

Holy Rosary Church

A Century of Faithfulness through Mary's Fullness of Grace

GRACE

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We are a welcoming Catholic community called by God to live out the message of Christ in love and service to all people.

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 27, 9AM - Centennial Committee Meeting (after the 8 AM mass)

Sept. 28 - Oct. 6 - Novena Prayer for Holy Rosary Feast Day (5 PM on weekdays; 4:15 PM on Saturday; 7:15 AM on Sunday). Mass to follow after the prayers.

October 3, 9AM (Saturday) - Church cleanup, bring some cleaning equipment and supplies.

October 7, 6PM (Wednesday) - Holy Rosary Feast Day Mass

October 10, 6PM after the Saturday Mass - Parish Feast Day Celebration & 50th Anniversary of St. Damien Memorial Statue and 15 Stations of the Rosary. Potluck after the 5PM Saturday Mass

Ground beef for sale at $10/lb. Please see John to purchase or reserve.

Holy Rosary Church Legacy Tiles Project: Check with James or John to purchase tiles for the project.

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: 7:00 AM 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.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

(Full text: Matthew 21:28-32, usccb.org)

God is just and rewards the humble and repentant heart.

One must be a disciple of Christ to enter the Lord's kingdom. A disciple is one who has turned away from sin, repented, and through God's grace, eagerly strives to follow his ways. No matter one's past, anyone can enter the kingdom of God by turning to the Lord and offering his or her sincere "yes" to God in word and in deed.

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FIFTY YEARS OF GRACE: HONORING THE LEGACY OF OUR MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY AND ST. DAMIEN STATUE

by Almie Lonzaga

As Holy Rosary Church continues to stand as a faithful beacon of hope and devotion in Upper Paia, we pause to celebrate a meaningful milestone in our parish history. This year marks the 50th anniversary of a pivotal moment in 1976, when our parish community came together to install the 15 Outdoor Mysteries of the Rosary and the sacred Statue of St. Damien.

Fifty years ago, during our parish's Golden Jubilee, an article in The Maui News (October 7, 1976) captured the enduring spirit of our faith community:

> *"For years now, Holy Rosary Church has been a parish forgotten. Its convent and school are closed, and the church building stands like a lone sentinel in the cane fields of Upper Paia. But Holy Rosary will not stay forgotten. The families she served through the years remember her."*

Under the visionary leadership of Rev. Roland Peeters, the parish sparked a dramatic revival, turning Holy Rosary into a sanctuary of prayer and reflection for island Catholics. Fr. Peeters and dedicated parishioners obtained the fine plaques for the Mysteries of the Rosary from Europe. At the same time, Fr. Peeters wanted to honor his memory in a special way. He first commissioned a painting of Father Damien at work, which inspired the parish to order a commemorative statue carved from white Carrara marble.







(Photo from Maui News, Oct. 7, 1976: crowds gathered as the St. Damien statue was unveiled.)

The parish decided to combine their Golden Jubilee with the 1976 Bicentennial of the United States, offering the statue as Holy Rosary's contribution to the nation's 200th anniversary. It was a fitting tribute to Father Damien, who, alongside King Kamehameha I, had been chosen to represent Hawaii in the National Statuary Hall Collection in Washington, D.C.

On October 3, 1976, nearly a thousand people gathered in Paia for a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by the Most Reverend John J. Scanlan, Bishop of Honolulu. Together with local leadership, community elders, and a Hawaiian choir from Hana, the community blessed the outdoor shrine and unveiled the statue of Father Damien (who would later be canonized as St. Damien of Molokai).

Today, 50 years later, those glowing embers of faith continue to burn bright. The outdoor Rosary walk and the statue of St. Damien remain as cherished sacred spaces for prayer, peace, and spiritual renewal for both our local parish families and pilgrims from around the world.

We invite all parishioners and visitors to walk the outdoor Rosary path this month, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for those who built and preserved our parish history, and ask for the continued intercession of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary and St. Damien.

Reference: The Maui News, October 7, 1976

INCOME SUMMARY 09/20/2026

Weekend Collection	$1114.00	Donation Box	106.00
Building and Maintenance	60.00	Gift Shop	130.00
Candles	128.00	Catholic Ministries Appeal	385.00
Mass Intentions	20.00	Ground Beef "Hamburger"	720.00
Legacy Tile	200.00		

TOTAL DEPOSIT **$2,863.00**

ONLINE GIVING **$70.00**