

**January 2024**

8 - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, 7am mass, OLQA  
 10 - Healing Mass, 5:30pm, HG; no 7am mass at OLQA  
 14 - 1st Holy Ghost Feast Meeting, 10:45, HG Hall; Novena for St. Marianne Cope begins and continues for 9 days  
 22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, Rosary for Life after 7am mass, OLQA  
 23 - Feast Day of St. Marianne Cope, 7am mass, OLQA  
 24 - Rosary for Life, 6pm, HG  
 27/28—2nd Collection for the Church in Latin America and Black & Indian Missions  
 28 - Youth Night, 5-7pm, OLQA

**EPIC CALENDAR**

EPIC is a ministry for young adults age 18-39. See the bulletin insert for the January Calendar of Events. Call Jeremy or Pua at 808-870-2233 for more info.

**Stewardship of Treasure Dec. 30 & 31, 2023 and January 1st, 2024**

Offertory	\$2,666.00
New Year Eve & Day offertory	\$588.00
All Souls Day	\$50.00
Catholic Charities	\$25.00
Ohana In Christ	\$50.00
Mass Intentions	\$210.00
Building & Maintenance Fund	\$25.00
Holy Ghost Church donation box	\$262.00
Candle donation	\$55.00
HG Gift Shop Sales	\$179.00
HG Gift Shop credit card sales	\$345.57
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT</b>	<b>\$4,455.57</b>



**Holy Ghost Gift Shop:** The Gift Shop is open on Wednesdays & Fridays from 11am to 3pm. In addition they will be open after the 5pm Mass & on Sundays from 9am to 10:45am. Phone 808-878-1091 during shop hours. Holy Ghost Church will be opened when Gift Shop is open.  
**Homebound Parishioners:** If you would like to have an E.M. come to your home and administer Communion to you, please call the Office 808-878-1261. **Catholic Charities Maui:** Please call Catholic Charities Maui, 65 S. Kane St. Kahului, 808-872-6251. For Maui wildfire relief call 808-873-4673 or visit website at [catholiccharitieshawaii.org](http://catholiccharitieshawaii.org) for updates. If you would like to make a donation, please visit [www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org/maui-relief/](http://www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org/maui-relief/).  
**Non-Perishable Food donations welcome at our church! Church Bulletin Announcements:** due by Wednesday at noon prior to weekend.  
**Office Hours:** Donna - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00—3:00; Mary Jean - flexible hours

**HOLY GHOST FEAST CORNER**

Save the Date: May 18 & 19, 2024

Sunday, January 14, 10:45am, HG Hall - 1st Feast Meeting for all chairpersons and interested individuals,.

**A FEAST TRADITION**— The free meal originated from the works of mercy of St. Queen Isabela of Portugal in thanksgiving for answering her prayers during the famine in the Azores. Please prayerfully join us in giving your feedback for the success of the feast by completing the survey at the end of mass.

See enclosed history flyer of our free meal documented by Alan Vares. Mahalo Alan!

**Disaster Relief Assistance**

**St. Joseph Church Emergency Kokua Center** - This is a coordinated effort among all the Upcountry Catholic Churches and we need Kula parishioners to participate at the site. HOURS: Tuesday and Thursday 5-7 pm; Saturday 9am—2pm. If you can volunteer your time, please come to help sort and pass out supplies. This will be an ongoing event for a long time to come. See Henrietta for more details.

**Maui Vicariate Maui Disaster Relief Fund** visit St. Anthony Church website at [stanthonymaui.org](http://stanthonymaui.org) or <https://www.osvhub.com/stanthonymaui/giving/funds/maui-disaster-relief>

**EPIC Ministry Maui** - A Catholic ministry comprised of young adults who are ready to assist. Visit their website, [epicministry.net](http://epicministry.net) or call (808) 354-0971. To volunteer or make a donation, visit their website. You can also call Pua or Jeremy at 808-870-2233.

**Liturgical Ministers Mass Schedule: January 13 & 14**

**Holy Ghost Mission Church 5:00pm**

(L) J. White, C. White  
 (EM) L. Legsay, T. Manlansing  
 (A) A. Manlansing

**Our Lady Queen of Angels 7:00am**

(C) K. Aipa (L) B. Karlen, P. Kaiali'ili'i  
 (EM) L. Pires, D. May, M. Andrews

**Holy Ghost Church 9:30am**

(L) E. Wilson, M. Rompasky  
 (EM) M. Chong, S. Morikawa, T. Lomongo  
 (A) J. Stein

**Kula Roman Catholic Community Bulletin**

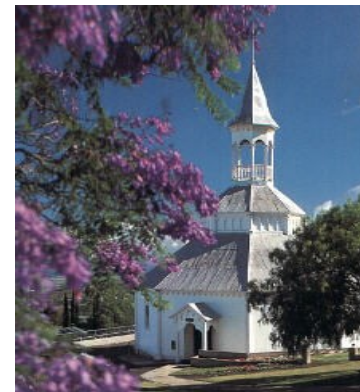
January 6 & 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

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*Kula Catholic Community Mission Statement*

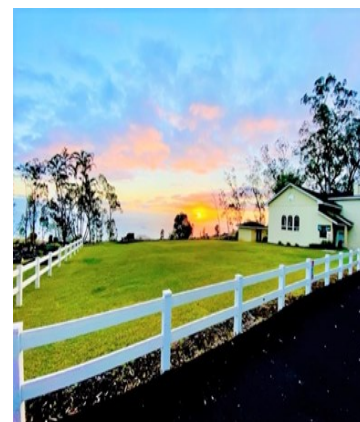
*The Kula Catholic Community, blessed by God, inspired by Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit, seeks to worship God with sincerity of heart, witness the Gospel by our words and actions, share Christian values in our personal and community lives, and offer service to all people.*



Holy Ghost Church



Our Lady Queen of Angels



St. James the Less

Pastor, Rev. Anton Nyo, M.S.  
 Secretary: Donna Ventura, Mary Jean Bega  
 Email: [kccchurch@rcchawaii.org](mailto:kccchurch@rcchawaii.org)  
 On-line Giving: please visit Website  
 Facebook site: Our Lady Queen of Angels, icon: Mary's Grotto

**MINISTRY LEADERS**

**Parish Pastoral Council**  
 ~ Dora May

**Finance**  
 ~ Laureen Joseph

**Building & Maintenance**  
 ~ Joe White

**Family Faith Formation**  
 ~ Pua Kaiali'ili'i

**Liturgy**  
 ~ Marnie Rompasky

**Social Ministry**  
 ~ Henrietta Chong

**Respect Life Ministry**  
 ~ Cathy White

**Stewardship Ministry**  
 ~ Mary Jean Bega

**Holy Ghost Feast**  
 ~ Sandra Morikawa  
 ~ Mary Jean Bega

**Prayer Quilt Ministry**  
 ~ Lisa Silva  
 ~ Laura Legsay



**BISHOP'S MESSAGE**

In order to safeguard the sacredness of the Holy Eucharist, Bishop Silva has forbidden that the Eucharist be given to anyone presenting a pyx in the communion line. Only those who are authorized by the parish priest to take Holy Communion to the sick may receive the Eucharist from the Priest after Communion of the faithful, and never during the Communion procession.

**Christmas Angel Gift missing Costco Card**

We received a call that a very generous gift of a \$100 Costco gift card was purchased on 12/6/2023. The register receipt and gift card receipts were enclosed in the Christmas card signed, Love & Aloha Secret Santa. Would the parishioner of this gift please call the office ASAP. MAHALO!



**This Sunday's Gospel**  
**Thoughts for the Week**  
**January 7, 2024**



With Christ's help we can be his light for others.

. (Reading in Blue Missal: pg. 301)

**1st Reading Is 60:1-6**  
**Glory of God's Church**

Returning in exile from Babylon, the Jews make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. The poet envisages all nations joining this pilgrimage to the light. God manifesting himself in Jesus Christ is a light shining in the darkness of the human condition. The Gentiles responding to this revelation of God in Christ are symbolized by the Magi.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**2nd Reading Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6**  
**Good News for All**

Paul stresses that God manifested himself in the Lord Jesus not only to the Jews but to all nations. The Gentiles (non-Jews) are now coheirs with the Jews, members of Christ's body and sharers of the divine promise. "God has called you out of darkness, with his wonderful light: May you be strong in faith, hope and love".

**Gospel Mt 2:2**  
**Magi with Gifts**

Yearning for self-determination, the Jews were constantly expecting a Messiah, freedom fighter, and redeemer from oppression. There was even a horoscope circulating, telling about his star, and we can readily understand that a superstitious Herod might be upset by Magi.

But rather than searching for the background material of this story we ask: Inspired by God, what does Matthew try to bring out by adding this legend to his Gospel, because that is God's word to you and me? Quoting scripture, Matthew teaches Jesus it the ruler who is to shepherd God's people. God's Epiphany (self-manifestation) in Jesus Christ is for all! All should join mankind's search for the Light of the World!



**Mass Intentions**



January 6, 2024 - 5:00pm Mass  
Edwin Ferreria (Deceased); Ron Daniels (Deceased)

January 7, 2024 —7:00am Mass  
Lyndell Beach (Deceased); Nancy Pimentel (Deceased)

January 7, 2024 —9:30am mass  
Keith Gusman (Deceased); Pro Populo (For the Maui Community)

**Pray for the Sick :** *Hayden Gonsalves-Hernandez, Rosa Maria Santos, Kainoa Spenser, Rowland Lee, Charles "Bala" Spencer, Father Adondee, Cru Silva, Jennifer McMahon, Ben Kikuyama, Tasha Ham-DePonte, Dwight & Milagros Joan, Sr., Larry Pascual, Dolores Saki, Lucie Marie Cochran, James Gonzalez-Wesley, John Otto, Kevin O'Brien, Colin Yoshida, Frances Garcia, Judith Wagner, Aeris Joseph, Canaska Gonzales, Shantel Kapoi, Reagen Olivares, Ginny Gonsalves, Eleanor Martin, Yvonne Fukumoto, Kehau May, Gary Souza, Marie Robello, Roselle Armitage, Fred Howard Ventura, Sean Souza, Ethel Fernandez, Richard Carvalho, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, John Ritchie, Amanda Roberts, Russell Okimoto, Cheryl Medeiros, Damien Pires, Ian Yannell, Andriea Silva, Darlene Tavares, Mikey Enriquez, Byron Gonsalves, Arthur & Shirley DePonte, Lawrence Gregulho, Carmen Goble, Lisa Silva, Janet Martin, Clarence Tavares, Cathy Pyatt and Mary Caravalho.*

As part of our Pro-Life Ministry, we say the Rosary for Life on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6pm at Holy Ghost Church. Our next Rosary will be on **January 24, 6pm (4th Wed.)**. Please come and join us as we pray for our Blessed Mother's intercession. Call Cathy White at 269-5449.

"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"

**Bereavement Ministry:** *Lorraine & Damien Pires, Joe & Cathy White, Jeanne Ono, Wayne & Dotty Purdy. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please call the office.*

**What is the "Epiphany Blessing" and how is it given?**

This special blessing asks for God's protection over our homes.

You may have seen it before over the doorway of a Catholic friend: **20+C+M+B+22** chalked on the lintel. This means that your friend's house has been blessed with a very special, very old custom. The custom echoes the Passover, wherein the Jewish people would sprinkle lamb's blood over their doorways as an invocation of God's blessing for their household. Blessed chalk is now used to mark the doorways for this Catholic blessing. It's a tradition that began in Eastern Europe. After Epiphany, the village priest went to every home in his parish with specially blessed Epiphany water and chalk. Upon entering the home, he prayed special prayers and blessed every room in the house. After this the numbers of the year, enclosing the initials of the Magi (**C**aspar, **M**elchior, and **B**althasar) are written with the blessed chalk over the door. The Magi's initials also stand for a Latin house blessing: *Christus mansionem benedicat* (May Christ bless this house). Now that parishes have increased in size and priests are no longer able to visit every home, the head of the household is permitted to perform a basic Epiphany house blessing himself.

-Taken from *Get Fed* [What is the "Epiphany blessing" and how is it given? - Get Fed™ \(catholiccompany.com\)](http://www.getfed.com)

**EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING**

**20+C+M+B+24**

**Father:** Christ has appeared among us.

**All:** Come, let us adore Him.

**Mother:** The precious gifts which the Magi brought to the Lord this day are threefold, and they are signs of divine mysteries. By **gold** the power of the King is signified,

by **frankincense** His great priesthood, by **myrrh** the burial of the Lord.

**All:** The Magi worshipped the Author of our salvation in the crib, and of their treasures they brought to Him gifts of mystic nature.

**Youngest Child:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

**All:** As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Father:** Let us pray. O God, by the leading of a star Thou didst manifest Thine only begotten Son to the Gentiles on this day; mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith, may be brought to contemplate the beauty of Thy majesty. Through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son.

**All:** Alleluia.

[From *The Story of the Redemption for Children.*] [Source: *Christmas to Candlemas in a Catholic Home* by Helen McLoughlin, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota.]

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

The Gospel reading reveals the journey, the visit and the gifts of the Magi. They read the stars and inspired by their own wisdom and vision they truly want to find and pay homage to Christ Jesus who they understood would bring about a kingdom of justice and peace. Although they are not astrologers like the Magi, good stewards go about the task of reading the signs of the time as well. Moreover, they help others discover the loving presence of Christ through their own actions, bringing mercy, compassion and hope for a better world.

How do you live each day to bring about a better world, a better life, unity with those who gather around the Eucharistic table and a deeper communion with God?

