

the parish news

1 KAHUKU

St. Roch Parish

Father Sebastian Soosai had an enjoyable well-deserved visit with his family in India last month. During his visit, he officiated at two weddings of family members, beautiful ceremonies and a wonderful highlight to his visit. Welcome back, Father Sebastian. ... While he was away **Father Ken Deasy** stayed with us at St. Roch's. During this time, we celebrated Father Ken's birthday with a potluck dinner, pictured. Parishioner **Lydia Daquiaoag** decorated the hall beautifully with table covers and flowers assisted by our secretary **Kay Yumoto-Wagner**. The food was delicious. It was a very enjoyable evening. The next day Father Ken celebrated his final morning Mass. Afterward, we gathered in the hall for breakfast. Thank you, Father, for filling in. Safe travels on your continued adventures ... On July 26 we dedicated a new altar in **St. Joachim**, our mission church in Punaluu. The altar was constructed with lots of love by parishioner **Rudy Hernandez**. **Bishop Larry Silva** blessed our new altar, officiating at Mass with Father Sebastian, **Father Alfred Guerrero**, several deacons, **Knights of Columbus** from Honolulu and three Knights from St. Roch. Bishop Larry shared a very informative homily. The blessing was a beautiful event that many had never witnessed. Mass was followed by a potluck dinner. ... We are planning a yard sale Sept. 4 at St. Roch. Any gently used items are welcome. Bring them to our church hall weekdays 8 a.m. to noon. ... Our church now has a **Summer Thrift Shop** in one of the church classrooms. Come on by. We have clothing, household items, books, and odds and ends for men, women and children. We try to open daily 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Watch our daily post on Facebook or call the church office for information. ... The diocesan **Evangelization Task Force** continues to join us on the first Saturday of the month for praise and worship and a healing Mass. On Sept. 2 we will host the group at St. Joachim. Please join us. ... We continue reciting the rosary at our grotto with our Knights of Columbus at 6 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month. Everyone is welcome. (Reported by *Sharin Au*)

PAHOA

Sacred Heart Parish

The **Sacred Heart Parish/Pahoa Food Pantry** has managed to continue its service to our community throughout the pandemic with the support of the **Hawaii Island Food Basket** and our generous parishioners. On July 18 in Kalapana, 72 individuals and families received food bags, and on July 21, 140 food bags were distributed in Pahoa. The Sacred Heart Pantry also provides support for homebound members of our parish and for children at **Pahoa Elementary School**. All this is made possible by dedicated volunteers led by **Tom Higgins**



and including **Twinkle Barquis, Tim Gust, Tommie Higgins, Deanna Kahookaulana, Kathy Lowe, Lani Makuakane-Waiiau, Susan O'Shaughnessy** and **Robert Torres**. (Reported by *Janan Malinowski*)

2 KOLOA

St. Raphael Parish

Xarika Casticimo recently won the title of **2022 Miss Kauai Filipina** held June 18 at the Kauai War Memorial Convention Center. She is the daughter of **Eddie and Mercedes Casticimo**. She danced hula for her talent, performing the dance that captivated her halau, the overall champion at the **Merrie Monarch Festival 2022** under **Halau Ka Lei Mokihana o Leinaala**. The contestants wore the Filipino terno dresses that represent their families and their culture. Xarika and her parents are active members and volunteers in our parish. (Reported by *Rose Dela Cruz*; photo by *Mercedes Casticimo*)

KEKAHA

St. Theresa Parish

Now that **summer vacations** are just about completed for many families, we're gearing up for the start of school and the many parish activities that lie ahead. We're thankful to God for giving us all some respite from the busyness of these past months and look forward to participating in what lies ahead. Classes for our **parish school** began Aug. 3. Please call

the school office at 808-337-1351 during normal business hours, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m., or visit the school website, sttheresakauai.com, for more information. Here's wishing all of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ blessings to be safe and well in these challenging times we live in. Aloha! (Reported by *Chantal A. Duarte*)

3 WAIKANE

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

Since this was our first large gathering since the **COVID-19 pandemic** shut down Hawaii we were truly blessed to gather first in worship of giving thanks and praise to God and for all the intercessions of blessings from **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel**, our parish patron. We are truly grateful to our God for the countless blessings we have received as a parish and as individuals. Interestingly, Saturday, July 16, was the actual feast day of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. In many past years, having to celebrate on Saturday evenings, our celebration and its feast day seldom happened on the actual day. It was a blessing that this year the day we celebrated was the feast day itself. (Reported by *Lucy Salas*)

4 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Our parish was blessed with the visit of two priests from the **Diocese of Orange, California**. **Fa-**



Bernie Teson, planners and helpers, and emcee **Keola Kalani** (the best emcee ever). ... And then, there was the Sunday noon Mass, with our **Samoan choir** dressed in traditional attire, enhancing our liturgy with their powerful songs. Bishop Larry was again present to concelebrate! After Mass, all were invited to the hall for a light luncheon and a fun and lively dance by our Samoan youth! So enjoyable! Good job everyone and thank you God for calling Father Arnold to his vocation and Bishop Larry for assigning him to our precious parish. We will be forever grateful to you. As **Deacon Fred Carahasen** says, "God is good, all the time." Amen. (Reported by *Wendy Ford*)

6 HAIKU

St. Rita Parish

Many hands make light work! On July 13, parishioners young and old gathered in the parish hall to make 425 laulau for our **100th year celebration**. We thank our cooks **Agnes Groff** and **Theresa Honokaupu** for planning and organizing the menu for our great feast. Pictured are **Lucky Cabral, Rita Bauldry, Owen, Diane Nifong, Madison, Annette Scognamiglio, Joann Potter, Laurita Ambrose, Rosemary Perreira, Donna Hart** and **Connie Munoz**. (Reported by *Esther Yap*; photo by *Agnes Groff*)

KALAHEO

Holy Cross Parish

It's **back to school** for our students and teachers! We pray that your year is filled with fun, friends and great things to learn. We continue to pray for your safety and health. ... Just a reminder that our **religious education program** will start soon, and we continue to pray for volunteers to step up as catechists and substitutes for all levels, K-5. Contact the religious ed coordinator, **Caroline**, at 651-3357, if you are willing to help. ... Our summer was capped off by a **yard sale** July 23 at the old school lanai sponsored by the **parish social ministry** and the **parish Filipino Catholic Club**. An abundance of donations included plants, baked goods and yard sale items. A silent auction was held and the Filipino plate lunches were sold out before the event. Organizers thank all who donated items and especially the many hands who made the yard sale and food happen. It was a great success! ... Our parish social ministry, **Shared Blessings**, also supported students and their families by working with the **Hawaii Department of Education** summer program, **YES Bus**, for a second year. Shared Blessings helped by providing food. Other participants included the food bank, health clinics, housing supports, libraries and enrichment programs. ... Also, during July, extra food distribution days were added for those in need. We are grateful to the hard-working parishioners and Shared Blessings members who collected food for the distributions. If you are inter-

ther Ben Tran and **Father Martin Vu** ministered to our parishioners during their brief vacation in Hawaii. They celebrated a well-attended healing Mass on July 22, Friday evening. The event was coordinated by our seminarian **Anthony Tran** (no relation to Father Ben Tran). Shown in the picture taken at the parish office on July 25, from left, are Father Ben Tran, Anthony Tran, Father Martin Vu and **Father Ed Barut, Jr.** ... Meanwhile, the on-line registration for religious education and faith formation is open with classes to start on Sept. 11. (Reported by *Julia Torres*; photo by *Mela Kim*)

5 AIEA

St. Elizabeth Parish

Our parish celebrated 50 years of priesthood for our beloved pastor **Father Arnold Ortiz**, the weekend of July 23-24. And boy did we celebrate! When **Bishop Larry Silva** attends both days, you know it's a special occasion! Many of Father's family traveled from California, including his two brothers and sister in law: Enrique, pictured left with Father Arnold, and Tony and his wife Karen. Coming all the way from Massachusetts was seminarian **Aaron**. It was a happy gathering of 270. We visited, laughed, feasted, laughed some more, and were treated to wonderful Hawaiian music and dance and impromptu Samoan songs and dance. Fun, fun, fun! Mahalo plenty to our awesome

ested in helping social ministry, **Donna Miller** can be reached at sharedblessings808@gmail.com. Our pastor, **Father Danilo Galang, MS**, took a summer break and our parish welcomed and thanked two Jesuit priests who filled in for him: **Father Joe Israel, SJ**, and **Father Jim Blawett, SJ**. We truly appreciated your presence and ministry! We pray that you have a safe journey home! And we welcome back Father Danny! We're glad you are safely back with us. (Reported by *Judy Cabanting*)

7 MILILANI

St. John Apostle and Evangelist Parish

Msgr. Gary Secor, a long-time pastor here from 1986 to 1998, returned to confirm 22 children on May 22 at the 9 a.m. Mass. The children also received first holy Communion. They were welcomed and congratulated on being fully initiated into the Catholic Church. The picture includes Msgr. Secor and **Father Anthony Rapozo**, our pastor since 2021. (Reported by *Kelly Higa*; photo courtesy of *Ozzie Jaramillo and Evan Fujimoto*)



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8 ENCHANTED LAKE

St. John Vianney Parish

Since its dedication in 1962, our parish has played a prominent role in the development and character of the **Enchanted Lake community**. As we kickoff a 12-month celebration of our **60th anniversary**, we will honor and recognize the rich history of our parish and its people, our beloved patron saint, and the supportive



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family of resident and business neighbors in our beautiful windward town. During August, which includes the feast day of **St. John Vianney**, the parish has planned special events each weekend. They include a feast day Mass with our **Youth Band** as music

ministers, a visit from former pastor **Father Thomas Gross**, picture displays of our past and present, recognition of those who have been parishioners for 60 years, 50 years, etc., and a breakfast served by students in our parish school. Other events include **Msgr. Gary**

Secor celebrating his 45th year of ordination and presiding at a Mass followed by a grand reception, **Bishop Larry Silva** presiding at an 11 a.m. Mass, another breakfast served by the parish scouts, displays honoring all past and present priests and deacons,



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EDITOR'S CHOICE

a grand Bingo night with dinner, a movie night with popcorn and hot dogs, and our school's **open house** for parishioners to take student-led tours and performances by the school's hula halau. It will truly be a month to remember. (Reported by *Earl Walker*)

9 WAIMANALO

St. George Parish

Our parish celebrated **Confirmation/first Eucharist Mass** on May 29. Our pastor, **Father Raymund Ellorin**, presided. Pictured in back row, **Kelsie Holeso-Aki**, **Father Ellorin**, **Vicky De Silva**. Front row, **Kennedy Valadez**, **Kanai Fernandez**, **Nedra Dwyer**, **Reyn Ajolo**, **Josiah Jamile** and **Lowella Gaerlan**. ... This summer the parish offered two fun classes for parishioners. The first one was an art class called "Ala Kona — Journey through Art" by parishioner **Joe Aragon** a retired police forensic artist. He also is the artist who painted the original portraits of **St. Damien** and **St. Marianne Cope** on display in our church. The second class "Beginning Ki Ho Alu — Hawaiian Slack Key in the Old Style" was offered by parishioner, **Walter Carvalho**, a master slack key artist who played with the likes of **Sonny Chillingworth**, his mentor, and who worked with **Gabby Pahinui** and **Raymond Kane**. Both classes stressed having fun, taking it easy and enjoying the moment. Mahalo nui loa to Joe and Walter who are real-life examples of sharing of time, talent and treasure. (Reported by *Vicky De Silva*)

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