

August 2023

23 - Rosary for Life, 6pm at Holy Ghost Church
27- Mass at St. James the Less, 12:00 noon

September 2023

2/3 - 2nd Collection: Catholic University of America
16 - Breadmaking
30/Oct. 1 - Ohana in Christ

Stewardship of Treasure August 12 & 13

Offertory	\$2,717.00
Catholic Charities	\$620.00
Building & Maint. Fund	\$550.00
Maui Disaster Relief	\$30.00
Restricted donation	\$2076.87
Social Ministry donation	\$1000.00
Golf Tournament Fee	\$125.00
HG Gift Shop Sales	\$33.80
HG Gift Shop Credit Card Sales	\$28.13
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$7,180.80



The month of August is the special collection for the Building & Maintenance Fund. Please kōkua and help us rebuild this important fund so we can continue the repairs to the interiors of our cherished churches and buildings. Donations are accepted year round. Mahalo for your support!

Prayer Quilt Ministry: The recipients of the 238th & 239th quilts are **Cindy Souza and Kenneth Sylva**. The power of prayer is what this ministry is founded on to bring comfort in times of illness and distress. The only criteria to be gifted a prayer quilt is that the person is experiencing serious life challenges. Mahalo to this wonderful group of Prayer Warriors! Please call the office, and I'll forward the request to the Ladies.

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 rental, mortgage and utilities help (limited emergency financial assistance). **Non-Perishable Food donations welcome at our church!**
Church Bulletin Announcements: due by Wednesday at noon prior to weekend. **Office closed: Mondays.**

SAVE THE DATE

September 8th—A Family Event with guest speaker Chris Stefanick! How to share your FAITH with a world that doesn't seem to want it? St. Anthony Church, 5:30pm Praise & Worship, 6:00pm Talk.

September 9th—Youth Gathering for Maui/Lanai Vicariate for middle & high school youth. St. Anthony Church, 9am to 6pm. Registration forms are at the entrance of the church. Contact Mary Jean Bega if you have questions, 808-283-7545.

**The 6th Annual Holy Ghost Golf Tournament
Held In Memory of Eric Bega
Will be held on Saturday, September 23rd
at the Pukalani Golf Course
Proceeds go to:
Maintain the Kula Catholic Community's
Historical Churches**

This year's Chairs are Sandra Morikawa 808-264-0322 email: smorikawa05@gmail.com and Derek Onaga 808-214-2571 email: derek.onaga@gmail.com



In today's first reading, the Lord speaks through the prophet Isaiah during a time of political dissolution and moral decline. The prophet had warned God's judgment against people for the feelings of self-importance they found in their possessions, and condemned them for various forms of economic injustice such as exploiting the poor and immigrants. Good stewards know that Isaiah's message is as compelling today as it was in the time of the kingdom of Judah: Do the right thing. Offer justice and compassion toward others. Be honest in all your dealings. And remember to observe the day of the Lord.

Liturgical Ministers: Mass Schedule: Aug. 26th & 27th

Holy Ghost Mission Church 5:00pm
(L) T & C Manlansing (EM) J.&C. White
(A) A. Manlansing

Our Lady Queen of Angels 7:00am
(C)P. Kaialiilii (L) K. Aipa, M. Marchese (EM) D. May, M. & J. Andrews

Holy Ghost Church 9:30am
(L) M. Turek, L. Tantisira (EM) M. Chong, S. & T. Lomongo,
(A) L. St. Pierre

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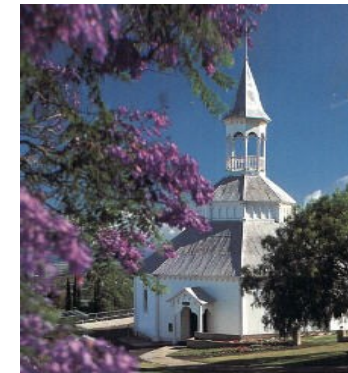
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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.



Pastor, Rev. Anton Nyo, M.S.
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Facebook site: Our Lady Queen of Angels Church, icon: Mary's Grotto
On-line Giving: please visit Website

A Prayer for the Victims of Disaster:

O Lord, God of the universe, whom the wind and rain obey, listen to our prayer in this time of trouble.

We lift up to you all the victims of this recent calamity.

Give them back a hundredfold, the ones who lost everything including their dear lives here on earth.

Bring us together in this time of distress to help our most vulnerable neighbors.

And guide our hands to come to assist those who are the most in need.

Let the survivors and their family members not lose their hope in You.

Listen to the prayers, which could not even be expressed by words.

We have no one to turn to except to You.

We storm the heavens with our prayers as a community, as a nation, and as a Church.

Ease our pains and cease our troubles, which you know the most.

Bring us comfort and consolation.

We ask this in the powerful Name of Jesus Christ Your Son and through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, Comforter of the afflicted. Amen.



This Sunday's Gospel
Thoughts for the Week



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Reading in Blue Missal: pg. 229

Today and every day we celebrate the goodness of God.

1st Reading Is 56: 1,6-7
Justice and Salvation for All

After the Hebrews returned from exile in Babylon, they found many foreigners not of the Jewish religion living there. The anonymous prophet called Third Isaiah had to face this changed situation. Ezekiel, "the father of Judaism," was opposed to uncircumcised foreigners in the temple precincts. The composer of this poem is not so rigorous. He lists the conditions under which non-Jews may worship in the temple. "Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my (God's) altar." This passage has been chosen to introduce the idea of universalism found in today's Gospel reading. "May the peoples praise you, O God!"

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you!

2nd Reading Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
Irrevocable Gifts and Call

We must interpret this reading in light of Paul's misconception that the end, that is, the second coming of Christ, would occur during his lifetime. Israel rejects the message of Christ; hence, Paul turns to the Gentiles (non-Jews). This will provoke Israel's jealousy and they will join before the end! Matthew, who wrote some thirty years later, had to make a slight adjustment in Paul's vision of Salvation History. This adjustment should not shock us. The Bible itself suggests that the understanding of Salvation History should be adjusted constantly in the light of changing circumstances. In dealing with the Jews and their religion, we should keep in mind Paul's statement: "The gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." Anti-Semitism is wrong. Israel's place in Salvation History is God's concern, not ours. The Jews deserve our love, respect, and gratitude! Christ, Mary, Joseph, and the apostles were all Jews and our Old Testament is the Hebrew Bible.

Gospel Mt 15: 21-28
Reward of Faith

Matthew took this story from Mark. But he molded it to bring out a message for the Church of his day, which was beset with constant friction between Christians from Jewish background and pagan converts. We see therein classic Jewish exclusionism as opposed to God's universal will of salvation for all. Matthew wants to stress the fact that faith breaks down the barrier between Gentiles and Jews. "Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." **God's word to the Church of today is clear: Do not condemn people! Have an open-minded respect for all who seriously follow their religious convictions, provided of course that they fulfill their obligation to find the truth. "God wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth."**

Mass Intentions



◆ August 19, 2023

◆ 5:00pm: Edwin Ferreira (Deceased); Hunter Otani (Deceased); and Josephine Robello (Deceased)

◆ August 20, 2023

◆ 7:00am: Lyndell Beach (Deceased); Mary B. Oliveira (Deceased); and Nancy Pimentel (Deceased)

◆ 9:30am: Pro-Populo (For the Maui Community); Richard F. Teixeira (Deceased); and Rick Wilson (Deceased)

Pray for the Sick : *Hayden Gonsalves-Hernandez, Rosa Maria Santos, Kainoa Spenser, Rowland Lee, Charles "Bala" Spencer, Father Adondee, Cru Silva, Jennifer McMahan, 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, Reagan 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, Evelyn Molina, Andriea Silva, Darlene Tavares, Jessica Moriki, Frank Carvalho, Jr., Mikey Enriquez, Byron Gonsalves, Arthur & Shirley DePonte.*

"God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather *whose* we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
["How to Build a Culture of Life"](#)

As part of our Pro-Life Ministry, we say the Rosary for Life on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6pm at Holy Ghost Church. Our next Rosary will be on August 23rd. Please come and join us as we pray for our Blessed Mother's intercession. Call Cathy White at 269-5449.

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

Pastor's Corner

Let us kneel before God to intercede for others!

The Canaanite woman was not a Jew nor living in a Jewish territory but had shocked them by her faith, those who claimed to be the people of God. Let us continue to help our brothers and sisters, who are devastated by the fires. We all are brothers and sisters and are children of God; never mind our ethnic background or religious affiliations. We come together before the Lord with humble hearts to beg for his mercy and grace. Let us bend our knees to pray, to help and to serve our brothers and sisters. May the Lord, who restored the life and health of the Canaanite woman's daughter also grant our request to give back to the victims of fires what they have lost in this life. They who lost brothers and sisters, houses and everything will gain eternal life. Mt. 19:29

Fr. Anton Nyo, M.S.

Meet Your Part-Time Parish Secretaries



Donna Ventura will take care of the business affairs.
Hours: T, Th, F 8:00 - 3:00

Mary Jean Bega will handle the pastoral duties. (i.e. bulletin, lector materials, liturgy ministry, Faith Formation, Stewardship, etc.) Flexible Hours and Wednesday's 8:30-3:30 in the office.

Hours may change so call ahead to make sure we're in the office. (808) 878-1261.

Disaster Relief Assistance Options

Please don't forget the Power of Prayer—asking our Lord for strength, resilience and healing for victims and their families.

Here are a few safe, trustworthy organizations if you're able to make a donation.

1. Upcountry Emergency Kokua - Upcountry parishes are joining forces to assist families who lost their homes in the Kula fires and anyone else in need. St. Joseph church will be the hub for all supplies. If you're available to help with distribution, report 30 minutes before they open. Contact Henrietta for more information. The highest needs are:

- NEW, clean & gently used Infant and toddler clothes up to 4x; baby wipes, diapers, formulas, wipes
- School Supplies
- Household items - pillows, blankets, sheets, pillow cases, hygiene, paper towels, toilet paper
- Rubber slippers

2. Maui Vicariate Maui Disaster Relief Fund - We have placed envelopes at the entrance of church for your donation. Please make your check payable to Kula Catholic Community and write Maui Disaster Relief in the memo. Or, visit St. Anthony Church website at stanthonymaui.org or <https://www.osvhub.com/stanthonymaui/giving/funds/maui-disaster-relief>

3. Honolulu Diocese - The Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF) is also supporting the relief efforts. You may make a tax-deductible contribution by visiting the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>

4. EPIC Ministry Maui - A Catholic ministry comprised of young adults who are ready to assist. If your loved one has been displaced by the Maui Wildfire Disaster and are in need of supplies, visit their website, epicministry.net or call (808) 354-0971. Items can be specific and delivered. To volunteer or make a donation, visit their website. You can also call Pua or Jeremy at 808-870-2233.

