

# the parish news

## 1 KALIHI VALLEY

### Our Lady of the Mount Parish

October is **Rosary Month!** Our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary as our heavenly Mother and intercessor is paramount in our Christian life. We hold novenas, celebrate her feast days, and devotedly pray the rosary. As a parish dedicated to Our Lady, we cherish the communal praying of the rosary in church before each Mass. Everyone is also urged to pray individually and as a family in their home and receive graces from above. Part of this October devotion was our participation in the **Diocesan Rosary Congress relay**. Our turn was on Sunday, Oct. 2, from noon to 6 p.m. The parishioners, ministries and organizations rotated every hour to lead the prayers. The ministries and organizations were the **Pastoral Council, Stewardship Committee, Finance Council, Filipino Catholic Club, Knights of Columbus, Faith Formation Catechists, Youth and Young Adults, and the Liturgy Committee**. A eucharistic exposition at the opening was by pastor **Father Edgar Brillantes** with altar servers **Frankie Cabral** and **Manual Francis Espindola**. Adoration throughout the praying and meditation of the mysteries of the rosary were culminated by a solemn benediction. The activity served as an act of reparation for the lack of respect to the sanctity of life and to pray for peace in our nation and the world. We also prayed for the end of the COVID pandemic as well as physical and spiritual healing of those affected. We thank everyone for their prayers, support, and participation. *(Reported by Francisca Kovaloff)*

## 2 KOLOA

### St. Raphael Parish

**St. Raphael Filipino Catholic Club** members held a fundraiser to subsidize the expenses for the



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**Diocesan Congress of Filipino Catholic Clubs** convention to be held on Kauai Nov. 4-6. *(Reported by Rose Dela Cruz)*

## 3 KAHULUI

### Christ the King Parish

Our parish recently celebrated the **Convalidation Mass** for three couples. **Father Gus** officiated. A convalidation is a type of marriage ceremony where a couple married outside of the Catholic Church has their marriage validated in the Catholic Church. In the Catholic Church, marriage is a sacrament, like baptism or confirmation. Pictured from left: **Eduardo and Sofia Cabias, Freder-**

**ick and Marilyn Andia, Roger and Mary Jane Asayo-Paet.** *(Reported by Mildred S. Chargualaf; photo by Caroline Sadiri)*

## 4 MAKAWAO

### St. Joseph Parish

Our parish family celebrated **Father Michael Tolentino's** 18th anniversary of priesthood on Oct. 2, at the 9 a.m. Mass. We had a delicious brunch, followed by singing Filipino songs and dancing with door prizes drawn in between. Pictured is our family doing the electric slide dance with Father Michael. It was a fun event even if we didn't know how to dance. God bless you Father

Michael with many more years of ministry, blessed with good health. You are a blessing to our parish. *(Reported by Deacon Patrick Constantino; photo by David Russell)*

## 5 KEKAHA

### St. Theresa Parish

On Oct. 15, our parish participated in the **Public Square Rosary** at noon on the lawn fronting our parish mission Church, Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Church in Waimea, under the beautiful pine trees. A group of 15 parishioners, including our pastor La Salette **Father Edwin D. Conselva**, participated in this beautiful

devotion of prayer and song to Our Lady of Fatima. Our thanks to **Nelly Capino** for spearheading this event from Las Vegas and our parish **Filipino Catholic Club** president **Edita Dullaga** for coordinating a successful gathering. May our prayers bring about the changes we prayed so earnestly for. *(Reported by Chantal A. Duarte; photo by Father Edwin D. Conselva)*

## 6 KULA

### Kula Catholic Community

**Youth Ministry** fun, faith and food! Seventeen youth from Kula Catholic Community came together at **Our Lady Queen of Angels** for the first time since the pandemic hit our islands. Eleven high schoolers and six middle schoolers participated in basic training, reminding them of their duty to be soldiers of Christ. They dined on sloppy joes, rotated through three stations, and feasted on s'mores to end the evening. Winners of the activities received medals of St. Christopher and St. Michael. *(Reported by Donna Ventura)*

## 7 EWA BEACH

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Our parish celebrated two events connected with the month of the rosary. First, we participated in the **Diocesan Rosary Congress** on Oct. 6, from noon to 6 p.m. **Father Ed Barut**, pastor, celebrated the opening Mass at noon then exposed the Blessed Sacrament immediately after. Several groups and ministries led the recitation of the rosary on the hour every hour: the **Filipino Catholic Club** at 1 p.m., **Marian Devotion** at 2 p.m., **Sacred Hearts Society** at 3 p.m., **Respect Life Ministry** and **Samoan Ministry** at 4 p.m. and **Knights of Columbus** at 5 p.m. Closing Mass was at 5:30 p.m. following the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The second event took place on Oct. 13 when parishioners celebrated



## CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF PEACE

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The Cathedral Renewal Campaign is a comprehensive project to fully restore, renew and preserve the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace. Our renovations include a newly built chapel to permanently enshrine the mortal remains of St. Marianne and a relic of St. Damien which are housed in the Cathedral now. Please donate today. Mahalo!

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**Our Lady of Fatima** with a floral offering after the morning Mass. The event was coordinated by **Ana Dumlao** of the Marian Devotion group who also decorated the cart where Our Lady of Fatima was positioned. Shown in the picture are the parishioners surrounding the Blessed Mother. In addition to October, our parish prays the rosary before Mass on weekdays and at all weekend Masses. *(Reported by Julia Torres)*



**8 KAHUKU**  
**St. Roch Parish**

With October dedicated to the Holy Rosary, we continue our daily house-to-house reciting of the rosary. A different parish family sponsors each evening. **Father Sebastian** blesses the home and family members during the visit. On our final day, Oct. 30, the **religious education group** will lead an Our Lady of the Rosary procession around the church grounds. The evening will end with a potluck. On Oct. 7, the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our rosary was led by our **Divine Mercy** members at our grotto (pictured). It was a beautiful evening. ... On Oct. 9 our religious education classes had a walk-a-thon. The students, teachers, and some parents participated in this two-mile walk. Upon return to the church, they were treated to hotdogs, hamburgers, snacks and cold drinks. The pledges made will be used toward activities throughout the year. ... Also, on Oct. 9 our **Filipino Catholic Club** president **Jarma Hudson** attended the Oahu Congress of Filipino Catholic Club general membership meeting in Waianae where they discussed ways to bring parishioners back to the church. Several parishioners also attended the **Stewardship Workshop** at St. Ann Church, Kaneohe, where the theme was also bringing back parishioners that have wandered, especially the young people who leave once they received their sacraments. Everyone needs to get involved in this mission. ... On Oct. 15 our parish participated in the worldwide rosary at noon led by our Divine Mercy head **Lydia Daquioag**. ... On Oct. 30, religious education will celebrate Halloween with a Trunk



or Treat. Parishioners will park their cars on the church property with their trunks open, filled with goodies. The children go from vehicle to vehicle to fill their bags. The request was made that the children dress as their favorite Bible character. Other games and activities are planned. ... On Nov. 2, **All Souls Day**, we will remember the deceased of our parish with a morning and evening Mass. A **"Remembrance Tree"** in the front of the church will have paper doves for parishioners to write the name of their deceased family member and hang on the tree. During Mass, Father Sebastian will bless the tree. We will also have a candle service with lit candles designated for our deceased parishioners set in front of the altar, and a lantern service at the grotto after Mass. Names will

be written on the lanterns, which will remain in front of the grotto for several days. ... Our **Thrifty Shop** continues to be active. Our hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. We have received lots of community support with purchases and donations. We appreciate everyone that stops by. *(Reported by Sharin Au)*

are freshly made by parishioners. A lot of gift ideas are available. Kalua pork and barbecue chicken plates are on the menu. All are welcome! Visit us at 655 Haiku Road. *(Reported by Esther Yap)*

**9 HAIKU**  
**St. Rita Parish**

On Nov. 5, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., and Nov. 6, 9:45 a.m.-12 p.m. **St. Rita Thrift Shop** will hold its annual **Christmas sale**. Our sale offers new to gently used items. A selection of items with original tags are priced reasonably, clothing, shoes, ornaments, toys, backpacks, jewelry, plants and much more. Home-made jams, jellies, and cookies

The **Class of 1962** celebrated its 60th class reunion the weekend of Sept. 16-19. Events included a casual get-together at a classmate's home, dinner at the Class Act at Maui College, Mass at St. Anthony's followed by breakfast at Tasty Crust. The committee included **James and Norene Aganos, Desmond Cravalho, Rene Shimoda, Irene Hotta-Hultquist, Winona Martinez, Carolyn Yamamoto and Jackie Davis**. Irene and Rene spear-

headed an auction that raised a little over \$4,000 for the middle school. *(Reported by Jackie Davis)*

**11 PAHOA**  
**Sacred Heart Parish**

During the school year, the parish **youth ministry** packs monthly supplementary food bags for children at Pahoa Elementary School. In September, **Liwant, Cassie, Christian, Cysten, Aevalina, Rayden and Hayden**, under the direction of youth minister **Anna Manalo**, packed 36 bags to help younger children in our community. *(Reported by Janan Malinowski)*

**KAILUA**  
**St. John Vianney Parish**

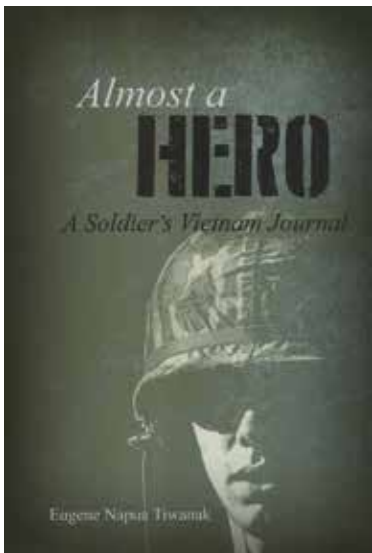
In celebration of **All Hallows Eve**, a **Trunk or Treat** event will take place on Oct. 28 beginning at 6 p.m. in the church parking lot. Several trucks will be decorated and both children and adults will tour the displays and receive treats. The event is free; however, a gift of non-perishable food is appreciated. ... On Nov. 2, a **Mass for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed** will remember our loved ones who have passed away. Their names have been compiled in a book to be presented at the Mass when we humbly ask God to embrace the souls of those who have gone before us in faith. ... Our parish is supporting the **National Eucharistic Revival** to rejuvenate belief in the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist, which is waning among professed Catholics. It is up to believers to spread the truth to all. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery. We are launching a program in support of this Revival on the first weekend of November. Our **Faith Formation Committee** will publish a monthly insert in the weekly bulletin and a take-home bifold beginning in December to learn more about the Eucharist Revival and the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. *(Reported by Earl Walker)*

EDITOR'S CHOICE

**Almost a Hero:**

**A Soldier's Vietnam Journal**

By **Eugene Napua Tiwanak**



In **Almost a Hero**, Hawaii author **Eugene Napua Tiwanak** depicts his personal journal accounts of his two years in the Vietnam War between the years 1965-1966 and 1968-1969. As a U.S. Army Transportation Corp. Company Commander/Liaison Officer/General Staff Officer, **Tiwanak** has a unique perspective on life during a different time, with much different surroundings. His fascinating experiences give readers the opportunity to step outside their comfort zones and understand what the word "hero" really means.



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