

the parish news

1 WAIKANE

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish

We gathered for our annual **Living Rosary** with parishioners and friends who shared with us an evening of praying the rosary, Marian songs, delicious bentos and treats for everyone! Mahalo to the **Eucharistic Revival Ministry** and helpers for their faith and works in preparing it for us this year. For the past two years we have recited our parish's Living Rosary. We conclude October, holy rosary month, in honor of our Blessed Virgin Mother, Mary. We have truly come to love and appreciate this evening to remind us of the eve before the solemnity of All Saints' Day! (Reported by Lucy Salas)

EDITOR'S CHOICE



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these young people, they were able to collect five truckloads of food to refill the pantry in time for the Nov. 21 distribution. Parishioners are inspired by the true Christian example of our young people. Pictured are **Kershaun Dopich, Tom Higgins**, parish pantry chairperson, and **Archie Villanueva** with some of the food they collected. (Reported by Janan Malinowski; photo by Sharen Chaves)

2 NUUANU

St. Stephen Parish

On Sept. 28, **Bishop Larry Silva** installed **La Salette Father Adondee Arellano** as our new pastor. Many came to our 4 p.m. Mass to witness the installation. **Deacon David Bruce** from St. Joseph, Waipahu, helped celebrate with Bishop Silva. Our choir members provided the beautiful music. Special thank you to Bishop Silva, **Father Castro Valentin, MS, Father Valentine Sun Tun, MS, Father Eric Castro, MS, Deacon David Bruce, Regina Pfeiffer Silva, Knights of Columbus Eric Wong, Larry Gonzales** and **George Leong** for making this a beautiful event. It was heartwarming and included a fellowship dinner. The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette (MS) is a congregation of priests and brothers who serve all over the world. It was founded on May 1, 1852, by **Bishop Philibert de Bruillard** of Grenoble, France, who a year earlier approved the apparition of Mary to two shepherd children, **Maximin and Melany**, in the village of La Salette on Sept. 19, 1846. (Reported by Ginny Jordan)



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9 WAIALUA

St. Michael Parish

During the beautiful and solemn **Month of Mary**, our parish and the **Mission of Sts. Peter and Paul** in Waimea came together in a powerful display of faith, prayer and community. From Oct. 12-20, we gathered each evening at the mission church to pray a rosary novena in honor of **Our Blessed Mother**. The setting for our prayer was our newly decorated grotto where we brought our spiritual and personal intentions to the feet of Mary, entrusting them to her maternal care. On Oct. 20, our celebration culminated with the blessing of our **memorial for unborn babies**. The beauty of the occasion was amplified by Right to Life decorations displayed throughout the church grounds. Large wooden crosses were adorned with images of babies drawn by our children. Pink and blue pinwheels symbolized the precious lives we are called to protect and cherish. Before Mass, **Father Romple** delivered a moving blessing honoring the memory of these unborn children. It was a moment of solemn reverence and hope. We concluded the day's observance with our final rosary and a joyful potluck. The shared meal allowed us to continue building the spirit of community so deeply nourished throughout the week. ... On Nov. 3, the hospitality group at Sts. Peter and Paul Mission hosted a delightful breakfast after the morning Mass to raise funds for religious education and to help cover the costs of sacraments. The event was an overwhelming success in both the ticket sales and the spirit of joy and fellowship that filled the air. Parishioners and visitors were greeted with a generous spread of fried rice and golden-brown potatoes, scrambled eggs, Portuguese sausage, link sausage, bacon and pancakes. A large assortment of fresh pastries added a sweet touch. But it was the sense of community and shared mission that made the event truly special. The hospitality group worked tirelessly to prepare the event and their efforts were truly appreciated. Their dedication exemplifies the spirit of service and generosity that defines our parish. We are deeply grateful to everyone who attended, volunteered and contributed to making this event a success. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of our parishioners, especially our young ones, as they grow in their knowledge and love of God. Pictured from left, **Edith**



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say the rosary every day before morning Mass led by different individuals. Before each weekend Mass, members of the **Knights of Columbus** under the leadership of **Leo Agcolicol** led the rosary. Our present pro-life chairperson, **Christle Bautista**, led the rosary every Monday afternoon by the grotto in front of the church. Each decade was led by an attendee. Songs about Mary were sung before and after the rosary. Our grotto is a very special one. Former pro-life leaders **Kuulei Cagasan, Carol Chai**, the late **Elena Borling** and the late **Audrey Guerrero** were instrumental in the construction of our beautiful grotto, which was dedicated for the unborn by **Father Efren Tomas, MS**. Also during October, the **Our Lady of Manaoag Family Crusade Prayer Group** under the leadership of **Nina Balasan** and **Veronica Cachola** took the image of **Our Lady of Manaoag** from house to house and recited the rosary with the family. They also teach families and their children how to say the rosary. There are 31 days in October and so they brought the image to 31 homes. They also lead the nine-day novena/rosary for the deceased when the bereaved families request. Filipinos from the Philippines are familiar with Our Lady of Manaoag whom they consider Our Miraculous Virgin Mother. Many miracles have been claimed through her intercession. Thousands of pilgrims visit the shrine of Our Lady of Manaoag in the province of Pangasinan, Philippines, every year. The church is standing room only, shoulder to shoulder, with visitors and pil-

grims. (Reported by Lucy Peros; photo by Paul Pigao)

5 KEAAU

Holy Rosary Mission

We culminated our daily **house-to-house rosary** in the month of October coordinated and led by **Perla Valdez** and **Maricar Noble**. The families were grateful to have been visited by Our Lady and praying together. This is one of the activities the parish does in May and October, evangelizing families through praying the holy rosary. A family that prays together stays together. (Reported by Linda Villena)

6 KALIHI

St. John the Baptist Parish

On Oct. 27, at 6 p.m., despite the rain, many parishioners and guests gathered at the parish grotto with **Father Jarek** and prayed the rosary for peace. This year's meditation on the joyful mysteries was inspired by **St. John Paul II's** reflection: "The Rosary as a Weapon of Peace." This gathering beautifully highlighted our community's resilience and commitment to prayer, reminding us of the power of faith in bringing hope and peace to our world. ... Pictured are displays for the **Dia de los Muertos** ofrenda prepared by the parish's **Hispanic Community**. The Altar of the Souls, or Altar de los Muertos, is a beautiful Mexican holiday, where families prepare "altares" in their homes, churches, parks, streets and cemeteries in honor of their loved ones who have died. The altar remembers the departed, expresses a love for life and reminds us that life is

eternal and the presence of the deceased is everlasting. (Reported by Bertha Guerrero; photo by Father Jarek)

7 WAIPIO GENTRY

Resurrection of the Lord Parish

On Oct. 25, our **Faith Formation Program** held its annual **Trunk or Treat** in the church parking lot. More than a dozen trunks were decorated by catechists, parents and parishioners with happy and positive themes. Trick-or-treaters filled their bags with sweet treats. One of the trunks was decorated with a character many quickly recognized as the blue monster hungry for cookies, **Cookie Monster**. But on this special night celebrating All Hallows' Eve, "C" was not for cookies; "C" was for Christ. **Louise and Steve Saoit** dressed as **Cookie and Milk** for their balloon-filled trunk. Also, in the parish hall, the **Life Teen** class of high school students hosted games with prizes and provided delicious food and drinks. Thanks to everyone who attended this spectacular event! (Reported by Susan Araki)

8 PAHOA

Sacred Heart Parish

On Nov. 8 and 9, the children of the parish **faith formation classes** accompanied by their teachers held a food drive to refill the **Parish Pantry** for the monthly food distribution for those in need. They were stationed outside Malama Market at the Puna Kai Shopping Center. In just two days, due to the generosity of community members and the commitment of

3 WAHIAWA

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

Our parish celebrated **All Saints' Day** with saint costumes. "**Mother Teresa**" joined the joyful celebration. The children and adults celebrated with Mass then continued with the traditional **Trunk or Treat** games with wrapped sweets. Due to the refreshing Wahiawa rain the occasion was held at the parish hall. The car trunks were colorfully decorated with accented fall season decors. All had fun wearing the outfit of their favorite saints and enjoyed the games and goodies. There were no spooky outfits and everyone had a chance to be a saint once during their lifetime. Happy All Saints' Day! (Reported by Pacita Baron)

4 KAHULUI

Christ the King Parish

October is the month of the **Holy Rosary** in honor of our **Blessed Mother**. Our parish diligently took this month to

Barcina, Nancy Albios, Sonia, Jeanie Martinson, Carolyn Alameida, Petra, Cyndie Moss, Paul Torres, Cristiana Ercoli and daughter Maylani Kamauoha, Andrea Woods, Magdalena Labradour and Prudence McKinney. (Reported by Carolyn Alameida)

10 HAIKU

St. Rita Parish

In early fall we held an appreciation luncheon for the **volunteers of the Thrift Store.** Parishioner **Agnes Groff** prepared a wonderful lunch. Our pastor **Father Robert Ni Ni** thanked all for their service and commitment for almost 10 years serving the island community in need with affordable clothing and household items. The income earned from the thrift store helps with the maintenance of our facilities. Mahalo and God bless the volunteers for their generous service to our parish! Pictured front row: **Duane Nakahashi, Robert Robello, Sue Redpath, Nancy Gordon.** Second row: **Father Robert, Tamyra Freeman, Agnes Groff, Donna Hart, Annette Scognamillo, Rosemary Perreira and Connie Munoz.** Not pictured are **Lucky Cabral and Laurita Ambrose.** (Reported by Esther Yap)



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11 KAILUA

St. John Vianney Parish

Our parish collected nonperishable food items for our annual **Thanksgiving Food Drive** Nov. 4-8. Parishioners placed donations in baskets in the back of the church and students in our school collected items and brought them to the parish office. Items were delivered before Thanksgiving to food pantries at **St. Anthony of Padua, St. Roch and Hui Mahiai Aina Transitional Shelter.** ... Our **Ladies Sodality** will hold a **Holiday Christmas Crafts Boutique** Nov. 30, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Dec. 1, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the parish lounge. The boutique will include handcrafted items, plants, baked goods and a silent auction. All are invited to stop by and purchase items that are perfect as gifts for Christmas. ... The parish will conduct an **Advent wreath making** event on Saturday evening, Nov. 30, 6-8 p.m. Attendees will enjoy a pasta buffet dinner, make an Advent wreath and have the wreath and candles blessed by our pastor. Greenery, forms and candles will be provided and Advent prayer calendars will be distributed. This popular event is a great way to launch your Advent devotions. Register and invite your family and friends to attend. Registration is required. Please go to the event page on our parish website at saintjohnvianneyhawaii.org. (Reported by Earl Walker)



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minary Service on All Souls' Day after the vigil Mass. Bags and candles were provided and placed around the courtyard. The names of our departed loved ones were read by Father Ron during a short liturgical service with a litany. We ended the service by singing "Hawaii Aloha." (Reported by Rose Dela Cruz)

13 KAHUKU

St. Roch Parish

We completed our **31-day rosary** for the month of October. On the final day, each person attending placed a rose at the grotto in front of Mother Mary. The evening concluded with a potluck. ... On All Souls' Day, on a **Remembrance Tree** in the front of the church hung the names of deceased loved ones written on paper doves which the priest blessed during Mass. ... On Nov. 17, the religious education children held a walkathon to raise money for their activities. Parishioners donated money for each mile the children walked for a very successful fundraiser. ... On Nov. 23, St. Roch will host a car wash for the **cheerleaders of Kahuku High School** in our church yard, 8 a.m. to noon. Stop by to support them if you are in the area. ... On Thanksgiving Day, we will have a morning Mass and a canned goods drive for the

needy. ... On Dec. 7 we are having a craft fair at St. Roch, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Many crafters will offer many different items. Please join us. ... We have planned our **Simbang Gabi** schedule for nine days, Dec. 15-23. Invited priests will celebrate Masses at 7 p.m. each evening. **Bishop Larry Silva** will celebrate on Dec. 17, followed by a potluck dinner. All are welcome. Our Christmas Mass schedule is as follows: Christmas Eve at 9 p.m., Christmas Day at 8 a.m. at St. Roch and 11 a.m. at **St. Joachim** in Punaluu. ... Our Filipino Catholic Club president, **Jarma Hudson**, has relocated to the mainland. We would like to acknowledge Jarma for all her generosity to our parish. Whatever the church needed, Jarma always tried to provide it. She brought the parish FCC back to life and devoted much of her time keeping everyone active. We thank you Jarma and wish you well on your new journey. ... **Father Roel delos Reyes** will be leaving us on Dec. 31 as he was a temporarily assigned priest. In his short time with us he has done an amazing job helping our parish flourish. We are sad that he is leaving. We will miss his easy-going ways and pleasant nature. We wish him the best on his return to the Philippines. Our newly assigned priest, **Father Joseph**

"Bong" Diaz, arrives Jan. 1. (Reported by Sharin Au)

14 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

We had a beautiful celebration of our annual **All Saints Party** Oct. 27 at the school ground. Thank you to our Lord for giving us beautiful weather. (Rain had been forecast.) A lot of people contributed to the success of our event. First were **Father Ed Barut**, our pastor, and **Father Kurt Meyer**, our parochial vicar for the costume contest prizes. Distributing goodies to the children for **Trunk or Treat** were the **OCIA group (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), Samoan Ministry, Rommie and Brenda Rosal, Grace and Michael Romias, Sacred Hearts Society, Filipino Catholic Club, Knights of Columbus, Michael and Malia Wong, David and Gina Martin, Terra Harding, Jeffrey Marmito and family, Jeffrey Sagaysay and family, and Life Teen/Edge Youth Ministry.** Donors for candies were **Scott and Judy Labeau, Sandy Javar, Alvin and Kathy Sniffen, Donna Souza, Pete Wokoun and Darryl and Camilla Yorong.** Providing games with goodies were **St. Isidore's booth with Mela Kim and Stephanie Belaski**, and the Island of Molokai

booth with **Stan Alvarez and family.** Running the face painting table were catechists **Remi Cabrera** and **Aurora Agcaoili.** **Donna Lyn Baguio**, OCIA high school catechist, and her group provided shave ice. Other contributors were costume contest judges **Father Kurt, Nate Conley and Nikki Price, Wayne Campos**, who provided the PA system, emcee **Aileen Leonardo-Pila** and catechists **Josey Choe, June Melendez, Eleanor Ragojo.** Parish secretary **Emily Tui** assisted in checking in the children. Adults and children were asked to dress up as saints. Pictured is Father Ed in a white alb as **St. Edmund** and Father Kurt as **St. John the Baptist.** (Reported by Julia Torres)

15 KALAHEO

Holy Cross Parish

This year's All Souls' Day Mass was a wonderful celebration. Families were invited to bring to Mass photos of their loved ones which were displayed on tables and blessed. Those who attended appreciated having their family and friends in church again. ... We want to celebrate one of our parish youths, **Kaye Marie Fernandez Alvarez**, who was awarded the title of **Miss Kauai Veteran** for 2024-2025. She is the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Alvarez.** Her father is president of the **Holy Cross-Sacred Heart Filipino Catholic Club.** Kaye Marie's brother is currently serving in the U.S. military in the medical field. She is president of the **Health Occupation Students of America** and leads as the battalion commander of the **Menehune JROTC Battalion** at Waimea High School. Kaye Marie's journey is built upon a foundation of service and leadership reflecting her dedication to serve and uplift her community. Kaye Marie shared, "This role is more than a title; it embodies my commitment to making a meaningful impact in Kauai through leadership, advocacy, and service." She described herself as a "woman of action, not words, leading back to the woman I strive to be." We are extremely proud of you, Kaye Marie, and your parents, for receiving this honor. ... The **Ladies Altar Society annual bazaar**, Nov. 9, kicked off the holiday shopping with craft items, baked goods, plants, fruits and vegetables, a silent auction and of course, their signature item, Portuguese sweet bread. This year, the society opened the bazaar after weekend Masses so that everyone had an opportunity to shop for that perfect item. Many thanks to all who supported the members' efforts! ... Preparations for Advent and Christmas are underway! At the Sacred Heart Mission Church in Elelee, **choir members** recovered the Christmas parols. A church **clean up day** is planned for Saturday, Nov. 23. Volunteers are asked to bring buckets, rags, squeegees, etc. and a friend to help. ... A blessed **Thanksgiving Day** to you and your loved ones! Try to attend one of the special Masses for the holiday. ... **Advent** begins Dec. 1. Be on the lookout for parish Advent and Christmas events. The **Misa de Gallo Novena Masses** will begin Dec. 16 at 5 a.m. and will continue until Dec. 24. (Reported by Judy Cabanting)