

the parish news

1 KALIHI VALLEY

Our Lady of the Mount Parish

Easter Vigil began outside the church in sacred darkness. This was breached with the blessing of the fire, the lighting of the Paschal candle, the procession to the church, and the proclamation of Easter with Exultet when the church switched on and glowed in bright lights. The ambiance turned festive with the glorious singing of the Gloria and the grand Alleluia and the ringing of the church bells. The environment bloomed with Easter lilies and fresh flowers of spring. The community opened their ears, minds and hearts to the Liturgy of the Word and the blessing of the Easter fountain and water before the renewal of baptismal promises. A certain highlight of the vigil was the Confirmation of the RCIA candidate **Daniel Kang**. Daniel joined the community in the renewal of the baptismal promises and then received the sacrament of Confirmation with the laying on of hands and anointing with the blessed chrism oil. Parish priest **Father Edgar Brillantes**, administered Confirmation as the bishop's delegate. Daniel was baptized Catholic in South Korea and two years earlier, despite the COVID pandemic, went through the RCIA catechesis. His persistent catechist, **Dorothy Pregil**, eventually became his sponsor. He also received his first holy Communion, which completed his initiation to full Christian life that he shares and celebrates with the entire Catholic community. Our steadfast prayer is that the Holy Spirit will strengthen Daniel and all parishioners to be dynamic members of the Church and build up the Body of Christ in faith and love. Pictured, from left, are altar server **Jacob Roberts**, Father Brillantes, Daniel Kang, and Dorothy Pregil. (Reported by Francisca Kovaloff)



2 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Nine-year-old **Mathias Tamaleatua Faga** was fully initiated at a glorious celebration of the Easter Vigil here on April 16. The Lucernarium started at 7:30 p.m. and ended with solemn blessing and double Alleluia at 10:15 p.m. Two-hundred-thirty-nine parishioners participated in the liturgy and watched with delight as Mathias received the three initiation sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Mathias is the son of **Jason Faga** and **Melissa Winfrey Jones Faga**. He is a third grader at Kaimiloa Elementary School. Although very nervous as all eyes were on him, Mathias looked composed the entire evening. Mathias is pictured here with **Father Ed Barut**, our pastor. In the meantime, five children, in grades two to six, have started their journey to the baptismal font on Sunday afternoons at 1 p.m. Children, 7-years-old and up, may still join the group and parents are asked to call the Office of Religious Education at 808-689-8681 ext. 107. (Reported by Julia Torres; photo by Shaun Agtarap)

3 KOLOA

St. Raphael Parish

We held the inaugural meeting of the **Lei Ministry** on April 2. The smell of the plumeria, puakenikeni, stephanotis and many other flowers wafted through the courtyard of the church. All participants enjoyed the fellowship of the group under the leadership of kumu **Ulii Castor** and **Flo Casticimo**. Ulii's hula sisters **Cecilia and Christine** joined us. It was wonderful to hear the laughter and see the smiles of all who gave their time and talent as stewards of St. Raphael. The fresh leis were later sold in the gift shop after all the weekend Masses, helping to raise funds for the parish. (Reported by Rose Dela Cruz;

photo by Cecilia Silva)

4 KAILUA

St. John Vianney Parish

Beginning with Palm Sunday, our parish marked the beginning of **Holy Week**, one of the most significant moments of the church year. During the week, our parishioners journeyed with Christ from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem to his final meal with his closest friends, and ultimately to his death on the cross. Our parish family celebrated the sacred **Paschal Triduum**, beginning with Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's supper, and on Good Friday, the Passion of the Lord and veneration of the cross. On Holy Saturday at the



ginning of the Easter season that included both young and old alike, and we are looking forward to the celebration of Pentecost. (Reported by Earl Walker)

5 KAHULUI

Christ the King Parish

La Salette **Father Augustine Uthuppu**, our pastor, is pictured washing the feet of one of our parishioners, **Mr. Simon** of Kahului, who also celebrated his birthday on the same day of the Holy Thursday/washing of the feet, April 14, at the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Mr. Simon said that it was his first time experiencing the washing of the feet event and said that he was humbled and grateful because he was celebrating his birthday on the same day. (Reported by Audie Pascual)

6 KAHUKU

St. Roch Parish

Now in the Easter season, we look back at the Season of Lent and all the blessings and opportunities made available to us to bring us closer to the Lord. We had a Lenten retreat with **Sacred Hearts Father Herman Gomes** (pictured) and reconciliation with all the priests from the Windward Vicariate. There were weekly Stations, a praise and worship Mass, daily rosary, adoration, Chrism Mass with **Liberato and Marites Pasol**, **Hulu Taniguchi** and **Guylyn Ornellas** representing St. Roch and St. Joachim, and Veneration of the Cross. Easter Vigil Mass included the Baptism of four young children, **Dakota Harrison**, **Mariah Meneses**, **Malikai Meneses** and **Makena Meneses**. Our culmination was three Masses on Easter Sunday. Christ has risen. ... Our second annual **Sunrise Service** didn't go as planned due to a road closure making it difficult for many to get to the Mass on time and heavy rain that pushed our Mass indoors. We were prepared for these things and all went well. We had a beautiful service with refreshments after Mass. The children enjoyed an **Easter egg hunt** after Mass on Sunday, organized by the **religious education teachers**. There were lots of eggs to find and goodies for all. ... We have added a Bible study class twice a month, led by **Wayne and Barbara Hookano**. We had a wonderful turnout and invite all to continue to attend and learn all that is being made available. On April 22 at 10 a.m. we will have **family adoration**. Parents are encouraged to come with their children for this special morning. On April 24, **Divine Mercy Sunday**, all of the members of Divine Mercy will be commissioned at the 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses. At 6 p.m. **Bishop Larry Silva** will preside at Mass as our seven candidates, **Giselle Coloma-Suniga**, **Princess Brown**, **Ceejay Ancheta**, **Syed Estrellon**, **Nightshade Ancheta-Wood**, **Malikai Meneses** and **Mariah Meneses** receive the sacraments of first Eucharist and Confirmation. Our eighth candidate, **Janelle Bruno**, will also be confirmed. Congratulations to all. ... We continue with our charis-

Easter Vigil Mass, **Reginald Chun**, **Piper Ingram** and **Susan Yamane** received full initiation as new members of our Catholic Church. Following the 9 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass, our parish hosted a very successful Easter Egg Hunt for our children. Many parishioners also participated in the Divine Mercy novena which began on Good Friday. ... Then on **Divine Mercy Sunday**, we prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet after all the Masses. In addition, the students in our parish school proudly displayed their artwork on the Fellowship Lanai after all Divine Mercy Sunday Masses. Many of their beautiful art pieces on display included scenes from the Passion of Christ. Our parish had a most memorable be-

matic service and healing Mass the first Saturday of each month and Rosary with our **Knights of Columbus** at our grotto the second Sunday of each month. Our largest planned event for this year will be our **ministry fair** on May 1 immediately following the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Each ministry will have a booth on the church grounds to share its mission, goals, objectives and accomplishments. A fundraising breakfast will be available. There will be additional food, beverages and games for this joyful morning. At 4 p.m. we will have an appreciation dinner, also in the churchyard, for our parishioners to thank them for their time and talent, given to the church through their ministry. There will be lots of entertainment including live music, singing and dancing. It will be a fun-filled day from morning to evening. Masks are now optional in church, and many restrictions are being lifted but we continue to pray for those who have lost a loved one and those who are suffering as a result of COVID-19. (Reported by Sharin Au)

7 HAIKU

St. Rita Parish

At our April 16 Easter Vigil Mass, the sacraments of initiation for **Gloria Barsinas** and **Nathaniel Dennis** were celebrated with family, friends, and parishioners. Our parish family has supported them this past year of preparation and was blessed to witness their Baptism, Confirmation, and first holy Eucharist. Gloria and Nathaniel are active members helping our parish. Nathaniel is a talented musician and member of our choir. Gloria helps our thrift store along with other events that need her energetic resources. St. Rita's is proud to welcome two new Catholic members! (Reported by Christine Matheis)

8 SALT LAKE

St. Philomena Parish

During Lent, our **Religious Education Program (PREP)** led a **Way of the Cross and family movie night** on March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. In Rome, **Pope Francis** had solemnly consecrated **Ukraine and Russia** to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart. A prayerful evening started with the Prayer of Consecration and then the confirmands led the Way of the Cross. After that, it was the family movie night hosted by the catechists and parents of the PREP. A team of caring catechists and supportive par-



ents and parishioners had brought the faith community together. Alongside an Easter-themed movie was a "table of plenty" including pastries, cookies, eggs, chocolate mousse, bread, bananas, and a popcorn corner. Faith is formed through experience and active

participation. "It is the core element in the strategy of the Holy Spirit for providing human witness and physical presence to the Jesus-inaugurated kingdom of God in this world." (Reported by Deacon Kin Shing Cheng)

9 NUUANU

St. Stephen Parish

During our parish **Lenten Mission** on March 30, 31, and April 1, we took a walk on the road less traveled as we journeyed through three evenings focused on embracing sacrifice and redemptive

suffering featuring engaging talks and inspiring music by **EPIC (Ever Present in Christ) Ministry**. EPIC presenters were **Dallas Carter, Joshua Kapika, Malcolm Zara, Kristen Zara, Jesica Kapika** and **Kainoa Fukumoto**. EPIC Ministry continues its mission of empowering young adults to follow Christ by spiritual, social, and service paths. We were told to know, to be aware, and to recognize our God-given gifts. We can share with others the gifts that God gave us. When we share our talent, time and treasure we are doing work with the Holy Spirit as instruments of God's work. They talked about the power of Love. Share Love with one another, be kind and loving, reach out to children and youth, be a light to one another and be empowered. God has a role for us on earth. Carrying the light on the road less traveled we become stewards of God's grace. ... Our journey began the first night with Dallas talking about the seven covenants of the Bible: Adamic, Noahic, Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic, the new covenant in the Prophets, and Eucharistic. The final night was on the covenant of marriage. On Friday, there was a rosary followed by the Stations of the Cross led by some of our religious education children. ... Kainoa's presentation brought the true meaning of the covenant of marriage home. It touched the hearts of everyone who were present. It was a very emotional journey. He put a new perspective on what can appear to be an overwhelming situation. ... It gave a lot more meaning to the phases couples quickly repeat during the sacrament of matrimony, for better, for worse, for sickness and in health and the response, "I do." It is the faith in "I do" that keeps us going daily. The speakers inspired us to overcome the challenges of our daily lives. Their presentations re-enforced and strengthened our faith. Several youth and children were also present all three nights. ... We are grateful for EPIC ministry's presence at St. Stephen. This is their third Lenten mission in our parish. A big mahalo to the charismatic EPIC Team. We also thank the Holy Family, St. Stephen, St. Damien, and St. Marianne for the overflowing joy within our parish. Fellowship in the hall ended the evening. (Reported by Ginny Jordan; photo by Marie Tokuda-Wong)

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