

**February 2024**  
Special Collection for the Building and Maintenance Fund

25 - St. James Mass, 12 noon  
25 - Youth Night, 5-7pm, OLQA  
28 - Lenten Penance Service, 5:30pm, HG

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday of Lent, 5pm. Holy Ghost.**



**Stewardship of Treasure February 17 & 18, 2024**

Offertory	\$2,322.00
Ash Wednesday	\$1,161.00
Augustine Foundation	\$60.00
Building & Maintenance fund	\$50.00
Mass Intention	\$130.00
Gift Shop Sales	\$175.41
Gift Shop credit card sales	\$84.72
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT</b>	<b>\$3,983.13</b>

Thank you ❤️

This is the last weekend to make a contribution to the **Building and Maintenance Fund**. Mahalo for your support.

**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

**131st HOLY GHOST FEAST CORNER**

**THEME: Blessed Be God Forever**

May 18 & 19, 2024

**LIVESTOCK AUCTION:** Do you have cattle, goats, pigs, rabbits, pigeons, baby ducks, sheep to donate to this auction? Contact Leina at (808)281-7331.

**SMALL GOODS AUCTION:** We are asking for donations of new items for the auction. If you, are someone you know, owns a business, please consider making a donation. If a donation letter is needed contact Mary Jean or Donna at the office.

**JAMS & JELLIES:** If you have extra mason canning jars in jelly, pint or quart size, we will gladly accept them! Just drop them off at Holy Ghost Hall. Also, we are looking for any fruit (i.e. mango, lilikoi, apples, guava, mulberry, etc.) or veggies (i.e. onions, Japanese cucumbers, jalapeno peppers) you may have or will be having available for this booth. Please contact Mary Ann at 315-283-7703 or the office, 808-878-1261. Mahalo for your kind support!

**Disaster Relief Assistance**

**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: March 2 & 3, 2024**

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

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

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

(C) K. Aipa (L) E. Adachi, E. Wilson  
(EM) A. DeGama, D. May, L. Pires

**Holy Ghost Church 9:30am**

(L) M. Bega, F. Carvalho  
(EM) M. Chong, S. & T. Lomongo  
(A) L. St. Pierre

**Kula Roman Catholic Community Bulletin**

February 25, 2024

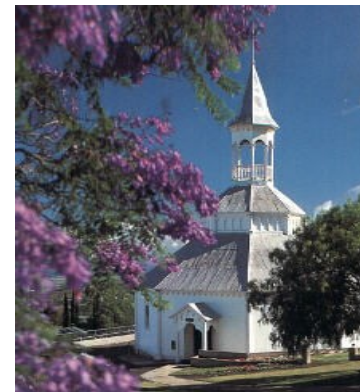
2nd Sunday of Lent



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**Kula Catholic Community Mission Statement**

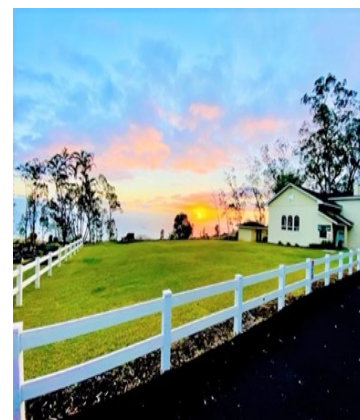
*The Kula Catholic Community, blessed by God, inspired by Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit, seeks to worship God with sincerity of heart, witness the Gospel by our words and actions, share Christian values in our personal and community lives, and offer service to all people.*



Holy Ghost Church



Our Lady Queen of Angels



St. James the Less

Pastor, Rev. Anton Nyo, M.S.

Secretary: Donna Ventura, Mary Jean Bega

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On-line Giving: please visit Website

Facebook site: Our Lady Queen of Angels, icon: Mary's Grotto

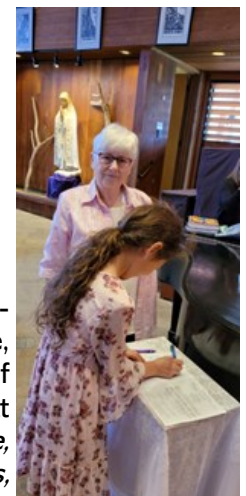
**PASTOR'S MESSAGE - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent. Year B**

The end goal of Lent is the unending joy of Easter. There is a light at the end of every tunnel. For us Christians, our sufferings and trials here on earth lead to the eternal joy of heaven. That is why, on every second Sunday of Lent our mother, the Church, urges us to reflect on the certainty of the reward granted to those who persevere in following Christ. Those who are crowned with thorns here on earth will share a crown of glory in Heaven, 1Peter, 5:4. The three apostles made their hiking in Heaven, and tasted the joy of God's kingdom. That very experience made them persevere in their faith until they died like their Lord and Master. Let the vision of our eternal dwelling with the martyrs with all the saints and angels and with Christ in the center change our attitudes towards everything we face in life. In the midst of hardships and trials, let us not lose sight of the sure thing prepared for us by the Lord.

Rev. Anton Nyo, M.S.



The Rite of Election took place on Sunday, February 18 at St. Anthony Church. Michael J. Rollins and his daughter, Theresa Marie, are in the OCIA program, and wrote their names in the Book of Elect. They will be received into full communion with the church at the Easter Vigil. Pictured Left to Right: Msgr. Terry Watanabe, Cathy White, Michael J. Rollins, Theresa Marie Martinson-Rollins, Theresa Martinson. Back row: Fr. Anton Nyo.





**This Sunday's Gospel**  
**Thoughts for the Week**  
**February 25, 2024**



This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.

(Reading in Blue Missal: pg. 318)

**1st Reading Gn 22:1, 9a, 10-13, 15-18**

**Testing of Abraham** In Hebrew tradition, Abraham represents the classic example of faith. This tradition describes an honest man, how he goes through a tormenting experience of uncertainty, and how he finally resolves it. Guided by God, the author brings out a timeless message to all who wrestle with the problem of fidelity, faith and trust in a future. He teaches that there is a way out if we dare to persevere, hoping against all hope, and in faith get on our knees to pray. How do we stand fast when shadows of uncertainty and doubt or tormenting us? We could pray: "Father of light... free us from the original darkness that shadows our vision. Restore our sight that we may look upon your Son who call us to repentance and a change of heart."

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

**2nd Reading Rom 8:31b-34**

**God Is for Us** "If God is for us, who can be against us?" This one line states in a nutshell what the other two readings teach in story form. Abraham experienced it when he was faithful in the darkest moment of his life. The three apostles felt it when, in their doubt and embarrassment about the necessity of suffering in life, they enjoyed a moment of light and glory on the mount. We, God's chosen ones, should find consolation and courage in these words when we pass through the valley of darkness, doubt, and mental suffering.

**Gospel Mk 9: 2-10**

**Jesus Transfigured** What does Mark try to bring out by relating this tradition about Jesus' transfiguration? He knew the Abraham story of the First Reading: Abraham's faith, his suffering and mental pain, and finally God speaking! Mark follows the same pattern: He has Peter's profession of faith: "You are the Messiah", Jesus foretelling his suffering and our partaking in it, and finally God speaking. We must suffer physical and mental pain, but like Christ we will overcome. Notice that there is a mountain as in the first tradition, as well as the traditional cloud as sign of God's presence.

**Mass Intentions**



February 24, 2024 - 5:00pm Mass  
Edwin Ferreria (Deceased); Ron Daniels (Deceased); Arthur & Betty Ventura (Marriage Blessings); Prayer Quilt Ministry (In Gratitude); Hunter Otani (Deceased)

February 25, 2024 —7:00am Mass  
Lyndell Beach (Deceased); Nancy Pimentel (Deceased); Mackie Hertz (Deceased)

February 25, 2024 —9:30am mass  
Pro Populo (For the Maui Community)

February 25, 2024 —12:00 noon mass  
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, 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, Andriela Silva, Darlene Tavares, Mikey Enriquez, Byron Gonsalves, Arthur & Shirley DePonte, Lawrence Gregulho, Carmen Goble, Lisa Silva, Janet Martin, Cathy Pyatt, Mary Carvalho and Kathy Tokuhisa.



As part of our RespectLife 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 **March 27, after 7am mass**. Please come and join us as we pray for our Blessed Mother's intercession. Call Cathy White at 808-269-5449.

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished**."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent

[usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection](https://usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection)

**Bereavement Ministry:** Lorraine & Damien Pires, Joe & Cathy White, Jeanne Ono, Wayne & Dotty Purdy.

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

**2nd Sunday of Lent, Weekend of February 24 & 25**

The Gospel story of the transfiguration of Jesus holds many lessons; the most prominent being the transformation of Jesus from simply being perceived as a wise and gifted prophet to the one who has fulfilled the sacred traditions of the Mosaic law and the hope of the prophets, the Messiah, the Christ. The Lord calls his stewards to participate in His redemptive activity. Heeding this call requires transformation, being willing to renounce patterns of behavior that draw us away from God. **In this coming week of Lent, let us pray for the grace to be transformed, so that by our goodness and generosity, we may walk more authentically in the footsteps of Jesus.**



**Happy Anniversary!**

Congratulations to Damien and Lorraine Pires who just celebrated 61 years of marriage. May the Lord bless you and keep you for many years to come.



**PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY**



The recipient of the 271st, 272nd, and 273rd quilts are **Krystal Cabating, Francis Koa, and Addison Teves**. Please keep them in your prayers for healing, speedy recovery and continued strength.

**Next bread sale March 16th.**

**Bread is \$10 each, limit of 8 per order. Pick up is between 11-2 and if possible, bring your own bag. Call Bernie (808) 281-2718 to place your order. Proceeds go to Building and Maintenance Fund.**

**Why is Lent 40 Days Long?**

Lent is forty days long because Jesus fasted in the wilderness forty days and forty nights before embarking on His public ministry. But Jesus did not select the length of His fast at random. Throughout the Old Testament, a stretch of forty days (or years) has always carried a deep meaning often related to punishment, penance, and/or preparation. Here are a few examples:

- During Noah's time, God sent rain for **forty days** and forty nights to punish the earth with flood.
- In consequence of their lack of faith, the Israelites wandered in the desert **forty years** before reaching the Promised Land.
- The people of Nineveh fasted and repented to avert the wrath of God which the prophet Jonah predicted would come upon them in **forty days**.
- Both Moses and Elijah fasted **forty days** before or during important conversations with God.

When the time came for Jesus to begin His public mission, He utilized this tradition. His mission was of an all-encompassing nature that taps into—and fulfills—all the biblical reasons for forty day events. As the God-Man, He was embarking on His mission to be our Mediator—to converse with God on our behalf, as Moses and Elijah did in a prefigurative way. As the one Man Who came to bear the punishment due to all men, He evokes the repentance of Nineveh that averted the punishment of God. His time in the desert—reminiscent of the Israelites' forty year sojourn—proffers the idea that He is deliberately taking on the punishment due to our faithlessness, which otherwise would keep us away from the Promised Land of Heaven. The season of Lent is our great opportunity to enter into the desert with Christ. Do you have a plan for how to approach these days and gain the incredible graces they offer us? One way to enter into the desert with Christ is by meditating on our own death. Lent is a time when we remember the death of Christ and the sacrifice he made to give us eternal life. *Taken from Get Fed* [Why is Lent forty days long? - Get Fed™ \(catholiccompany.com\)](https://www.getfed.com/why-is-lent-forty-days-long/)