

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held on Friday, January 7, immediately after the 8 am Mass to 9:30 am.

PRESENCE - THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST, led by Fr. Anthony , will be on Tuesdays, January 18 – February 8, 6:30 pm in the One Community Center. Registration on the parish website begins January 3, 2022. Class is limited to 30 participants. Masks must be worn at all times. Cost: \$10.00 for the study guide.

USHERS: Ushers are needed for the 6 pm Mass. If you are interested, please call (808) 227-7561.

FOOD PANTRY – If you or someone you know needs food assistance, we can help! Come see us on Tuesday, January 25 from 10 am – 12 noon in front of the One Community Center.

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 2:1-12)

By Deacon Romeo Ganibe

♪ When you wish upon a star, makes no difference who you are, anything your heart desires will come to you. ♪

I thought of this popular song, from the Disney animated classic Pinocchio, as we celebrate this special day, the Feast of Epiphany. We all know the Gospel story from Matthew well, we hear this every year, with all its various elements --- the magi, King Herod, Mary, and don't forget the gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And then at the very heart of the story, there is the star, a STAR which leads the magi to precisely where they need to be, to the birthplace of the newborn king.

When you wish upon a star, makes no difference who you are It is no accident, of course, that the magi in the story arrive in Jerusalem "from the east". Anyone who heard this story would immediately recognize these men as outsiders, as not part of the Jewish people. And the idea that this child sent by God would not just have come for the benefit of the Jewish people but for ALL.

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WE ARE A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY—called to develop a deeper relationship with Christ. Such a relationship is fostered through active participation in: *Word, Sacrament, Renewal, Programs, Ministry/Service* and other ***Spirit-led*** activities.

We dedicate our time, talent, and treasure to install, in our parish community the basic building blocks of Christian living, ***to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to all through words, deed, and lives.***

PASTOR Fr. Anthony Rapozo

DEACON Dcn. Romeo Ganibe

*FULL Parish Clergy & Staff Directory available
on our website.*

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: 8AM (Monday - Saturday)

Sunday: 5PM (Saturday Vigil), 7AM,
9AM, 11AM & 6PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30PM

PARISH RECTORY HOURS

Monday 12PM - 4PM

Tuesday - Friday 8:30AM - 4:00PM

Saturday - Sunday Closed

Please call the office for all other inquiries:
Anointing, Baptisms, Blessings, Food Pantry,
Funeral, Homebound Communion &
Marriage.

**STEWARDSHIP OF
TREASURE**

DEC 25/26

Sunday Collection	\$ 14,147.00
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 5,217.00
Baptism	\$ 20.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 385.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 9,215.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,655.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 1,280.00
Candles	\$ 270.00
Flowers	\$ 310.00
Stewardship	\$ 250.00
'Ohana in Christ	\$ 200.00
Christmas	\$ 17,007.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 6.00
Retirement Fund for the Religious	\$ 515.00

WEEKEND TOTAL

\$50,477.00





FR. ANTHONY'S STEWARDSHIP CORNER (#13 FREE WILL)

The possibility of salvation is the greatest gift that has been given to us. The gift of free will is also a great gift. God's love and mercy, coupled with the gift of free will make salvation achievable.

In order to be a good candidate for salvation, one needs to say "yes" to the call to discipleship. In order to say yes, the option to say "no" must exist. The gift of free will gives you that option. It makes our discipleship, and our stewardship authentic.

The gift of free will makes it possible to be a Christian steward and to give back to God. This is because we make a conscious decision, and a commitment to follow Jesus.

We have the option to worship wealth, power, physical pleasure, and/or a deviant lifestyle. By doing this, we would be saying that we put ourselves before God. We would be buying into secular philosophies like materialism, individualism, and hedonism.

Fr. Anthony Roper

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION (CONTINUE FROM PAGE 1)

This STAR, the infant Jesus, shines his light --- his goodness, generosity, mercy, and love on every kind of outsider. Our God is a God who loves the sinner as well as the saint, the conceited and the humble, the disobedient and the faithful, the lost and the found. No exceptions, every single person, in every situation, in every time and place.

The story of the magi reveals to us a profound truth about our journey of faith. God does indeed come to us, seek us out, rush to meet us in all ways possible. And yet he invites us to do precisely that same thing; to search for him, to follow the star, journey as far as it takes to enjoy in the light of his love and mercy. Like the magi, we need to step out of our comfort zones and into the unknown, trusting that the Lord will lead us to where we need to be.

We place our TRUST in the LIGHT that keeps his promises.

We place our HOPE in the LIGHT that has destroyed death forever.

We pledge our LIVES to the LIGHT who is all we will ever need.

And it makes no difference who you are!

"As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness:

Incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die." – ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	January 3, 2022	Friday	January 7, 2022
8AM	Alberto de la cruz & Family (RIP) Jack Whorisky (RIP) Gyson L.K. Aalona (Healing)	8AM	Fukuda Family, Blessing Feliciano Dona (RIP) Molly Gamboa (RIP) Guerrero Family (Blessings)
Tuesday	January 4, 2022	Saturday	January 8, 2022
8AM	Pey Santos (Birthday Memorial) Gyson L.K. Aalona (Healing) Clare & Grace Sullivan (Special Intentions)	8AM	Fukuda Family (Blessings) Perla Adriatico (Blessing) All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Wednesday	January 5, 2022	5PM	Joe Godbout (Birthday Blessing)
8AM	Molly Gamboa (RIP) Kathleen Smart (Special Intention) Rosalie Tadda (Birthday Blessing)	Sunday	January 9, 2022
Thursday	January 6, 2022	7AM	M/M Bobby Roberson & Brenda (RIP)
8AM	Wilfredo Bernabe (RIP) Perla Adriatico (Blessing)	9AM	For the People
		11AM	Laura Peeters & The Westmoreland Family (Thanksgiving)
		6PM	Maria Santos (Death Anniversary)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Francis Balmores (RIP), Monday, January 3, 2022; Mililani Memorial Park- Mauka Chapel, Family: 9:00 am, Visitation: 9:30 am, Prayer Service: 10:30 am, Burial: Mililani Memorial Park, 10:00 am

Michael Joseph Murphy (RIP), Wednesday, January 12, 2022; St John A&E, Visitation: 9:30 am, Mass: 10:00 am, Burial: Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, 1:00 pm.

Andres Phillip Remigio (RIP), Thursday, January 20, 2022, St. John A&E, Visitation: 10:00 am, Mass: 11:30 am, Burial: Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery- Punchbowl, 3:00 pm.

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Sharon Scott, Ron & Patricia Li, Laura Ann Peeters, Barbara Ursal, Art Apilado, Zosima Pacleb, Monique Carlmark, Luke Alaipalelei, Sayo DeBoyce, Jimmy Austin, Elaine Marterella, Thi Choi Nguyen, Christy Esposito, Kevin Gagan, Paulina Sarandi, Eduardo Islao, Joyce B. Bean, Teresa Montoya, James Kahala & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED

Thanh Xuan Nguyen, Jean Tanoue, Adoracion Funtanilla, Estella Rodriguez, Molly Gamboa, Randy Gasmen, Crispina S. Gorospe, Joseph Durocher, George Kupihea, Prima Romualdo-Hill, Francis Balmores, Andres Remigio, Francisco Leonores, Michael Murphy, Jane Alukonis & Sandy Jones.

