

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

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  
 27 - Rosary for Life, 6pm at HG  
 31 - New Year's Eve Vigil Mass, 5pm, HG  
 January 1 - New Year's Day Mass, 5pm, OLQA (no 7am mass)

**Stewardship of Treasure Dec. 9 & 10, 2023**

Offertory	\$3,070.00
Retirement fund for Religious	\$1,352.00
Immaculate Conception	\$716.00
Restricted donation	\$7,000.00
Baptism	\$200.00
Mass Intentions	\$90.00
Building & Maintenance fund	\$500.00
Christmas flowers donation	\$210.00
HG Gift Shop Sales	\$222.46
HG Gift Shop credit card sales	\$582.09
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT</b>	<b>\$13,942.55</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

**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. 23 & 24**

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

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

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

(C) E. Adachi (L) B. Karlen, E. Wilson  
 (EM) A. DeGama, D. May, L. Pires

**Holy Ghost Church 9:30am**

(L) M. Bega, E. Bareng (EM) D. Janosko, S. Morikawa, H. Chong (A) J. Stein

**Liturgical Ministers: Mass Schedule: Dec. 24 & 25**

**December 24 Christmas Vigil Mass:**

**Our Lady Queen of Angels 5:00pm**

(L) C. Manlansing, H. Chong  
 (EM) Need 3  
 (A) ???

**December 25 Christmas Mass**

**Holy Ghost Church 9:30am**

(L) Need 2  
 (EM) Need 3  
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# Kula Roman Catholic Community Bulletin

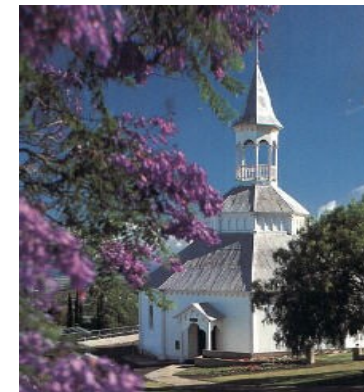
December 17, 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent

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**Kula Catholic Community Mission Statement**

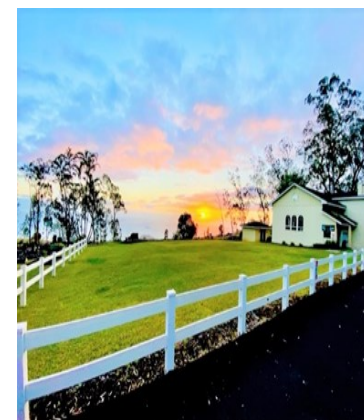
*The Kula Catholic Community, blessed by God, inspired by Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit, seeks to worship God with sincerity of heart, witness the Gospel by our words and actions, share Christian values in our personal and community lives, and offer service to all people.*



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



**A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

In today's second reading Paul concludes his letter to the Christian community at Thessalonica by providing it with actions to take as its members wait for the return of the Lord. The first action is to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This sounds easy but it's not. The two words that make this task difficult are "always" and "all". This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not always moments of joy and thanksgiving, or when we are confronted with a broken world. Prayerful stewards rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances because they are people of hope. **A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.**



Lance and Sandra Morikawa light the Advent candles for the 2nd Week of Advent.



**This Sunday's Gospel**  
**Thoughts for the Week**  
**December 17, 2023**



Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

. (Reading in Blue Missal: pg. 275)

**1st Reading Is 61: 102, 10-11**  
**God's Glad Tidings**

The prophet describes his mission as service to his people. He announces glad tidings to the captives back from exile in Babylon. The second part of this poem is the joyful reaction of Jerusalem. She is overwhelmed by the abundant goodness of the Lord, who has bedecked her with a robe of salvation and precious jewelry. This poem greatly influenced our Lord's understanding of his mission of service. God's word through this tradition could be that there is joy in service and that the riches that we possess through faith and baptism are a great source of joy as well.

**Responsorial Psalm:** My soul rejoices in my God.

**2nd Reading 1 Thes 5: 16-24**  
**Christian Joy**

Paul explains what kind of people we should be while waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas, and in that perspective for his final coming to judge and living and the dead. Waiting with hope for final and complete happiness, Christians have reason for joy. Lord, prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow.

**Gospel Jn 1:6-8, 19-28**  
**Witness to Christ**

The question that no intelligent person can ignore is "Who is this Man, Jesus Christ, that started that worldwide movement called Christianity?" It has existed for some 2,000 years. Apparently, it has satisfied the aspirations of millions. It has given a kind of joy and happiness for which martyrs have laid down their lives. John the Baptist explains it to us. Jesus is Light and Lord. Many do not recognize him yet but he is great. Notice the unselfishness of John. He himself is a preacher, but he bears witness to him, whose sandal he is not worthy to unfasten. John is the pattern of the Church's ministry today. There are many in every community who are searching. It should be our joy by word and example to point to the Lord Jesus as an answer to their search.

**Mass Intentions**



December 16, 2023 - 5:00pm Mass  
 Edwin Ferreria (Deceased); Ron Daniels (Deceased); Damien & Florence Osorno (Deceased)

December 17, 2023—7:00am Mass  
 Lyndell Beach (Deceased); Charles & Mary Oliveira (Deceased); Nancy Pimentel (Deceased); Doreen Kekiwi (Deceased); Mateo Stephens (Deceased)

December 17, 2023—9:30am mass  
 Marco Molina, Jr. (Deceased); Kenneth Nakamoto (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 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, 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 Caravalho.

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.

O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery;

Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free."

USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita

**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**

**Angel Tree Project**

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

If you're able to organize and deliver gifts on December 17, please call Henrietta or the office. We'll need vehicles that have trunk space to carry larger loads of gifts or trucks with covers so gifts don't fly out.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Holy Day of Obligation—December 8, 2023—Outdoor Mass at 7am**



The low temperatures did not deter the faithful from celebrating mass outdoors.



The celebration continued Sunday evening. We were serenaded by Fr. Anton, Fr. Ace Tui and Fr. Edison Pamintuan, who joined us for dinner under the stars.



A very big mahalo to Kamaile and Dr. Teresa for training us on the use of the A.E.D. machines.

