

December 2022

11 - Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious
 14 - Healing Mass & Advent Recollection, 5:30pm, Holy Ghost
 18 - 4th Sunday of Advent, Angel Tree Project ends, bring in your gifts with name tag firmly attached to 9:30am Mass. Sweetbread pickup at Holy Ghost hall, 11:30am to 2pm;
 24 - Christmas Eve, 5pm at Holy Ghost
 25 - Christmas Day (Holy Day of Obligation), 8am at OLQA and 9:30am at Holy Ghost
 28 - Rosary for Life, 6pm at Holy Ghost
 31 - New Year's Eve Vigil, 5pm at Holy Ghost Church
 Sunday, January 1st: 8am at OLQA, 9:30am Holy Ghost; 12noon at St. James the Less, Ulupalakua

Stewardship of Treasure, Dec. 3 & 4, 2022

Weekly Offertory	\$4,025.00
Immaculate Conception	\$20.00
Mass Intention	\$10.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$20.00
Candles	\$129.00
Bread Sale	\$36.00
H. G. Gift Shop donation	\$70.00
H. G. Gift Shop sales	\$438.88
Gift Shop credit card sales	\$303.84
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$5,052.72

Thank you for your donations!

**HEALING MASS & ADVENT
 RECOLLECTION, Wed., Dec. 14th,
 5:30pm, Holy Ghost Church**

Prayer Quilt Ministry: The power of prayer is what this ministry is founded on to bring comfort in times of illness and distress. The only criteria to be gifted a prayer quilt is that the person is experiencing serious life challenges. Please call the office, and I'll forward the request to the Ladies.

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 878-1261. **Catholic Charities Maui:** Please call Catholic Charities Maui at 873-4673, press 1 and leave a message for rental, mortgage and utilities help. **Non-Perishable Food donations welcome!** **Church Bulletin Announcements:** due by Wednesday at noon prior to weekend. **Office closed on Mondays & Wednesdays.**



SWEETBREAD Pick-up date change!

Pickup date: Sunday, December 18th at the Holy Ghost hall from 11:30am to 2:00pm. Mahalo!

Christmas Angel Tree Project Ends, next Sunday, December 18th

Please take an angel or two from the tree. Purchase the gift that is listed on the angel and return the gift, **wrapped with the angel attached securely to the gift.** All gifts benefit families from the MEO program. This project will run until December 18th. Our Social Ministry Program, along with the Youth Program will be double checking their lists after Mass and then transporting all the gifts to MEO. In the past your kindness has made it possible that no child went without. Mahalo for your support!



Christmas Flower donations are welcomed. Envelopes are at the front entrance. A listing with the names of your beloved will be in our Christmas Bulletin.



Retirement Fund for Religious: The second collection today is for Retired Religious, the women and men of religious communities who have served us so well in our schools, parishes, and charitable organizations. Your generosity is appreciated.

Liturgical Ministers: Weekly Mass Schedule: Dec. 17 & 18

Holy Ghost Mission Church 5:00pm

(L) L. Silva, S. Holtrichter (EM) C. White (A) A. Manlansing

Our Lady Queen of 7:00am

(L) E. Adachi, K. Aipa (EM) M. Andrews

Holy Ghost Church 9:30am

(L) Children's Mass (EM) S. Lomongo (A) I. & R. Enriquez

On-Line Giving: Online donations may be made at any time from the comfort of your own home or any place with internet access. Online donations are credited to your Year End Tax Statement (except when made anonymously). You can change your account preferences and or donation amounts at any time. Please visit our website www.kulacatholiccommunity.org.

Kula Roman Catholic Community Bulletin

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Third 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.



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2022 ANNUAL PRIESTS' CONVOCATION
 May the Lord bless you with peace and love in your priesthood.



The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word for rejoice, and this Sunday is the time for us to rejoice because Jesus came and died so that we may live forever with him! Gaudete Sunday marks the halfway point until Christ's birth at Christmas.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT From the loneliness of his prison cell John the Baptist asks of Jesus: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" The weeks before Christmas offer much to be joyous about, celebrating with family and friends, the glitter of seasonal decorations, the excitement of gift giving and receiving. But in our midst, there are the lonely and neglected, the poor, the hospitalized, the wayward, the shut-ins. There are those who feel that they have no hope. To whom should they look? Discipleship in the Lord includes being good stewards of others. Are there those in our family, our neighborhood, our community to whom we can reach out to show them a sign of Christ's presence in their midst?

This Sunday's Gospel
Thoughts for the Week
December 11, 2022



1st Reading Is 35:1-6, 10
Here Is Your God

This beautiful poem is attributed to the so-called "Second Isaiah," a prophet who stayed with the Hebrews in Babylonian exile. This prophet saw the Babylonian rule about to be toppled by the mighty King Cyrus of Persia, who would free the captives and let them go home. This is a poem of joyful hope. **"Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication."** Christians apply this vision to the future brought about by Jesus, the Messiah, God's Anointed One. "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened." The Lord gives sight to the blind. This is our Christian theme of joyful hope: Our Lord, who comes to be a light to the world. The lights of Christmas symbolize this idea.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, come and save us.

2nd Reading Jas 5:7-10
The Lord's Coming Is at Hand

James reminds us not to be overly optimistic. The bright future of the Messianic era will not be fully realized on this side of the grave. **We must be patient! "Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."** The prophets should be our models. If you are suffering, this reading could be an inspiring starting point for a personal prayer to God!

Gospel Mt 11:2-11
Effects of the Lord's Coming

Matthew takes up the theme of the first Bible reading. "Jesus said to them in reply: '...the blind regain their sight.' " Jesus is the one-to-come who will give hope to those who suffer.

This "hope" can be finding a way out of trouble through the aid of a loving human being: it can be resignation and acceptance of the unavoidable, founded in faith in a future to come hereafter. Every Christmas, the Lord Jesus should open our eyes to the beauty of life, and its extension, the life to come.

2022 Maui Vicariate Penance Services

Dec. 13, 6:30pm	St. Anthony, Wailuku
Dec. 14, 6pm	Maria Lanakila
Dec. 15, 6:00pm	St. Rita, Haiku
Dec. 16, 6:00pm	St. Joseph, Makawao

Mass Intentions



December 10, 2022

◆ 5:00pm: Sherrie Gray (Healing); Damien & Florence Osorno (Deceased)

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◆ 7:00am: Ken Ono (Healing); Damien Pires (Healing); Lyndell Beach (Deceased)

◆ 9:30am: Pro-Populo (For the People); Buddy Perry (Deceased)

Pray for the Sick : *Hayden Gonsalves-Hernandez, Rosa Maria Santos, Kainoa Spenser, Rowland Lee, Charles "Bala" Spencer, Father Adondee, Cru Silva, Jennifer McMahon, Mary B. Oliveira, 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, Kameryn Rylee Blackburn, Aeris Joseph, Canaska Gonzales, Shantel Kapoi, Maggi Fleming, Reagen Olivares, Ginny Gonsalves, Eleanor Martin, Yvonne Fukumoto, Kehau May, Tammy Jardine, 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 and Marco Molina Jr.*



"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"

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 28th. Please come and join us as we pray for our Blessed Mother's intercession. Call Cathy White at 269-5449.**

The Holy Ghost Gift Shop is the perfect place to start your Christmas Shopping and support our Church at the same time! See their great gift ideas and new inventory!

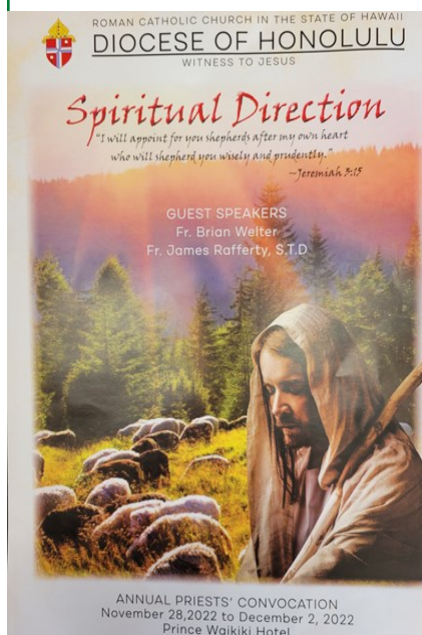
Bereavement Committee: *Lorraine & Damien Pires, Jeanne Ono and Wayne & Dotty Purdy. Mahalo!*

PASTOR'S CORNER

My Dear Brothers and Sisters/ Parishioners / Co-sojourners as Kula Catholic Community, Rejoice in the Lord Always!

This Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday/Rejoicing Sunday. We are rejoicing for the anticipation of the birth of our Lord, who comes to restore us our identity as children of God. And so, let this Christmas be a joy-filled Christmas especially for those who have lost their Churches, their lands, their loved ones and even their identities because of wars, conflicts, and misunderstanding. That despite all evil things happening in our world today, we will be able to stand up against it as a peaceful, loving, forgiving and cheerful followers of Christ until the end of time.

Father Anton



Annual Priests' Convocation Nov. 28th to Dec. 2, 2022

This Year's Theme: Spiritual Direction, "I will appoint for you shepherds after my own heart who will shepherd you wisely and prudently." Jeremiah 3:15

Father Anton found this year's Convoca-

tion to be one of the most fulfilling he has attended!

Father Anton is pictured here with Guest Speakers, Fr. James Rafferty, S.T.D. and Father Brian Welter



2022 Christmas Wreath Making

Thanks to all who participated in the wreath making activity on Dec. 4th. We had a large group of about 25 and the afternoon was filled with Christmas music, laughter and fun! All the wreaths were truly unique and beautiful. Much appreciation, also, to those who provided the greens. Please join us again next year!

