

the parish news

1 MAKAKILO

St. Jude Parish

On Oct. 29, St. Jude's **feast day** was celebrated with an outpouring of attendance from parishioners, friends, families, visitors and clergy. Noteworthy were **Father Peter Miti** and **Deacon Jose Ancheta** (2013 St. Jude deacon), both from **Resurrection of the Lord Church** who graced our event. And as has been **Father Khanh's** tradition, the **Lion Dance** ushered in good fortune. The humidity did not deter us from enjoying the food, games, raffle, music and dance. We thank **Nadine Marchan-Wheeler** and her **Woodrose** band for keeping us upbeat. The **Knights'** burgers and hot dogs were a hit! Potlucks galore satisfied the overwhelming crowd. This was also the first official day using the newly renovated kitchen with its new cabinets, appliances, fixtures and a mobile butcherblock island to boot! For the sleepless efforts of the Knights and the team who engineered this transformation, we are ever grateful! Many thanks to the efforts of tireless volunteers and ministry members who seamlessly accomplished the feast day celebration. Such a joy to get together with loyal families of God. In February we celebrate our 25 years of service to the community and will no doubt present an even bigger festivity already in the works. (Reported by Tere Hunt)



2 HAIKU

St. Rita Parish

On Nov. 12, our parish witnessed the baptism of **Reagan K. Garces**. Parents **Evan and Kayla**, and godparents **Devin and Kori Young** presented Reagan for this holy sacrament. It was a beautiful celebration for all who welcomed Reagan into the family of God. Pictured are **Father Robert Ni Ni** and the **Garces and Kaluau** ohanas. (Reported by Esther Yap)

3 WAIKANE

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

We celebrated our **Blessed Mother Mary** in October with a **Living Rosary**. We gathered at the church captivated and inspired by the beautiful Marian hymns, circle of candle lights, gathering as one ohana in Christ Jesus for our Blessed Mother Mary — families, friends, visitors and keiki — who participated in the Living Rosary! It was the highlight of the evening, and ended with "Salve Regina," delicious handmade bentos, and fun

fellowship! Mahalo to the leadership of our **Eucharistic Revival Ministry**, and everyone who participated. (Reported by Lucy Salas)

4 KAHUKU

St. Roch Parish

Thirteen delegates from our **Filipino Catholic Club** attended the 73rd annual **Diocesan Congress of Filipino Catholic Clubs Convention** at the Ala Moana Hotel Nov 3-5. The keynote speaker, **Father Alfred Guerrero**, addressed the theme: "The Eucharist — The Source of Life and Love." **Nancy Manuel**, one of our members, received the trophy in the Hawaiiana best-dressed contest. The evenings ended with dancing. Sunday's Mass was celebrated with **Bishop Larry Silva**. We were honored to have our photo taken with him. ... Our first parish **craft fair** Nov. 11 welcomed local crafters from outside our parish ohana. Vendors sold baked goods, jewelry, candles, fresh fruit, plants, Christmas ornaments, holiday pillows, Hawaiian wear, a lau

plate, cold drinks, and so much more. It was a successful fun day with beautiful weather. We hope to do this again soon. ... Our newest outreach ministry is our **St. Roch Thrift Shop**, open 9 a.m. to noon weekdays. ... Thank you to **Mike Swain** and **Rodney Au** for repairing the railings on the ramp and stairs at **St. Joachim Church**. They also painted the walkways and steps "caution" yellow. They did a great job that was needed for so long. ... Thanks also, Mike, for the sprinkler system for the plants and flowers surrounding our grotto. **Rudy Hernandez, Junior Garo, Boy Mejia** and others are also helping with repairs and maintenance. ... Our **religious education program** through November will be collecting toiletries for the women's shelter. Suggested donations are toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner and soap. ... We are planning for Christmas, preparing Advent wreaths and recruiting sponsors for our **Sim-bang Gabi**. We are looking forward to a joyous season. Healthy happy Thanksgiving to all. It's the perfect

time to stop, reflect and thank the Lord for all the blessings in our lives. (Reported by Sharin Au)

5 NUUANU

St. Stephen Parish

Our **religious education ministry** hosted its popular **Trunk or Treat** Oct. 28, 5-8 p.m. in the church parking lot and hall. Families had fun decorating their car trunks. Goodies were distributed to trick or treaters of all ages, and there were games and activities for all. Seven chefs entered the **first annual religious ed Halloween chili cook-off**. Congratulations to winner **Joanna Saribay**. Everyone was treated to a chili dinner and dessert. Many came to celebrate **All Hallows Eve** in costumes. All Hallows Eve is where the name of Halloween comes from. A hallowed person is another name for a saint. Dressed as saints were **Marisol Chang** as **St. Catherine of Siena**, **Helen Luke** as **St. Luke** (a physician), **Nadine Cho** as **St. Francis of Assisi**, carrying stuffed animals (a dog, rab-

bit and cat), and **Velma Mamuad** as **St. Kateri** (a young American Indian girl). A big mahalo to Velma, **Brian Laroya** and catechists for hosting this saintly Halloween. (Reported by Ginny Jordan; photo by Nadine Cho)

6 MAKAWAO

St. Joseph Parish

Candle lighting at the parish cemetery on **All Souls Day** started with Mass offering our prayers for family and friends and a prayer service at the grave site with a blessing and candle lighting for each grave! This was done by pastor **Father Edison** and **Father Napp**, **Deacon Pat**, **candidate John**, **religious education students and parents**, **Filipino Catholic Club members and parishioners**. Many cars came by to take pictures! (Reported by Deacon Patrick Constantino; photo by Ashley Garcia)

7 PAHOA

Sacred Heart Parish

The parish, on behalf of the **East Hawaii Vicariate**, sponsored one of the 12 **HOPE Services Sacred Heart Affordable Housing Project** homes for homeless senior citizens by furnishing it and landscaping it. It was voted the favorite by those who attended the grand opening. Pictured at the small home are a few of the many parishioners who contributed time, talent and treasure to the project. Front row, from left, **Florence Diego, Gwen Pluta, Emily Souza**. Back row, **Bernice Walker, AnnaMarie Cesaletti, Sharen Chaves, Susan Baker, Dwight Walker Jr., William Cesaletti** and **Robert Torres**. (Reported by Janan Malinowski)

8 KANEOHE

St. Ann Parish

Our recent "**Day of Service**," billed as "A project day for parishioners," the church, food pantry and parish hall kitchen were thoroughly cleaned, and the basketball courts weeded and power-washed. At this annual event, held on Oct. 28, many hands made the tasks easier and faster to complete. Talking, laughing, and sharing stories, while hands were busy working, made for a fun day for everyone. Having given to our parish community directly and to God and neighbor indirectly, the precious gift of time, 74 volunteers experienced the satisfaction of a job well done. Pictured are parishioners making Advent giving tree ornaments. ... With

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our second annual **Multi-Language Rosary** on Oct. 19, we celebrated the feast day of **Our Lady of the Rosary** and the ethnic diversity that defines the Catholic faith here in our Hawaiian Islands. After a reflection on the Gospel of Luke by our pastor, **Father Rich McNally**, we were led in prayer by our own parishioners as we joined this worldwide devotion to Our Blessed Lady by praying in six different languages: **Maria: Aloha Oe (Hawaiian). Ave Maria (Portuguese). Wanfu Maliha (Mandarin). Aba Ginoong Maria (Tagalog). Seibo Maria e no Inori (Japanese) and Ave Maria (Latin)**. This opportunity to hear our cherished rosary in the rhythmic voices of our own people provided a wonderful spirit-filled evening as we embraced the invitation to come and pray! (Reported by *Trudy Rawlins*)



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EDITOR'S CHOICE



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9 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Our parish celebrated a **memorial Mass** on Nov. 4 for all who died between 2019 and Sept. 30. You received an invitation to the Mass if the parish **Bereavement Ministry** arranged your services either at the parish or at the funeral home. Prior to the Mass was a procession of lit candles held by members of the family of each deceased person. The procession was solemn and, at times, emotional as the name of the deceased was called and flashed on a PowerPoint slide. The candles were laid on two tables decorated by our **Lace Ministry** headed by **Stephanie Belaski**. **Knights of Columbus Galo Camacho, Stan Alvarez, Clifford Villareal**, who is a deacon aspirant, and **Logan Villareal** stood watch as family members approached the tables. The Mass was presided over by our pastor, **Father Ed Barut**, assisted at the altar by **Deacon Eric Kim**, acolytes **David Bruce** and **John Thomas**, and deacon aspirant **Alvin Sniffen**. In his homily, Father Ed said that the Mass was celebrated to make families aware that they were not alone in their grief and that the community mourned with them for their loss. After the Mass, the families were offered a bento box and bottled water. The other liturgical ministers were **Remi Cabrera** and **Lyn Salis** as readers, **Perfecto Inciong** as piano accompanist and the husband-and-wife-team **Alex and Querida Song** as song leaders. The ladies who lent a hand in the celebration were **Valerie Alvarez (Stan), Hazel Bruce (David), Sandy Thomas (John), Kathy Sniffen (Alvin)** and **Irene Villareal (Clifford)**. Father Ed also thanked the parish staff (**Mela Kim, Emily Tui** and **Julia Torres**) for spearheading the event. (Reported by *Julia Torres*)



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10 KAILUA

St. John Vianney Parish

The parish conducted a **Thanksgiving Food Drive** through Nov. 13 to support the food pantries at **St. Anthony** in Kailua, **St. George** in Waimanalo, **St. Roch** in Kahuku, and **Our Lady of Mount Carmel** in Waikane. Parishioners and school families donated hundreds of non-perishable items at our parish center which were then delivered to those parish pantries. Pictured with the donations are **Dara Yatsuhiko**, left, and **Esther Tokars...** The **Koolau Catholic Men's Fellowship** met Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish lounge for dinner and guest speaker **Father Arrion**

Rosales-Llantos, the parochial vicar of **St. Elizabeth Church** in Aiea. Recently ordained a priest for the Diocese of Honolulu, he shared his personal testimony of answering the call to religious life. ... **Advent** begins Dec. 3. Parish and school families are invited to make an **Advent wreath** on Dec. 2, 6-8 p.m. in the parish hall and to enjoy a special dinner provided by the parish. ... We have hired a new religious education coordinator. **Ms. Jade Lau**, who is a catechist and lector, will oversee programs for families of students in grades 6-12, including confirmation preparation, middle school girl's Bible study, youth ministry, youth band, youth re-

treats, youth online Bible study, extra hour, Power and Grace for parents, and other exciting programs. (Reported by *Earl Walker*)

11 KEKAHA

St. Theresa Parish

On Oct. 29, our parish held a **Rosary Walk for Peace** for all the conflict and tragedy in our beautiful world today. Approximately 30 people attended this beautiful devotion to our **Blessed Mother** with a procession that included all four mysteries of the rosary with all five decades prayed each time. Blessings on us all that the sky was slightly overcast, and the weather held up! Our thanks

to our new **Stewardship Committee** chairperson **Darlene Muraoka** for organizing this special prayer service and to the new committee members who provided a delicious meal following the walk. Our grateful thanks to them! May we all continue to pray for peace in our world. (Reported by *Chantal A. Duarte*; photo by *Father Edwin D. Conselva, MS, pastor*)

12 KALIHI VALLEY

Our Lady of the Mount Parish

The **Diocesan Congress of Filipino Catholic Clubs (DCFCC)** held its 73rd convention Nov. 3-5 at the Ala Moana Hotel. It was attended by the FCC Island Councils and parish units. Our parish unit delegation was led by president, **Fe Go**. Highlights included the keynote talk and workshops on the "Eucharist as the Source of Life and Love" by **Father Alfred Guerrero**; the general membership meeting; the socialization evenings where every delegate had a blast presenting cultural numbers and showing off their "best of Filipiniana" attire in a very colorful competition. Trophies were given to the winners. Plaques of appreciation went to the **Father Ernest Claes** awardees from each island council. The most outstanding member received the **Msgr. Osmundo Calip Founder** award — **John Constantino** of the **Kauai Council**. At the convention, the DCFCC presented **Bishop Larry Silva** with the last installment of their pledge of \$100,000 for the **Cathedral-Basilica restoration**. The bishop presided over the final Mass on the last day. The 73rd convention was hosted by the Oahu Council, **Constantino Gopez**, chairperson. The executive and administrative boards are headed by **Judy Datzman**, assisted by executive secretary **Dr. Clementina Ceria-Ulep**. **Maryknoll Sister Rosalinda Barrozo** and **Father Edgar Brillantes** are the DCFCC co-spiritual directors. (Reported by *Francisca Kovaloff*)

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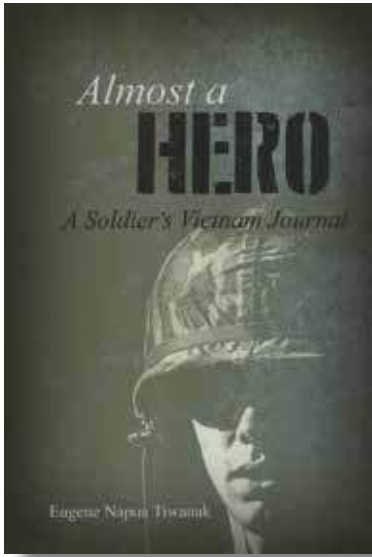
Annunciation of the Lord Parish

Blessed Sacrament Father Anthony Pangan stands in the sacristy of **Ascension Church, Puako**, where he celebrated his 23rd anniversary of ordination. Parishioners of Annunciation Church, Waimea, and Ascension Church congratulated and prayed a special blessing for Father Tony on Sunday, Oct. 22, a day prior to his actual anniversary. He wore his original ordination vestments for celebration of Masses on Sunday. Then he was off to the mainland to participate in the convention of the **National Assembly of Filipino Priests**. (Reported by *Mary Erickson*)

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