masses that day. The second Mass was held at noon at **St. Joachim Church** after which Father Sebastian blessed the 19 gravesites on the church property and flowers were placed on each headstone. After the evening Mass at St. Roch, we had a lantern lighting ceremony. Each parishioner had a paper lantern on which they listed the names of family, friends and loved ones who have passed. After a short prayer service, we lined the lit lanterns along the walkway in front of the crucifix and grotto. It was a solemn, heartwarming and touching event. ... We are planning a "Grab and Go" for Thanksgiving for any parishioner who has no one to spend the holiday with. They can drive up to the church hall and pick up a full meal to take home. Last year we invited those who were alone to the hall for dinner, but the virus has changed many things. ... We are in the process of planning for the **Simbang Gabi** from Dec. 15 to Dec. 23. ... Our mission church of St. Joachim is now partially open for the first time since last March with a Mass on Friday evenings. So many things to keep us active while we remember to wear our masks and keep our distance to stay safe. We continue to pray for those who are ill with the virus and those that have lost family and friends. (Reported by Sharin Au)

8 MAKAWAO

St. Joseph Parish

Pictured are parish **youth and religious ed children** packing 1,100-plus small candles for each grave at our St. Joseph Cemetery. **Father Michael Tolentino** and **Deacon Pat Costantino** led a prayer service at 3 p.m. at the grave site. Our youth read the readings. Afterward, each grave was blessed by Father Michael and Deacon Pat. In the evening, candles were placed at each grave during our 5 p.m. Mass and lit by our youth and their parents. Everything was just beautiful thanks to **Sheri Harris**, our religious education coordinator. (Reported by Patrick Constantino; photo by Richard Harris)

9 KIHAI

St. Theresa Parish

Two new members joined **Maria O Maluhia**, the Maui Fraternity of the **Secular Franciscan Order** on Oct. 18 during the 9 a.m. Mass here. By their profession, **Francine De Kom** and **Alicia Kapua** joined the current 12 members. The order is comprised of Catholic women and men who seek to live the Gospel by following the example of St. Francis of Assisi who established the order more than 800 years ago. He made the Holy Gospel the rule and standard of his life. Others, both married and single, wanted to live as he did and so this order was formed. Admission to the order is attained after a period of formation and discernment. Following that process, Francine and Alicia asked to be admitted and to make a permanent commitment to the Gospel life. **Toni Rodrigues**, the Minister of Fraternity, accepted their petition and **Msgr. Terry Watanabe** invited all to pray that God strengthen their commitment. **Candie Pinault**, the Spiritual Assistant, presented Francine and Alicia with lit candles as a reminder of their baptismal promise. The women had earlier been presented with Tau crosses, an outward sign of the order and a promise to live its rule and to serve God's people. On Maui, meetings are on the third Saturday of the month at 1 p.m. at either Maria Lanakila Church in Lahaina or here at St. Theresa. During the meetings, members pray and discuss updates and pertinent information relating to the order. Events are planned that help members strengthen their bond and share their love of their commitment. Through anonymous donations, the order is able to help the less fortunate of God's children. Members enjoy the reward of being inspired by St. Francis and a life of holy simplicity. (Reported by Anita Carrington)