

the parish news

1 KEAAU

Holy Rosary Mission

At the Feb. 4 Mass, our kupuna received plaques in appreciation for the love and services they provide to our parish in fulfilling God's mission. "Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." (Luke 6:38) Front row, from left: **Gwendolyn Huston, Deanna Abitong, Aida Padamada, Craig Carvalho, Gaynell Fuschs, Trinidad Real, Fely Apostol, Rosalinda Sagucio** and **Sylvia Ringgold**. Back row, from left: **Eugene H. Lyman III, John Ringgold, Lawrence T. Andrews** and **Toribio Sagucio**. (Reported by Erlinda Villena)



2 WAIKANE

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

On Feb. 3, our Faith Formation keiki and staff (front from left) **Trae Miller, Zayden Salas, Kaison Morita, Arielle Kamaka, Mason Morita, Maraia Salas, Keely Miller, Kumu Pacita Woodward**, (back) **Melody Rapusas, Lucy Salas, Tristin Euclide, Hannah Welch-Ornellas Salas, Hammah Welch-Ornellas Salas, Nadine Rapusas** and **Anderson Morita** had a beautiful pilgrimage day sharing our Lenten journey together at St. Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi, pictured., St. Philomena in Salt Lake, and St. Rita in Nanakuli. We prayed the joyful mysteries at each location and shared about the saints and the Stations of the Cross, and embraced the beautiful landscapes, churches, center, saint statues, Mother Mary statues, angel statues, and Stations of the Cross displays in all three visits! At St. Rita, we were all prayed over our throats as it was the feast day of St. Blaise! We were surely in the awe of our faith the entire trip! In preparation for Lent we traveled for our pilgrimage to three Catholic locations on the island to learn and experience what others were preparing for this Lent and the symbolic religious items different from our own at OLMC. (Reported by Lucy Salas)



3 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Our parish sent 10 catechumens to the Rite of Election at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa on Feb. 18. **Bishop Larry Silva** declared them members of the elect, along with all the catechumens from Oahu, after they signed the Book of the Elect. Pictured are our elect with their sponsors, family members, **Bishop Larry**, our pastor **Father Ed Barut** and catechists. Our 10 elect are **Kemu Kisa-Lei Brighter, Denlyn Grace Agpaoa Campos, Kelsey Corley, Gabrielle LaPuente, Payton LaPuente, Kairie Oclinaría, Matthew Micah Pascual, Jaheem Toa Ole Vasa Koon**

Wai You, Jahrie'on Kapono Alii Koon Wai You and **Jahrome John Koon Wai You**. ... On Feb. 11, the **World Day of the Sick**, our parish celebrated the sacrament of the anointing of the sick at 5 p.m. Mass. **Father Mark Gantley**, the celebrant at the Mass, was assisted by **Father Barut** in administering the sacrament to approximately 50 parishioners who were elderly, chronically ill, with serious illness, frail or were scheduled for a surgery. (Reported by *Julia Torres*; photo by *Dann Ebina*)

4 KAHUKU

St. Roch Parish

Our parish administrator, **Father Paul John Camiring**, has been ap-

pointed by **Bishop Larry Silva** as his liaison to the Diocesan Spiritual and Mental Health Ministry Task Force, which became effective on Feb. 7. Congratulations **Father PJ**. ... We now have meditation, organized by one of our parishioners, **Genie Posenecker**, on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. ... We also have Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7 p.m. and every weekday at 8 a.m. prior to our 9 a.m. daily Mass. Please join us. ... We are continuing with our **stewardship training** and one of our focuses is to reach out to our parishioners who since COVID, or for other reasons, do not attend Mass. Our goal is to bring them

back to the house of God. ... The delicious spaghetti brunch sponsored by the Religious Education children was very successful. They raised over \$400 in donations to be used for CCD activities. ... We had lots of fun at our Super Bowl potluck gathering cheering on our favorite teams. It was quite an exciting game. ... On Feb. 27, Aloha Care sponsored Farm Fresh Friday, a distribution of fresh fruits and vegetables to the community. Thank you for including our parish. ... Several weddings are scheduled at St. Joachim Church. If you know anyone planning a destination wedding or anyone here in Hawaii planning to get married, St. Joachim is located on a beautiful beach property in Punaluu. The perfect place for a special day. ... If you would like to keep up with some of the activities at our parish, go to our Facebook page: St. Roch & St. Joachim Catholic Church, Kahuku, Hawaii. ... Several members of our parish have recently passed: **Trinidad Painte, Basilia Labrador, David Romero, Julian Rillamas** and **James Martin**. May they rest in peace. (Reported by *Sharin Au*)

5 EWA

Immaculate Conception Parish

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10) The idea of having a **Christ-based medical mission to the Philippines** began in early 2022. The Knights of Columbus councils involved with this possible endeavor were Council 3221, Council 1826, Council 15774, Council 17042, Council 18025, Council 6734 (Ewa), Council 14663 (Mililani) and Council 4074 (Guimba, Nueva Ecija province, Philippines). After several discussions among all councils, **RJ Juanillo, Patrick Guzman** and **Manny Meno**, it was decided to move forward with the medical mission and begin the required fundraising piece of this endeavor. The fundraising piece began a year later leading to the medical mission beginning Dec. 2, 2023. Hawaii councils 6734 and 14663 provided 30 wheelchairs, 50 canes and medicine to support

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6 EDITOR'S CHOICE



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200 people. The knights were able to raise a total of \$7,744 from a goal of \$7,000. Lastly, the following is a list of partners who donated their time, talent or treasure: **Dr. Elizabeth L. Romano, Marriane R. Bajador, Arnel L. Romano, Gene Tadeo, Gian Tadeo, Manny Galapon, Felix Lumang, Adrienne Velasco, Glee Fuelles, Michael Fuelles and Beverly Ane Pineda;** nurses **Jocelyn Esteban Rhea Rimocal, Teresa M. Mariano, Jenniper O. Pagbilao, Digna V. Esquivel, Mae Bangile Ria and Ellen Joy L. Baldo;** and pharmacists **Eva M. Villamar and Mary Rose Cunanan.** We will start a medical mission chapter of the Knights of Columbus, Hawaii Jurisdiction. We foresee the second-largest ethnic group in Hawaii, Filipinos, desiring to contribute to the motherland; we will do this every year. Knights provide the opportunity for charitable works. Albeit a decline, the poverty rates remain alarming. Vivat Jesus! (Reported by Normand H.J. Robert)

6 WAIANAE Sacred Heart Parish

On Feb. 10, our parish and pastor **Father Jaime Jose** (back row on left) welcomed the **Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary of the Philippines** and their lay associates to the newly blessed garden with the rosary walk and Stations of the Cross; afterward the pilgrims held their monthly meeting in prayer, laughter and fellowship. (Reported by Glenn Klinger)

7 PAHOA Sacred Heart Parish
Our parish takes the **Stewardship**

Pillar of Hospitality seriously. After each Sunday Mass, visitors and those celebrating baptism or marriage anniversaries or birthdays are greeted with leis and sung blessings. Here visitors at our 7:30 a.m. Mass on Feb. 11 are blessed! Aloha to you, aloha to you, aloha and God bless you, aloha to you. (Reported by Janan Malinowski; photo by Sharen Chaves)

8 HAIKU St. Rita Parish

On Feb. 10 at 5 p.m. we had a healing Mass that was well attended by parishioners and visitors. After Mass everyone was invited to the parish hall for a **Mardi Gras celebration.** A pasta dinner was served with homemade bread and array of desserts. It was an evening of good food, fellowship and a fun game of bingo. We thank our cooks **Agnes Groff, Diane Nifong and Rosemary Ferreira.** Pictured: Visitors **Jeff and Julie** from Iowa, Diane, and our pastor **Father Robert Nini.** (Reported by Esther Yap)

9 KEKAHA St. Theresa Parish

On Feb. 12, our church music ministry gathered at MCS Grill in Hanapepe for its **"First Annual Music Ministry Luncheon"** post-COVID. A great time was had by all in attendance with food, dessert, prizes, etc., celebrating their musical gifts from the Lord while enjoying one another's company. A big round of "Thanks!" to our music coordinator, **Debbie Olores,** who organized, decorated, prepared goodie bags, coordinated plant giveaways and music ... she's our miracle worker! Anyone interested in lending their gift from the Lord,

whether it be your voice or playing an instrument, should see **Debbie** or any of our music ministry members, and we will welcome you with open arms! Stewardship is a beautiful thing! Have a blessed Lenten journey! (Reported by Chantal A. Duarte; photo by Antonina Kozlowska)

10 MOUNTAIN VIEW St. Theresa Parish

At the Feb. 3 vigil Mass and Feb. 4 Mass, nine kupuna were awarded plaques in appreciation for their love and services provided to our parish in fulfilling God's mission. Pictured are **Aina Langford, Douglas Obado, Wendell Sagon, Aloha Parks, Patrick Naughton and Blaise Caldeira.** Missing are **Eleanor Ginette, Dee Griep and Clemente Andrade.** (Reported by Erlinda Villena)

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