

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

24 - Christmas Vigil Mass, 5:00pm at OLQA  
 25 - **Holy Day of Obligation:** Christmas Mass, 9:30am at HG  
 26 & 27 - Fr. Anton on Kauai for La Salette meeting  
 27 - Mass at 5pm, HG, Rosary for Life, 5:30pm at HG, no 7am mass  
 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. 16 & 17, 2023**

Offertory	\$2,259.00
Retirement fund for Religious	\$20.00
Christmas Flower donation	\$60.00
Sweet Bread Sale	\$2,880.00
HG Gift Shop Sales	\$326.03
HG Gift Shop credit card sales	\$321.49
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT</b>	<b>\$5,866.52</b>

*Thank you*

A 72 year old female needs a live-in roommate/caregiver. Room rent free, salary negotiable. Please call Maggie at 808-878-3136 and leave a message.

**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

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

**The office will be closed on December 25-27 and January 1-3.**

**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. 24 & 25**

**December 24 Christmas Vigil Mass: Our Lady Queen of Angels 5:00pm**

(L) C. Manlansing, H. Chong  
 (EM) M. Chong, M. Marchese  
 (A) ???

**December 25 Christmas Mass Holy Ghost Church 9:30am**

(L) S. Stein, M. Turek  
 (EM) MJ Bega, S. & T. Lomongo  
 (A) ??

**Liturgical Ministers: Mass Schedule: Dec. 30 & 31**

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

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

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

(C) P. Kaialiilii (L) K. Aipa, C. Sylvia  
 (EM) M. Marhese. M. & J. Andrews

**Holy Ghost Church 9:30am**

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

# Kula Roman Catholic Community Bulletin

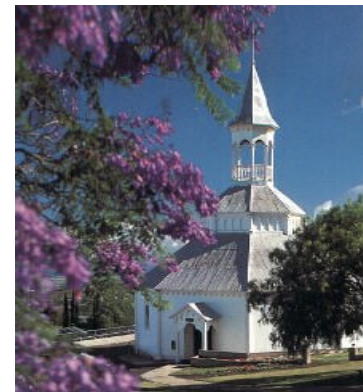
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4th Sunday of Advent

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*Kula Catholic Community Mission Statement*

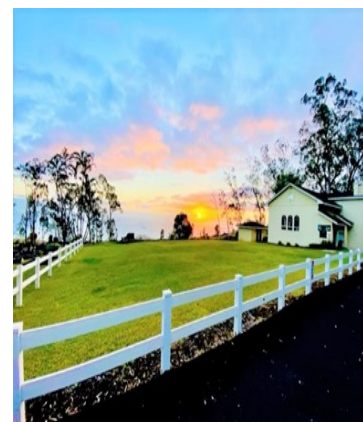
*The Kula Catholic Community, blessed by God, inspired by Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit, seeks to worship God with sincerity of heart, witness the Gospel by our words and actions, share Christian values in our personal and community lives, and offer service to all people.*



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



**Christmas greetings, blessings, and prayers to all!**

On behalf of the La Salette Community, the Bishop, our chief shepherd of this diocese and the Pastoral Council of this parish, I would like to humbly impart numerous blessings from God the Father through His Son, whose birthday we celebrate. The word made flesh; God made man to restore our original dignity of as sons and daughter of Him.

May this celebration be for us an opportunity to thank Him for all the wonderful things He has done for us. God wants us to know how much He appreciated all the generosity and care we render to one another. This year Christmas is indeed a more special one. There are many of us who could not celebrate it with complete family members, while there are some families with complete members but without a home or a place to celebrate with.

In the situations and circumstances like this, God might be telling us that He wants to be closer to us. He comes to the needy and the suffering family of Mary and Joseph. May He be welcomed in each and every family! A family of three will now become four, while a family of five will become six. He will not add to our burden but instead will take it away. Let us allow Him to lift our spirits up, strengthen our hope in the midst despair and distress. Let us continue to welcome the Lord by welcoming one another with open arms. So that we will be able to continue to celebrate Christmas every day of our life with love, peace, justice, and unending joy!

Fr. Anton Nyo, M.S.



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



God is the font of all blessings and salvation.

. (Reading in Blue Missal: pg. 277)

**1st Reading 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a-16**  
**A King Forever**

David, full of goodwill, wants to build a temple for God. But instead of David building a temple for God, God will build a "house," an everlasting dynasty, for David: "Your house.. Shall endure forever." In today's Gospel, Luke sees this promise ultimately fulfilled in the universal kingship of the Lord Jesus. With this in mind, we should make the Responsorial Psalm our prayer and thanksgiving for what God gave us in Jesus Christ.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

**2nd Reading Rom 16: 25-27**  
**Faith and Obedience**

Only with the coming of Jesus Christ do we attain the right understanding of Israel's expectations. The mystery, hidden for many ages, is now revealed and made known to all the gentiles. Salvation, coming to us through Jesus Christ, is for all. We should pray that all may see the real light of Christmas.

**Gospel Lk 1: 26-38**  
**Mary's Consent**

Here we concentrate on what Luke wants to teach us concerning this child about to be born. First, he wants our affirmation in faith that Jesus' origin is a transcendental one, that he is born from God. Secondly, Luke brings out what role this child is to play in Salvation History. He finds the clue for understanding this in the Old Testament. God had promised David that his dynasty would stand firm forever. Hence, the expectation that a descendant of David once again would rule the house of Jacob, and that his reign would have no end. Luke sees this political expectation, which was very much alive in his day, fulfilled on a higher level in Jesus Christ, who will reign over God's people forever. "The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father." Let us admire God's way every year again during Advent and Christmas time, and accept Jesus Christ as Luke wants us to do.

**Mass Intentions**



December 23, 2023 - 5:00pm Mass  
 Edwin Ferreria (Deceased); Ron Daniels (Deceased); Eduardo Reyes Serrano (Deceased); Howard & Colette Ventura (Blessings); Victoria Blando (Healing)

December 24, 2023—7:00am Mass  
 Lyndell Beach (Deceased); Charles & Mary Oliveira (Deceased); Nancy Pimentel (Deceased); Mateo Stephens (Deceased)

December 24, 2023—9:30am mass  
 Marco Molina, Jr. (Deceased); Buddy Perry (Deceased); Shirley Williams (Blessings); 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, 5:30pm (4th Wed.)**. Please come and join us as we pray for our Blessed Mother's intercession. Call Cathy White at 269-5449.

"O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities; Prayer for Radical Solidarity ([www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity](http://www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity))

**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 FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF:**

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| <b>Andrews/Ferriera Ohana</b>   | <b>Lyndell Beach</b>                                |
| <b>Buddy Perry</b>  | <b>Nancy Jane Pimentel</b>                          |
| <b>Ron Daniels</b>  | <b>Chong/DeLuiz Family</b>                          |
| <b>Turek Ohana &amp; Tkacz Ohana</b>  | <b>Damien &amp; Florence Osorno</b>                 |
| <b>Walt &amp; Rosemary Parris</b>   | <b>Edward Euonuk</b>                                |
| <b>Weylen Kishimoto</b>   | <b>Fred &amp; Rosaline Ventura</b>                  |
| <b>George and Marie Hofreiter</b>   | <b>Joan Osorno Freitas</b>                          |
| <b>Manuel &amp; Margaret Lopes and son, Joseph &amp; Christina Lopes; and deceased Family</b> | <b>Charles &amp; Mary Oliveira; Marianne Pechin</b> |
| <b>Michael Janosko, Gertrude Janosko, Lawrence Franco &amp; Adeline Franco</b>                |   |

**STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION—Angel Tree Project**

MAHALO to all who participated in the Angel Tree Project. This year we serviced 37 families and collected over 200 gifts. Your generosity will bring smiles to our Maui families on Christmas morning. God bless you for your generosity and stewardship of time, treasure and talents.

There is a wonderful article in the Maui News, dated December 19, about our Kula Catholic Community's contributions to the MEO Head Start Families. Be sure to check it out and give praise to God for allowing us to open our hearts to being His hands and feet here on earth. <https://share.newsbreak.com/5ozri8gw>



Here are a few pictures of some of our Kula Angels who completed the final step of organizing and delivering the presents.

