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Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2025

FOCUS: God has revealed a great light in the darkness.

As we celebrate Epiphany, our readings today remind us of the power of God’s revelation. Throughout history, God has promised salvation. Today we celebrate some of the first witnesses of this great event, the Magi. May we deepen our faith as we, too, journey to be closer to Christ.

IN SEARCH OF GOD

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We are always in search of something or other, it seems—an intangible something that tends to shift and change over the course of our lives, like the tumbling pieces of a kaleidoscope. Sometimes, it is love we seek. Other times, meaning. Or inner peace, freedom from anxiety or guilt. Or perhaps freedom from all that ties us down. And sometimes, it is God we seek. Like the Magi, we too are on a quest for the Holy One. One afternoon, Tom, a high-school sophomore, stopped by. He asked if we could talk about God—or, more exactly, about what God was like. He had been in a study hall, waiting for the bell to ring, when the person behind him asked, “When you die, do you think you’re going to see God?” Tom said he thought he would, but then the other student replied, “Well, you won’t, because God doesn’t have a body. There isn’t something to see.” The bell rang, Tom said, and they never finished the conversation. Tom wondered whether God had a body or not, and, if not, then what was God like? Tom was searching for a God that made sense amidst galaxies and black holes and light years of time, but also a God who was personal and knowable and lovable.

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

● **Reflect:** How has the call to serve God and God’s people shown itself in your life? **a wholehearted “Yes” to God’s will for you?**

May the peace of Christ bring joy to you in the coming New Year, 2025!



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 6:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Cirilo Mata Torres, Jr. - RS)

Tuesday, January 7:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Prima Grande and Family - Thanksgiving)

Wednesday, January 8:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Judith Ton - Birthday Blessings)
5:00 PM Centering Prayer
6:00 PM O.C.I.A.

Thursday, January 9:

No Mass

Friday, January 10:

6:40 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
4-6:00 PM Food Pantry
(Keahi Cabanatan - Birthday Blessings)

Saturday, January 11:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
4:00 PM Confessions
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Jeffrey Ordonio - RS)

Sunday, January 12:

6:15 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(Mass for the People)
8:15-9:15 AM CCD Classes
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(+Jeffrey Ordonio - RS)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Holy Souls in Purgatory - RS)

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Jan. 11: Knights of Columbus
Jan. 18: Couples for Christ
Jan. 25: Chamorro Group
Feb. 1: Sacred Heart Society



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL RED MASS

RED MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF PEACE
Downtown Honolulu (1184 Bishop Street, Honolulu, HI 96813)

The Red Mass has been a tradition since 1955 for government officials and the community to gather at the beginning of the Legislative Session to pray together.

This year will feature guest speaker Kerry Alys Robinson, President and CEO of Catholic Charities USA.



attend the Red Mass, which will also be livestreamed at www.honolulucathedral.org.

Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, downtown Honolulu. The Red Mass has been a tradition since 1955 for government officials and the community to gather at the beginning of the Legislative Session to pray together.

Bishop Larry Silva will be the principal celebrant and this year will feature guest speaker **Kerry Alys Robinson**, President and CEO of Catholic Charities USA, speaking on **"Blessed Are the Peacemakers: Reflections on Servant Leadership."** The general public is welcome to



MARCH FOR LIFE

The Annual March for Life Campaign will begin on Thursday, **January 23, 2025** with Mass at the **Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa**,

Honolulu starting at **6:00 p.m.** The next day, Friday, January 24th, the Feast of St. Marianne Cope, is the March for Life Rally at the State Capitol, from 2 - 5 p.m. All are encouraged to join others from around the state in union for the unborn and the vulnerable.

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PICTURES FROM ICC, EWA EVENTS

We welcome those who would like to share pictures of the events that happen at our parish so that, in case we need or have space for it, we can either post them in the bulletin or on our website. If you would like to share, please send them to iccewa@rcchawaii.org. Thank you!

PEARSON PLACE HAS A NEW HOME, BUT SAME MISSION



The Pearson Place Pregnancy Resource Center celebrated its relocation to the Liliha Professional Building with an open house and blessing Dec. 7 by Bishop Larry Silva. The center was previously situated above the Daughters of St. Paul bookstore in downtown Honolulu. Its new office includes a reception area, two meeting rooms and a break room that is envisioned as a possible ultrasound room. Above, Bishop Silva blessed the office with holy water. Below, Bishop Silva joined current and former Pearson Place leaders for a photo: Vice President Mary Smart, left; former President Susan Duffy*, second from left; and President Fred Hagen. (Photos by Celia K. Downes / Hawaii Catholic Herald)



FAITH DIRECT

Nov. 1-15, 2024 Nov. 16-30, 2024

Weekly Offering	\$1,217.00	\$2,100.00
Monthly Offering	\$1,320.00	\$870.00
One-Time Gifts	\$0	\$300.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$375.00	\$560.00
Building Fund	\$550.00	\$713.00
Flowers	\$30.00	\$140.00
Candles	\$10.00	\$7.00
Food Pantry	\$95.00	\$465.00
Book of Intentions	\$0	\$270.00
All Souls Day	\$30.00	\$0
Light A Star	\$0	\$55.00
Thanksgiving	\$90.00	\$700.00
Feast of Immaculate Conception	\$0	\$195.00
Christmas	\$0	\$0
Campaign for Human Development	\$10.00	\$0
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$0	\$505.00
Total Collection	\$3,727.00	\$6,880.00
Less Credit Card Fees	-\$64.64	-\$146.10
Less ACH Fees	-\$5.78	-\$6.32
Less Faith Direct Fees	<u>\$0</u>	<u>-\$306.60</u>
Total	\$3,656.58	\$6,420.98

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Dec. 24 - 29 2024

Weekly Offering		\$4,310.25
Sat. 5:00 PM - \$	901.25	
Sun. 7:00 AM - \$	1,085.00	
Sun. 9:30 AM - \$	1,639.00	
Sun. 5:00 PM - \$	685.00	
Repair & Maintenance		\$3,023.75
Building Fund		\$430.00
Flowers		\$37.50
Candles		\$115.00
Book of Intentions		\$35.00
Mass Intentions		\$180.00
Light A Star		\$38.00
Christmas		\$7,760.00
Simbang Gabi Mass		\$536.00
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God		<u>\$10.00</u>
TOTAL		\$16,475.50



PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

As we near the end of this Christmas season in this secular world, let us remember to keep the true meaning of Christmas alive in the spirit of stewardship. There are ways we can reflect the love and generosity of Jesus by sharing our time, talent, and treasure.

Stewardship of time can allow us to be more fully present with Jesus by making time for prayer and reflection on a daily basis and also spending time with family members, friends, and neighbors who may be lonely, need a listening ear, or need our help in any way.

Stewardship of talent can involve sharing our gifts of talents and skills in service to others. In addition to serving in various ministries at church with our God-given abilities, one can volunteer at local charities or shelters that serve the needy to provide assistance, joy, and care.

Stewardship of Treasure is a time to practice generosity and charity to benefit others. One can give more financial support to one's parish and also to other charitable organizations to help those in need.

Stewardship isn't just for this season alone, but a way of life to be lived everyday. When we share, we can live as Christ's disciples by following his teachings, deepening our own faith, and making a real impact on the lives of those around us. These can lead to a more joyful and spiritually fulfilling time of year and then extend throughout the coming year.

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I'm into horoscopes. A friend told me that astrology is nonsense and against the Catholic faith. What do you say?

Stargazing is as old as the human race. We know with certainty that ancient Chaldea was known for its stargazers. Many of the constellations' names originated during that time. Some scholars believe that the three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the newborn Savior were themselves Chaldean stargazers. Astrologers believe that the zodiac signs under which we were born largely control our human destiny. The Christian objection to astrology is that it insults almighty God, who alone knows the future. God alone, in cooperation with the free will of humans, controls the future. To suppose that stars, planets, animals, or inanimate objects can, independent of God, direct or influence our lives opposes the first commandment: "I am the LORD your God.... You shall not have other gods beside me" (Exodus 20:2-3). The Old Testament clearly spells out that it is vain to imagine "either fire, or wind, or the swift air, or the circuit of the stars, or the mighty water, or the luminaries of heaven" as "the governors of the world" (Wisdom 13:2). Don't give credit to or blame the stars for what you do and who you are. See past them to the God who made them, and who made us, and who cares for all creation. ●

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FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

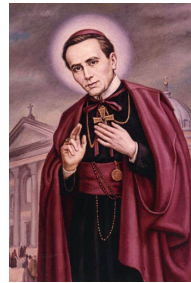
A word from POPE FRANCIS

God made us: brimming with desire, directed, like the Magi, towards the stars.... We are what we desire. For it is our desires that...drive our lives forward, beyond the barriers of habit, beyond banal consumerism, beyond a drab and dreary faith, beyond the fear of becoming involved and serving others and the common good.

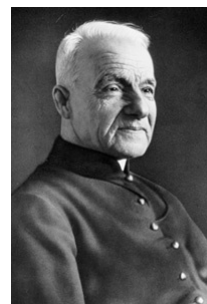
ANGELUS, ROME,
DECEMBER 26, 2021

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



St. John Neumann - Feast Day is January 5th. This 19th c. immigrant from Bohemia (part of the Czech Republic today) came to America, where priests were needed, was ordained in New York, and did missionary work. He was the first male U.S. citizen to be named a saint, being canonized in 1977. Being devoted to education, he organized the parochial school system into the first diocesan system in the U.S. Known for his holiness, learning, spiritual writing, and preaching, he was also gifted with exceptional organizing ability, which he used to spread the gospel. He's the patron saint of educators, immigrants, sick children, and most especially of "Newmann Centers" at secular colleges, which were patterned after the student organization at Oxford University in England.



St. Andre of Montreal (Andre Bessette) - Feast Day is Jan. 6th. Born in Quebec in 1845 and orphaned at age 12, this very simple man was chosen by God to live a remarkable life of service. Having a lively faith and strong devotion to St. Joseph, he became a professed lay Brother of the Holy Cross Congregation and was assigned as a doorkeeper for 40 years at Notre Dame College in Montreal. His ministry involved receiving long lines of sick visitors and he became known as the "Miracle Man of Montreal." Over 10,000 miraculous physical healings have been attributed to him over many decades. He founded a shrine to St. Joseph named the Oratory of St. Joseph and became its caretaker, where he's buried. He's the patron saint of the rejected and was the 1st Canadian born man and 1st member of his congregation to be canonized.



St. Raymond of Penyafort - Feast Day is January 7th. He was a Spanish Dominican friar, who lived in the 12th-13th c. and became the 2nd leader of the Dominicans after St. Dominic. Having doctorates in both civil and canon law, this lawyer taught canon law. He's credited with compiling the "Decretals of Gregory IX," which were a collection of canon laws that were a major part of church law until 1917, when the code of canon law was promulgated. He's also noted for being very humble and close to God and exhibiting such virtues as outstanding mercy and compassion. Also, practicing much penance and being so righteous and kind, he won many sinners to God. An unusual miracle occurred when he escaped Majorca for Barcelona by sailing on his own cloak. He died at age 100 in Barcelona and is not only the patron saint of canon lawyers, but also of childbirths.

		DEC. 14-15		DEC. 21-22		DEC. 28-29	
WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	143	9	228	25	133	12
	Sun. 7:00 AM	180	9	212	5	204	3
	Sun. 9:30 AM	248	59	220	51	226	45
	Sun. 5:00 PM	227	29	271	33	168	18

Readings for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Acts 10: 34-38
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22