

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



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MISSION / VISION STATEMENT: 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 our words, deeds, and lives.***

PASTOR Fr. Anthony Rapozo

In Residence Fr. John Gabriel

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 3/4

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,985.30
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 4,738.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 1,037.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 440.00
Stewardship Development	\$ 20.00
Social Ministry	\$ 45.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 8,030.03
Mass Intentions	\$ 570.00
Candles	\$ 505.00
Christmas	\$ 150.00
Flowers	\$ 110.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 35.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$ 5.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement	\$ 8.50
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 505.00

WEEKEND TOTAL

\$ 27,183.83



PASTOR'S CORNER

Scripture in the Mass

Many people think that the Catholic Mass is all rote prayers and rituals. They don't think the Catholic Church is a "Bible Church." They couldn't be more wrong. Go to a Catholic Mass and you'll hear loads of Scripture!

Every Mass begins with "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." These are the words of Jesus in Matthew 28:19. The priest then greets the people with a quote from 2 Corinthians 13:13 – "The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all." And if a bishop is celebrating, he'll quote the words of Jesus from John 20:21 – "Peace be with you."

From there you'll hear two or three readings taken from the Old Testament, the New Testament and one of the Gospels. And you'll sing or recite from the Book of Psalms.

From the Gloria to the Holy, Holy to the Lamb of God to the prayer we say right before receiving Holy Communion – "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof, but only say the word and my [soul] shall be healed." a quote from Matthew 8:8, any Catholic who goes to Mass with any regularity can quote lots of Scripture!

(From Gus Lloyd's book "A Minute in the Church: The One Minute Explanations about the Catholic Mass.")

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us, **The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** is on Dec 12th, 5 pm Mañanitas, and 6pm Mass followed by potluck in the OCC.

Our Parish Advent Penance Service will be held on Tuesday, December 13 at 7 pm. There will be 7 priests available to hear confessions.

Misa de Gallo: December 16 - 24 (5:00 am) - Celebrants: Dec 16- Fr. Anthony Rapozo; Dec 17- Fr. EJ Resinto; Dec 18- Fr. John Gabriel; Dec 19- Fr. Romple Emwalu; Dec 20- Fr. Ed Barut; Dec 21- Fr. Alfred Guerrero; Dec 22- Fr. PJ Camiring; Dec 23- Bishop Larry Silva; Dec 24- Fr. Leonardo Tubana.

Marriage and Family Life Ministry is hosting a Special Advent Evening Celebration "*Journey to the Inn*" on Saturday, December 17 at 6:30pm in the church. Join us and invite your family and friends for scripture reading, prayer, song, and fellowship. For more information, contact MFL Chair, Regan Ramos (425) 736-9204.

Remember a loved one by making a flower offering this Christmas. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or you may also make a donation online by visiting our parish website, "Online Giving."

"Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down."

~ POPE FRANCIS



Respect Life: “O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery.

Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.”

USCCB, “Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita”

The 2023 Hawaii March for Life will be held on Friday, January 20th at the Hawaii State Capitol from 3 to 6 pm. This marks the 50th anniversary of Hawaii legalizing the intentional termination of a pre-born child’s life. It is important that as Catholics we show our respect for all human life and our opposition to the culture of death that is so prevalent in society. It is hoped that there will be a large gathering of defenders of life on this momentous occasion. Since bus arrangements are not firm, participants should plan on carpooling to the Capitol. Details on parking will be provided later. On January 19, 2023, in preparation for the March, Bishop Larry Silva will celebrate a March for Life Mass at St. Theresa Co-Cathedral at 6 pm followed by a Holy Hour of Adoration. Please consider attending one or both of these events.

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of December 11, 2022



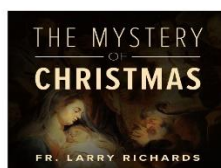
I Am Who I Am Lectio: God Episode 1

Who is God and what does he mean when he says “I Am Who I Am”? Join Dr. Elizabeth Klein in her latest Lectio series as she begins to unpack the mystery of who God is.



Saint Teresa of Ávila: A Study in Perseverance

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.



The Mystery of Christmas by Fr. Larry Richards

In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift: his Son.

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SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION (MT 11:2 - 11)

BY DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

This Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as “Gaudete” or Rejoice Sunday, so called because of the heightened excitement in anticipation for the birth of Christ. Today, we find ourselves at the exact midpoint of Advent --- fourteen days down and fourteen to go. And despite the hectic nature of this time of year, we are invited to wait patiently. We are invited to joyfully anticipate. And we are invited to hold on to faith-filled expectations. But what are they? What can they be? What must they be?



What in the world are we expecting to happen in two weeks?

If we are expecting the world to continue being . . .

. . . a place in which everyone strives to get as much as they can --- then that's the world we might find.

. . . a place in which every insult, every wrong must be avenged...

. . . a place in which no one forgives, or tries to understand, or dries the tears of others, or looks out for those who are alone in this world --- then that's the world we might find.

In other words, if we continue to expect that the world will always be the same as it has been --- it will be. And most importantly if we expect ourselves to remain the same --- we will be. That's why expectations matter.

But if we are expecting something else, if we are expecting SOMEONE else, then maybe that kingdom Jesus describes a kingdom both present and yet still becoming, will be more realized, more clearly revealed to a world in desperate need of healing, compassion, peace, hope, and joy.

And so, if we find ourselves listening to the words of Sacred Scripture, particularly the words of Jesus as he describes his kingdom, thinking to ourselves, “That’s not the world I know,” --- maybe that’s because that’s not the world we expect. Maybe, deep down, we don’t think that that world, that kingdom is realistic. Maybe we don’t even believe it is possible, but we can be assured that we will get exactly what we expect. But if we believe we can be more, if we believe the world can be more, then we can be assured that God will gift us with that holy present this Christmas --- the gift of change, the gift of transformation (through the love of Jesus) --- bringing this world a little closer to the way God wants it to be --- one person at a time, one little miracle at a time.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

St Catherine School Adopt -A-Student: This weekend, we will have a second collection, after Communion for this program. Your donation will be used toward lighting the way to a better future of a student through Catholic education at St Catherine School. Envelopes are available in the back of the church. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8AM	December 12, 2022 Narciso Redoble (RIP) David M. Torres (RIP) Julia Piano (Birthday Blessing) Chanee Shockley & Gail Estanque (Birthday Blessing)	Friday 8AM	Manny Rodil (Birthday Blessing) December 16, 2022 Angelito Taglinao (RIP) Cheryl Biffle (RIP) John Falk (RIP) Marion Lacad (RIP)
Tuesday 8AM	December 13, 2022 Jimmy Solidun (RIP) Margaret Kula Stafford (RIP) Harley Kingsley (RIP) Francis Mizoguchi (Birthday Blessing)	Saturday 8AM	December 17, 2022 Joan Madsen (Birthday Blessing) Suzanna Foster (Peace in her heart) Jamie Maldonado (RIP) Joan & Frances Clarke (RIP) Joan Cardova (Birthday Blessing)
Wednesday 8AM	December 14, 2022 Herman "Sonny" Cabatu Jr. (RIP) Lynette Kaopuiki Paglinawan (Healing) Suzanna Foster (Peace in her heart) Msgr. John Mbinda (Ordination Anniversary)	Sunday 7AM	December 18, 2022 Fr. Cleutus Mooya (RIP)
Thursday 8AM	December 15, 2022 Fukuda Family (Blessing/Thanksgiving) Wilfredo Alfaro (Birthday Blessing)	9 AM	For the People
		11 AM	Jose Suan (Birthday Blessing)
		6 PM	Raphael Mauleon (Death Anniversary)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLORENCE NAKATSUKASA FUKUMOTO (RIP), Tuesday, December 13, 2022, St. John – Family Arrival: 9:00 am, Family Viewing: 9:20 am, Mass: 10:00 am.
Burial: 11:00 am - Wednesday, December 14, 2022, Scofield Barracks Main Post Cemetery, Wahiawa.

LAMERTO "BERT" GALMAN (RIP), Wednesday, December 21, 2022, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Clovis, CA at 10:00 am PST. You are invited to watch his Funeral Mass on Facebook Livestream: https://www.facebook.com/OLPHclovisca/live_videos/

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Gary O., Manny Rodil, Brenda B. Miyashiro, Stephanie Rapozo, Thomas Ramos, Christy Esposito, Víctor Apilado, Trevor Townsend, Gene Lumantas, Rachel Sullivan, Romeo Donato, Alfredo Alcausin, Teri Velasco, Jennifer Domingo & Wayne, Char Matsumoto, Aida Antalan, Salve Galman, Ray & Jane Beauchemin.

DECEASED

James E. Smith, Albert Willing, Luis P. Santos, Mely Akau, Ester Aguirre, Darrell Domingo, Florie Hintze, Marcelina A. Hewe, Rosita Vidmar, Florence Fukumoto, Juancho Achaval, Jr., Loretta Domingo, Conchita Uson, Patricia Li, Lamberto "Brett" Galman & Avery S. Curet.

