

# the parish news

## 1 KALIHI VALLEY

### Our Lady of the Mount Parish

The annual **pre-Christmas church clean-up** went on full blast early Saturday morning Nov. 13. Parish ministries, committees, organizations grouped themselves to attack with brooms, mops, dusters and cleansers the various areas they were assigned to clean — the jalousies, pews, floor, sacristy and choir loft; the hall kitchen and spacious floors; the religious education classrooms, restrooms and the rectory office and conference room. Everyone, as good stewards, sweated and just had fun doing what they did for the Lord and his church. Pictured are among the volunteer-parishioners: **Cora dela Rosa, Dr. Clementina Ceria-Ulep, RE student Keola Kepa-Victorino and Olivia Mita.** The pastoral council president **Marc Ulep** coordinated the Stewardship Day. (Reported by *Francisca Kovaloff*; photo by *Marc Ulep*)



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## 5 MAKAWAO

### St. Joseph Parish

At the end of October, our parish had a procession around the church after the 5 p.m. Mass, concluding the month-long celebration of **Our Mother Mary.** We had **block rosaries and novenas** before daily Masses led by families. We also had families dedicating each day to their families, be it at work, school, or any activity at home, culminating with the family Rosary at end of each day. Thank you Mother Mary for molding us in the **ohana in Christ.** Pictured after the procession are parishioners led by **Father Michael Tolentino** with a statue of Mother Mary. ... Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of **Jane A. Leong** who was called home by our Heavenly Father on Oct. 30. A funeral Mass was celebrated on Nov. 11. Jane was a devoted volunteer at the parish thrift shop for many years. May she rest in peace and may the perpetual light shine upon her. (Reported by *Deacon Patrick Constantino and Donna Pico*; photo by *Jacob Metz*)



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EDITOR'S CHOICE

## 2 EWA BEACH

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Our **religious education department** celebrated **All Saints and Trunk or Treat** on Oct. 31, the day before the Solemnity of All Saints and the evening of Trick or Treat. Children and families, registered or not with religious education, were invited. Children were asked to come dressed in a saint's costume, pray the rosary with the rest of the community and attend 11 a.m. Mass. ... Trunk or Treat took place on the former parish school grounds immediately after Mass. Families walked through 15 trunks in a contest to name the patron saint of each trunk and collect pre-packed goodies. The trunks were prepared by various ministries and families — **Music Ministry (St. Cecilia), Basic Christian Community (St. Peter), Malia Gonsalves family (St. Michael the Archangel), Sacred Heart Prayer Group (Sacred Heart of Jesus), Respect Life Ministry (Our Lady of Guadalupe), Filipino Catholic Club (Holy Family), Stan Alvarez family (Noah), Derek and Lyn Salis (St. Nicholas), Joyce Ablog family (St. Joan of Arc), Kariann Camacho family (St. Valentine), Bernie Mendiha and Donna Alvaro (St. Kateri), Terra Harding family (St. Kateri), Young Adults Ministry (Jonah), Samoan Ministry (Mother Teresa), parish office (St. Catherine of Bologna and St. Therese, the Little Flower).** ... The four Gospel authors with their symbols and the men behind the costumes, pictured, were: St. Matthew, the winged man by



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**Father Ed Barut;** Luke, the bull by **Grand Knight Joe Rayray;** John, the eagle by **Deacon Rey Dinulong;** and Mark, the lion by **Deacon Eric Kim.** ... Other volunteers who contributed to the success of the event were **Wayne Campos** for the sound system and music, **Remi Cabrera** who prepared goodie bags that she asked some trunks to distribute, **Lydia Pastor** for some candies, members of **Sacred Heart Society** who helped with the distribution of answer sheets and pencils to families, **Eleanor Ragojo** who collected the answer sheets and our parking ministry led by **Jimmy Fernandez.** ... The children enjoyed the goodies while some parents commented that they learned something that day. The winners of

the "Name that Saint" contest were the **Ivy Jumilla family, Joseph Romero family, Angie Delacruz family, Marites Galangam family, Nicole Reyes family and Grace Gutierrez family.** Each family received a bag containing a book, religious articles, and breakfast bars. (Reported by *Julia Torres*)

## 3 KAHULUI

### Christ the King Parish

On Nov. 11, we honored our veterans at our **Veterans Day Mass** celebrated in the church hall. The event opened with the holy rosary led by **Yolanda, Jasmine and Jeff,** followed by Mass with **Father Gus Uthuppu.** Representing our veterans in attendance were **Fred Asuncion, Jeff Grimes and Leo**

**Agcolicol,** along with other family members holding photos of their beloved veterans in their memory. We celebrate and honor those who took the oath to defend our country. We are deeply grateful for their service and willingness to sacrifice to protect our freedoms! (Reported by *Caroline Sadiri*)

## 4 MAKAKILO

### St. Jude Parish

Our parish held its **nine-day novena for its patron saint,** culminating on his feast day, Oct. 28. **Pastor Father Khanh Hoang,** graced the event with **Filipino Catholic Club members** and parishioners present at the last Mass day. (Reported by *Tere Hunt*)

## 6 HAWI

### Sacred Heart Parish

After 10 years plus, our church is having a **facelift.** We love what we see. The interior is all painted and the 12 crosses in our ceiling are now visible. For over 75 years the crosses were the same color as the beams. We have now painted them a different color. The new carpet has been installed and the wall fans mounted. The pews will soon be re-varnished and the upholstery changed. Our little parish on the hill on the most northern tip of the Big Island has been truly blessed by a **generous donor** who has adopted it. They have financed the painting and repairs of our church and much more. The parish community and their generosity have paid for the new carpet and eight wall fans. We will have a small blessing on the first Sunday of Advent and will return to church full-time the second Sunday of Advent. ... Religious education has finally started. Big mahalo to **John Pollard, Loretta Wickenden, Sandie Torres and Darnell Carvalho** for sharing your time and talent with the children and youth of our parish. ... Staying positive and moving forward as we continue to pray for an end to the COVID 19 virus. (Reported by *Lee Rivera*)

## KALAHEO

### Holy Cross Parish

A **happy and blessed Thanksgiving** to everyone! We pray that everyone continues to be safe and healthy with family and friends. An-

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ticipating Thanksgiving, our parish social ministry, **Shared Blessings**, had a second **food distribution** on Nov. 19. We hope the families who received the food packages had a wonderful Thanksgiving meal. A big mahalo to the Shared Blessings ministry, especially those who gathered and distributed the food. In preparation for the season of Christmas and the coming of the Christ Child, our parish **Advent recollection day** was Nov. 23. Our **Deacon Averiet Soto** was the speaker focusing on stewardship. Mahalo, Deacon Averiet for encouraging us to serve others by sharing the talents and other gifts from God. ... Another preparation for the coming season is to repent our sins. Here is the schedule for the **Kauai vicariate's Advent penitential services**. All penitential services are at 6 p.m. Dec. 6, St. Theresa Parish, Kekaha; Dec. 7, St. Catherine Parish, Kapaa; Dec. 9, Holy Cross Parish, Kalaheo; Dec.13, Immaculate Conception Parish, Lihue; Dec. 14, St. Raphael Parish, Koloa. ... We continue to reflect on the key question, **"How can all members of the Catholic Church be more effective in proclaiming the living Jesus Christ to the world?"** Group meetings have begun and your reflections, thoughts and ideas are certainly welcome. (Reported by Judy Cabating)



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**7 HAIKU**  
**St. Rita Parish**

It's beginning to look like Christmas at **St. Rita Thrift Shop!** Our annual sale offers new to gently-used items. A selection of items with original tags are priced reasonably: clothing, shoes, ornaments, toys, backpacks, jewelry and much more. Homemade jams, Lilikoi butter, and cookies are freshly made by parishioners. A lot of gift ideas available. All are welcome! Come visit us at 655 Haiku Road. Facemask required and we follow the COVID-19 guidelines. (Reported by Esther Yap)

**8 KEKAHA**  
**St. Theresa Parish**

Our parish, with many others, celebrated **All Souls Day** with the **Blessing of the Graves** on Nov. 2. **La Salette Father Edwin D. Conselva**, pictured, along with a small entourage, traveled to four graveyards to bless the graves of our dearly departed loved ones. It was a beautiful day and God's presence was indeed felt. We continue to pray daily for all our dearly departed souls throughout November with a basket containing their names near the altars at both parish

churches. ... Our parish also takes this opportunity to send Thanksgiving blessings to all our brothers and sisters in Christ on this Thanksgiving weekend! (Reported by Chantal A. Duarte)

**ENCHANTED LAKE**  
**St. John Vianney Parish**

Our parishioners generously supported our parish **Thanksgiving Food Drive**. Collection baskets placed in the back of the church beginning Nov. 6 were filled with canned goods and nonperishable items. Donations were also dropped off at the parish office. We thank everyone who donated

to this worthy drive. The food was distributed to **St. George and St. Anthony food pantries** and to **St. Roch Parish** in Kahuku in time for Thanksgiving. ... Our **Faith Formation Committee** launched **The Year of the Holy Spirit** on Thanksgiving weekend. Most people know more about God the Father and God the Son than the third person of the Holy Trinity. Therefore, from December 2021 through November 2022 our parish will encourage us to learn more about the third person of the Trinity and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. ... On Nov. 27 our parish will host an **Advent Wreath Making** event. It will in-

clude a movie at 6:30 p.m. in our parking lot. Parishioners can preorder a bento dinner. Preregistration is required. For those who cannot attend the movie, there will be a drive-by pickup of wreath-making materials from 6 to 7 p.m. (Reported by Earl Walker)

**9 KAHUKU**  
**St. Roch Parish**

We are enjoying a two-week visit with **Father Ken Deasy**, now retired after 35 years and living on Maui continuing his good work. He supports the **youth of Kenya, Haiti and South Sudan** and works with vets on Maui. He is dynamic, personable,

open, energetic, humorous and compassionate — an all-around guy who loves to serve and bring people of different races, lifestyles, cultures and ages into a harmonious union. **Father Sebastian Soosai** introduced Father Ken to us as his spiritual director and brother priest. Thank you, Father, for sharing your time with us. ... Our church has created a book with names of parishioners and family who have passed that will remain on the altar for all Masses through November. We also have a tree decorated with paper doves with the names of the deceased. On **All Soul's Day** we had a lantern ceremony. Parishioners wrote the names of loved ones on lanterns. Candles were inserted and they were placed in front of the grotto (pictured) ... We have many things planned for the holiday season. For **Thanksgiving** we had a morning Mass with a table of plenty set in the front of the church. Parishioners brought fruits and vegetables to put on the table for all to share. ... We are in search of talent for our second annual Christmas concert Dec. 12 at 5:30 p.m. We are looking for cultural songs and dances performed by the men, women and children of the parish. ... On Dec. 7 we will begin to set up our Christmas lights and decorations inside and outside of the church. We will also have our second annual **"Create A Star"** display. Each ministry creates a large star with lights and decorations to hang around the churchyard. Decorations are scheduled to be completed by Dec. 15 before the first of nine **Misa de Gallo Masses** leading up to Christmas. Misa de Gallo is a tradition introduced by Spanish friars to allow farmers to celebrate Mass before going to their fields early in the morning. Evening Masses called **Simbang Gabi** are celebrated for those with different work schedules. ... **Jessie Agustin**, a longtime parishioner, passed last year after dedicating 30 years to the Hawaii Department of Education. Her grandchildren established a scholarship in her name for future **Kahuku High School** graduates who wish to pursue teaching as their life calling. Such a special way to carry on the legacy of this very special woman. ... We continue to pray the **COVID prayer** for those with the disease and for those who have died or have lost loved ones to the virus. ... Happy Thanksgiving to all from Father Sebastian and the parishioners of St. Roch and St. Joachim Church. (Reported by Sharin Au)

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