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First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2024

FOCUS: Prepare for the coming of the Lord.

As we begin Advent, our readings today offer wisdom in discerning what it means to prepare our hearts for the Lord. They are beckoning us to wake up and be attentive to what is around us, for God’s time is at hand. We have the blessing of this season to prepare for the coming of the Lord, and to allow our hearts to be transformed.

THE WAITING TIME FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Advent is a time of hope but also a time of waiting. Different than wishing, hope is the belief that, one day, all will be well. Teenagers eagerly wait to be out on their own, believing then all will be well. Students are eager to graduate and get away from papers to write, books to read, and exams to take—then all will be well. Some singles long to find a partner, marry, and settle down, believing—then—all will be well. Always there is the faith that, although life may not now be what we wish, the future will bring a time when all will be well. We are inveterate people of hope. Yet life is a process that cannot be rushed.

Author Annie Dillard once watched a butterfly hatch from a cocoon. A bit impatient, she decided to gently warm the cocoon and so hasten the process. It worked, except by rushing the process the butterfly’s wings were undeveloped, too weak to fly. All that we hope and long for in life must happen at its own pace, faithful to the process. How, then, do we negotiate the waiting? The Gospel’s encouragement is to pray, but not for what we want. Rather, we are to pray for the strength to stand with hope before the Son of Man, trusting that God will bring forth the goodness we need. Though it may be different than what we seek, it will be what we need.

● **Reflect:** How can you better enjoy times of waiting?

Contact us for the following:

BAPTISM: Inform the parish 2 months in advance to allow for baptismal preparation

FAITH FORMATION (CCD & OCIA):
Contact coordinator.

MARRIAGE: Notify the parish 6 months prior to proposed date. Attending an Engaged Encounter Weekend is required prior to marriage ceremony.

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND: Contact the office to arrange for someone to bring the Blessed Sacrament to the Sick.

FUNERALS: Call the parish before making arrangements with the mortuary.

FOOD PANTRY: Distribution happens in Parish Hall, bring ID:

- First Friday hours: 3–5 PM
- Remaining Fridays: 4–6 PM

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 2:

7:00 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (+Simpliciana "Sophie" Victoria - RS)
 6:30 PM ICC Novena

Tuesday, December 3:

7:00 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (+Benjamin Yucoco - Birthday Blessing)
 6:30 PM ICC Novena

Wednesday, December 4:

6:40 AM Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (+Simpliciana "Sophie" Victoria - RS)
 5:00 PM Centering Prayer
 6:30 PM O.C.I.A.
 6:30 PM ICC Novena

Thursday, December 5:

No Mass
 6:30 PM ICC Novena

Friday, December 6:

6:40 AM Rosary
 7:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Rosary
 8:00 AM Mass
 (Nhu Loan Nealon - Thanksgiving)

3-5:00 PM Food Pantry
 6:30 PM ICC Novena
 6:30 PM Youth Ministry

Saturday, December 7:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
 3:00 PM First Saturday Devotions
 4:00 PM Confessions
 4:15 PM Rosary
 5:00 PM Mass
 (Andres & Catalina Bolo & the Holy Souls in Purgatory)
 6:30 PM ICC Novena

Sunday, December 8:

6:15 AM Rosary
 7:00 AM Mass
 (Henry & Consuelo Velasquez - Thanksgiving)
 8:45 AM Rosary
 9:30 AM Mass
 (Connie Lubera - Birthday)
 4:15 PM Rosary
 5:00 PM Mass
 (Mass for the People)
 6:30 PM ICC Novena

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Dec. 7: Sacred Heart Society
Dec. 14: Knights of Columbus



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BISHOP LARRY'S GENERAL DECREE:

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

While this very important celebration is usually on December 8, since that is a Sunday of Advent this year, all the Masses for December 7/8 must be for the Second Sunday of Advent. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is **transferred to Monday, December 9...I hereby decree that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is to be celebrated on Monday, December 9, 2024, as a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION in the Diocese of Honolulu.** (The full decree can be found on the diocesan website: www.catholichawaii.org)

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Please keep this schedule handy and mark your calendars for our Advent and Christmas Season.

NOV. 30 - DEC. 8	6:30 P.M. - NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
DECEMBER 9	FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
	8:00 A.M. - MASS
	6:00 P.M. - PROCESSION
	- CROWNING & OFFERING OF FLOWERS to OUR LADY
	7:00 P.M. - MASS, BISHOP LARRY SILVA
	8:00 P.M. - DINNER & FELLOWSHIP - HALL
DECEMBER 12	7:00 P.M. - PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE
DECEMBER 15 - 23	SIMBANG GABI MASSES:
	5:00 PM, DEC. 15, SUN. - FR. LYNDON JONG
	7:00 PM, DEC. 16, MON.- FR. JOEY RANCHO
	7:00 PM, DEC. 17, TUE. - FR. ED BARUT
	7:00 PM, DEC. 18, WED. - FR. RHEO OFALSA
	7:00 PM, DEC. 19, THU. - FR. ERIC CASTRO, M.S.
	7:00 PM, DEC. 20, FRI. - FR. PAULO KOSAKA, OFM, CAP.
	5:00 PM, DEC. 21, SAT. - FR. VALENTINE SUN TUN, M.S.
	5:00 PM, DEC. 22, SUN. - FR. LEONARD TUBANA
	7:00 PM, DEC. 23, MON.- FR. KURT MEYER
DECEMBER 24	CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASSES
	7:00 P.M. - CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
	11:30 P.M. - CHRISTMAS CAROLING
	12:00 A.M. - MIDNIGHT MASS
DECEMBER 25	CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES
	7:00 A.M. - CHRISTMAS MASS
	9:30 A.M. - CHRISTMAS MASS
	(NO 5:00 P.M. MASS)
DECEMBER 28 -29	HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH BLESSING OF FAMILIES

LIGHT A STAR



Our Annual **Light A Star Tree** will be up soon. If you would like to remember your loved ones during Advent by placing an ornament on our Light A Star Tree, please pick up an envelope which can be found at the back of the church. Write their names legibly and place your envelopes in the collection basket or box near the entrance. You may also drop them off at the parish office.

HOMEBOUNDED MINISTERS' COMMISSIONING



Fr. Sieg commissioned our new and current homebound ministers last week Sunday. Our homebound ministers bring the Word of God and Eucharist to our parishioners who cannot make it to Mass. We are so grateful for their gift of time. Our Homebound Ministers are: **Michelle Espiritu, Charlie & Lisa Visitacion, Lydia Perry, Beverly Vallesteros (all pictured above), Jason Snellings,**

Allan Pesquera, Brittney Hunter, Trinisha Paxton, Bernadette Kono, Dolly Willing, Manny & Lucille Meno, Ike & Sana Perez, and Archie Agcamaran.

PROFIT & LOSS QUARTERLY STATEMENT

July through September 2024

INCOME:	
Offertory Collection	\$ 70,623.50
Other Regular Income	12,192.19
Revenue Subject to GET	5,121.00
Unusual (Non Scheduled) Income	<u>8,515.43</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 96,452.12

EXPENSES	
Employment Costs	\$ 37,726.54
Professional Services	1,032.90
Leadership Development	4,981.73
Supplies and Other Services	7,591.63
Fundraising Expenses	2,435.63
Repairs & Maintenance	15,089.16
Utilities	7,624.30
Contributions and Assessments	14,673.00
Taxes	<u>150.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 93,004.89

Net Ordinary Income	\$ 3,447.23
OTHER INCOME/EXPENSES	
Other Income (Temp Restricted Assets)	\$ 34,559.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$ 34,559.00
NET OTHER INCOME	\$ 34,559.00
NET INCOME	\$ 38,006.23

Mahalo for your generosity!

PARISH COUNCIL, LITURGY MEMBERS, AND COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES



Members of our Parish Council, Council of Ministries, and Liturgy Committee

met to discuss the Advent and Christmas schedule this past week. We are truly grateful to all our ministers, who volunteer their time to work together to plan events and discuss how to keep our parish alive and well. We are grateful to our leader, Fr. Sieg, whose goal is for us to grow closer to God and to each other.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we raised **\$ 1,048.76**, so far, to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit their website www.usccb.org/national collections and click "How to Give" under "Resources."

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Nov. 23 - 24, 2024

Weekly Offering	\$3,985.31
Sat. 5:00 PM - \$ 1,062.30	
Sun. 7:00 AM - \$ 1,024.01	
Sun. 9:30 AM - \$ 1,100.00	
Sun. 5:00 PM - \$ 799.00	
Repair & Maintenance	\$725.00
Building Fund	\$247.50
Flowers	\$170.50
Candles	\$40.00
Book of Intentions	\$145.00
Mass Intentions	\$100.00
Funeral	\$300.00
Thanksgiving	\$285.00
Light A Star	\$145.00
Hawaii Quilt Guild (R/M)	\$50.00
Rebate (Diocese)	<u>\$70.34</u>
TOTAL	\$6,263.65



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:	
Catholic Charities	\$10.00
Ohana in Christ	\$220.00
Capital Campaign for Human Development	\$1,048.76

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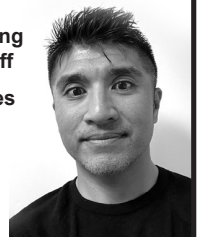
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I've been Catholic all my life, but I don't understand Advent. It's too much like Lent and seems an odd way to prepare for the birth of a baby.

In a society that is primarily secular, one skill of the believing Christian is the ability to balance competing realities. From a secular perspective, Christmas is part of the period identified as the "holidays," beginning with Thanksgiving until New Year's Day, when it abruptly ends and stores begin advertising Valentine's Day. For Christians, Christmas is the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the great promise fulfilled after centuries of waiting and expectation. The creative energy of the Father is displayed in wonder and awe as the angels sing and people of good faith gather to celebrate. We join our ancestors in anticipation of this event through the liturgical season of Advent, a time of waiting and preparation. The Christian holy day is a singular day, the feast of the Nativity of the Lord—Christmas—but the Church continues the celebration of God's life and love through the days that follow, culminating in the Baptism of the Lord, the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus. We are invited to hold the secular and the liturgical experiences in an integrated balance. We can celebrate the secular holidays and we can enter the liturgical season that helps us contemplate something much grander and more spectacular. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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A word from
POPE FRANCIS

Vigilance means this: not to allow our hearts to become lazy or our spiritual life to soften into mediocrity. Be careful because we can become "sleepy Christians"—and we know there are many Christians who are asleep, who are anesthetized by spiritual worldliness....This is a sad life going forward this way since there is no happiness.

ANGELUS, ROME,
NOVEMBER 28, 2021

PARISH MINISTRIES

- Parish Pastoral Council
- Parish Council of Ministries
- Finance Council
- Parish Planning & Building
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Stewardship Committee
- Music Ministry
- Money Counters
- Bereavement
- Religious Education
- Lectors
- Ushers
- Altar Servers
- Flowers and Environmental
- Knights of Columbus
- Event Planners
- Food Pantry
- Couples for Christ
- Youth & Young Adult Min.
- Sacred Heart Society
- Secular Franciscans
- Chamorro Group

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Francis Xavier - Feast Day is December 3rd. This 16th c. saint co-founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and is considered the greatest Catholic missionary of modern times. He was instrumental in establishing Christianity in India, the Malay Archipelago, and Japan. His great zeal for the Faith led to his desire to be Christ's disciple in service to God by carrying the Faith to those in distant lands. He served with great humility and gave his time to others. It's been said that he baptized some 30,000 to Christianity during his lifetime, which is more than anyone else since St. Paul. Pope Pius XI declared him as the Patron of Catholic Missions.



St. Nicholas - Feast Day is December 6th. This 3rd - 4th c. saint of Greek descent from modern day Turkey was known by such titles as: St. Nicholas of Myra, Nicholas of Bari, and Nicholas the Wonderworker. He became a bishop during the time of the Roman Empire. Many miracles have been attributed to him including bringing children back to life and saving sailors from death. He was admired for his generosity, piety, and kindness especially to the poor and sick after giving away his inherited wealth. Over time, news of his charity and giving spread, which led to the idea of giving gifts secretly to others. Devotion to him grew and extended to all parts of Europe. This led to our modern-day notion of Santa Claus, as people took the concept of gift giving with them. He's the patron saint of merchants, sailors, prisoners, and children.



St. Ambrose - Feast Day is December 7th. A 4th c. theologian and statesman from Gaul (present day Germany), he was one of the most theological figures of that time and one of the four original Doctors of the Church. He was significant in the ways he followed Christ and gave his life in service to the Church. He's noted for fiercely promoting Roman Christianity against Arianism and paganism. He was the Bishop of Milan for 23 years and was also known for teaching the importance of prayer and being merciful. We are inspired to spend time in prayer and meditation each day, such as reading Sacred Scripture, so we can be

filled with mercy and be vessels of mercy to others. His feast day marks the anniversary of his consecration as a bishop.

Readings for the 2nd Sunday of Advent:
Baruch 5: 1-9
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6

WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	NOV. 2-3		NOV. 9-10		NOV. 16-17		NOV. 23-24	
		Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	155	20	134	15	134	15	173	24
	Sun. 7:00 AM	225	10	197	5	197	5	227	3
	Sun. 9:30 AM	200	30	245	41	245	41	245	43
	Sun. 5:00 PM	159	22	110	14	110	14	149	19