

## December 2021

11/12 - Second Collection, Retirement Fund for Religious  
 12 - Last Religious Ed Class, winter break, returns on 1/9/22  
 13 - Penance Service, Holy Ghost, 5:30pm  
 19 - Last day to return Angel Tree gifts  
 22 - Rosary for Life, 6pm, Holy Ghost Church

**Enclosed in this bulletin is a revised Christmas Events Schedule with date, time & location.**

### Stewardship of Treasure, Dec. 4 & 5, 2021

Weekly Offertory	\$2,271.00
Immac Conception	\$335.00
2nd Coll: Ohana in Christ	\$60.00
2nd Coll: Religious Retirement	\$25.00
Mass Intentions	\$120.00
Blessings	\$80.00
Restricted Gift	\$5,300.00
Christmas Flowers Donations	\$95.00
Prayer Quilt Donations	\$20.00
Thanksgiving Basket donation	\$100.00
HG Gift Shop donation	\$8.00
HG Gift Shop sales	\$47.92
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT</b>	<b>\$8,461.92</b>

**Prayer Quilt Ministry:** The recipient of the 162nd and 163rd is Anne Leuteneker and Kim Tanaka who are in need of our prayers. May God's healing blessings be with them. 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.

**SALE at Holy Ghost Gift Shop:** The Gift Shop is open on Wednesdays & Fridays from 11am to 3pm. In addition they will continue to open after the 5pm Mass & 9:30am weekend masses. Phone 878-1091 during shop hours. **New items coming in weekly!**

**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. **Affected by COVID-19 CRISIS:** Please call the Catholic Charities Maui at 873-4673, press 1 and leave a message for rental, mortgage and utilities help. Federal funds available for back rent & utilities! **Non-Perishable Food donations:** Please continue to bring in a food item when you can and leave it at the front entrance on the floor or counter.

**Electronic Gate at Our Lady Queen of Angels:** Monday to Friday, gate opens at 6am, closes at 7pm; Saturday-gate opens at 6am to noon; Sunday, gate opens at 6am—9:30am only. **Church Bulletin Announcements:** due by Wednesday at noon prior to weekend.



## Angel Tree Project

**Important tip,** after picking an angel write the information from your angel onto your home calendar in case you misplace the angel. We have no way of knowing who took which angel and we want to make sure no child goes without. More than ever our most vulnerable families on Maui depend on your kindness & generosity! MAHALO! Last day to turn in gifts with your angel attached is Sunday, Dec. 19th.

**Christmas Flower donations are welcome; we have placed special envelopes at the church entrance!**



**Does anyone need help with storm damage clean-up? Father Anton is offering his services free; clearing debris, etc... Call office!**

No water at OLQA no problem! Pic of Father Anton bringing back water from the water tank located at Fong's store. He didn't spill a drop!

### Liturgical Ministers: Weekly Mass Schedule: Dec. 18 & 19

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

(L) S. Holtrichter, L. Silva

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

(L) C. Sylva, K. Aipa

#### Holy Ghost Mission Church 9:30am

(L) M. Rompasky, H. Lundberg

#### Holy Ghost Mission Church 11:00am

(L) H. Chong

### Advent Candle Lighting for December 11 & 12th

5pm Mass: Buddy & Teresa Lomongo

7am: Victor & Cora Reyes

9:30am: Mary & Frank Jr. Carvalho

New Office Hours will be from 8am to 12noon. Please leave a voice message or email if you need to get a hold of us in the afternoon. Mahalo!

**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](http://www.kulacatholiccommunity.org)

# Kula Roman Catholic Community Bulletin

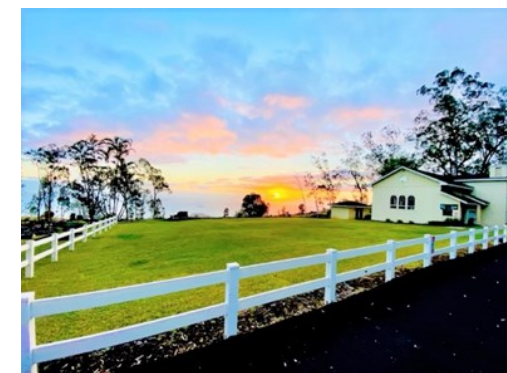
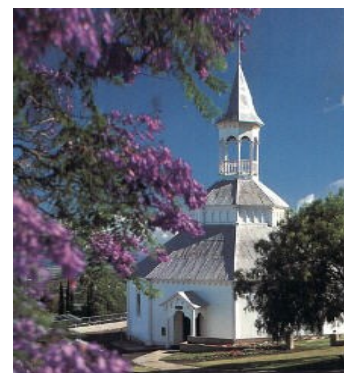
December 12th, 2021

3rd Sunday of Advent (Year C)

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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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Livestreaming of 7am Mass continues  
 Facebook site: Our Lady Queen of Angels Church, icon: Mary's Grotto



**Covid Seating Restrictions lifted. Effective Weekend of December 18th & 19th. No reservations required; open seating. Mask wearing is still required. Reminder if you are ill....Stay Home! The 11am Mass will remain by seat reservation only for our vulnerable parishioners. Call the office.**

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday, the Latin word for rejoice.

Heavenly Father, this third week of Advent, let us remember that the good news of Jesus' birth has the power to bring us great joy this Christmas season. Our joy isn't dependent on what is going on in our life, in our world, or the people that we are with. It doesn't depend on the gifts we give or the gifts we find under the tree. No earthly thing can ever give us complete joy. Our joy comes from you. That joy that flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the angels, the wise men, the hosts of heaven, and Mary and Joseph is the joy that still has the power to overwhelm our hearts with rejoicing. Our joy doesn't come from our jobs, our family, our relationships, our finances, or our success. Our joy doesn't come from what we have on earth or who we are with. Our joy is a gift. It is the gift that you gave us that first Christmas in Jesus Christ. Our joy is encompassed in our Savior, King Jesus. Flood our heart with joy this Advent season as we reflect on the good news of Jesus' birth. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen.



**This Sunday's Gospel**  
**Thoughts for the Week**  
**December 12, 2021**



**1st Reading Zep 3:14-18a**  
**Joy Over the Mighty Savior**

This reading invites "daughter Zion" (Zion is the holy temple mountain in Jerusalem, hence stands for God's people) to rejoice because salvation from all enemies and evil is at hand. We should read this passage to inspire our Advent awareness that God will save us.

Life has meaning. It can be beautiful. "God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid" (Responsorial Psalm).

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

**2nd Reading Phil 4:4-7**  
**Rejoice in the Lord**

"The Lord is near." Whatever our ailments and anxieties are (see Theme), we can turn to him. **"Have no anxiety at all." Rejoice, because we Christians know to whom we should turn for peace and happiness.** This reading offers a "crash program" for preparation for Christmas.

**Gospel Lk 3:10-18**  
**Majesty of the Messiah**

We see by this reading that there were people who reacted to John the Baptist's sermons: "What should we do?" In searching for meaning in life, we ask this question too. It all depends whether or not we are "filled with expectation." Do we look at a future? Do we believe in Jesus to come, who will baptize us (immerse us) in the Holy Spirit and fire?

There are wheat and chaff also in our lives. With our doubts, problems, and anxieties, we should turn to the Lord Jesus. He is concerned. **Immersed in the Holy Spirit, we should come to new life! Christmas could be a new start for us.**



**Mass Intentions**



December 11, 2021

◆ 5:00pm: Julian & Maria Dumagsa (Deceased); Modesto & Doris Lomongo (Deceased) and Lito Olayvar (Deceased)

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◆ 7:00am: Lyndell Beach (Deceased)

◆ 9:30am: Pro-Populo (For the People)

◆ 11:00am: Ken Ono (Healing Blessings)

**Pray for the Sick :** *Hayden Gonsalves-Hernandez, Rosa Maria Santos, Kainoa Spenser, Rowland Lee, Jason Allencastre, 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, Chiree Souza, John Otto, Kevin O'Brien, Colin Yoshida, Frances Garcia, George Poteet, Judith Wagner, Kameryn Rylee Blackburn, Aeris Joseph, Canaska Gonzales, Shantel Kapoi, Maggi Fleming, Francis DeLara, Hayden Silva, Julio Franco, Reagen Olivares, and Shirley Watanabe.*

"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 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6pm at Holy Ghost Church. Our next Rosary will be on **December 22nd**. Please come and join us as we pray for our Blessed Mother's intercession. Any questions please call Mary Covey at 280-2709.

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

**My Fellow Parishioners,**

**"Pastor's Corner"**

The third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete Sunday." "Gaudete" means "Rejoice!" This is the theme expressed by St. Paul in his Letter to the Philippians: "Rejoice in the Lord always!" Why does St. Paul insist that we rejoice? We must remember that he wrote this Letter to the Philippians while he was in a dark Roman prison and without any certainty that he can still come out alive.

Definitely, there was nothing to rejoice about being imprisoned. But joy is a virtue and a gift of the Holy Spirit. It is not dependent on any external condition. Rather, it all depends on one's intimate relationship with God. A person who knows the Lord is with him at all times, that the Lord is near, always has the reason to rejoice, that is, to be filled with joy. And that spirit leads him to be more kind and understanding towards others.

There is the story about a man known as Joe the Farmer. Every day, on his way to the farm, he would make it a point to drop by the Church at exactly eight o'clock in the morning. In less than a minute, he can be seen leaving the church. The priest noticed his daily routine and asked him about it one day. Joe said, "Father, I just drop by every day to say hello to my friend. I look at him. He looks at me. Then I tell him, 'Hi, Jesus! This is your friend, Joe. Have a great day!' Then I go."

One day, Joe got sick, and was brought to the hospital. He had no family, and so no one visited him. But the nurses were surprised that Joe provided joy and laughter to his fellow patients. His humor and cheerful spirit were just contagious. A nurse asked him: "Joe, what is the secret of your happiness?" He replied, "Well, it is because of my friend who comes to visit me every day." The nurse was surprised. "But you have no visitor. You have no family and friends." But Joe insisted, "Yes, I have a friend. He comes here every day at eight o'clock in the morning. He looks at me, and says, 'Hey, Joe. This is your friend, Jesus. I just dropped by to say hello!'" Joe had no family. He had no money. He had no health. But he was happy, because he had a friend, Jesus, who visits him every day. That was the secret of his happiness. And his happiness makes him more kind and loving towards others. This is exactly the meaning of St. Paul's exhortation: "Rejoice in the Lord always!"

Christmas is near, but are we rejoicing? Are we filled with joy? Far from making us happy, the busy season leaves most of us physically tired and financially drained. We often hear people complaining about the economic crisis. Many are jobless, homeless and still many others are sick. The recent pandemic and death have left many families and communities devastated. There is so much bad news every day. What is there to rejoice about? God is not anymore present in our Christmas celebration. The greeting "Merry Christmas" is replaced with "Happy Holidays!" The image of the Holy Family in Bethlehem is dwarfed by the ubiquitous giant Christmas Tree. Jesus Christ is totally overshadowed by Santa Claus. Many people don't even bother to go to Mass on these days. So, when Christ is taken away from Christmas, when God is absent from our gatherings and celebrations, what is there left to rejoice about?

**Eric Bega's Funeral Service**

The Bega Family invites you to join us in paying final respects to Eric on Friday, December 17th at Christ The King Church from 6pm to 8pm for visitation; Prayer Service at 7pm by Father Adondee. Saturday, December 18th at Holy Ghost Church, Visitation from 9am to 9:40am. Private Mass and burial for the family to follow.  
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**HUGE THANK-YOU FROM THE M.E.O. STAFF TO THE KULA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY! Mahalo for your generosity in providing food, gift certificates and Maika'I rewards to families in need this Thanksgiving. They are truly grateful!**



Pics: MEO Staff above, below Youth shopping at Costco.

**Father's Letter continues:**

Christmas is always the busiest season of the year. While others are stressed and anxious about so many things, we are reminded to focus our attention on Jesus, the center of this joyous season, the cause of our rejoicing. There is no reason for worries and anxieties. Whatever problems and difficulties we may encounter, we take them all up to the Lord in prayer. Turn worries into prayers. – Reflection from Fr. M. Lagrimas. **Have a blessed Sunday! Fr. Adondee, MS**