

# the parish news

## 1 KAHUKU

### St Roch Parish

**Father PJ Camiring** hosted a family reunion with his siblings and their families from New Zealand, California and Texas. We all shared in their visit at Mass and potluck gatherings in the parish hall. We made lots of fun memories. ... We continue with coffee and fellowship after our Sunday Masses. We also have fellowship after daily Masses. During this time Father PJ focuses on religious topics to increase our knowledge of our Catholic faith. ... The **religious education children** have gathered toiletry items to share with the women's shelter. They also bagged food items from **St. John Vianney Church** to distribute to the homeless and the homebound. ... On Jan. 7 we had an after-Christmas ministry appreciation potluck on our completed lanai, now with a roof designed and built by **Rudy Hernandez** with the help of men of our parish. To complete the project, outdoor tables and chairs, donated by **Ronnie and Lita Badua**, were set up. We played bingo for great prizes and danced to the music of our favorite DJ, **Alex Menesses**. Each ministry head enlightened us on the functions of their ministry. ... On Jan. 27, **stewardship training day**, we discussed the goals of our ministries and how to move forward. ... On Feb. 11 the **CCD children** are planning a spaghetti brunch after Mass. The older students will be doing all the preparations. ... We are also planning an afternoon **Mardi Gras celebration** while enjoying the **Super Bowl** in the parish hall. Pictured is Father PJ's ohana, siblings, nieces, nephews with parishioners at a farewell dinner. (Reported by *Sharin Au*)

## 2 EWA BEACH

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Children and youth from our **religious education classes** and **youth ministry** marked the day for the **Legal Protection of the Unborn** on Jan. 20 during their regular session times by plant-



ing pinwheels at the site of the Memorial for the Unborn in front of our church. Shown is **Kaia Downing** from the **pre-kinder class** planting her pinwheel. Each class took turns in planting the pinwheels at the memorial site. They also prayed the Rosary for Life in their classroom or at the site. **Remi Cabrera**, a catechist for Confirmation and Eucharist, said the pinwheels represent a seed planted by God in the womb of the mother waiting to be born to

enjoy life. (Reported by *Julia Torres*)

## 3 WAIKANE

### Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

The **faith formation class** reenacted the story of the Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ Jan. 13 in the Sts. Damien and Marianne Parish Social Hall. The director was **Hannah Mills Salas Welch-Ornellas**. From left: **Anderson Morita, Mason Morita, Kaison Morita,**

**Hammah Welch-Ornellas Salas, Trae Miller, Zayden Salas, Tristin Euclide, Arielle Kamaka, Maraesa Salas, Lily Padeken Rillamas and Keely Miller** (in the audience). (Reported by *Lucy Salas*)

## 4 KALIHI VALLEY

### Our Lady of the Mount Parish

On Jan. 14, the **Santo Nino de Cebu of Honolulu** spearheaded the 44th annual celebration of the

Feast of Santo Nino at our church. The occasion was both solemn and festive. **Bishop Larry Silva** presided at Mass concelebrated by **Father Edgar Brillantes, Father Adrian Gervacio and Father Francis Sanchez** and assisted by two deacons, **Raffy Mendoza and Dr. Ricardo Burgos**. **Regina Pfeiffer** of **Chaminade University** served as emcee while **Manuel Francis Espindola** and **Christian Sipalay** stood as altar servers. The music was led by the power-couple **Mary Ann and Andy Llamedo**. The church was packed. Even the choir loft was occupied. The organizers urged the devotees to be generous with their offering for the **Ohana in Christ Annual Appeal**. Almost everyone brought their images of Santo Nino which the bishop blessed and later were carried in procession, swaying in the traditional "sinulog" dance. The banquet and fellowship, as always, was a treat of lavish Filipino cooking and, of course, lechon, was the centerpiece. We congratulate the Santo Nino de Cebu officers and members headed by **Florencio Sipalay** for an outstanding accomplishment. They held novena prayers for nine days before the fiesta; displayed banners of Santo Nino images, bunting and festive ornaments. The program featured graceful dancers from **Sacred Heart Church, Waianae**, Our Lady of the Mount, and some civic organizations, as well as parlor games with prizes. **City Councilman Tyler dos Santos-Tam** and **Rep. John Mizuno** were there. Everyone had fun at the solemn and festive celebration and received the blessings of the Infant Jesus. Pit Senor! Viva Santo Nino! (Reported by *Francisca Kovaloff*)

## 5 KOLOA

### St. Raphael Parish

**Paul Roberts**, parish council chairman, and **Marina Pascua**, ministerial chairperson recognized **Father Rizal Acosta's ordination anniversary** on Sunday, Dec. 3. They presented him with a lei and a gift from the parish community to thank him for his stew-

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ardship and service. (Reported by Rose Dela Cruz)

**6 PAHOA**  
**Sacred Heart Parish**

Our parish joined the **Pahoa Christmas parade** with a float/boat built by **William Cesaletti**, carrying **Father John Molina** dressed as **Father Damien**, accompanied by a choir of angels from the **faith formation classes**. In addition, the parish held a **Christmas Fair** featuring crafts, baked goods, plants, fruits and vegetables, and a garage sale. Steak and Filipino plates were also available. Funds raised help with the upkeep of the parish. (Reported by Janan Malinowski)



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EDITOR'S CHOICE



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stewardship chairs. (Reported by Erlinda Villena)

**11 KEKAHA**  
**St. Theresa Parish**

On Jan. 20, a **Rosary** was prayed in front of our Waimea mission church, **Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary**, for the **unborn** and for the **end to abortion**. Our thanks to **Nelly Capino** for coordinating this event. Pictured are our faithful who came out to pray together for this most important issue. (Reported by Chantal A. Duarte; photo by Debbie Olores)

**7 MOUNTAIN VIEW**  
**St. Theresa Parish**

Parishioners from St. Theresa and **Holy Rosary Church, Keaau**, participated in the **2023 Keaau Christmas parade**. The goal of the parish participation with float and marchers was to be visible and engage in evangelism by reaching out to the public, particularly the youth. We are grateful to all the young people and parents who encouraged and supported their children's involvement. Thank you to everyone who helped the float become a reality. (Reported by Linda Villena)



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

Parish music director and minister, and music consultant to the Diocese of Honolulu, **Robert Mondoy**, will present a concert recital featuring the works of **Ludwig van Beethoven** in the church Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. The concert is free. An RSVP is requested at sjvkailuaparish@rcchawaii.org. ... Our parish hosted its 13th annual **"Breakfast with the Bishop"** on Sunday, Jan. 28, for its school with the **Bishop Silva**. A delicious buffet was served at three seatings in the parish hall. Each guest was greeted by Bishop Larry, our pastor **Father Vincent Vu** and our principal **Mrs. DeMello**, and thanked for supporting the school. Bishop Silva spoke on the success of our school and **Llewellyn Young**, Catholic schools superintendent, spoke on the importance of a Catholic education. Celebrity guests included **Chef Chai Chaowasaree**, **Frank De Lima**, **Pete Caggiano** of KITV, and several actors from **NCIS Hawaii**. Entertainment was provided by the school's hula hula directed by **Jack McKeague**, and our young singers and musicians directed by **Sarah Young** and **Danielle Jones**. All proceeds will go toward tuition assistance. We thank our parish family and all the sponsors for a fantastic event. (Reported by Earl Walker)



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**8 WAIALUA**  
**St. Michael Parish**

On Jan. 1, the Feast of the Mother of God, a small group of parishioners were consecrated to Jesus through Mary. The group participated in the **33 days to Morning Glory Retreat**. The retreat helped the participants understand **Our Blessed Mother** more fully through such Marian giants as **St. Louis de Monfort**, **Maximilian Kolbe**, **Mother Teresa** and **John Paul II**, and to witness how Mary draws us ever closer to union with Jesus. Consecration day marked a turning point in their spiritual journey. Pictured are **Carolyn Almeida**, **Father Romple Emwalu**, **Nelson Barrios** and **Andrea Woods**. Not pictured are **Cyndie Moss** and **Myrta Irace**. ... **Bible study classes** have begun again here and at Sts. Peter and Paul Mission Church. St. Michael's members are immersing themselves in the Gospel of Mark with **Deacon Jonathan Ocampo**. Sts. Peter and Paul is studying the

epistles of John and the Book of Revelation. Both groups are enjoying reading the Scriptures and discussing their meaning, allowing them to grow in knowledge of Jesus Christ. ... Our **youth ministry** and **religious education classes** are creating **Stations of the Cross** for our church grounds. Each group studied the significance of the stations. The youth are making the crosses with guidance from **Kip Orian**. The religious education teachers are engaging their students in the artwork to adorn each cross. In the end, we

will have 14 six-foot-tall crosses, decorated with the students' creative interpretation of the scene. The crosses will be placed around the parish grounds for Lent. (Reported by Carolyn Almeida)

**9 KALIHI**  
**St. John the Baptist Parish**

Our parish celebrated the **feast of the Epiphany** with a live portrayal of the visit of the Three Kings, Jan. 7, by parish youth. It was followed by fellowship sharing food from our different ethnic groups. (Reported by Bertha Guerrero)

**10 KEAAU**  
**Holy Rosary Mission Church**

At our **Christmas day Mass** celebrated by our pastor **Blessed Sacrament Father Samuel Loterte**, the youth dramatized the Gospel of Luke (the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ) — **Mother Mary (Chanelle Cabaccang)**, **Joseph (Gerald Palomares)**, shepherds (**Webrei Lowielet Pamo** and **Zaydeelyn Amar**); angels (**Maykela Foronda** and **Wilbert Lester Pamo**). Also, in this picture are the supportive parents, religious education coordinators and

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