

December 2021

19 - Last day to return Angel Tree gifts
 20 - Decorating at HG Church, 10am
 22 - Rosary for Life, 6pm, Holy Ghost Church
 24 - Christmas Eve, 7pm at Our Lady Queen of Angels
 25 - Christmas Morning, Holy Day of Obligation, The Nativity of the Lord, 8am at Our Lady Queen of Angels; 9:30am at Holy Ghost, 11am by reservation at Holy Ghost.
 25 - Anticipated Mass for Dec. 26, The Most Holy Family, 5pm at Holy Ghost. Sunday is regular schedule.
 31 - New Year's Eve Mass, 7pm, Our Lady Queen of Angels
 1st of January, New Year's Day Mass, Saturday morning 9:30 at Holy Ghost

Stewardship of Treasure, Dec. 11 & 12, 2021

Weekly Offertory	\$2,533.00
Nov. online offertory	\$2,229.50
Immac Conception	\$516.00
2nd Coll: Catholic Camp H.D.	\$30.00
Nov online for Cath Camp H.D.	\$40.00
2nd Coll: Religious Retirement	\$944.00
Building Maint. Fund	\$100.00
Mass Intentions	\$84.00
Christmas Flowers Donations	\$545.00
Prayer Quilt Donations	\$5.00
HG Gift Shop Sales	\$93.33
HG Gift Shop credit card sales	\$46.88
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$7,166.71

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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.

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

Last day to turn in gifts with your angel attached is this Sunday, Dec. 19th. Mahalo!

Thank you for your Christmas Flower donations!



The Holy Ghost Gift Shop is having a 10% off Christmas Sale of your total purchase from now til Christmas!!

Store Hours:

Sunday: 9am to 10:45am

Wednesday & Friday: 11am—3pm

Saturday: 10am to 2pm, and after 5pm Mass

By appointment, please call:

Laureen @ 281-7513 or Cathy @ 269-5449

Liturgical Ministers: Christmas Mass: Dec. 24 & 25

Christmas Eve (24th) at Our Lady Queen of Angels 7:00pm

(L) H. Chong, J. White

Christmas Morning (25th) Our Lady Queen of Angels 8:00am

(L) L. Arrieta, D. May

Christmas Morning (25th) Holy Ghost Mission Church 9:30am

(L) M. Rompasky, S. Holtrichter

Christmas Morning (25th) Holy Ghost Mission Church 11:00am

(L) L. Morreira, T. Lomongo

Liturgical Ministers: Weekly Mass Schedule: Dec. 25 & 26

Holy Ghost Mission Church 5:00pm

(L) J. & C. White

Our Lady Queen of Angels 7:00am

(L) L. Morreira, C. Sylva

Holy Ghost Mission Church 9:30am

(L) J. & L. Ritchie

Holy Ghost Mission Church 11:00am

(L) MA Turek

Advent Candle Lighting for December 18 & 19th

5pm Mass: Frank & Mary Ann Turek

7am: Akau & Medeiros Ohana

9:30am: Mary Jean & Mikaela Bega

Office will be closed Dec. 27th to the 30th

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

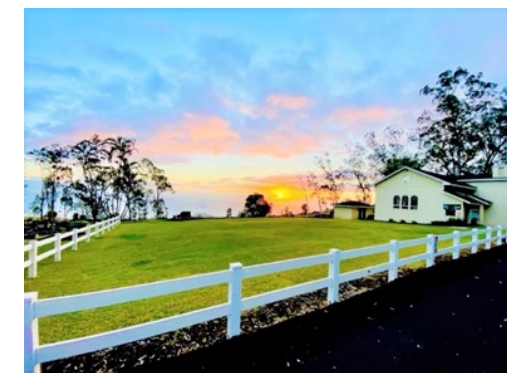
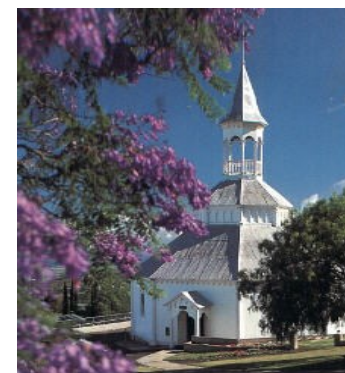
December 19th, 2021

4th 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.



Interim Administrator, Rev. Adondee Arellano, M.S.

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Livestreaming of 7am Mass continues

Facebook site: Our Lady Queen of Angels Church, icon: Mary's Grotto



The fourth Sunday of Advent, the candle symbolizes: Peace

Heavenly Father, the whole meaning of Christmas can be explained in one little four-letter word...LOVE. You sent your gift of pure love to us that first Christmas. Love descended from heaven to be born of a virgin. Love lay in the scratchy hay of a manger in a meager barn in Bethlehem. All of your love, God, was robed in the delicate skin of a baby and wrapped in swaddling clothes. This final week of Advent helps us to reflect on the magnitude of love that was made manifest in Jesus.

There is no greater gift than this, that a man should lay down his life for his friends. You willingly gave the gift of your life because of your love. Your righteous blood covered our sin. You redeem and restore us when we confess you as Lord and Savior of our life. At that moment, you give us the gift of your love for all eternity. We receive grace upon grace and mercy upon mercy at that moment.

Father, this final week of Advent, fill our hearts and minds with the significance of that truth. Thank you, Lord, for loving us enough to send Jesus. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen.

Open seating and no reservations required at the Masses, except for the Sunday, 11am at Holy Ghost. Attendance at the 11am is by reservations only for our most vulnerable.

This Sunday's Gospel
Thoughts for the Week
December 19, 2021



1st Reading Mi 5:1-4a
The Messiah from Bethlehem

Because of the great traditions of the Golden Age of Israel with David as its fabulous and astounding king, expectations for freedom and new self-determination in Jewish thought were always connected with a restoration of David's dynasty-house-throne. The Messiah, God's vice-gent, who will bring salvation to Israel, must be a descendant of David. "You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah..." King David came from Bethlehem.

Israel is waiting for the birth of the Messiah. Hence, she is likened to a woman in labor. But "until the time when she who is to give birth has borne," Israel will be ruled by other nations: "The Lord will give them up." Christians see this oracle fulfilled in the birth of Jesus who brought final salvation. Waiting for the coming Messiah, we make the Responsorial Psalm our own prayer.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

2nd Reading Heb 10:5-10
Doing God's Will

Christ took a body in order to be able to sacrifice himself in total obedience to God. This reminds us of the reason for the incarnation, which is closely related to our Lord's sacrifice of atonement on Golgotha. Bethlehem and Calvary cannot be separated. We learn what is most characteristic about Jesus: "I come to do your will."

Gospel Lk 1:39-45
The Visitation

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth calls Mary "blessed," because of her faith and the obedience with which she bore her child. The Second Vatican Council's Constitution of the Church states: "Mary devoted herself totally as a handmaid of the Lord to the person and work of her Son." By her faith and obedience to God's design, Mary was the great woman behind Jesus.

On the 2nd Sunday of Advent, we learned about the commitment of John the Baptist. Today we learn the same virtue from Mary. **Preparing for the Lord's coming and accepting him implies a total commitment to what he stands for.**



Christmas decorating at Holy Ghost on Monday, December 20th at 10am. Please come and join us, if your free!

Mass Intentions



December 18, 2021

◆ 5:00pm: Father Patrick Freitas (Healing Blessings)

December 19, 2021

◆ 7:00am: Ginny Gonsalves (Healing Blessings) and Lyndell Beach (Deceased)

◆ 9:30am: Jessica Bartlett (Healing Blessings); Eric Bega (Deceased); John & Rita Fernandez (Deceased) & Joseph Fernandez (Deceased); Buddy Perry (Deceased)

◆ 11:00am: Ken Ono (Healing Blessings); Pro-Populo (For the People)

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, Jessica Bartlett and Ginny Gonsalves.*

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn ten tips at respect-life.org/support-her.



USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

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 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 from Father Adondee,

Last Sunday we celebrated "Gaudete" Sunday and we are encouraged to rejoice because our Lord is near. On this fourth and last Sunday of Advent, our first reading and gospel have one thing in common. This is the fact that from the lowly clan of Judah and Mary the humble handmaid, God has prepared a body for Christ, the Prince of peace. According to our second reading from Hebrew, Christ assures his father for our sake: "Here I am! I am coming to do your will!" He comes soon to fill our hearts with his spirit of peace and joy as he did to Elizabeth and the child in her womb. As we gradually approach the fulfillment of God's promise to us, the gospel of this Sunday presents us with the visitation of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth. Despite her pregnancy, Mary still found time to visit her cousin to share her joy and assist her. This is proof of her spirit of hospitality, generosity, humility, love, and faith in God who chose her. This is why she is blessed. It was not only Mary that visited Elizabeth but also the Divine Child and Prince of peace did. Hence, this visit was divine.

Also, it is important to note that what happened between the child in Mary's womb and the child in Elizabeth's womb was a divine encounter. What happened during this divine visit and encounter is what the psalmist describes as: "When love and faithfulness meet together when justice and truth meet; righteousness and peace kiss and embrace each other" (Ps 85, 10). Both Elizabeth and Mary felt and saw it happen spiritually. The visit of Mary to Elizabeth was not a mere coincidence. It was a well-thought plan of God, which he executed at the appropriate time. This season, God has planned to honor each one of us personally with a divine visit. This visit is not by accident. Instead, it is a well-planned visit to bring about some remarkable changes in our lives.

This Christmas, we are about to have a divine encounter with the child Jesus. Let us pray that this encounter will fill us with the Holy Spirit, who will empower us as he empowered Elizabeth. We pray that this divine encounter with Christ will bring us transformation, and it may provoke peace and greater joy in our hearts as it did for Elizabeth and the child in her womb. As we wait for our divine visitation and encounter this season, let us implore the Lord: "God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us, and we shall be saved." (Taken fr: Fine Word by Fr. Canicen Joku)

First Annual Parish Wreath Making at the Holy Ghost Hall



Advent Wreath making at Catechism Class



Jackets Project Mahalo for your donations and everyone who sorted, boxed and delivered these needed clothing for the Salvation Army!

