

December 2023 (see Calendar of Events)

3 - First Sunday of Advent: A.E.D. training after the 7am Mass at Our Lady Queen of Angels in the hall. Parish Christmas potluck after 9:30 Mass at the HG hall; Wreath making after luncheon.
 6 - Healing Mass 5:30pm at Holy Ghost; 6pm Advent Recollection
 8 - **Holy Day of Obligation:** 7am at Our Lady Queen of Angels, 6pm at Holy Ghost Church
 9/10 - Second Collection, Retirement Fund for Religious
 10 - A.E.D. training after the 9:30 Mass at Holy Ghost; 4pm Blessing of Meditation Garden at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church, potluck to follow
 16 - Sweet Bread Sale, HG, 11:30—2:00
 17 - Mass at St. James, noon
 24 - Christmas Vigil Mass, 5:00pm at OLQA
 25 - **Holy Day of Obligation:** Christmas Mass, 9:30am at HG

Stewardship of Treasure Nov. 25 & 26, 2023

Offertory	\$4,152.00
Thanksgiving Mass	\$1,011.00
Restricted: St. James the Less terrace wall, first phase	\$17,000.00
Mass Intentions	\$60.00
All Souls donation	\$20.00
Christmas flowers donation	\$20.00
HG Gift Shop Sales	\$162.13
HG Gift Shop credit card sales	\$20.75
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$22,445.88

St. Joseph Church Advent Recollection - December 9 at 10:30am "Stewardship and the Eucharist!" The faith-life journey of Tom and Debbie Sategna. All are welcome!

IRA Charitable Rollover Gift If you are an IRA owner, 70 ½ or older or with RMDs on IRAS, and want to contribute to Kula Catholic Community, then the IRA Charitable Rollover may be for you. Donations are excluded from Federal income and count as part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) as well. Check with your tax advisor before taking this step.

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



Left: Fr. Anton blesses the Sharing Table at the Thanksgiving Mass.



Right: Mahalo to Frank and Mary Ann Turek who donated the beautiful rose bouquets for the Mass of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe at Holy Ghost Church.

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.

The following items are in high demand: Baby items (diapers, wipes, formula, etc.), non-perishable food, bath towels, paper towels, toilet paper. These supplies can be brought to mass and left at the OLQA or HG church hall.

Maui Vicariate Maui Disaster Relief Fund visit St. Anthony Church website at 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 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.

Bottled Water is available for anyone. Please ask if you need assistance carrying a case to your car.

Liturgical Ministers: Mass Schedule: Dec. 9 & 10

Holy Ghost Mission Church 5:00pm
 (L) L. Silva, M. Turek (EM) J. White, T. Manlansing, L. Legsay (A) A. Manlansing

Our Lady Queen of Angels 7:00am
 (C) K. Aipa (L) E. Wilson, E. Adachi (EM) A. DeGama, D. May, L. Pires

Holy Ghost Church 9:30am
 (L) J. & L. Ritchie (EM) H. Chong, M. Chong, S. Morikawa (A) I. & S. Enriquez

Kula Roman Catholic Community Bulletin

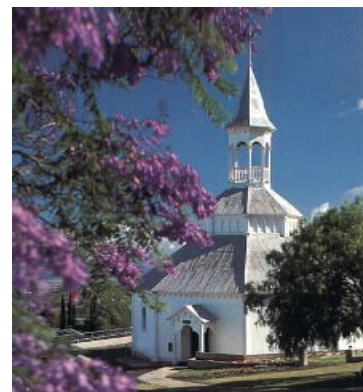
December 3, 2023

1st Sunday of Advent

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Kula Catholic Community Mission Statement

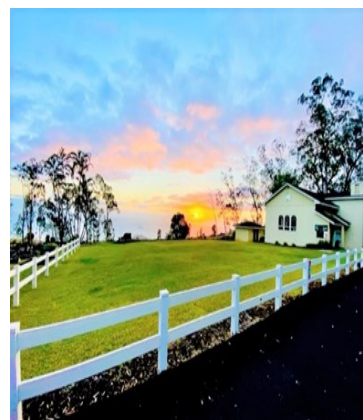
The Kula Catholic Community, blessed by God, inspired by Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit, seeks to worship God with sincerity of heart, witness the Gospel by our words and actions, share Christian values in our personal and community lives, and offer service to all people.



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

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The season of Advent is upon us, and in today's Gospel Jesus delivers a simple message through the pen of Saint Mark: "Be watchful! Be alert!" Christian stewards understand what Jesus meant when he said, "It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task." Good stewards realize that to each one a task is assigned by God. They have been set in a particular place and station in life, and have been gifted with unique relationships. **How do we respond to the tasks or cultivate our relationships in a way that keeps us alert for the return of Christ?**



MEDITATION GARDEN and The Last Supper Table Blessing

Join Father Anton as he blesses his latest creation at OLQA, Sunday, December 10 at 4:00pm. Bring your favorite potluck dish to share in this peaceful and serene garden.



This Sunday's Gospel
Thoughts for the Week
December 3, 2023



We must be active in our hope for Christ's return.

. (Reading in Blue Missal: pg. 269)

1st Reading Is 63: 16b-17, 19b, 64: 2-7
God our Redeemer

This is a prayer in time of distress. God's people who have returned from exile in Babylon are experiencing frustration. The reconstruction has not worked as they had hoped. They attribute this to their own sins. May God intervene and help! Advent, the four weeks of preparation for Christmas means, "coming." May God come in his Messiah, Anointed One, Jesus Christ! But in order to receive him we must open up. "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved".

Responsorial Psalm: Lord make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

2nd Reading 1 Cor 1: 3-9
Fellowship with Christ

Paul see the community of Corinth as waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He thanks God for the favors bestowed on them in Christ Jesus: the gift of speech and knowledge. Later in the Letter, he will tell them to use these gifts well! Waiting and persevering to the end requires the strength of God, but they will succeed. "God is faithful." God's word to you could be: You are waiting for the final revelation of Christ. God has bestowed gifts on you. How are you using them? Persevering as a real Christian is not easy. Pray for it! God is faithful.

Gospel Mk: 13: 33-37
On Guard

The meaning of this parable is clear. Our Lord is "abroad." He ascended to heaven, but he will come back. Are we doing our job? Indeed, we are the "now" generation. The young want to enjoy everything they can right now. They are like high school dropouts who lack the energy to work first so as to enjoy a more beautiful life later! Grown-ups may get drowsy, drift away from God, as can happen to partners in marriage. God said to the Church of Ephesus: "I hole this against you: you have lost the love you had at first". "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."

Mass Intentions



December 2, 2023 - 5:00pm Mass
 Edwin Ferreria (Deceased)

December 3, 2023—7:00am Mass
 Lyndell Beach (Deceased); Nancy Pimentel (Deceased); Charles & Mary Oliveira (Deceased)

December 3, 2023—9:30am mass
 Ron Daniels (Deceased); Marco Molina, Jr. (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 Carvalho.

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 **December 27 (4th Wed.)**. Please come and join us as we pray for our Blessed Mother's intercession. Call Cathy White at 269-5449.

"The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life

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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Healing Mass

December 6, 2023 at 5:30pm, Holy Ghost Church

Advent Recollection

December 6, 2023 at 6:00—7:00pm, HG

Guest Speaker: Fr. Edison Pamintuan, M.S.
 Pastor of St. Joseph Church, Makawao

TOPIC: Mary and the Eucharist

Fellowship with Fr. Edison to follow in the hall. Bring a potluck dish to share.



Angel Tree Project

Return the wrapped gift with the angel attached to it by **December 16 & 17.**



Any questions regarding the Angel Tree can be directed to Henrietta Chong.



Touring Downtown Indianapolis



It's a tradition to swap things from your home state. Here is Sophia passing out leis.



Sophia and Landon volunteered to be Youth Ambassadors. One session had over 500 attending.



Rapper Joe Melendrez stopped to meet our youth at the Exhibition Hall.



We had a lovely dinner with Joe White's sisters on our first evening in Indianapolis.

Maui Youth
 Kula 3; CTK 1; Adults 3

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Sophia and Pa'u dropping off the food at MEO.



Izzy & Nail with their shopping list.

