



Holy Rosary Church

A Century of Faithfulness through Mary's Fullness of Grace

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 7 & 8 Second Collection - for the Augustine Educational Foundation

February 8 - Deadline for the Centennial Souvenir book. Please see any of the Centennial Committee members.

February 14, 2026, 6:00PM Inaugural Dinner - Centennial Celebration after the 5:00PM Saturday anticipated mass presided by Fr. William Kunisch.

February 21 & 22 Second Collection - for the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

March 21, 2026, 9:00AM - 1PM (Saturday) - Parish Retreat with Fr. Larry Denis (St. Anthony Parochial Vicar). Please bring some food to share.

Please send your contributions for the bulletin to s_almie@yahoo.com or to marycostales21@yahoo.com

Weekend mass: Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 8:00AM. Weekday mass: 7:00AM except on Tuesday (Fr. Jose's day off) Confessions by appointment; contact the office or Fr. Macoy. Parish office hours: Monday, Wednesday 9AM-12N, Friday 9AM-2PM

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

- Matt 5:13-16

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

At our baptism, we receive the light of Christ. While this light of faith certainly illumines our path, it is also meant to be shared with others. Through our good works, the light of Christ shines forth, helping others to recognize the work of God in our lives and drawing them to give him thanks and praise.

Opening the Past, Entrusting the Future: Holy Rosary's Time Capsule Ceremony

By: Almie Lonzaga

With prayerful reflection and deep gratitude, the Holy Rosary community gathered to mark a historic milestone—the opening of the time capsule sealed one hundred years ago during the laying of the church's cornerstone. Held on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the ceremony served as both a remembrance of the past and a renewed commitment to the future, honoring the faith, sacrifice, and hope of those who built this sacred place a century ago.



As the capsule was opened, it revealed more than objects preserved by time. It uncovered the hearts of a faithful community who built not only with stone and mortar but with trust in God and enduring devotion inspired by Mary, full of grace. Their faith raised a church, strengthened a community, and began a legacy that has endured for a full century—one that now rests in the hands of the new generation.

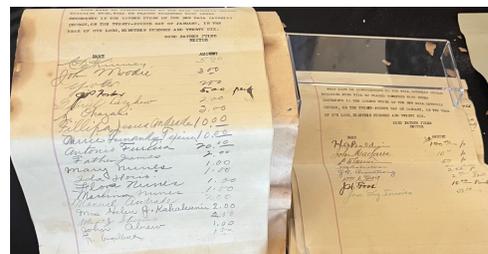
A Call to Be Light

In his reflection, Msgr. Terence Watanabe reminded those gathered of the spiritual significance of the day. He noted that the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord was once known as Candlemas, a celebration proclaiming Christ as the Light of the World. That light, he emphasized, is not only something we receive but something we are called to embody.

As the community approached the century old artifacts, Msgr. Watanabe reflected that the people who came before us clearly understood this call —“to truly be light to the world.” Their faith, he said, was lived out in daily care, steadfast support, and faithful stewardship of Holy Rosary. Standing together one hundred years later is both a powerful testimony to what has gone before and a challenge for the future: that we recognize we stand on their shoulders and take good care of this sacred place so others may continue to encounter the presence of the Lord in their lives.

Voices of the Past Preserved

The contents of the 1926 time capsule offered a tangible glimpse into the lives, sacrifices, and hopes of Holy Rosary's founders. Among the most moving discoveries was a list of parishioners who contributed financially to the construction of the church. The amounts varied—some as modest as \$1, others as generous as \$100—yet together they testified to a shared commitment rooted not in wealth, but in faith and love for the church. Also found was a stack of written pledges, in which parishioners committed to giving over a specified period of time to help complete the church, some of the last names the parishioners recognized. These pledges reflect long-term trust, perseverance, and sacrificial generosity—marks of a community determined to build something that would endure.



Additional items preserved within the capsule included a Maui News magazine, capturing island life at the time of the cornerstone ceremony; coins from many nations, reflecting the diverse cultural backgrounds of the early parish community; a Korean booklet and a Hawaiian booklet, pointing to global connections present even in those early years; and church documents that recorded the organization and faith life of the parish. Together, these artifacts tell a powerful story of faith, unity, and shared purpose.



A Cornerstone of Community Life

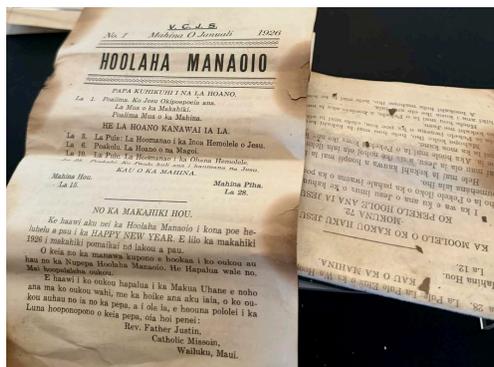
In his message marking the occasion, Mayor Richard Bissen, Jr. reflected on the enduring role Holy Rosary has played in Paia and beyond. He shared that *“this place has long provided a place for worship, for reflection, and special gathering during life’s most meaningful moments.”* Through its presence and service, the church has fostered shared values that strengthen families and neighborhoods, *“especially in a small neighborhood like Paia.”*

The mayor also emphasized the stabilizing influence of faith-rooted institutions, particularly in times of change, stating that such institutions “offer us stability, continuity and the care that we achieve and install the change that we’re going through.” Expressing gratitude, he added, “I extend a deep appreciation to the leadership, the clergy, the congregation for carrying forward the responsibility with clear dedication.” The opening of the time capsule, he noted, challenges the community “to be thoughtful stewards of our community and mindful of our future generations, who one day look back on what we have left behind.”

A Centennial Proclamation

Adding to the significance of the day was a County Council proclamation, presented by Councilmember Nohe U’u-Hodgins and signed by all members of the Maui County Council. The proclamation formally recognized the centennial of Holy Rosary Church and honored its enduring impact on the community. It mentioned that it “has been a place where faith has been nurtured, and generations have found comfort, hope, and belonging. And that “this milestone honors a legacy rooted in love, faith, and steadfast commitment that continues to inspire and uplift the community.”

The proclamation affirmed Holy Rosary’s place not only as a house of worship but also as an enduring spiritual and cultural anchor within Maui’s history.



A Living Church, Looking Ahead

Msgr. Watanabe further invited the community to recommit itself to being “the light and salt of the earth” on Maui—to radiate Christ’s presence, to ensure that in this place everyone is welcome, and to carry God’s love into families, neighborhoods, and daily life. The light entrusted to earlier generations, he reminded the faithful, is now in our hands.

The opening of the time capsule marked not an ending, but the beginning of a yearlong centennial celebration honoring Holy Rosary’s history, celebrating its present vitality, and preparing faithfully for the future. Planned events will continue on February 14, 2026, with the Inaugural Banquet commemorating the groundbreaking ceremony and will culminate with the anniversary of the dedication of the church altar on February 20, 2027, recalling the first Mass celebrated within its walls.

Looking ahead, the community was reminded that those gathered today are now the foundation for the next hundred years, just as their ancestors were the foundation for them. United in gratitude for the past and faith in what lies ahead, Holy Rosary moves forward, called to live God’s word, proclaim His love, and bring mercy and compassion to all, ensuring that the light entrusted continues to burn brightly for generations to come.

More photos of the event can be found at the website: www.holyrosarypaia.org

INCOME SUMMARY

02/1/2026

Weekend Collection	\$1,496.00	Donation	\$1,000.00
Building and Maintenance	220.00	Platinum Sponsor	2,500.00
Candles	228.00	Centennial Items	40.00
Easter Flowers	380.00	Souvenir Book	150.00
Mass Intentions	150.00	Centennial Dinner Tickets	1,040.00
Donation Box	16.00		

TOTAL DEPOSIT

\$7,220.00

ONLINE GIVING

\$1,850.00

