

# the parish news

## 1 MAKAWAO

### St. Joseph Parish

On hand to celebrate the installation of our new pastor **Father Edison Pamintuan** by **Bishop Larry Silva** were members of his former parishes, Immaculate Conception Church on Kauai and St. Joseph Church on Oahu. They flew to Maui to surprise Father Edison but got busted at the airport when they all arrived at the same time as Father Edison! They came not only to celebrate his installation but to show how much love and support Father Edison had from them. They also came with love to help jumpstart our economy here on Maui! That's love! Our celebration was led by **Nanette Salcedo** and **John Gorman**, beautiful music was performed by **Kanoa Kukawa**, delicious food was served and door prizes given! Thank you, families and friends for sharing your love with Father Edison and us. This is a great beginning. Together we will make St. Joseph and Maui strong! Jesus, we trust in you! Amen! (Reported by *Deacon Patrick Constantino*; photo by *Candace Shaw*)



## 2 PAHOA

### Sacred Heart Parish

On Aug. 19, **Father John Molina** and the parishioners celebrated Father John's 25th anniversary of priesthood with Mass and a potluck in Avery Hall. Pictured: Father John and some of those who celebrated his silver anniversary with him. From left, **Sharen Chaves**, **Kershaun Dopich**, **Brother Tommy Nguyen** (visiting seminarian studying in Florence, Italy), **Kersten Dopich**, **Xavier Tablit**, **Noah Baquial**, **Father Molina**, **Rachel Baquial**, **Cysten SanJoa-Tejada** and **Michael Gamiao**. (Reported by *Janan Malinowski*)



## 3 EWA

### Immaculate Conception Parish

"And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding" (Jeremiah 3:15). In the presence of **Bishop Larry Silva**, **Father Siegfred Dodos** (Father Sieg) was installed as our new pastor on Sept. 9. **Fathers Greg Honorio**, **Francis Sanchez**, **William Kunisch**, **Ed Barut** and **Frankie delos Reyes** concelebrated the Mass. Also present was our **Deacon Richard Able**. We were happy to welcome Father Sieg's sisters, **Cheryl and Viza Mae**, his nephew, **Marco**, and former parishioners from St. Anthony and St. Benedict. After this joyous celebration, many of the attendees, including myself, were spiritually moved by the entire Mass, most of them experiencing an installation of pastor for the first time. The food was delicious and there was plenty of it! Mahalo to all who contributed the many dishes. To cap off this blessed occasion, entertainment was provided by musicians **Uncles John and Johnathan**, dancers **Sherrie Alcos**, **Bunny Rizando**, **Dolly Willing**, **Leonie Aspre** and **Editha Baguio**. Many thanks to the event



**planning committee, Chamorro group, Knights of Columbus, Couples for Christ, the environmental, parish planning and building committees**, as well as our liturgy committees: **musicians, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, lectors, ushers**, etc. May God bless you always, Father Sieg! (Reported by *Normand HJ Robert*)

## 4 KAHUKU

### St Roch Parish

We enter the fall season preparing for

our religious education classes. Registration is complete and the teachers were commissioned on Sept. 17. ... Our dear friends and neighbors from the **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**, pictured, offered to do a service project at St Roch. They came on Sept. 9 to remove a large quantity of unused items from the classrooms so the teachers could clean and set up for RE. Their time and effort were greatly appreciated. ... On Sept. 10, **Grandparents' Day**, **Father PJ** recognized all our grandparents with a blessing and special gift. We can always count on

our grandparents to see that their grandchildren attend Mass each week. ... After a successful pancake breakfast hosted by the **Knights of Columbus**, we submitted our donations to **Maria Lanakila Church** on Maui to help the fire victims in Lahaina. ... Our **coffee hour and fellowship** after each Sunday Mass is back. ... Best wishes to Father PJ who, on Sept. 20, celebrated the 26th anniversary of ordination. With **Priesthood Sunday** being Sept. 24, we combined these two beautiful events with a special gathering and a potluck lunch. ... On Oct. 1, we begin our rosary

at the grotto every evening for the entire month. Each evening is hosted by a parish family. ... On Nov. 11, 9 a.m., to 2 p.m., the parish will host a craft fair spearheaded by parishioner **Sharla McCane**. All vendors are welcome. Call the church office at 808-293-5026 for more information. ... A very devoted long-time parishioner **Beatrice Santos** has passed away. She was married to **Jerry** for close to 68 years. They attended the Saturday evening Mass at St. Joachim Mission. Jerry is our usher. Beatrice had a very special recipe for avocado Jello made from fresh picked avocados from her tree that she always shared. Our condolences to the family. May she rest in peace and love. ... Mahalo to all priests throughout the world. We are honored to have celebrated you on **Priesthood Sunday**. (Reported by *Sharin Au*)

## 5 MILILANI

### St. John Apostle and Evangelist Parish

On May 20, **Bishop Larry Silva** confirmed 29 children, who also received the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Mahalo nui to Bishop Silva, **Father Anthony Rapozo**, **Father John Gabriel**, all our catechists and families for nurturing the spiritual growth of our young Catholics at St. John's. Aloha Ke Akua! Amene. Pictured is **Richard Grossweiler II** happily receiving his sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Larry Silva. (Reported by *Kelly Higa*; photo by *Ozzie Jaramillo*)

## 6 KAILUA

### St. John Vianney Parish

Our **catechists** were commissioned during all Masses on Sept. 17, **Catechetical Sunday**. The **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops'** theme for this special day was "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened" (Matthew 11:28). Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the role each person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechists included our **school teachers, RCIA/OCIA and religious education teachers and ministers, priests, deacons and their wives, and faith formation leaders**. We showed our gratitude to those who serve these ministries with a rousing round of applause following their commissioning. ... On Sept. 24, **Priesthood Sunday**, our parish expressed its appreciation to our parish priest, **Father Vincent Vu**, for his tireless service. **Priesthood Sunday** is a day to reaffirm the priesthood of Jesus Christ and its central place in the life of the church. This day honors priests, without whom the Holy Sacraments could not be bestowed. ... Names of our **loved ones who have passed away** have been added to our Sunday Mass prayer intentions. We pray that their time of purification be quick and complete and that, through God's grace, they might enjoy the glories of heaven. For more information, and to add a loved one's name to a specific Sunday, please contact the parish office at 808-262-8317. (Reported by *Earl Walker*)

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**KEKAHA**

**St. Theresa Parish**

So many Rosaries rising up to Heaven! We celebrated with a Triduum rosary and novena to **Our Lady of LaSalette** on the 177th anniversary of her apparition in LaSalette, France, on Sept. 19, 1846. Our parish has been blessed with LaSalette Fathers for almost 35 years! After Mass on Our Lady's feast day, **Father Edwin D. Conselva** danced a beautiful hula to a LaSalette song. Breakfast followed in our parish hall. It was a special day, indeed! ... A few days later, we began our rosary and novena to our parish patron saint, **St. Therese of Lisieux**, which will end with a potluck on her feast day, Oct. 1, also honoring our pastor, Father Edwin, since Sunday, Sept. 24, was **Priesthood Sunday**. ... On Oct. 1, we will begin our **Month of the Holy Rosary** visiting parish homes on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays to pray the rosary with families who signed up for this special devotion. On the weekends, we'll pray the rosary 45 minutes before the start of Masses. We will pray at Waimea's **Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Church** on Thursdays at 6 p.m. The time and location for each week will be listed in each Sunday bulletin. Our month of the Holy Rosary will end on Oct. 31. All are welcome. ... We will also have our **Public Square Rosary** at Sacred Hearts Church at noon Saturday, Oct. 14. Located on Kaunualii Hwy., the passing public is welcome to stop and pray for peace. Look for the banner! ... We'll have a **Procesional Rosary** on the parish grounds, Sunday, Oct. 29 at 3:30 p.m. In 2022, we were blessed with a special cloud formation in the shape of the Holy Spirit. Looking forward to what 2023 holds. If you're on our side of the island, please join us for any of these special devotions. May you all be blessed and stay safe and well! (Reported by Chantal A. Duarte)



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by parishioners visiting from Holy Rosary and Christ the King parishes. After Mass everyone gathered in the church hall for fellowship, free bingo, a lot of prizes and a lot of food. (Reported by Virgie Timbal)

**8 EWA BEACH**  
**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish**

Our **Life Teen Youth Ministry** is back! Like many things in the church and in the world, our Life Teen Youth Ministry was put on hold by COVID. On Sept. 17, the re-opening of the ministry was kicked off with games at noon in the parish grassy parking area. Featured were water games, balloon fights, and volleyball, with snacks of hot dogs, nachos, and halo-halo prepared by **Aunty Mela Kim, Aunty Stephanie Belaski, Aunty Emily Tui** and **Uncle Albert Belaski**. We thank **Alex Song** for coming back to coordinate Life Teen. His team will include young adults **Shaun Agtarap, Jasery Corpuz, Helene Rebamonte, John Barbosa** and **Noelani Passion-Callueng**. Pictured are **Father Ed Barut** (left) and **Deacon Eric Kim** (right) flanked by (left to right) **Joyce Ablog** and **Wayne Campus** from **Edge Youth Ministry; Shaun Agtarap, Jasery Corpuz** and **Noelani Passion-Callueng**. In addition to Joyce and Wayne, Edge youth ministers include **Ian Ablog** and **Megan Camacho**. Life Teen and Edge

will hold sessions 3-4:30 p.m. in church every Sunday. ... Meanwhile, the catechists were also commissioned on the same day, Sept. 17, **Catechetical Sunday** at the 11 a.m. Mass. The catechetical staff for 2023-2024 consists of **Aida Morales, Aileen Leonardo-Pila, Aurora Agcaoili, Connie Dichner, Donna Lyn Baguio, Eleanor Ragojo, Emily Wolleat-Leonardo, Joe Rayray, Joe-Boy Rayray, Josey Choe, June Melendez, Lyn Salis, Mela Kim, Mike Leonardo-Pila, Minerva Rabacal, Priscila Rayray, Remi Cabrera, Seija Pascual, Stephanie Belaski, Susan Marbella, Terra Harding** and **Valerie Alvarez**. There was also a special blessing for parents and guardians of children in religious education and youth ministry. The parents and guardians were acknowledged for their role as the primary catechists of their children. (Reported by Julia Torres)

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

On Sept. 17, **Catechetical Sunday**, before the final blessing, **Father Robert Ni Ni** introduced the 2023-24 **faith formation teachers**. A special blessing and prayer were given by Father Robert, who also celebrated his 40th birthday. It was a wonderful Sunday celebration and blessing for our parish! Pictured, from left, **Donna Hart, Christine Matheis, Father**

**Robert**, director of religious education **Rita Bauldry**, and **Gloria Barsinas**. (Reported by Esther Yap)

**10 WAIMEA**  
**Sts. Peter and Paul Mission Church**

On Sept. 16, **St. Michael School** in Waialua conducted a fundraising activity at Sts. Peter and Paul Mission to raise money for the school and for the recently accepted 14 Maui online high school students. A small group from the school allowed beach-goer parking at the mission church, which is directly across from the beach. While the occupants of the cars sign a waiver to park, the church grounds do feel quite safe. People gladly contributed money to the fundraising event. Thank you, **Monica Carter, Techla Taylor** and **Keith Sunderlin** for dedicating yourselves to helping provide for our children. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God." (Mk 10:15). (Reported by Caroline Alameida)

**11 AIEA**  
**St. Elizabeth Parish**

On Sunday, Sept. 17, **Father Sebastian Soosai** was installed as pastor by **Bishop Larry Silva** who presided at the Mass,

which was concelebrated by several priests from the diocese. The church was filled with parishioners and friends from across the islands. We could feel the power of the Holy Spirit throughout the celebration, and we will continue to pray for Father Sebastian as he leads and guides us. Dinner and entertainment followed outside where students from our parish school sang and performed hula. Our Filipino choral group also sang a number to honor Father Soosai. The aloha spirit was overwhelming. A warm mahalo to all for your support and sharing in this celebration. (Reported by Bernie Teson)

**12 MAKAKILO**  
**St. Jude Parish**

Theme: the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s! On Sept. 1, our parish celebrated another milestone honoring kupunas ages 65 and up. The **Senior Prom** was held at the Kapolei Rec Center where some 220 vibrant seniors enjoyed a prom-like evening, complete with photobooths, oldies music, and a catered buffet banquet. Choir members **Jon Baraquio** and **Michele Contillo** provided the music, followed by songs by a 9-year-old singing marvel **Kyra Pesebre**. The headliner was comedian **Frank De Lima** (now 74) who still admirably delivered his schtick to the delight of the audience. Our pastor **Father Khanh Hoang, Father Boniface Sakala, Father Clarence Zamora** and **Deacon Raul Perez** and deacon-to-be **Derek Wong** with their wives graced the event. Favors, raffles, cash prizes, wine and the grand prize of a 55-inch flat screen TV were given out. The evening ended with the crowning of the oldest male, **Bill Mosely**, 88, and female, **Estrella Estillore**, 87. Noteworthy were the youth who were there to usher, chaperon, and wait on the eager seniors on their special night. St. Jude has hosted three Senior Prom events during its 24 years of service to the community. (Reported by Tere Hunt)

**13 NANAKULI**  
**St. Rita Parish**

On Sunday, Sept. 17, at the 5 p.m. Mass, **Bishop Larry Silva** installed Capuchin Franciscan **Father Paulo Kosaka** as our new pastor. There was a potluck after the Mass under the banyan tree. It was a very pleasant gathering of parishioners and clergy. The bishop personally greeted everyone who attended. Welcome to St. Rita, Father Paulo, and may your stay here be fruitful and pleasing to the Lord, and to all of the attendees of this very unique and holy church. (Reported by Sebastian Lopez)

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