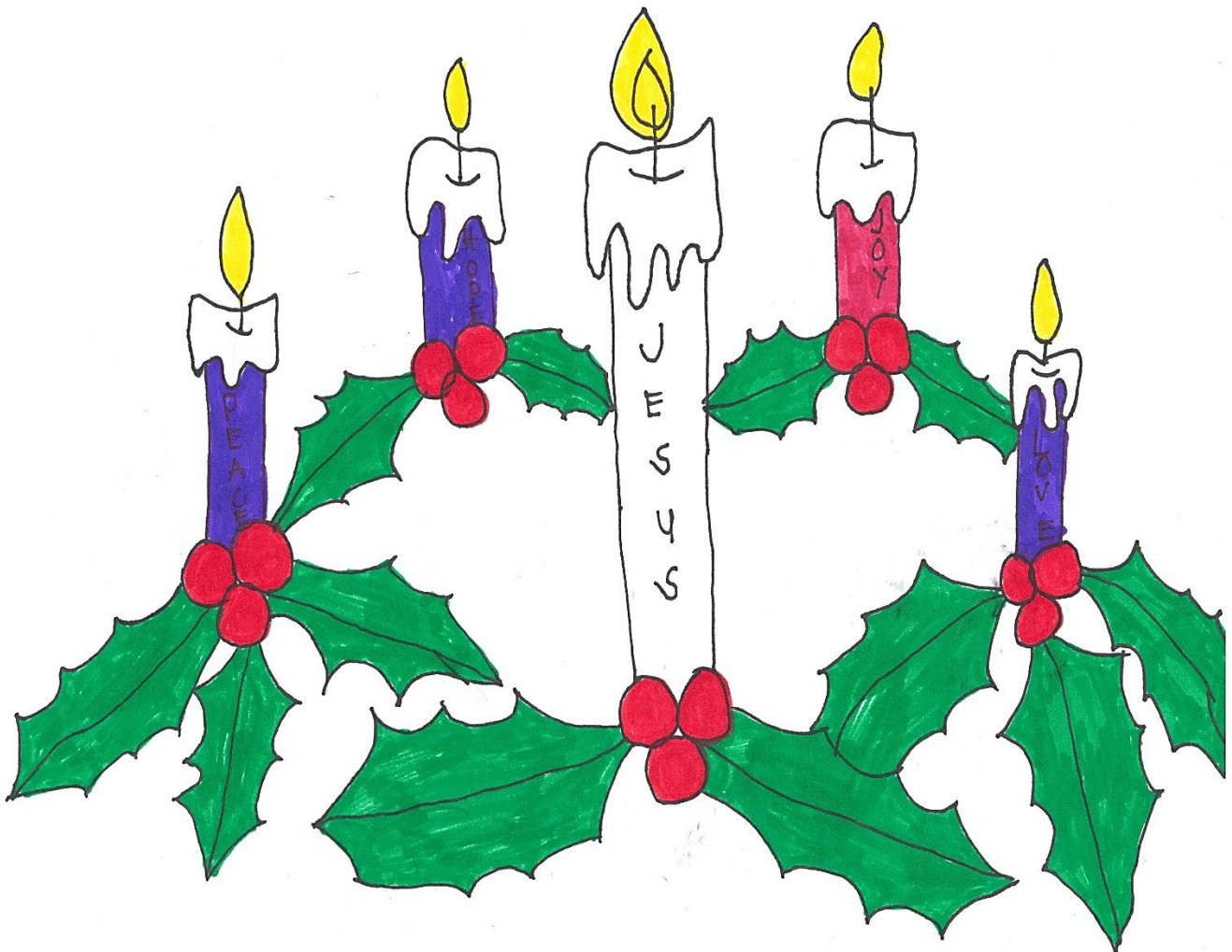


SPIRIT-LED NEWS



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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 17/18

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,308.33
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 7,631.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 880.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 415.00
Stewardship	\$ 125.00
Baptism	\$ 40.00
Funeral	\$ 300.00
Social Ministry	\$ 105.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,133.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 90.00
Candles	\$ 341.00
Christmas	\$ 960.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 377.00
Spiritual Bouquet	\$ 40.00
Misa de Gallo Candles	\$ 1,075.00
Misa de Gallo	\$ 2,181.89
Immaculate Conception	\$ 55.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 20.00
St Catherine – Adopt a Student	\$ 1,789.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 165.00
Seminarian Education	\$ 30.00
Archdiocese of Military Services	\$ 5.00

WEEKEND TOTAL

\$ 27,066.22



FR. ANTHONY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

At this special and sacred time of the year, I wish to extend to you and your loved ones Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year. While we might recall difficult times and frustrations in 2022, we continue with faith, love, joy and hope in 2023.

The generosity of your gifts given to the Lord are modeled upon what the Three Kings presented to the newborn King. The times spent on Friday morning in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the daily Morning Rosary and many

gatherings of prayer and praises to the Lord spent by you, are very moving and a blessing.

The talent you share from ministering at Mass to making others feel Christ's compassion and love by visiting the homebound, donating Christmas gifts every year for families in need or just a smile to many, is impressive. All you offer in support and sustenance of our Church, as well as shaping its future is indeed a blessing to all.

As we reflect upon this past year, we as a parish can discover that we have received many blessings as a parish: a renewed church sanctuary, (the placing of our beautiful tabernacle back in the sanctuary) a new preschool playground, plenty of much needed repairs and improvements in our parish buildings, and new friendships and relationships across the parish. Our Parish renewed Spirit-led Faith Formation programs has given birth to spiritual growth opportunities. We can look forward to this continuing in 2023 with more events and resources, including a special parish retreat which will be offered in Lent and more formally detailed in early 2023. The positive movement of the Spirit in our parish will continue to encourage the best from each of us as we increase our awareness of and responsibility to share the mission of Jesus Christ. Truly, the Lord provides through the dedication, prayers, and generosity of our parishioners. That positive Spirit is so often manifested in the many parishioners who volunteer their time, talent and treasures in parish and school functions and we are also so very grateful for the life-giving presence they offer to our parish and school community.

At this most wonderful time of the year, may you and your loved ones find joy and fulfillment as surely did Joseph and Mary. Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of goodwill.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 26, in observance of Christmas Day.



"Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush."

~ANONYMOUS

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 25, 2022



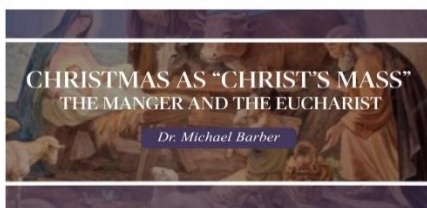
Forgiven - Session 1: Where are You?

As we make resolutions for 2023, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Watch our Forgiven series, so you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!



Who is St. Stephen?

Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the life of St. Stephen, first Christian martyr and heroic leader of the early Church.



Christmas as "Christ's Mass": The Manger and the Eucharist by Dr. Michael Barber

Dr. Michael Barber explains the extraordinary connection between Christmas and the Eucharist, coining the great solemnity as "Christ's Mass."

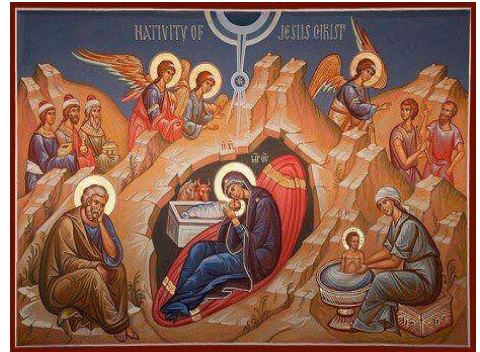
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SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION (JOHN 1:1 - 18)

BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

It is Christmas! Our Gospel reading on this festive holy day is the opening words of the Gospel of John. St. John says, *"The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him."* That is why we celebrate today. Pope Francis opened his sermon on Christmas day last year by saying this: *"In the darkness, a light shine. An angel appears, the glory of the Lord shines around the shepherds and finally the message awaited for centuries is heard."*



At Mass on Christmas Eve we hear, "I proclaim to you good news of great joy; today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord." It is this joy we need to feel, this joy we need to carry to others. Many have expressed the joy of today. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI once said this about Christmas: "Joy is the true gift of Christmas. We can communicate this joy simply: with a smile, a kind gesture, a little help, forgiveness. And the joy we give will certainly come back to us... Let us pray that this presence of the liberating joy of God shines forth in our lives."

The angel Gabriel greeted our Blessed Mother Mary with the Greek word, *Kaire!* That means "Be joyful." God is near us today; He is so near that He became a child. Let us take that joy and share it with others; let us take that joy and change our lives and the lives of others. When we say "Merry Christmas" let us mean it with every fabric of our being.

There will be Communion Services on Monday, December 26, Wednesday, December 28 to Saturday, December 31, in lieu of daily Mass. There will be no Adoration on Friday, December 30

Join us in celebrating the Feast of St. John Apostle & Evangelist on Tuesday, Dec 27th at the 6 pm Mass followed by refreshments in the OCC

The Fil-Am Catholic Group will be having a Christmas Party on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 10am - 2pm in the One Community Center. Please bring a dish to share.

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."

Little Bethlehem Christians is a group that represents Christian Families who live in the Holy Land of Bethlehem that make their living as wood carvers. The Alsaouri Family will display a collection of hand-carved olive wood religious items for sale on **December 31st & January 1st** after all Masses. All profits will support Christianity in the land of Christ.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday December 26, 2022
 8AM Communion Service

Tuesday December 27, 2022
 8AM Abraham Martin (RIP)
 Ester Aguirre (RIP)
 Joey & Primo Pablo
 (Wedding Anniversary Blessing)

Wednesday December 28, 2022
 8AM Communion Service

Thursday December 29, 2022
 8AM Communion Service

Friday December 30, 2022

8AM Communion Service

Saturday December 31, 2022
 8AM Communion Service
 5PM James Coyle (Healing)

Sunday January 1, 2023
 7AM Guerrero family
 (Blessing/Thanksgiving)
 9 AM For the People
 11 AM Wendy Meyers (RIP)
 6 PM Anique (RIP)

Respect Life: “The infant Christ ‘came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for, and raised by Joseph’ (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come... Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.”

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FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

FELICIANO GALZOTE CARRANZA (RIP)- Thursday, January 26, 2023, Mililani Memorial Park – Makai Chapel – Family arrives: 8:30 am, Visitation: 9:00 am, Prayer Service: 10:00 am, Burial: 1:00 pm ~ Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery.

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, 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, Letty Baguion & Delrene Marrotte.

DECEASED

James E. Smith, 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 & Demetrio Galicianao.

