

September 2023

23 & 24 - NCYC Bake Sale Fundraiser at every mass
 24 - PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY, Mass at St. James the Less,
 12:00pm, potluck to follow.
 27 - Rosary for Life, 6pm at HG
 30/Oct. 1 - Second collection: Ohana in Christ

Stewardship of Treasure Sept. 16 & 17, 2023

Offertory	\$2,274.00
Catholic University of America	\$50.00
Mass Intentions	\$70.00
Outdoor Stations Mass	\$345.00
Maui Disaster Relief	\$1,270.00
Building & Maint. Fund	\$15.00
Sweet Bread Sales	\$2490.00
Sweet Bread donation	\$20.00
Candle donation	\$107.00
HG Golf Donation	\$250.00
HG Golf Registration fees	\$625.00
HG Gift Shop Sales	\$291.06
HG Gift Shop credit card sales	\$11.42
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$7,818.48

Prayer Quilt Ministry: The recipients of the 243, 244 & 245th quilts are **Samson Quintos, Jeff Ianiri, and Debbie Tengan**. 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 Maui wildfire relief call 808-873-4673 or visit website at catholiccharitieshawaii.org for updates. If you would like to make a donation, please visit 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

The 6th Annual Holy Ghost Golf Tournament
 Held In Memory of Eric Bega

CHANGE IN DATE:

Will be held on Saturday, October 21

at the Pukalani Golf Course

Proceeds go to:

Maintain the Kula Catholic Community's Historical Churches and support the Maui Community affected by the recent wildfires.

Contact Sandra Morikawa 808-264-0322 email: smorikawa05@gmail.com and Derek Onaga 808-214-2571 email: derek.onaga@gmail.com



Stewardship in Action



Tavares Ohana - 4 Generations of Bread Makers.



Ernette, Momi & Liane

Proceeds from bread sales goes to the Building & Maint. Fund



Bernie & Jean selling fresh baked bread.



Liturgical Ministers: Mass Schedule: Sept. 30 & Oct. 1

Holy Ghost Mission Church 5:00pm

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

Our Lady Queen of Angels 7:00am

(C)E. Adachi (L) D. May, C. Sylva (EM) J. Andrews, A. De Gama, M. Marchese

Holy Ghost Church 9:30am

(L) M. Bega, MJ Bega (EM) S. & T. Lomongo, H. Chong (A) L. St. Pierre, Jp Stein

Kula Roman Catholic Community Bulletin

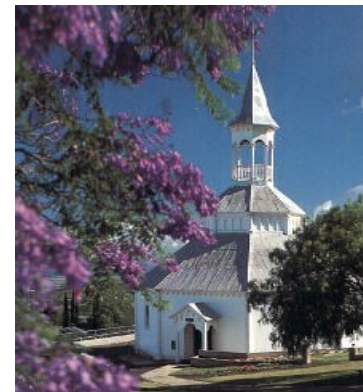
September 24, 2023

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Kula Catholic Community Mission Statement

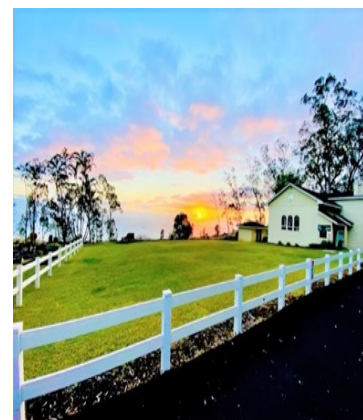
The Kula Catholic Community, blessed by God, inspired by Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit, seeks to worship God with sincerity of heart, witness the Gospel by our words and actions, share Christian values in our personal and community lives, and offer service to all people.



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
 On-line Giving: please visit Website
 Facebook site: Our Lady Queen of Angels, icon: Mary's Grotto

♥ Happy Priesthood Sunday, Fr. Anton! ♥

In your loving kindness, O good and gracious God, you sent your son to be our shepherd and guide. Fr. Anton continues Christ's ministry of working in the vineyard by sustaining and guiding your holy people. Bless Fr. Anton. Let your spirit uphold him always in his service to the people of this parish. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank you for everything that you do!



A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of September 23/24, 2023 From an early age, we tend to distort the concept of "fairness": "I am good. I deserve good things. I am not receiving good things. Something must be wrong. Who's going to fix it?" We also know the age-old expression: "Who ever said life was fair?" Jesus knew this expression when he offered his parable in today's Gospel reading. Christian stewards acknowledge, with humility, that they receive good things from the Lord in abundance; even if these gifts are not the ones they think they need when they need them. Consider which servants you identify with most in the Gospel reading, the ones who demand "fairness", or that final servant who, seemingly, deserves the least.

Youth bake sale this weekend to help with their trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis.

This Sunday's Gospel
Thoughts for the Week
September 24, 2023



God rewards generously those who place their trust in him.
 (Reading in Blue Missal: pg. 241)

1st Reading Is 55: 6-9
Seek the Lord

The exile in Babylon was experienced as God's punishment for Israel's sins. Israel had deserved to be abandoned by God. Now the prophet promises that freedom is at hand. Why? Because of Israel's "good works" in exile? No, because of God's generosity only! "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." God does not owe the repentant scoundrel a thing. A sinner must return to God for mercy, and God forgives because he is generous.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

2nd Reading Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
Life in Christ

Paul wrote the letter to the Philippians, from which this reading is taken, while he was in prison in Ephesus (Turkey), where he faced the possibility of a death penalty for preaching the Gospel. "For to me life is Christ." Let us listen to the advice of this great apostle: "Conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ."

Gospel Mt 20: 1-16
The Workers in the Vineyard

In the previous chapter Matthew has our Lord discussing the conditions for a person to be saved. It is difficult for rich people since they feel so easily self-sufficient. The same was true in Jesus' time. It was not the well-established who responded most willingly to Jesus' ministry but the outcasts, prostitutes, and collaborators with the Romans. And Jesus paid more attention to them than to "respectable people" who thought that God owed them salvation because of their obedience to the Law of Moses. The parable, definitely not a lesson in labor relations, challenges this "more effort-more recompense" conception in religion. God does not owe salvation to anyone, even though this same misconception may still be alive in our day. It is a generous gift. Note that rewards are not denied, but they should not be wielded as a key to open the gate of the kingdom of heaven.

Mass Intentions



◆ September 23, 2023

◆ 5:00pm: Ron Daniels (Healing); Edwin Ferreira (Deceased); Eduardo Reyes Serrano (Deceased); Joan Osorno Freitas (Deceased); Linda Ventura Rulona (Deceased); Winona Shim (Deceased)

◆ September 24, 2023

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

◆ 9:30am: Pro Populo (For the Maui Community)

◆ 12:00noon: Winona Shim (Deceased)

◆ **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, Evelyn Molina, Andriela Silva, Darlene Tavares, Mikey Enriquez, Byron Gonsalves, Arthur & Shirley DePonte, Lawrence Gregulho, Sandra Morikawa, Carmen Goble, and Joyce Perry.

"Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'" USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Every Suicide is Tragic"

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 **September 27**. 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

God's way is not our way, but God's way is always above our ways. If God's way is always better than, we are to stay close to God so that whatever we do will be pleasing, good and perfect. Rms. 12:2. God is fair to those who had been faithful to Him from the beginning of their baptism until death, but He just wants to emphasize His generosity to those who do not even deserve. As we are baptized, we receive the fullness of salvation whether we were baptized years ago or just yesterday. If we still catch the flight, we still make our journey by the same plane together with other passengers in it. It is important that we do not miss the flight. To keep safe means, we are to remain saved in his grace and mercy as we have been saved by the Lord. Ps. 68:20 Father Anton Nyo, M.S.



October ~ Rosary-Marian Devotion

A statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be hosted in homes in the Kula Catholic Community. Family and friends can be invited to join the host family in saying the rosary. It may be possible to host for several days, depending on how many shows interest in hosting. In September we will have a sign up for those interested in being a host and in September we will work with host families to set dates to participate. There is a comment column on the sign-up form, if you have a special request or information helpful for scheduling, you can note it there. Please welcome our Blessed Mother into your homes as we pray together. See last week's flyer for more details. Sign-up sheet at church entrance.

The Finance Counsel of the Kula Catholic Community has completed the review of the Church financial report for the fiscal year ending June 2023 in compliance with the Diocese schedule, as well as the required budget for the current fiscal year ending in June 2024. Results show that despite the revenue from extraordinary, dedicated contributions, major fund raisers, and other campaigns, we are unable to close the deficit of our regular and special collections in meeting our Church expenses and Diocese obligations. It is anticipated that it will continue to increase. Hence, we must look for ways to grow lest the shortfall gets bigger and deeper. Beginning with the Annual Report this weekend, the Finance Committee is committed to providing a regular quarterly report and sharing pertinent information in the future. Thank you for your prayerful attention and consideration. Aloha.

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. **Bottled Water** is available for anyone, especially our kupuna, at each church. Please ask anyone to assist you in carrying a case to your car.
2. **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. Contact Henrietta for more information. Updated highest needs are:

NEW School Supplies
 NEW Rubber Slippers
 NEW Clothing: infant - 4x
 NEW towels, pillows, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, hygiene
 Paper towels, toilet paper
 Baby formula, wipes, diapers, clothes

- **NEW HOURS:** Tuesday and Thursday 5-7 pm; Saturday 9am-2pm. If you're available to help with distribution, report 30 minutes before they open.

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.



Enclosed in this bulletin is the Parish Financial Report for FYE June 30, 2023 and new budget for this fiscal. Finance Chair Laureen Joseph will be presenting a report at each Mass. Any questions, please call the office at 808-878-1261.