

the parish news

1 WAIPIO

Resurrection of the Lord Parish

Our parish has an active men's group which is in its 14th year. In addition to men of the parish, men from other parishes participate too. The **That Man is You (TMIY)** program addresses the pressures and temptations men face in our modern culture, and it harmonizes current social issues and medical science with the teachings of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive! There are 26 small group sessions each year and the TMIY group meets on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. For more information contact **Robert Baysa**: tmiy.golf.rol@gmail.com. (Reported by Susan Araki)

EDITOR'S CHOICE



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in during the presentation of gifts and blessed by our pastor **Father Robert Ni Ni**. The food collected are distributed to people that are in need in our Haiku community and beyond. A team of parishioners visits homeless encampments bringing food, water, blankets, hygiene items and clothing. They also take care of their spiritual needs with prayer and blessings. A heartwarming experience for our parishioners in this ministry. Mahalo to our generous parish community for their donations! Pictured are Father Robert and parishioner **Agnes Groff** distributing food to those in need. (Reported by Esther Yap)

2 PAHOA

Sacred Heart Parish

On Sept. 9, our parish, was graced with a visit from **Msgr. Gregorio Apuya** who was our pastor from 2012 to 2015. He celebrated an evening Mass for us and then parishioners gathered in Avery Hall for a welcoming potluck dinner at which he renewed old friendships and caught up on all that has happened in our parish since his tenure. Under his leadership, we started our now flourishing **stewardship program**, and used to celebrate the **Santa Cruzan-Flores de Mayo** festival. (Reported by Janan Malinowski; photo by Maila Naiga)



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7 KAILUA

St. John Vianney Parish

Our parish conducted an **estate planning seminar** on Thursday, Sept. 19 for our parishioners. The informational session was on living wills and trusts, protecting one's estate against probate, planning for long term care and protecting inheritance. Dinner was served before the presentation given by a representative of **Sterling and Tucker, LLP**. ... On Sept. 21-22, **Priesthood Sunday**, our parish showed its appreciation to our priests, **Father Vincent Vu**, **Father Arnold Ortiz** and **Father James Joseph**, with a Spiritual Bouquet, which is a Catholic tradition that involves offering prayers or acts of devotion for someone. Parishioners were asked to choose a flower sticker that included one of the following devotional acts: I have offered my Mass for you. I made a Holy Hour for you. I prayed a Divine Mercy chaplet for you. I prayed a Rosary for you. I prayed a novena for you. I prayed the Stations of the Cross for you. I prayed for you. I have performed an act of charity in your honor. The poster cards, containing flower stickers signed by parishioners, were our way of showing our priests that we are praying for them. ... Our parish is hosting a monthly **blood drive** on Sunday, Oct. 6. The Bloodmobile will be on campus from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sign up in the parish office to be a donor and save lives. (Reported by Earl Walker)



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3 KOLOA

St. Raphael Parish

On Sept. 13, **Bishop Larry Silva** installed **La Salette Father Ronaldo Guzman** as our new pastor. Concelebrating the Mass were his fellow La Salette priests **Father Danny**, **Father Edwin**, **Father Adondee**, **Father Efren**, **Father Valentine**, **Father Jiju**, **Father Pedro** and **Father James**. St. Catherine pastors **Father Nick** and **Father Francisco** also concelebrated. Deacons and their spouses, sisters from other vicariate parishes joined our Mass and fellowship dinner. Father Ronaldo's sisters from Canada and California attended the installation. Our choir members and members of other parishes provided music for the Mass and entertainment during dinner. Parishioners brought their favorite desserts for the fellowship dinner. (Reported by Rose Dela Cruz)



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Mass which brought us in the presence of God. We enjoyed a delightful bar-b-cue with a variety of delicious homemade dishes. Families came together, sharing food and stories while the kids ran around enjoying the sunshine, the games, and the water slide. We were blessed with local music and hula dancing. Beyond the fun and games, the day was a great opportunity for parishioners to connect and strengthen relationships. It was heartwarming to see new faces mingling with familiar ones and everyone enjoying the sense of unity. ... Sts. Peter and Paul Mission will be having their first **Paint and Praise** event Tuesday, Sept. 17, in the Sacred Heart Hall. The cost is \$10 and includes a painting, pupus and mocktails. The paintings are paint-by-number, so each participant is assured a masterpiece! We will paint, enjoy each other's company, share pupus and praise God for all our blessings! ... The Sts. Peter and Paul craft fair is right around the corner too, on Sunday, Dec. 8. Last

year was a great success, so this year will be even better! Bringing the local artisans and vendors to our parish grounds unites our community and sharing baked goods and a variety of foods is always a showstopper! If you would like a booth, call Cyndie Moss at 808-226-1429. ... Our parish is celebrating its feast day on Sept. 29 after the 11 a.m. Mass celebrated by **Bishop Silva**. To set our hearts right, the parishioners will be praying the **St. Michael Novena** each day at 6 p.m. at the parish church beginning Sept. 19. After Mass, we will have a craft fair with delicious food, entertainment, games and, best of all, fellowship. If you would like a booth to sell your crafts, please call the office at 808-637-4040. (Reported by Carolyn Alameida)

5 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Like many parishes in the United States and possibly other countries too, our parish ob-

served **Catechetical Sunday** on Sept. 15 at the 11 a.m. Mass. Catechists and youth ministers were recognized for their commitment to their ministry and commissioned to share and teach the Word of Jesus and teachings of the Catholic Church. Pictured are catechists and youth ministers with **Deacon Rey Dinulong** seated left with **Father Edmundo Barut**. Parents and guardians as the first catechists of their children were blessed also prior to final blessing of the Mass. Meanwhile, our religious education community of catechists, children, and parents is busy preparing for the celebration of All Saints on Oct. 27, Sunday with games, saints' costumes, and Trunk or Treat. (Reported by Julia Torres)

6 HAIKU

St. Rita Parish

Every fourth Sunday of each month, our parishioners bring canned goods for the hungry. The food is collected at the door of the church and carried

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Immaculate Conception Parish

"Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching." (2 Timothy 4:2) On Sept. 15, **Father Siegfred B. Dodos (Father Sieg)** commissioned our **religious education and children's liturgy teachers and aides** during the Catechetical Sunday celebration. We thank them for their stewardship of time to teach the Catechism of Our Faith to

Vote for 'lesser evil,' Pope Francis advises U.S. Catholics

By **Cindy Wooden**
Catholic News Service

ABOARD THE PAPAL FLIGHT FROM SINGAPORE — Asked what a U.S. Catholic should do given a choice between voting for a person who supports abortion or one who supports closing borders and deporting migrants, Pope Francis said one must choose “the lesser evil.”

“Who is the ‘lesser evil,’ that woman or that man?” the pope asked, referring to Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump. “I do not know. Each person must think and decide in his or her conscience.”

Pope Francis spent 45 minutes answering questions from 10 journalists on his flight Sept. 13 from Singapore to Rome at the end of a 12-day trip. He was asked about the four countries he visited, about sexual abuse, about his future travel plans, about the war in the Holy Land and the Vatican’s relations with China.

A U.S. television reporter asked him about the choice Catholic voters face between Harris, who supports legal-

ized abortion, and Trump, who wants to severely restrict immigration and has said he wants to deport millions of migrants.

Both attitudes “are against life: the one who wants to throw out the migrants and the one who kills children,” the pope said. “Both are against life.”

In the Old Testament, he said, God’s people are repeatedly reminded to care for “widows, orphans and the stranger,” that is, the migrant. They are the three that the People of Israel must protect. The one who does not care for migrants is lacking; it is a sin.”

And “to have an abortion is to kill a human being. Whether or not you like the word, it is killing,” the pope said. “The Catholic Church does not allow abortion because it is killing. It is assassination. And we must be clear about that.”

Pope Francis was asked if there were situations when a Catholic could vote for a candidate who was in favor of abortion.

“In political morality, generally, they say not voting is wrong; one must vote, and

one must choose the lesser evil” in accordance with one’s conscience, he said.

Abortion and care for migrants are both issues the U.S. bishops urge Catholics to consider when voting. In their document, “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship.” However, they say, “The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone.”

Regarding the idea of making a trip to Argentina, his homeland, the 87-year-old pope was not clear. “That is something that still hasn’t been decided,” he said. “I would like to go. They are my people. But there are various things to resolve first.”

However, if he does go, he said, he would want to stop over in the Canary Islands, a Spanish autonomous region in the Atlantic, where thousands of migrants — including many unaccompanied minors — have arrived from Senegal, Mali and other African countries.

Regarding the ongoing

clerical sexual abuse scandal, Pope Francis was asked about new revelations in the case of Abbe Pierre, the French priest and founder of the Emmaus Community, who died in 2007 at the age of 94.

As the pope’s trip began, the Emmaus Community announced that new accusations of sexual abuse of women and children had been made against the priest, and French media reported that church officials and community leaders had tried to cover up allegations as far back as the 1950s.

“We must speak clearly on these things and not hide them,” the pope said. “Abuse, in my judgment, is something diabolical” because it attacks the sacredness and God-given dignity of another person.

“The sexual abuse of children, of minors, is a crime.”

On the Vatican’s relationship with China, the pope said, “I am content with the dialogue with China. The results are good. Also, on the nomination of bishops, the work is going forward with goodwill.”

In 2018, the Vatican and

the government of China signed an agreement outlining procedures for ensuring Catholic bishops are elected by the Catholic community in China and approved by the pope before their ordinations or installations. The provisional, two-year agreement, already renewed in 2020 and 2022, is up for renewal in October.

The pope also said he welcomed China’s efforts to encourage a peaceful settlement of the fighting in the Gaza Strip.

“I call the parish in Gaza every day, every day,” he said; inside the compound of Holy Family Parish, some 600 people — Christians and Muslims — have taken shelter.

Pope Francis said he could not judge whether Israel’s reaction to the Hamas invasion in October is excessive, “but, please, when you see the bodies of children who have been killed — when you see that because of a presumption that there are some guerrillas there they bomb a school — it’s awful, awful.”

“Sometimes,” he said, “a war is just too much, too much.”

the parishioners including our keiki. Also, a big mahalo to **Shirley Sunio**, our director of religious education. The catechists commissioned are **Maria Eden Pulga** (OCIA coordinator), **Emy Keola**, **Lowena Nagamine**, **Sherrie Alcos**, **Wileen Biscaino**, **Rosie Nitta**, **Sister Mary Rose Atuu**, **Grace Rivera**, **Patrick Rivera**, **Ueka and Leilani Faumuina**, **Kiana Thompson**, **Ellie Jacang**, **Kyle Perdido**, **Hannah Ayala**, **Noah Ayala** (senior aide), **Sandra Mendonza**, **Wanda Bega**, **Mimi Mangrobang**, **Clarissa Duclayan**, **Chelsea Espiritu**, **Mady Agcamaran**, **Regina Rivera**, **Mary Ann Gauyan**, **Ariya Cordero** and **Normand Robert**. Catholic education is based on the principles of the Catholic Church. It is designed to provide students with a strong foundation in both academic and religious studies. Its goal is to help students develop a deep understanding of their faith, as well as to prepare them for success in their future careers and personal lives. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you! (Reported by **Normand H.J. Robert**)

9 KAHUKU

St. Roch Parish

We had a very busy summer at St. Roch and St. Joachim Mission. We celebrated the feast days of both churches in July and August with potluck gatherings. ... July 1 was the one-year anniversary of **Father PJ Camiring** arriving in Kahuku. We celebrated with food, entertainment and a parish photo. We looked back on a year of accomplishments and an increase in parishioner participation. ... **Father Kenneth Masong** from the



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Philippines and **Father Max Omana** from Utah spent time with us and celebrated several Masses. We were also joined at several events by **Father Lyndon Jong** and **Father Leonard Tubana**. ... Our biggest summer project was a complete renovation of our classrooms. The project was headed by **Rudy Hernandez**, a master carpenter. He was assisted by **Rodney Au**, **Mike Swain**, **Boy Mejia**, **Junior Garo**, **Don Ramos**, **Liberato Pasol**, **Dominador Accoba** and **Burt Pasol**. All their hard work, especially with Rudy’s lead, gave new life to the buildings. Father

PJ blessed the classrooms on Catechetical Sunday. ... He also baptized and welcomed several new parishioners to our parish and convalidated the marriage of one of our couples. ... On a not-so-happy note, **Father PJ**, who is a military chaplain, has been called to active duty. He will be leaving for training in Arizona and his next assignment is unknown. We will miss him beyond words. ... We will pray daily for his continued safety and safe return with the hopes that he will be assigned once again to St. Roch and continue the journey with us. ... We

love you, **Father PJ**. Thank you for always being available, caring and so easy to approach. Can we get a “**Yessah Clap with a Double Rainbow Shaka**” (Father PJ’s signature sign of appreciation)? (Reported by **Sharin Au**)

10 NUUANU

St. Stephen Parish

On July 15, our parish welcomed our new pastor **Father Adondee Arellano** on Sunday Sept. 8 at our 10 a.m. Mass, when we celebrated his 21st ordination anniversary as a missionary priest of Our Lady of La Salette. **Father**

Pedro Chingandu, also a La Salette priest, concelebrated the Mass. **Father Pedro** came from Angola to join **Father Adondee’s** celebration. After Mass, many remained for lunch and fellowship. It was heartwarming to see parishioners celebrating our pastor’s 21st anniversary. **George Abcede**, **Kahaunani Gum** and **Tina Welch** provided entertainment playing their guitars as they sang. Later **Megan Tamayo** and **Journey Hahn** joined them singing. To everyone’s surprise **Father Adondee** took a guitar and sat with the singers, playing and singing with them. All ministries provided a main dish, side dish, dessert and drinks. A big mahalo to all who helped with this special celebration. We’re glad **Father Pedro** was able to join us. (Reported by **Ginny Jordan**; photo by **Marie Tokuda-Wong**)

11 WAIKANE

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church

On Sept. 15 Catechetical Sunday, faith formation catechists were commissioned the parents and keiki of faith formation were blessed. Pictured in front from left are **Zayden Salas**, **Maraea Kahala-Salas**, **Lily Rillamas**, **Trae Miller**, **Keely Miller**. In the second row, **Ryan Miller**, **Kateri Miller**, **Kanoe Rillamas**, **Father Leonardo Tubana**, **Kumu Pacita Woodward**, **Hannah Salas Welch-Orellanas**, **Winnie Salas** and **Nadine Rapusas**. In the last row, **Justice Salas**, **Lucy Salas**, **Melody Rapusas** and **Natasha Salas**. (Reported by **Lucy Salas**)