

December 2023 & January 2024

31 - New Year's Eve Vigil Mass, 5pm, HG
 January 1 - New Year's Day Mass, 5pm, OLQA (no 7am mass)
 14 - 1st Holy Ghost Feast Meeting, 10:30, HG Hall
 24 - Rosary for Life, 6pm, HG
 27/28—2nd Collection, Church in Latin America and Black & Indian Missions
 29—St. James Mass, 12 noon

Stewardship of Treasure Dec. 23 & 24, 2023

Offertory	\$2,492.00
Christmas Offertory	\$3991.00
Mass Intention	\$60.00
Building & Maintenance	\$40.00
Baptism	\$100.00
Quilt Ministry donation	\$7.00
Hall Use	\$140.00
Christmas Flower donation	\$8.00
HG Gift Shop Sales	\$201.80
HG Gift Shop credit card sales	\$554.98
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$7594.78



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

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed on January 1-3.

HOLY GHOST FEAST CORNER

Save the Date: **May 18 & 19, 2024**

Sunday, January 14, 10:45am, HG Hall - 1st Feast Meeting for all chairpersons and interested individuals.

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.

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 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: January 6 & 7

Holy Ghost Mission Church 5:00pm

(L) L. Silva, M. Turek (EM) J. & C. White, T. Manlansing
 (A) A. Manlansing

Our Lady Queen of Angels 7:00am

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

Holy Ghost Church 9:30am

(L) J. & L. Ritchie (EM) S. & T. Lomongo, MJ Bega
 (A) J. Stein

Kula Roman Catholic Community Bulletin

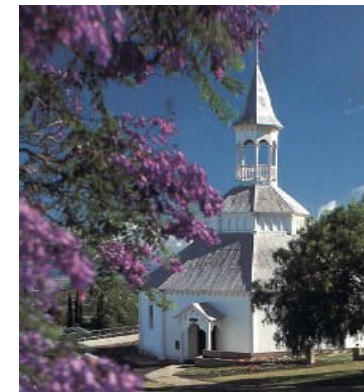
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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Kula Catholic Community Mission Statement

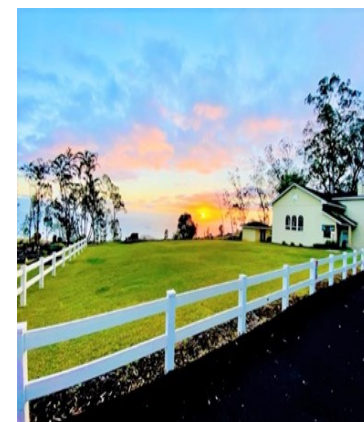
The Kula Catholic Community, blessed by God, inspired by Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit, seeks to worship God with sincerity of heart, witness the Gospel by our words and actions, share Christian values in our personal and community lives, and offer service to all people.



Holy Ghost Church



Our Lady Queen of Angels



St. James the Less

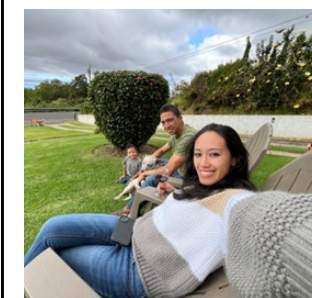
Pastor, Rev. Anton Nyo, M.S.
 Secretary: Donna Ventura, Mary Jean Bega
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 On-line Giving: please visit Website
 Facebook site: Our Lady Queen of Angels, icon: Mary's Grotto



Blessings to each and every family and a grace filled New Year to all!

To sanctify the families, Jesus was born to a family. If Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph, He can be born to our families too. Even though it is the smallest unit of society, families are the most important source of our nourishment and the strength of the nation and of the Church. Let us then keep holy our families but keeping holy the marriages and commitments: fidelity between the spouses: mutual love and understanding between parents and children. Through the intercession of St. Joseph, the faithful and righteous protector and provider of Jesus and Mary, may all the fathers of the families be blessed with good health of mind and body. May the mother of the Lord help all mothers with countless blessings from our good Lord. And may our Lord Jesus Himself bless and secure the future of all children with As we also begin our new year with the solemnity of Mary Mother of God, we take her as our own mother to guide us and lead us to safety in this life's journey following the footsteps of her Son here on earth to gain unending happiness in eternal life. God gives us His Mother to be our mother too so that no one is an orphan or a stranger in this family of Him. *Mary Mother of the families, Help of Christians, Comforter of the afflicted, Health of the sick, and Queen of peace: Pray for us.*

Fr. Anton Nyo, M.S.



Meet some of our own parish families on this page and on the inside page.

Kaiali'ili'i and Matheson Ohana

This Sunday's Gospel
Thoughts for the Week
December 31, 2023



Imitate the Holy Family, the true model of life.

. (Reading in Blue Missal: pg. 292)

1st Reading Sir 3:2-7, 12-14
Duties toward Parents

Respect, reverence and love are values that should be cherished. Take care of your parents when they are old. Show love and care, even if you soothe your conscience with the fact that he/she is well taken care of in an old people's home far away. "Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways".

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

2nd Reading Col 3:12-21
Plan for Family Life

The holy family, Jesus, Mary, Joseph, must have cherished the values brought out in this Bible passage. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you." Why not try regular family Bible reading, with a discussion afterward and an improvised prayer by one member of the family at the end? The idea of wives being "subordinate to their husbands" may not appeal to "women's lib"; however, where there is genuine love, constantly fostered, a mutual pattern of "doing the loving thing" spontaneously originates. Love and bitterness are incompatible.

Gospel Lk 2: 22, 39-40
God's Anointed One

Luke describes the Jewish purification rite, observed by the Holy Family, as a manifestation of our Lord. He is introduced as "the Christ of the Lord," the anointed king or Messiah, who meets two representative of his people, Simeon and Anna. "He took him into his arms"; this was the customary ritual of blessing children. "You yourself (Mary) a sword shall pierce" indicates the pain experienced by Mary as the Mother of the Redeemer. Are you willing to accept our Lord as controversial? His values, "do's and don'ts," are not always the same ones that your friends and associates to by! Take stand!

Mass Intentions



December 30, 2023 - 5:00pm Mass
 Edwin Ferreria (Deceased); Ron Daniels (Deceased); Ron Daniels (Deceased)

December 31, 2023—7:00am Mass
 Lyndell Beach (Deceased); Charles & Mary Oliveira (Deceased); Nancy Pimentel (Deceased)

December 31, 2023—9:30am mass
 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 **January 24, 6pm (4th Wed.)**. Please come and join us as we pray for our Blessed Mother's intercession. Call Cathy White at 269-5449.

"Dearest St Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life — especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life (www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph)

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.*

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

When Jesus is presented in the Temple, our Blessed Mother formally offers him to God's service without reservation. It is a service that Simeon prophetically foretells: a service to God that will turn the old laws and cultural norms upside down. **Are we destined to hold on to old habits and customs tightly, or like Jesus, are we willing to serve the Lord and proclaim the Gospel in new and creative ways?**

CHRISTMAS HIGHLIGHTS



Father blessed the children at the Christmas Vigil Mass.



Many thanks to Lillian, Bobbie Jo, David, Mark and Jean who helped to decorate Our Lady Queen of Angels.



Prones Ohana



We are grateful to the crew who decorated the Holy Ghost Church: Doug, Jolene, Henrietta, Cathy, Joe, Mary Ann, Theresa, Buddy, Alton, and Mary Jean.



Chong and Hurdle Ohana



Kawai Ohana



Stein Ohana



Tantisira Ohana