

# the parish news

## 1 HONOKAA

### Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

At our parish, **Father Junvic, Deacon Keoki Wood** and 12 disciples witnessed to Jesus by washing the feet of parishioners on Holy Thursday. Abundant blessings. *(Reported by Vicky Castulo Aten)*



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## 2 HAIKU

### St. Rita Parish

It was a beautiful **Easter Vigil**. Celebrants **Father Robert Ni Ni, MF**, and **Father Raju Palletti, MF**, greeted the assembly, instructed them about the vigil, and blessed the fire. Then the **Easter candle** was lit from the new fire. It was a holy night of wonderful readings and the Gospel, an inspiring homily, and incredible music. We were blessed with three catechumens who received all their sacraments, nine confirmations and eight first Communions. It was an amazing celebration of the Easter Vigil. He is risen, Alleluia! *(Reported by Esther Yap)*



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## 3 KAILUA

### St. John Vianney Parish

The parish **Easter egg hunt** was held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday, April 20. Over 100 children, 10 and younger, hunted for candy-filled eggs on the parish grounds and hall. Each child also received a goodie bag. The **Easter Bunny** awarded 50 handmade baskets to children whose names had been selected in a drawing. It was an enjoyable way to celebrate our Risen Lord. ... **Divine Mercy Sunday** was instituted by **Pope John Paul II** as a feast for the universal church on April 30, 2000. After all Masses on April 27, our parishioners recited the Divine Mercy Chaplet, which is a prayer recited on rosary beads asking God to have mercy on the world. Our parish hosted its monthly **Hospitality Weekend** May 3-4. Refreshments were served on the Fellowship Lanai after all Masses. Saturday evening had Mexican-inspired food in honor of **Cinco de Mayo**, and Sunday morning included pastries, fruit, coffee and juice. ... On May 4, **Bishop Larry Silva** celebrated the 9 a.m. Mass with the rite of institution of lector for **Deepak Bobbarala**, who is in formation to be ordained a priest. After the Mass, the **Ladies Sodality** held a crowning of the statue of Mary in the garden grotto. The crowning was conducted by **Father Vincent Vu** who said a special blessing. It was truly a beautiful celebration attended by many parishioners. Pictured is the Easter Bunny with **Sarah and Antonio Cordaro**. *(Reported by Earl Walker)*



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## 4 PAHOA

### Sacred Heart Parish

On April 19, a **new stained-glass window** was installed in the bell tower of our church in Pahoa. It was a donation by anonymous parish stewards and is full of symbolism. The fish shape and Greek word for fish, ICHTHYS, are ancient symbols for Christians. The word is also a Greek acronym for Jesus Christ Son of God Savior. The number 153 references the miraculous catch of fish in the Gospel of John, Chapter 21. *(Reported by Janan Malinowski)*

those just before their baptism. **Bishop Larry Silva** and all the priests invoked the Holy Spirit's consecration of the **Oil of the Chrism**. Our priests renewed their commitment to serve God's people, imitating Christ, the High Priest. The laity, who share in the common priesthood, had the opportunity to acknowledge and thank their priests by participating in the Holy Mass and by praying with them and for them. *(Reported by Sister Rachel Marius)*

## 5 KAPAA

### St. Catherine Parish

The annual **Chrism Mass** on April 8 drew the **Kauai Vicariate** faith family together at our parish for the blessing and consecration of the holy oils. The **Oil of the Sick** will be used in the pastoral care of those who are ill or infirm from an illness of mind or body, accidents or advanced age. The **Oil of the Catechumens** will be used to anoint

celebration. The seven who received the sacraments of Confirmation, and /or Holy Eucharist were **Arnel Colcol, Caysha Goias-Soares, Cory Goias-Soares, Alyssa Lim, Bryton Lumabao, Tehani Toioka** and **Nicole Patengga**. The newly baptized and initiated parishioners were **Jaydam and Jayzden Aceret-Ipac, Ariela Faith Laguatan, Greg Cerny** and **Vincent Ingeniero**. Registration for OCIA classes and sacramental preparation classes for children, OCIC, is open. Registration forms are on the bulletin boards or contact the office, 808-332-8011. Also, registration for our keiki, ages 3-6, is open. ... The **May Crowning** will be May 11 at the 6:45 a.m. Mass. The **Ladies Altar Society** is planning the crowning. Parishioners are encouraged to bring floral tributes to Our Blessed Mother to all weekend Masses. ... Attention **graduating seniors of 2025!** College and high school graduates are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving (**Baccalaureate Mass**) on May 25 at 9:45 a.m.

## 6 KALAHEO

### Holy Cross Parish

Our parish welcomed 12 fully initiated parishioners at the Easter Vigil. All of our new parishioners participated in the OCIA and OCIC programs. We thank **Sister Gloria Camitan** who prepared the children for the sacraments, and **Father Danny Galang, MS**, and **Deacon Averiet Soto** who were the catechists for the adults. The adults participated in the washing of the feet and the presentation of the sacred oils during the Holy Thursday

Those attending, please contact the office, 808-332-8011.

... **Bishop Larry Silva** will preside at the confirmation and first holy Eucharist Mass for children attending OCIC sessions with Sister Gloria this past year, May 31 at 9 a.m. Let us pray for them as they become fully initiated, practicing Catholics. ... Our **Summer Yard Sale** is July 19, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Donations for the sale will be accepted June 2 to July 11. ... The **Filipino Catholic Club** is selling tickets for their **huli huli chicken fundraiser** — \$13 for a half chicken. Pick up will be on June 7 at Holy Cross Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. ... The parish was graced with the presence of several deacons and their wives who were in the diaconate class (pictured) with **Deacon Bambi Emayo** and his wife **Clarissa**. Deacon Bambi and Clarissa guided them around the grounds. *(Reported by Judy Cabanting; photo by Clarissa Emayo)*

## 7 KAHULUI

### Christ the King Parish

Holy Week at Christ the King was a busy one. Holy Thursday celebrated the washing of the feet of the members of **Pasifika Ehu**, our Polynesian brothers and sisters in Christ. On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross were prayed on the parish grounds, also led by members of Pasifika Ehu. Many parishioners participated. At the Easter Vigil, 10 catechumens were baptized and confirmed. They were **Kimverlee Ann Cadang, Finley Connelly, Lainely Connelly, Marley Connelly, Christian E. Hernandez, Sarah Nalani Speed, Andy Velasquez** and **Angie Velasquez**. Congratulations and God bless all of them. Early Easter Sunday, 5 a.m., the Resurrection of the Lord was graced with a "**Salubong**," a Filipino tradition depicting Jesus' encounter with his mother with children of the parish dressed as angels singing Alleluia and other Easter songs under the direction of **Conchita Pigao** of the **Marian Choir**. It is always a spectacular event. Some parishioners came to church as early as 4 a.m. to make sure they had their preferred seating. ... **Father Anil's** birthday was celebrated with an intimate get-together headed by the **EWOTC (Eucharistic Women of the Cross)**. ... Many parishioners joined the Queen of the Angels Church in Keokea, Kula, to celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**, at the invitation of **Father Anton Nyo, MS**, pastor. Father Anton constructed a **Divine Mercy Shrine** on church grounds using natural lava rocks from the Haleakala volcano eruption many years ago. Father Anton also added a waterfall by the shrine. Sumptuous



food was enjoyed by the participants during the fellowship. (Reported by Lucy Peros; photo by Audie Pascual)

8 KEKAHA

St. Theresa Parish

The **2025 Triduum** came and went so quickly, but the good news is that we welcomed four candidates into the church who were fully initiated at our Easter Vigil. We welcome **Kaylee Grance, Nala Lewis, Kawahine Palama** and **Kairen Waichi** into our church ohana. May they grow in the grace of God as they continue life's journey! ... On April 26, we were blessed with the presence of the **diocesan deacon class 8** who celebrated Mass here with our pastor **Father Edwin D. Conselva, MS**, on Saturday, along with our former **Deacon Bambi Emayo** and his lovely wife **Clarissa** who are part of the group. They traveled from **St. William Church** in Hanalei in the morning all the way to the sunny westside in the afternoon. It was really special to see so many deacons serving at one Mass! ... Looking ahead, we'll be having the **crowning of Mother Mary** on May 11 by St. Theresa School's May Day Queen **Taylor Pasion**, daughter of **Brandon and Lani Pasion**. ... On May 18, we will celebrate our graduates of the **Class of 2025** at our annual **Baccalaureate Mass**. Hard to believe another school year is coming to a close. Here's wishing everyone a safe and fun-filled summer! God bless! Pictured, front left, **Pam Camello, Danielle Burgos, Clarissa Emayo, Dawn**



**Ribucan, Deacon Gary Streff, Valerie Streff, Tyra Lamb and Deacon Ray Lamb**; back left, **Deacon Craig Camello, Deacon Ricardo Burgos, Deacon Bambi Emayo, Father Edwin Conselva, Deacon Chris Ribucan and Deacon Mike Brown**. (Reported by Chantal A. Duarte)

9 WAIPIO

Resurrection of the Lord Parish

On April 6, the **Edge class** of our faith formation program displayed their inspirational painted rocks which were blessed by **Father Peter Miti**.

Plain river rocks that once were part of the church's landscape, became the canvases for our **sixth, seventh and eighth grade students**. The idea was envisioned by their catechists **Ikaika and Arlene Bicoy**. A diamond-shaped stone marker with the words Faith Garden, by Edge, will greet parishioners and visitors who come to marvel at the rocks, placed under the staircase of the parish hall. (Reported by Susan Araki)

10 KAHUKU

St. Roch Parish

We have now entered the

**Easter season**. On April 15, several of our parishioners attended the **Chrism Mass** at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa. **Francisco and Lina Bruno** picked up the sacred oils for St. Roch Church. Representing St. Joachim Church was **Rodney and Sharin Au** (pictured). On April 17 Holy Thursday, our holy oils were delivered in a procession during Mass and placed next to the altar. On April 19, the Easter Vigil, three catechumens received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. They are **Kamananui Noga,**

**Abel Talone Malepe and Dorian Gutierrez**. Another religious education student, **Aila Marques**, together with an OCIA student, **Dylan Sheldon**, both candidates, received the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Welcome all to the Catholic Faith. Thank you to **Eugenia Posenecker, Cathy Cole** and **Amy Swiderski** for preparing them. On Easter Sunday, we had a beautiful Mass followed by fellowship and an egg hunt for the children. Our **Divine Mercy group** had a novena from April 18-26. On Divine Mercy Sunday at 3 p.m. there was adoration and benediction. At 4 p.m. there was the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, followed by a Thanksgiving dinner at 5 p.m. Thank you to **Lydia Daquiaoag** for the planning, and to all who participated in this beautiful event. ... May is the month of Mary. We will pray the rosary at our grotto every evening at 6 p.m. Each evening will be sponsored by a parish family. All are welcome. ... Thank you to all that have been sharing their talents as they take care of the most needed repairs of our rectory. We remember **Junior Primacio**, a longtime parishioner and pillar of the Kahuku-North Shore community, who passed away. His service was held on May 3. May he rest in peace. We continue to pray for the repose of the soul of our beloved **Pope Francis**, and for the papal conclave as it gathers at the Vatican to elect a successor. "Sii forte." ("Be strong.") (Reported by Sharin Au)

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