# December 2022

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. 17 & 18, 2022

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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. 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!

**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.

Church Bulletin Announcements: due by Wednesday at noon prior to weekend. Office closed on Mondays & Wednesdays.

# Sweet bread Bake a Family & Kula **Catholic Community Tradition**

God's Blessings to the bake crew who came out early and stayed to the end, prepping, baking, packaging, cleaning the kitchen and selling the loaves during last weekend's Kona storm with heavy rains, lightening & thunder!!



Stay tuned, next bulletin will have pictures of the Christmas Angel Tree Project!

Liturgical Ministers: Weekly Mass Schedule: Dec. 31 & Jan. 1st

Holy Ghost Mission Church 5:00pm (L) J. & C. White (EM) ? (A) A. Manlansing

Our Lady Queen of 8:00am (L) E. Adachi, C. Sylva (EM) J. Andrews (A) R. Aipa

Holy Ghost Church 9:30am (L) J. & L. Ritchie (EM) T. Lomongo (A) I. & R. Enriquez

St. James the Less 12noon: (L) M.A. Turek

# Kula Roman Catholic Community Bulletin

December 25, 2022

The Nativity Of The Lord (Christmas)

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.





Pastor, Rev. Anton Nyo, M.S. Secretary: Donna Ventura Email: kccchurch@rcchawaii.org



A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Amidst the beautiful Christmas readings at today's Masses is a reading from a small New Testament letter from Saint Paul to his protégé, Titus, read at Midnight Mass. Saint Paul reminds Titus that God has given us a gift in the person of Jesus Christ. This gift represents God's active presence in our lives and in our world. This gift redeems us from evil and death. This gift purifies us as God's people. This is a gift that also comes with an expectation: that we receive it with thanksgiving, allow it to transform us into Christ's image; and from it, learn how to live a life "eager to do what is good." Take time in the next few days to reflect on the marvelous gift we celebrate at Christmas, and how we might become better stewards of this gift.

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#### Kula Catholic Community Mission Statement



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

# Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

# <u>This Sunday's Gospel</u> <u>Thoughts for the Week</u> December 25 2022



#### <u>1st Reading Is 52:7-10</u> Your God Is King

God leads his people back from the exile in Babylon to Zion (site of the Jerusalem temple), from whose ruined walls sentinels shout for joy. The Church reapplies this passage to the Christmas event.

Your God is King" in his Messiah, on whose shoulders "dominion is laid...[and who] shall be called Wonderful-Counselor". This represents "glad tidings," "euangelion" (Gospel), indeed, for the Lord comforts his people, leading us back from exile to our abode with him.

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

#### 2nd Reading Heb 1:1-6 God Speaks through Jesus

God has spoken to us through his Son, his Word "made flesh." This Son "is the refulgence of [the Father's] glory." It is true that we Christians can—like all human beings—find God in his creation, daily life, and any religious statement through which he speaks "in partial and various ways." However, we also possess "the very imprint of [the Father's] being," his Word made flesh, in the Lord Jesus, given to us in Bethlehem of Judah.

#### Gospel Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 The True Light

The Gospel uses both the "Word" model (God's Word made flesh) and the symbolism of light to elucidate what the Lord Jesus is supposed to mean to us Christians. The light can shine in darkness and not overcome it. (The lights of the Christmas tree shining on sophisticated unbelievers and party-goers!) "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."

Are you opening up and accepting it? Only then will your Christmas be real and your Christmas joy not be gone with your tree on the garbage heap! "God of love,...make us faithful to your Word".

Bereavement Committee: Lorraine & Damien Pires,

Jeanne Ono and Wayne & Dotty Purdy. Mahalo!

#### <u>Mass Intentions</u>

December 24, 2022

 5:00pm: Antone, Nancy & Dennis DeLuiz (Deceased); John Moriki, Sr. (Deceased); Dr. Alfred Arensdorf (Deceased)

December 25, 2022

♦ 8:00am: Ken Ono (Healing); Damien Pires (Healing); Marco Molina Jr. (Healing); Lyndell Beach (Deceased)

♦ 9:30am: Pro-Populo (For the People)

**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.

"The infant Christ 'came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph' (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come... Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us." \*Excerpts from *Patris corde*, © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: St. Joseph, Defender of Life

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

# PASTOR'S CORNER

My Dear Brothers and Sisters/ Parishioners / Cosojourners as Kula Catholic Community,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

On behalf of the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette, our beloved Bishop Larry, and the leadership of this community, I would like to wish you from the bottom of my heart," a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all!" My prayer for you all is that we all have a coming year better than previous years. And that the newborn baby will take away all your sadness, stresses, distress, and sicknesses and fill you with gladness and cheerfulness! We know each year we grow older in age, but we learn more new things and learn from our mistakes and improve our relationship with the Lord and others. We pray that we will always continue to grow together as Kula Catholic Community. Like our Blessed Mother, let us learn to obey God and His Church. Let us give Jesus to one another! Father Anton



Fr. Anton celebrated a 6am mass at St. Joseph Church in Makawao for Misa de Gallo, a Filipino tradition consisting of a 9-day novena leading up to Christmas.

### **Christmas Flower Offering In Memory Of...**



**Andrews & Ferreira Ohana** Lyndell Beach Mr. & Mrs. Albert Bediamol & Family **Eric Bega Brenda Chong** Antone, Nancy & Dennis DeLuiz **Joan Osorno Freitas** Gahran & Madamba Ohana **Lilinoe Johnson** Allan & Eileen Kinsey Weylen Kishimoto Manuel & Margaret Lopes & Family Joseph Lopes, Sr. & Family Sadao Morikawa **Ono, Fujinaga & Wong Ohana Damien & Florence Osorno** Hunter Otani Walter & Rosemary Parris **Buddy Perry** Eugene & Elsie Perry, Sr. Peter Plawri **Baby Landon Ronald Tavares** Fred & Rosaline Ventura **Thomas T. Watanabe** 



There are some who bring a light so great to the world that even after they have gone, the light remains.





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Damage from storm, Pepper Tree at Holy Ghost uprooted!

