



DECEMBER 19 / 20, 2015
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. JOHN APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Daily Mass (M-SAT): 8:00 AM • **Sunday Masses**: (Saturday Vigil) 5:00 PM, (Sunday) 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM

Reconciliation: (Saturday) 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM (or by appointment)

Parish Office Hours: Monday 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM • Tuesday thru Friday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

PARISH CLERGY

Pastor

Msgr. John Mbinda (x 111)

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Boniface Waema (x 104)

Deacon Modesto Cordero
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Deacon Romeo Ganibe
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PARISH OFFICE

Office Administrator (x 103)
Jolly Guerrero-Tano

Parish Secretary (x 100)
Lindsey Higa-Kohagura

Bookkeeper (x 101)
Stephanie Jamile

Director of Liturgy
Nicholas Calzada
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PARISH PROGRAMS

Outreach (x 203)
Pearl Bates

RCIA Coordinator
Dcn. Modesto Cordero

Religious Ed. Director (x 206)
Julie Quiroz-Zamora

Preschool Director (x 208)
Catherine Awong

Youth & Young Adult Coordinators
Gwen & Dcn. Wally Mitsui
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PARISH MINISTRIES

*We welcome you to visit our
parish website for a listing and
more information on all our
ministries.*

PASTOR'S CORNER

Christmas Message 2015

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to take the opportunity to warmly welcome all visitors, returning parishioners, new parishioners, and current parishioners.

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.” Those words of the angel on that first Christmas night, directs our thoughts to what we celebrate. Christmas as a celebration of compassion, mercy and peace becomes more meaningful as we journey through the Jubilee Year of Mercy that began on December 8.

In the context of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, author of peace, compassion and mercy. On this Christmas, as one great family of God who is most merciful and compassionate, we forgive one another for the wrongs we may have caused to each other. That is why Jesus comes to reconcile us with God and with one another. Christ's kingdom is one of peace for He is the prince of peace born for us this Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Msgr. John S. Mbinda
Pastor

VISION / MISSION 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.**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT– YEAR C

As we enter into the final week of our preparation for the coming of Christ, we are given an opportunity to look at Mary as our guide and example in preparing the way of the Lord. In the past days and weeks, we hear the call of the prophet Isaiah and many other prophets to prepare for the coming of our Lord by repenting and believing in the Gospel. We also hear John the Baptist in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight His paths."

The Gospel of the Fourth Sunday of Advent reveals Mary's total obedience and submission to the will of the Lord. This is her preparation for the entrance of the Messiah into her life. She opens the door of her heart for Jesus. She anticipates His coming with joyful hope

and vigilant expectation. In her "yes" to the will of God, we see her desire to truly welcome the Lord into her life. Elizabeth exclaims with joy upon Mary's visit: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit."

Unfortunately in today's society we are tempted to fulfill our own desires to accumulate material possession, to stay in power, to be popular, and to be admired. Yet, the readings show that none of these make us truly blessed. It is only in following the Lord and making room for Him in our lives that the abundance of God's graces will be brought to us.

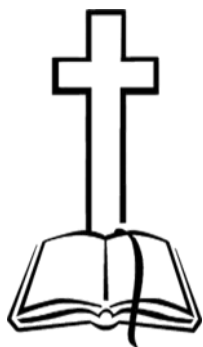
Inspired by Mary's example, let us truly commit ourselves to complete

obedience to the will of God, even if it means letting go of our own desires and aspirations. If we follow in the same way and put our trust and faith in the Lord, we allow abundant and immeasurable blessings into our hearts and lives.

As we approach Christmas, we honor and laud the Blessed Virgin Mary for her obedience to God's will and for her courage to choose what is right, true, and beautiful. May our blessed Mother be our true model and inspire us to live a life filled with *Faith, Hope, and Love*.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!
DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2015



First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28

This passage recounts how Hannah and her husband Elkanah faithfully kept the vow they had made with God after being blessed with their child Samuel. Unusual in a patriarchal society, the vow made and carried out by Hannah rather than by her husband. Both Hannah and Elkanah are depicted here as having recognized that a child is God's gift and thus they return that gift to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 84:2-3,5-6,9-10

Psalm 84 is usually classified as a song of Zion. It praises the marvels of the city of Jerusalem and the Temple. The opening words are words of praise: "How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!" The response to the psalm expresses the belief that those who live in the Temple as well as those who visit the Temple as pilgrims are blessed.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2,21-24

There are two main themes in this reading. The first one is the love (*agape*) that God has for believers. The second theme is the future fulfillment of that love. That fulfillment therefore depends on God's love for the believer. That is why believers are addressed as "beloved" and the Greek word for that is *agapetoi*. God's love therefore transforms those who believe into God's children; it offers the hope of the glory to come. That offer depends on two things: belief in Jesus Christ and loving one another. Those who live this way will be further transformed: they will remain in God and God in them.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

This passage is the only account that speaks about the years between the infancy of Jesus and the time of his public ministry. The main context is that Jesus is not just an ordinary child. He makes his self-declaration: "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" The thrust of the passage however is to show that in a very religious family like that of Mary and Joseph, one will find an obedient child. The parents however were astonished that Jesus chose to remain behind in the Temple and he argues his case. The parents do not understand; "and his mother kept all these things in her heart."

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, Dec. 21, 2015 (8 am)

August "Gus" Pacheco (RIP)
Poor Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Santos "Sandy" Padilla (RIP)

Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015 (8 am)

Santos "Sandy" Padilla (RIP)
Jovide Palardy (RIP)
Alvin B. Akiu (RIP)

Wed., Dec. 23, 2015 (8 am)

Esderidion Dumanguera (Birthday)
Santos "Sandy" Padilla (RIP)
Alvin B. Akiu (RIP)

Thursday, Dec. 24, 2015 (8 am)

Guerrero Family (Blessings)
Abraham T. Miram (RIP)
Santos "Sandy" Padilla (RIP)

6PM: Gora-Higa Family

(Thanksgiving/Blessings)

Friday, Dec. 25, 2015 (8 am)

12 AM: August "Gus" Pacheco (RIP)
7AM: All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
9AM: August "Gus" Pacheco (RIP)
11AM: Tadashi & Mildred Furuta (RIP)

Saturday, December 26, 2015

8AM: Harold Jones (RIP)
Francisco Belamide (RIP)
Michael McEnerney
(Good Health/Stress Relief)

5 PM: Alvin B. Akiu (RIP)

Sunday, December 27, 2015

7AM: Michael Morano (RIP)
9AM: For the People
11AM: Primo & Josephine Pablo
(Wedding Anniversary)
6PM: Alvin B. Akiu (RIP)

Please pray for our Members & Friends

HEALING/BLESSINGS:

Calabrese, Fr. Edward
Turner, Joyce Medeiros,
Richard Butz, Lawrence
Terry, Elaine Rillamas, Ramona
DeCosta, Marsha Cha, Sue Mamiya,
Sammie Chang, Annie Chang,
Chang Family, Mike Culkin, Joyce
Agsalda, Darlene Catekista, BJ
Sagocio, Ben & Helen Guerrero,
Mina DeJesus, Bob Knott, Baby
Lily, Judy Amasol, Betty & Charles
Deinhardt, Tom Harris, John F.
Gora, and everyone mentioned in
our Prayer Intentions Book.

The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday, December 24 (12 noon)** and on **Friday, December 25** in observance of Christmas. Mele Kalikimaka!

Religious give thanks. "We cannot begin to repay all who contribute," writes a Catholic sister. "So we pray to God who is never outdone in generosity, to reward you." Heartfelt thanks for your donation to last week's collection. May God bless you for your goodness!

Christmas Flower Offering Envelopes are available at the main entrance of the church, or you may also make a donation online from our parish website, clicking "Online Giving".

Misa de Gallo continues through Thursday, December 24 at 5:00 am. The Mass celebrants are as follows:

Monday, December 21 ~ Msgr. Ted Mercado

Tuesday, December 22 ~ Fr. Arnold Ortiz

Wed., December 23 ~ Fr. Lusius Nimu

Thurs., December 24 ~ Msgr. John Mbinda

The March for Life Rally & Luminary

Prayer Service will be held on **January 22, 2016, 3:00-8:00 pm** at the Hawaii State Capitol Building. The March reminds our elected leaders and community that the unrestrained destruction of life, of pre-born babies, is not only a tragedy of moral indifference, but a legacy of shame for future generations. The luminary prayer vigil supports two pregnancy care centers in our community. Your donations will assist in keeping their doors open. Join pastors, religious leaders, youth, friends, and neighbors who choose to cherish life. There will be free bus transportation. Registration after all Masses this weekend, December 19/20, space is limited.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Thursday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

6:00 pm and 12:00 Midnight

Friday, December 25th - Christmas Day

7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

No 6:00 PM Evening Mass

NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE:

Thursday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

8:00 am and 10:00 pm Mass

Friday, January 1, 2016 - New Year's Day

8:00 am Mass

2016 Baptism Class/Ceremony Schedule

<u>Classes</u>	<u>Ceremonies</u>
January 3	January 10 & 24
February 7	February 14 & 28
March 6	March 19 (Sat.)
April 3	April 10 & 17
May 1	May 8 & 15
June 5	June 5 & 19
July 3	July 10 & 17
August 7	August 14 & 21
September 4	September 11 & 18
October 2	October 9 & 16
November 6	November 13 & 20
December 4	December 11 & 18

Please contact the Parish Office for more information on how to go about baptizing your child and to sign up.

The next Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on **Fri., Jan. 1**, immediately after the 8:00 am Mass for **1 HOUR** only, 8:30-9:30 am.

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marshall S. Sunajo (RIP)

Friday, Jan. 8, 2016 ~ Diamond Head Mortuary

Visitation: 6:00 pm ~ Prayer Service: 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 9, 2016 ~ Burial: 11:30 am

Valley of the Temples Memorial Park

Stewardship of Treasure - Dec. 12 / 13

Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,328.31
- 7:00 AM	\$3,068.55
- 9:00 AM	\$2,751.25
- 11:00 AM	\$3,025.50
- 6:00 PM	\$1,726.55
- Front Office	\$1,268.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$1,572.25
Candle Sales	\$530.00
Offering - Baptisms	\$80.00
Faith Formation	\$20.00
Holiday Fund	\$30.00
Angel Network	\$128.00
Stewardship Development	\$33.25
Mass Intentions	\$150.00
Donation - Young Adults	\$50.00
YYA Bake Sale	\$2,116.00
Donation - Outreach	\$264.00
Christmas Flowers	\$129.00
Christmas	\$10.00
Immaculate Conception	\$3,014.84
Parish Hall Building Fund (non-assessed)	\$104.50
BEMO	\$1,028.99
Hui O Laulima	\$20.00
Retirement for the Religious	\$1,460.50
Seminarian Education Fund	\$7.00
Weekend Total:	\$24,912.09

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce." Proverbs 3:9

DECEASED: Juanita V. Miguel, Daniel A.M. Eli Sr., Berlina Mindoro, Jesus L. Lagueras, Ann Nita, Toni Kaleopaa, Tom English, Sammy Chang, Jan Chan, Antonio Amasol, Berlina Mindoro, Jesus L. Lagueras, Vicente T. Reyes, Marshall Sunajo, and Rebekah Gomes.