

the parish news

1 KANEOHE

St. Ann Parish

On May 16, parishioners and various parish ministries joined their voices with Catholic Christians around the world by participating in and praying **The Living Rosary**, the Sorrowful Mysteries. Each person standing lit a candle to represent a bead in the rosary. It was a beautiful way to honor our Blessed Mother. (Reported by Dona Clamucha; photo by Father Patrick Tukidia)



2 WAIANAE

Sacred Heart Parish

What a joyous occasion we had at the parents/guardians monthly meeting on May 19. **Students, parents, guardians and teachers of religious education** were introduced to the newly blessed **iMac computer lab**. Mahalo nui loa to **Iolani School, Katie and Glenn Klinger** for setting it up to be used as a great tool in engaging technology with our Catholic Faith. (Reported by Rosa Lefua)



3 KAILUA

St. John Vianney Parish

Congratulations to our pastor **Father Vincent Vu** on his fifth anniversary of priesthood on May 17. His holy service to the Lord continues to touch many hearts and inspire many lives in our parish and school. May God's goodness and kindness be with him all the days of his life, and may God keep Father Vincent safe in the palm of his hand. ... We are so proud of **Father Kurt Kealii Meyer** and **Father Hai Thanh Pham** who were ordained to the priesthood on May 24. Both served our parish as seminarians. The two new priests will celebrate Thanksgiving Masses at our parish June 8 and 9. Refreshments will be served on the Fellowship Lanai after every Mass to honor the newest members of the Diocese of Honolulu's presbyterate. ... Our parish will begin a monthly weeknight **Eucharistic Adoration** 7 to 8 p.m. beginning Wednesday, June 19. Our goal is to increase Eucharistic devotion and connection to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. All are invited to this unique opportunity to be in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Afterward we will share a dessert and fellowship on the parish lanai. (Reported by Earl Walker)



4 PAHOA

Sacred Heart Parish

Sunday, May 19, was **Sunday Fun Day** for our **Faith Formation** students. It was a day to remind families and children that Faith Formation is not over when you are confirmed, but rather continues as you grow and learn in your faith. (Reported by Janan Malinowski; photo by Maila Naiga)



5 KULIOUOU

Holy Trinity Parish

In support of "Walking with Moms," our parish hosted its second annual **Baby Shower** in celebration of new life on Sunday, May 19. The **Holy Trinity Respect**

Life Committee organized this joyful event to support moms and expectant moms in the East Honolulu Vicariate and beyond. We celebrated with new babies and their families and with a couple of moms with a baby on the way. The parishes of **St. Pius X, Manoa, Newman Center/ Holy Spirit and Sacred Heart, Punahou**, joined us to make this event a success. Over a five-week period, these parishes donated baby gifts, gift cards and supplies useful to new moms. Over two dozen volunteers including two seventh graders from **Sacred Hearts Academy** shared their time and talent which resulted in beautiful decorations, delicious refreshments and a well-organized clean-up. Holy Trinity pastor, **Father Mike**

Dalton, blessed the gathering and enjoyed visiting with everyone. About 50 people attended, including siblings of the new babies who enjoyed a coloring table and chasing down balloons. Refreshments included delicious tea sandwiches, fruit, pasta salad, veggies, spring rolls, crackers and dips, savory meatballs, shoyu chicken and assorted desserts. **Jennie Heleski** from the **Mary Jane Home** and **Mary Smart** from **Pearson Place** told the group how their organizations are a tremendous resource for moms. **Susanne Fake** from **Catholic Charities Hawaii** also shared information on its services. Two new moms and three expectant moms went home with gift baskets and baby supplies. Seven families who

were not able to attend will have their baby baskets delivered. It was wonderful for young families to meet each other and a blessing for people from four parishes to work together on this important mission. We hope that new friendships and connections with these young families will grow out of this gathering. As the shower ended, volunteers filled a mini-van with donated items to be delivered to the Mary Jane Home. (Reported by Sue Berk)

6 HAIKU

St. Rita Parish

We celebrated the **Feast of St. Rita** and the **Solemnity of the Holy Trinity** on the weekend of May 25 and 26. Also, **Father Robert** scheduled a **Healing Mass**, Saturday, at

5 p.m. Parishioners signed up to receive the **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**. Father Robert delivered a beautiful homily on the Holy Trinity and St. Rita our patron. On Sunday, after morning Mass, we gathered for a parish potluck in our hall to celebrate. Pictured is the **Matheis ohana**, three generations enjoying the food and fellowship. (Reported by Esther Yap)

7 EWA

Immaculate Conception Parish

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! (Luke 1:42-43) Before the month of May began, our pastor **Father Siegfred Dosdos** (Father Sieg) challenged us to pray the Rosary each day in the month of May to recognize the Blessed Virgin Mary's importance in our Catholic Faith. With the assistance of many individuals and several **parish ministries**, the challenge has been completed. A **big mahalo** to all the parishioners and many ministries, including the **Sacred Heart Society, Knights of Columbus, Council 6734, the Chamorro Group, CCD ministry, music ministry, and the food pantry**. Also, our **daily Mass participants** always ensured that each day's Rosary had been completed. Lastly, thanks to Father Sieg for his leadership and continued perseverance. (Reported by Normand HJ Robert)

8 WAILUKU

St. Anthony Parish

The show must go on, rain or shine! A torrential downpour did not dampen the spirit of the faithful parishioners who came to support **St. Anthony's Flores de Mayo** on May 11. With their umbrellas in hand, the faithful sang hymns and songs while carrying the statue of **Blessed Virgin Mary** in procession on the grounds of the parish church and schools. Inside the church, flowers and leis were offered to the Blessed Virgin Mary followed by recitation of the Holy Rosary. **Father Ace** started and ended the celebration with a prayer. (Reported by Madelyn Pascual)

9 KALIHI

St. John the Baptist Parish

On May 15, at Honolulu Hale our parish was recognized and congratulated on its **180th anniversary** of serving the community. **Father Jaroslaw Z (Jarek) Skrzypek** was also recognized for the 20th anniversary of his priestly ordination and his ministry to the entire community in Kalihi. These awards were presented by City Council member **Tyler Dos Santos-Tam**. Pictured with City Council members are Father Jarek and members of the parish social ministry. (Reported by Bertha Guerrero)

10 KEKAHA

St. Theresa Parish

On the beautiful feast of Pentecost, we celebrated our parishioners graduating from the eighth grade at **St. Theresa School** and **Waimea**

Canyon Middle School (WCMS), as well as **Waimea High School (WHS)**. All of the graduates attended STS at some time in their young lives. We are certainly blessed with a beautiful group of future leaders! Introducing our St. Theresa School graduates was principal **Wendy Castillo**. **Mr. Dino Pabre**, vice principal of Waimea High School, representing **principal Mahina Anguay**, introduced the WCMS and WHS graduates. We also celebrated the birthday, May 18, of our pastor **Father Edwin D. Conselva, MS**, with a potluck in the parish hall following the Sunday morning Mass. Our grateful thanks to our wonderful parish **Filipino Catholic Club** under the leadership of president **Edita Dullaga** for coordinating this fun-filled and happy occasion! We take this opportunity to wish all graduates a most fulfilling future as they move on to high school, college, university, the military, etc., that their futures will be one of awe-inspiring growth and happiness knowing that on this Pentecost Sunday, and every day, they will always have the Holy Spirit with them in all of life's ups and downs. Here's wishing everyone a relaxing and fun-filled summer! Pictured are Father Edwin (far left), **Deacon Ron** (far right) and some of the Waimea High School, St. Theresa School, Island School and Waimea Canyon School graduates. *(Reported by Chantal A. Duarte; photo by Ursuline Munar)*



11 WAIPIO
Resurrection of the Lord Parish

On May 18, in the presence of our Risen Lord, **Msgr. Gary Secor** conferred upon 23 children of our **Faith Formation Program** the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Also presiding at Mass was **Father Peter Miti**, assisted by **Deacon Joe Ancheta**, **Deacon Darryl Salvador**, and master of ceremony **Zachary Ramones**. A big mahalo to **Anna Molina Acebo**, education and formation director, for preparing our youth and their families for this special day. *(Reported by Susan Araki)*

12 KALIHI VALLEY
Our Lady of the Mount

May is the month of Mary, time for the cherished **Flores de Mayo**. It's the traditional devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary honoring her with the praying of the rosary, offering flowers to her statue in church and the procession of children fitted with angel wings and adults dressed in white holding the large letters of AVE MARIA attached to flower-decorated stands. As in the previous years, the **Filipino Catholic Club** headed by **Fe Go** spearheaded the traditional Flores de Mayo festivities. Parishioners showed their love and devotion to the Virgin Mary, Mother of God

and the Church, who intercedes for us, her beloved children. Men and women, young and old, the **catechists** (pictured), the **Knights of Columbus, Ilocano and Santo Nino Visayan Ministries** and all parish organizations that took turns in leading the rosary, the floral offering and procession, many in their white apparel to represent the Immaculate Mary. The month-long celebration culminated with a festive potluck fellowship and program. May Mary with her loving Son Jesus, bless us each and everyone. *(Reported by Francisca Kovaloff; photo by Fe Go)*

13 KALAHEO
Holy Cross Parish
The **Noblemen** honored the **mothers in the parish** with a Mother's Day pancake breakfast. The tasty meal of pancakes, sausage, fruit, dessert and a beverage was enjoyed by all. Great job, gentlemen! ... Pictured are graduates of the **Class of 2024** honored at a special Mass May 26. Graduating seniors from Waimea and Kauai High attended including a graduate from the University of Nevada in Las Vegas. We are very proud of them all and pray that they are blessed with a bright and promising future. Congratulations! ... The **Filipino Catholic Club** is having a kiawe BBQ chicken fundraiser June 8. Tickets are \$13 for a half chicken. Salamat po for supporting the FCC! ... The **Social Ministry** is seeking full-sized brown paper bags for their monthly **Food Package Distribution**. If possible, please double bag your donations and leave them at the parish hall door. Food distribution is on the first Friday of each month. Volunteers are needed to carry the food items from the pantry to the hall, and to fill the bags with packaged and frozen foods, and produce when available. Help is also needed to distribute the packages. Contact **Donna Miller** at sharedblessings808@gmail.com if you can help. ... **Shared Blessings**, the parish social ministry, will have a **yard sale** on July 20. Gently used items are being accepted. Leave your donations on the table at the school lanai, or call the office, 808-332-8011, if you want someone to accept your donations. *(Reported by Judy Cabanting)*

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