

December 2021

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. 18 & 19, 2021

Weekly Offertory	\$4,632.00
Immac Conception	\$10.00
2nd Coll: Religious Retirement	\$185.00
Restricted Gift	\$10,000.00
Unrestricted Gift	\$5,000.00
Funeral donation	\$500.00
Blessings	\$500.00
Mass Intentions	\$70.00
Christmas Flowers Donations	\$220.00
Prayer Quilt Donations	\$200.00
HG Gift Shop Sales	\$805.82
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$22,122.82



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 & on Sundays from 9am to 10:45am. 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.

Rectory update: Cabinets are in, waiting on counter tops now....getting closer!!



Liturgical Ministers: New Year's Eve & Day Mass: December 31 & January 1st, 2022

New Year's Eve (31st) at Our Lady Queen of Angels 7:00pm
 (L) TBD

New Year's Day Morning (Jan. 1st) Holy Ghost 9:30am
 (L) C. White, J. Ritchie

Liturgical Ministers: Weekly Mass Schedule: Jan. 1 & 2

Holy Ghost Mission Church 5:00pm
 (L) B. Ventura, M. Covey

Our Lady Queen of Angels 7:00am
 (L) P. Kaialilii, C. Sylva

Holy Ghost Mission Church 9:30am
 (L) F. Carvalho, M. Rompasky

Holy Ghost Mission Church 11:00am
 (L) MJ Bega

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

Church Bulletin Announcements: due by Wednesday at noon prior to weekend.

Office will be closed Dec. 27th to the 31st

Kula Roman Catholic Community Bulletin

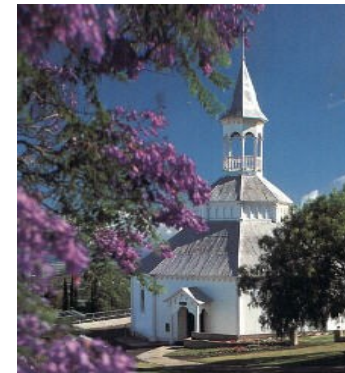
December 26th, 2021

The Most 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.



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



It is in the Holy Family, the original "Church in miniature" that every Christian family must be reflected.

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-St. John Paul II

My Fellow Parishioners from Father Adondee:

One vital element in society that is being attacked and undermined by the culture of death is the family. There are concerted and systematic efforts to destroy the family. Today, the Church reminds us of the true meaning of family as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. God is a family of Three Persons: Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. When the Son of God was made man, He was also born into a family. The Holy Family – Jesus, Mary and Joseph – is the perfect reflection of the Eternal Family of the Triune God. (Father's letter continues on inside page.)

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 26, 2021



1st Reading 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28
God's Creative Love

This reading teaches us that motherhood and life are a gift of God. The presence of children in a family signals the continuation of life and manifests the newness of God's love, which gives origin to ever new creatures.

Responsorial Psalm:

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

2nd Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
Children of God

Every family must be a mirror of the divine love because the root of every love is God. Therefore, members of a family should deal lovingly with one another.

Gospel Lk 2:41-52
Jesus Was Obedient to Them

Entire villages joined the annual Passover pilgrimage to Jerusalem. It is quite normal that Jesus' parents did not worry about their son till the first night on their way home. Jesus listened and asked questions. At twelve, a year before his "bar mitzvah," he had learned the Torah, the Law of Moses, and its interpretations by the rabbis. "In my Father's house" indicates the close personal relationship between Jesus and the Father. Mary had to realize that Jesus was not simply her son, but the Father's Son, who had a special mission that would mean separation and pain for her.

"They did not understand" indicates that Mary did not understand Jesus as God's Son from the very beginning. In faith she had to accept a mystery, which became clear only in the light of the Easter event. Christmas, God sharing our human condition, is a mystery that we must accept in faith, as Mary did.



Mass Intentions



December 25, 2021

◆ 5:00pm: Abilay Ohana & Pires Ohana (Christmas Blessings); Pro-Populo (For the People)

December 26, 2021

◆ 7:00am: Lyndell Beach (Deceased)

◆ 9:30am: Eric Bega (Deceased); Lilinoe Johnson-Davis (Deceased)

◆ 11:00am: Eleanor Martin (Healing Blessings); 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, Jessica Bartlett, Ginny Gonsalves and Eleanor Martin.*

"Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, 'in every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat' (PC 3). His 'yes' to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. 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.

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 26th. 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!*

Father's letter continued from the front cover:

The family, therefore, is not just a human creation; it is God's will and design from eternity. And the Holy Family is presented before us as the example and inspiration for a truly meaningful family life.

It could be said that the Holy Family was extraordinary and thus exempted from the trials and troubles that our families regularly encounter. But that is not true. They were not exempt from all the problems and difficulties that families experience. However, there is one thing the Holy Family was exempted from: sin. The Child Jesus is the Incarnate God; Mary was the Immaculate Conception; and Joseph was a just and pious man. That is why, despite all these problems, they lived in total peace, complete harmony and perfect love because sin and evil had no chance to enter and create trouble in the family.

Today let us fix our gaze on the Nativity scene: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They are the perfect models for our families. Let us imitate them and learn from them. First, love must be the binding force that should unite and nurture the family. And love is a matter of giving, not taking; it is total self-giving, without selfish motivations. In the first reading, we see how Hannah prayed for a child. In her old age she received a child, Samuel. But she did not keep him to herself. Immediately after Samuel's birth, she brought him to the Temple, and gave him to the priest Eli as an offering to the Lord. In the Gospel, Mary received Jesus in her womb. She was fully aware that Jesus does not belong to her alone. The incident in the Gospel highlights this. Jesus was left behind in the Temple. Mary and Joseph were looking for Him for three days. She did not complain, nor did she demand any explanation. In humble obedience to God, "she kept everything in her heart." She received her Son Jesus, but she was also ready to give Him up to God.

When family members learn to forget their selfish interests and begin to truly give and share, they experience genuine love that binds them together more closely in unity and perfect harmony. Selfishness destroys and divides; love and giving build up and unite.

Second, we must always realize that our family comes only second to God. In the Ten Commandments, the first three commandments are all about obedience and faithfulness to God.

Only then did the command to honor and obey our parents come in fourth. In our readings, it was possible for Hannah to give her child to God, and Mary to offer her Son Jesus on the cross because they were certainly aware that God is the first priority in life. The family only comes in second.

Our families experience many troubles because we often forget the truth that every time we put God on the side in favor of our family, we always encounter more problems and difficulties, simply because we do not observe the proper order of priorities in life. What Jesus did, no matter how painful it was to Mary and Joseph, was a powerful lesson: "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Lk 2:49).

If we really want our families to survive, we must put God first and above everything. In doing this, we place our families under the loving embrace and protection of the Eternal Family of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, bless and protect our families now and forever. Amen!

Fr. Adondee, MS

The candles on the Advent wreath symbolize Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Thank you, Father, for your immeasurable gift of Jesus Christ your Son. Help us to trust fully in you and rest in the peace that you offer. Fill our hearts and minds with the significance of that truth. AMEN



Thank you to all the families who participated in lighting the Advent Wreath at each Mass. God Bless you and keep you in his loving hands.

Pic of the Akau & Medeiros Ohana on the 4th Sunday of Advent at the 7am Mass at Our Lady Queen of Angels.