

**December 2023** (see Calendar of Events)

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  
 13 - Reconciliation Service, 5:30pm, HG  
 16 - Sweet Bread Sale, HG, 11:30—2:00  
 17 - All Christmas Angel gifts are due. 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 Dec. 2 & 3, 2023**

Offertory	\$2,525.00
Restricted: Janitorial service	\$2,500.00
Restricted: OLQA Hall	\$200,000.00
Mass Intentions	\$150.00
Candles donation	\$113.00
Christmas flowers donation	\$300.00
HG Gift Shop donation	\$45.00
HG Gift Shop Sales	\$71.23
HG Gift Shop credit card sales	\$16.58
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT</b>	<b>\$205,720.81</b>



**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](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

**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

Today's second reading is about Christ's coming again, "The day of the Lord," Peter calls it, but that day isn't December 25th. It's that other day, that second-coming- day about which Peter is concerned. He waits with great hope and anticipation for God to remake the earth into a place of perfect justice and peace. And he sets some demanding goals for the Christian community as it awaits that final day of accounting and reconciliation: strive to be at peace, without spot or blemish. Christian stewards work for peace.

**As we await the coming of Christmas, what can we do to promote peace in our homes, workplaces, community and world?**

**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.

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

**Liturgical Ministers: Mass Schedule: Dec. 16 & 17**

**Holy Ghost Mission Church 5:00pm**  
 (L) C. & J. White (EM) L. Legsay, T. Manlansing, C. White (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) A. Bowes, E. Wilson (EM) S. & T. Lomongo, MJ Bega (A) I. & S. Enriquez

**Kula Roman Catholic Community Bulletin**

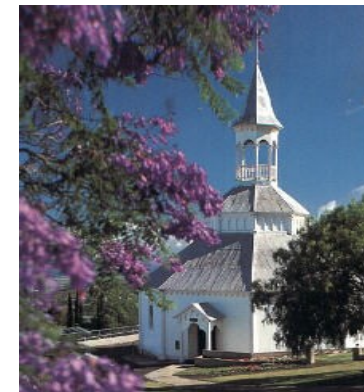
December 10, 2023

2nd Sunday of Advent

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*Kula Catholic Community Mission Statement*

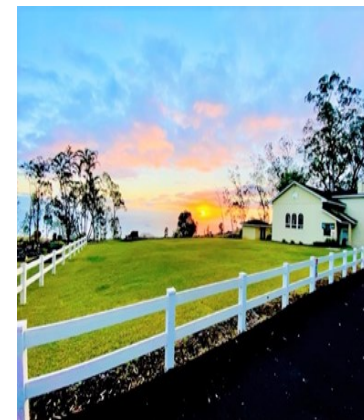
*The Kula Catholic Community, blessed by God, inspired by Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit, seeks to worship God with sincerity of heart, witness the Gospel by our words and actions, share Christian values in our personal and community lives, and offer service to all people.*



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](mailto:kccchurch@rcchawaii.org)  
 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 Advent Year B

The Lord is coming to take us home day.

The Lord; through the prophet Isaiah gave comfort to His people Israel that their suffering in exile shall come to an end; that they will come back home to the land inherited by their fathers. And so, when that day comes, all their hardships and trying times will pay off. Their long endurance will just be forgotten or it will feel like a very short time as described by the second reading. For us, that will be the Lord, who will come and take us home. Therefore, we need to prepare for the Lord and we need more people like St. John the Baptist to preach repentance to the world filled with disharmonies, conflicts, chaos and wars. We must be the preachers ourselves by repenting for all our sins, living an exemplarily life and not in extravagant in spending. The mass is ended; means the agony of listening to the sermon is over, go and proclaim Christ the Lord by your lives. Fr. Anton, Nyo M.S.



*Thank You!*  
 to our families who lit the first candles for the First Sunday of Advent.  
 Ohana Perry, Turek, Medeiros and Akau.



***This Sunday's Gospel  
Thoughts for the Week  
December 10, 2023***



Prepare for the coming of the Lord.

(Reading in Blue Missal: pg. 271)

**1st Reading Is 40: 1-5, 9-11  
God is Near**

In beautiful poetic language, the prophet tells the exiles in Babylon who were desperately waiting for freedom: Have hope! God will step in and lead you out of this hopeless situation back home! Notice God's tender love: "Like a shepherd he feeds his flock." What do we learn as God's word from this ancient piece of poetry? It could be: God cares! Your guilt is expiated. "Here comes with power the Lord God." Whatever your problems in life may be, you can have a happy Christmas and celebrate "Emmanuel - God with us."

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation

**2nd Reading 2 Peter 3: 8-14  
A New Earth**

The author uses the familiar imagery of the Bible (a roar, fire, flames, a meltdown) to describe the awesome event of Christ's coming in judgment. Remember, God's timetable is not ours. God can call you at any moment, and this should be a motivation to preserve holiness. While waiting, "be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him "God", at peace."

**Gospel Mk: 1: 1-6  
Need for Repentance**

Mark announces his Gospel as the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. But before he actually tells us about Jesus Christ and his good news, he introduces John the Baptist as our Lord's forerunner. Just as in ancient times messengers went ahead of the king to announce his coming to town, so John announced the coming of the Messiah. The mission of Jesus was prepared for by John. His mission was the same as that of Jesus, though he stressed a judgment whereas Jesus emphasized salvation. Notice the two aspects of John's message: 1. repentance, baptism, forgiveness and 2. the coming of One more powerful, who will baptize the people in the Holy Spirit. If we are waiting for salvation, a way out of a dim and unexciting existence, we should pay attention to these two aspects and apply them to ourselves.

***Mass Intentions***



December 9, 2023 - 5:00pm Mass  
Edwin Ferreria (Deceased); Hunter Otani (Deceased)

December 10, 2023—7:00am Mass  
Lyndell Beach (Deceased); Charles & Mary Oliveira (Deceased);  
Nancy Pimentel (Deceased)

December 10, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn how at [respectlife.org/support-her](https://respectlife.org/support-her).

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

**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**

**Christmas Mass Liturgical Ministers**

Please call the office (808-878-1261) if you're available to serve at our Christmas Masses. We are still in need of lectors, eucharistic ministers, and altar servers.

**December 24 at 5pm, OLQA  
December 25 at 9:30am, HG**

**EPIC  
Young Adult Ministry**

**Sunset Social  
Tuesday, December 12,  
5pm at Kalama Park,  
Kihei.  
Bring a beach chair and  
your fishing pole.**

**PENANCE SERVICE  
December 13, 2023 at 5:30pm,  
Holy Ghost Church**

**QUILT MINISTRY**  
The recipient of the 259th quilt is **Mary Carvalho**. Please keep her in your prayers for healing and a speedy recovery.

**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.

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND WREATH MAKING**

