

the parish news

1 KEKAHA

St. Theresa Parish

What an **awesome ohana** we have here! Parishioners from St. Theresa Church and our mission church in Waimea, **Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary**, came out to help! Parishioners joined together, young and old, to make our annual **Kiawe Barbecue Chicken Fundraiser** a huge success! Hard work and good fun went hand-in-hand, along with the energetic assistance of visiting priest, **Father Bong of Holy Spirit Parish in Sacramento**, filling in for pastor **Father Edwin** who was in the Philippines joining his **La Salette brothers** in Christ in the 75th year celebration of the La Salettes in the Philippines. Father Bong's energy and jokes kept us all going! He's a great salesman to top it off, too! Our thanks go out to **Blu and Rena Ulanday** and **Charlie Raco** of Lihue for guiding us in this fundraiser, without whose assistance we wouldn't have had such a successful fundraiser, and to all who worked so tirelessly and especially everyone that supported this fundraiser! Mahalo to all! (Reported by **Chantal A. Duarte**; photo by **Father Bong**)



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EDITOR'S CHOICE

2 KAILUA

St. John Vianney Parish

Our parish continues to celebrate its **60th anniversary**. We held a **Mardi Gras celebration** with live music on Feb. 18, the Friday before Ash Wednesday. Mardi Gras is French for Fat Tuesday, also known as Shrove Tuesday, and is traditionally the last opportunity for merrymaking and indulgence in food and drink before the fasting of Lent. The event was held in our parish hall, where over 250 people enjoyed French-Louisiana food, including chicken and sausage gumbo at our **Le Cafe Louisiane**. Partygoers sat in three street cafes while performers entertained them. Giving lively performances were parishioners and our pastor, **Father Vincent Vu**, and his brother **Phap**. The evening culminated with the **Parade of Celebrities** led by the king and queen of Mardi Gras all marching to the tune of "When the Saints Go Marching In!" The parade ended with hundreds of green, gold and purple balloons falling on the crowd. The entire evening was a wonderful and enjoyable time for both families and friends. Our church was dedicated 60 years ago on Feb. 24, 1963, after **Joe and Evelyn Pao** constructed it in memory of his parents. Our parish celebrated this milestone Feb. 25-26 with tours of the church conducted by volunteer docents who highlighted the church's artwork and special features. Refreshments were served after all Masses on the Fellowship Lanai and display boards presented the timeline of the building of the church. Many more events are scheduled throughout this year as we continue to celebrate our 60th anniversary. (Reported by **Earl Walker**)



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3 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

The **Knights of Columbus Council 12045** at our parish are raising funds to support various K of C programs, the church, and the community. During all the Fridays of Lent, the council knights will be cooking fish and assembling take-out plates. For a \$15 donation, parishioners will get an 8 oz. mahi mahi fillet, steamed rice, and a healthy helping of mixed vegetables. If you didn't already buy your pre-sale tickets, fish fry plates will be available for purchase onsite each Friday of Lent, 5-7 p.m., and will be available for pick up around 7:30 p.m., after Stations of the Cross. Stop by and show your support. Shown in the picture are **Grand Knight Joe Rayray**, right, and **Deputy Grand Knight/Field Agent Galo Camacho** manning their information table at all Masses Feb. 17 and 18. (Reported by **Joe Rayray** and **Galo Camacho**; photo by **Julia Torres**)



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4 PAHOA

Sacred Heart Parish

Our **Parish Giving Tree** provided Christ-mas packages for 120 families and 80 ku-

puna in December. Here parish volunteers **Robert Torres**, **Gwen Pluta** and **Susan Baker** sort toys for the keiki. (Reported by **Janan Malinowski**)

5 KALIHI VALLEY

Our Lady of the Mount Parish

Our pastor, **Father Edgar Brillantes**, was doubly busy this Sunday when he baptized the first set of twins in 2023. Identical twin sisters, **Tayva and Amoure Misinale**, were born in November 2022. Their proud parents are **Tevita Misinale** and **Taylor Shigaki**. Their loving godparents are **Howard Gomes III** and **Stephanie Shigaki**. Throughout the baptism ceremony,

these two angelic babies brought smiles of joy and happiness to their family and our parish ohana. Congratulations and blessings, Misinale family, and welcome to Our Lady of the Mount Church! (Reported by **Francisca Kovaloff**)

6 MAKAWAO

St. Joseph Parish

Two-year-old **Kahiwa Kaiaililii**, son of **Jeremy and Pua Kaiaililii** of Our Lady Queen of Angels Church, Kula, is learning to ride a horse and getting ready for the upcoming **Makawao Rodeo** at the Makawao Oskie Rodeo Arena in Makawao. The **Children's Rodeo** is on the second weekend in March. Kahiwa will be participating in the

leadline barrel, leadline pole and goat undecorating contests. He is a special child blessed by God to our family! (Reported by **Deacon Patrick Constantino**; photo by **Ikaika Kaiaililii**)

7 WAILUKU

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

The **Hui Na Lima Kokua**, as the parish craft group is called, has been in existence for over 20 years, creating and selling hand-made items to raise money for the church. This year, under the guidance of **Mary Tom**, the group has spent hundreds of hours painstakingly hand-stitching a **king-sized Hawaiian quilt in the "taro blossom" design**. The quilt has a green

applied design on a gray background with a mustard yellow border and measures 105 inches by 110 inches. It is being offered for sale for \$4,000 with the profits going toward the restoration of the church and the chapel. For more information or to make an offer, please contact the church office at 808-244-4148. (Reported by **Father Ese'ese "Ace" Tui**)

8 KAHUKU

St. Roch Parish

On Feb. 5 our **religious education teachers, students and parents** had a very successful **car wash**. Everyone enjoyed the morning and fortunately the rain held. All were treated to lunch after their hard work. ... On Feb. 12, for **Valentine's Day**, **Father Sebastian** honored couples married 40 to 50 years. The church was beautifully decorated by our **Filipino Catholic Club**. We had seven couples from the parish and two visiting couples. Our parishioners were **Rodney and Sharin Au**, **Michael and Lani Swain**, **Rudy and Tina Hernandez**, **Wayne and Barbara Hoo-kano**, **Roger and Adelle Panag**, **Benjamin and Pofria Garo**, and **Jovencio and Pacita Velarde**. Father Sebastian blessed each couple, had them share their secrets for a successful marriage and showered them with gifts. ... On Feb. 18, **Religious Ed** had a second successful fundraiser: a **pancake breakfast** with grab-and-go pancakes, eggs and sausage. They also prepared a special menu for vegetarians. ... We have completed the seven weeks of teaching Masses, our topic being the **Eucharistic Revival**. Father Sebastian explained all segments of the Mass — from the vestments to the final dismissal — helping parishioners understand their participation. It was very informative. We learned many things we were never aware of. ... We say aloha and recognize **Nilo and Marni Tabangin** who have moved to the mainland to assist family members. Nilo was our altar server coordinator and a sacristan. Marni was a lector and also helped with the altar servers. Thank you for your time and devotion. We miss you. ... The season of **Lent** is now upon us. Lent is the liturgical season of conversion that focuses on three spiritual pillars — prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During the 40 days we are urged to reflect on our lives, perform acts of charity and make small sacrifices. Each pillar prepares us for the joyful celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday. We began Lent with two Masses on Ash Wednesday, Stations of the Cross every Friday evening throughout Lent, our penance service on March 14 and a three-day Lenten retreat with Marianist Father **Martin Solma** from Cham-nade University, March 14-16. ... Father Sebastian continues his Bible classes every Wednesday. He shared a video of **Bishop Robert Barron** linked with our teaching Masses, which gave us even more insight of the celebration of the Mass. ... Our rosary with the **Knights of Columbus** continues at the grotto on the second Sunday of each month. Our **Parish Council** will pray the rosary on Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited. ... The **Diocese of Honolulu Evangelization Task Force** joins us at **St. Joachim**, Punaluu, the first Saturday of each month for a **Praise and Worship Service**. Please join us for this special service, followed by our healing Mass. May you all have a blessed and reflective Lent. (Reported by **Sharin Au**)

9 HAIKU

St. Rita Parish

On Feb. 18 we celebrated **Mardi Gras 2023**. It has been three years since our last Mardi Gras celebration because of COVID-19 and its restrictions. **Father Chacko Muthoottil** welcomed the parishioners and thanked all involved and blessed our event. A wonderful dinner was prepared by our generous cooks **Diane Nifong**, **Theresa Honokaupu**, **Annette Scognamillo** and **Connie Munoz**. The **Faith Formation youth** decorated the parish hall, served dessert to our guest, and helped with the clean-up. It was a night of good fun, fellowship and bingo for all! (Reported by **Esther Yap**)