

# the parish news

## 1 EWA BEACH

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Our **Vocations Ministry** honored our priests, **Father Ed Barut**, pastor, and **Father Kurt Meyer**, parochial vicar, on Sept. 29, **Priesthood Sunday**. Each received a lei at the Mass each celebrated and were treated to a dinner in the evening. Our children and catechists also showed their love for Father Ed and Father Kurt at the start of religious education classes at 1 p.m. on the same Priesthood Sunday. Pictured is Father Ed, right, and Father Kurt surrounded by catechists and children. (Reported by Julia Torres)

### EDITOR'S CHOICE



## 2 KEKAHA

### St. Theresa Parish

It's been a busy two months! In addition to praying the **rosary** on Sundays and Wednesdays with special prayers and novenas, we have been praying the rosary since Sept. 17 with a Triduum novena to **Our Lady of La Salette** in honor of our **Missionaries of La Salette** who have served our parish for 35-plus years. A light breakfast followed Mass on her feast day Sept. 19. We immediately moved into our nine-day novena to our parish patron saint, **St. Therese of Lisieux**, celebrating her feast day Oct. 1 with another light breakfast following morning Mass. We then rolled right into **October's Month of the Holy Rosary** with the rosary prayed in the homes of parishioners, as well as at St. Theresa Church every day this month. Our parish also participated in the **Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Crusade** on Oct. 12 at noon at our parish mission, **Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Church**, in Waimea praying all four mysteries. On Oct. 20, we prayed all four mysteries with our **Rosary Walk for Peace** followed by a potluck celebration on the school lanai. Coming up, we'll be adding a new rosary to our roster with **The Patriotic Rosary** on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, continuing on subsequent patriotic holidays. Last, we bid a fond and loving **Aloha & Mahalo!** to **Deacon Bambi and Clarissa Emayo** who have served our parish for three years, as they move onto their new assignment at **St. Raphael Parish** in Koloa effective Oct. 15. We celebrated with a potluck in the parish hall following Mass on Oct. 13. We wish them the very best and ask God to continue to bless and guide them. Mahalo nui loa! (Reported Chantal A. Duarte)



## 3 KAHULUI

### Christ the King Parish

On Sept. 29, our parish celebrated **Priesthood Sunday** with six priests: **Father Efrén Tomas, MS**, and **Father Anil Varghese, MS** (both from Christ the King), **Father Edison Pamintuan, MS**, and **Father Napoleon Andres, MS** (both from St. Joseph Church, Makawao), **Father Pedro Chingandu, MS** (visiting from Angola, Africa) and **Msrgr. EJ Domingo** (visiting from Ilocos Norte, Philippines). **Carol Ursua**, our worship commission chairperson, led the congregation's blessings for the priests during the Sunday Mass. It was followed by a sumptuous potluck luncheon for about 300 in the church hall. The entertainment was provided by various ministry groups. Father Efrén and Father Edison sang their favorite songs to add to the happy occasion. It was a day of fun and thanksgiving honoring all of our priests. Pictured, the congregation blesses our three priests. (Reported by Lucy Peros)

## 5 KALAHEO

### Holy Cross Parish

Summer was a good time for parish fellowship. Events included **Father Danny's birthday**, **Social Ministry's yard sale and the FCC huli huli chicken fundraiser**. Moving into fall, we just celebrated the feast days most associated with our parish: the **Exaltation of the Holy Cross** with our parish picnic, and the feast day of **Our Lady of La Salette**. ... A summer highlight was the **Hanapepe-Kaumakani wildfire**. It was overwhelming to watch the smoke and flames billowing as the winds moved the wildfire from the mountain down toward the ocean. The parish's **Shared Blessings Food Pantry**, a designated agency of the Kauai Food Bank, was assigned to provide water and food to those who sheltered in the area. Anyone interested in helping the parish social ministry can contact Donna Miller at sharedblessings808@gmail.com. ... October is the month of the Holy Rosary, and the young women of the parish gathered to make rosaries and to share food, fellowship and fun. ... Father Danny and some parishioners will join a **pilgrimage** to Greece and Turkey on Oct. 20 for a couple of weeks. Their tour guides are **Father Edison Pamintuan, MS**, and **Father Nap Andres, MS**. **Father Fred Iminga, MS**, will help at the parish during this time. ... **Social Ministry** is getting ready for its **First Friday Food Distribution** Nov. 1, 4-5 p.m. ... The **All**

**Souls' Day Mass** will be celebrated on Nov. 2 at 8 a.m. You may bring a photo of your loved ones to be blessed after Mass. However, a count is needed to provide enough table space for the photos. Please call the office, 808-332-8011, if you plan to bring a photo. (Reported by Judy Cabanting)

## 6 HAIKU

### St. Rita Parish

It's beginning to look like Christmas at St. Rita Thrift Shop! Our annual **Christmas Sale** Nov. 9, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., and Nov. 10, 9:45 a.m. to noon, offers new to gently used items. Find a selection of items with original tags that are priced reasonably, Christmas gifts and decor, holiday clothing, shoes, toys, backpacks, jewelry, plants — a lot of gift ideas available. Also, baked goods, pickled items, jams and jellies, sushi and chicken hekk plates will be on sale. All are welcome! Come visit us at 655 Haiku Road, call 808-575-2601 or email stritahaiku@gmail.com. (Reported by Esther Yap)

## 7 KAILUA

### St. John Vianney Parish

Our parish conducted a **blood drive** Oct. 6 and collected 32 pints which will save 96 lives! This is our second blood drive this year, surpassing our annual goal of 70 pints by collecting 78 total pints and thus saving 234 lives! The **Blood Bank of Hawaii** congratulated and thanked our parish for being a partner in saving lives. We

will continue to promote this worthy cause as there are many families who are praying to receive lifesaving blood. ... Our parish will once again host its popular **Trunk or Treat** on Oct. 25, 6-8 p.m. Our parking lot will be transformed into a thrilling arena filled with festively decorated trunks of cars and pickup trucks. Goodies will be distributed to young trick-or-treaters of all ages in a safe, controlled environment. Suggested entry donation is a can of food. ... On Nov. 2, at the 8 a.m. Mass for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, also known as **All Souls' Day**, we will honor all our loved ones who have gone before us in the hope of the Resurrection. Books have been placed on the counters on either side of the front doors of the church to add names of our loved ones to be remembered and prayed for throughout November. (Reported by Earl Walker)

## 8 WAIALUA

### St. Michael Parish

As we are striving to be one parish, **Sts. Peter and Paul Mission** hosted a very successful **Paint and Praise** evening on Sept. 17. Fourteen artists from St. Michael, Sts. Peter and Paul and neighboring **St. Roch** attended. While we painted, we had pasta, pupus and drinks while listening to Gospel music. We also had inspirational Scripture cookies and candies to inspire the gifts of the Holy Spirit! ... Our **Bible study group** at **Sts. Peter and Paul Mission** meets each Wednesday af-

ternoon using the **Ignatius Catholic Bible Study**. We are loving them! We have focused on the books of the New Testament and now the Gospels. We have studied the Gospel of Mark, are just about finished with the Gospel of Matthew and will then begin the Gospel of Luke. Meeting to read and discuss the readings has taught us a great deal about our faith and **Salvation history**. ... Plans are in the works for our **Craft Fair** Dec. 8, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. We will have crafts, food, a petting zoo and a visit from Santa Claus! If you are a vendor, please call **Cyndie Moss** at 808-226-1429. (Reported by Carolyn Alameida)

## 9 KAHUKU

### St. Roch Parish

Welcome **Father Roel delos Reyes**, assigned to our parish after **Father PJ Camiring** was called to active military duty. We had a **meet-and-greet** potluck, highlighted with a lechon, donated by one of our parishioners. We continue our fellowship on Sunday and after the daily Mass to give Father Roel the opportunity to familiarize himself with the parishioners. We had a **Ministry Fair** to encourage more parishioners to join a ministry. We recruited several new members. ... St. Roch has devoted October to **Mama Mary**. Anyone is welcome to join us every evening at 6 p.m. at our grotto to recite the rosary. Each evening is sponsored by a parish family or a ministry. Meditation continues every second and fourth Wednesday, 3-6 p.m. The church doors are open and all are welcome. Our **OCIA classes** began on Oct. 6 for any adult seeking full inclusion to the Catholic Church. Our **CCD classes** have also resumed after the summer break. On Oct. 9 Father Roel hosted the **Windward Vicariate meeting** with priests, deacons and laypeople. Members of the parish arranged the hall with beautiful table settings, and an extensive menu. Father was very appreciative of all the participation for this event. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon lunch. Several members of our parish joined **Father Paul Li** on a **21-day pilgrimage** to Portugal, Spain, France and Italy. Shared pictures have been posted on our Facebook page. ... On Nov. 2, **All Souls' Day**, we will celebrate with Mass at 9 a.m. We will have a **Remembrance Tree** set near the altar. Each person may place the names of their deceased loved ones on an available ornament and hang it on the tree. The tree will remain in the church through November as we pray for all souls throughout the month. We will also be updating our church **Book of Deceased** members of the parish. ... On Dec. 7 we will have a **Holiday Craft Fair**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on the church property. We are still looking for vendors. If interested, please contact our church office. (Reported by Sharin Au)

## 10 NUUANU

### St. Stephen Parish

On Sept. 15, **Catechetical Sunday**, **Father Adondee Arellano** commissioned our religious education and children's liturgy teachers and aides at our 10 a.m. Mass. The catechists commissioned are **Velma Guieb-Mamuad**, coordinator of faith formation, **Brian Laroya**, youth ministry, **Joel Tamayo**, **Zachary Tamayo** (aide), **Reba Choo**, **Lia Lui-Kwan**, **Jennifer Tamayo**, **Megan Tamayo** (aide), **Journey Hahn** (aide), **Denise Lin-Deshetler**, **Daren Lin-Deshetler**, **Joanne Saribay**, **Jaizlyn Saribay** (aide). Also commissioned are OCIA coordinator **Debbie Fujiyama**, **Sister MaryKutty Kottuppallil** (MSMHC), **Donna Louis**, **Camille Winslow**, **Sally Morley** and **Juanita Ruiz**. Catechists and youth ministers were recognized for their ministry. We thank them for their commitment to teach our faith to our children. Their goal is to help the children develop a foundation and deep understanding of their faith. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide our catechists. (Reported by Ginny Jordan)