



Sacred Heart Church

December 24, 2023

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Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Friday

7:30am (after 7am Rosary)

Wednesday

6:00pm Rosary, OLPH Novena,
Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Mass

Saturday Vigil (fulfills Sunday obligation)

5:00pm

Sunday

7:30am, 9:30am, 6:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00-4:45pm

Devotions

Thursday

5:00—6:00pm Silent Adoration

First Friday

6:30am Holy Hour/Benediction (mass to follow)

First Saturday

7:00am Rosary (mass to follow)



Parish Mission Statement

Sacred Heart Parish is a Christ-centered community of disciples, journeying together in proclaiming and witnessing God's Word for the integral human and Christian development of all, with respect for the diversity of cultures in the spirit of aloha, towards the realization of God's Kingdom.

Please Contact the Parish Office for the following:

Confession, Baptism, Blessings, Weddings, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage Convalidation and Funerals (*Contact office 1 week prior to making arrangements with Mortuary*)

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

This Weekend's Readings	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
	2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,	Rom 16:25-27	Lk 1:26-38

The readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent speak of the original Ark of the Covenant and of the Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary, the new Ark of the Covenant. In the first reading, David wants to build a home for the Ark of the Covenant, and instead God promises to establish the house of David forever. The psalm reiterates God's promises to David. The second reading praises God. And in the gospel, Gabriel the Archangel appears to the Blessed Virgin Mary and brings her the news that she has been chosen to be the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ

- **The Incarnation of Christ:** Gabriel's announcement of Jesus' birth to Mary introduces the central Christian theme of the Incarnation. This event signifies God becoming human in Jesus Christ, a foundational truth of Christian belief.
- **Favor and Choice by God:** Mary is described as "highly favored" by the Lord, highlighting the theme of divine selection and grace. This emphasizes that God chooses individuals for specific purposes according to His divine plan.
- **Mary's Faith and Obedience:** Mary's response, "Let it be to me according to your word," exemplifies faith and obedience to God's will. This theme underscores the virtue of trusting and submitting to God's plan, even when it is unexpected or challenging.
- **The Role of the Holy Spirit:** The angel's explanation that the Holy Spirit will come upon Mary and the power of the Most High will overshadow her highlights the Holy Spirit's role in the Incarnation. This theme reflects the work of the Holy Spirit in the mystery of Christ's conception and in believers' lives.
- **The Virgin Birth:** The concept of Mary conceiving as a virgin is a significant theme, representing a miraculous event in Christian theology. It signifies God's power and the beginning of a new creation in Christ.

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QUESTION CORNER

Q: Since Christmas is on Monday this year, can I go to a Christmas vigil Mass on Sunday and have it fulfill my Sunday and Christmas obligations?

A: As you note, in 2023 Christmas eve falls on a Sunday. And like all Sundays Catholics are required to attend Mass in person, unless there is some legitimate reason (like illness or inclement weather) which makes attending Mass unduly difficult or impossible.

Of course the following Monday, Dec. 25, is Christmas Day, which is also a holy day of obligation. Because there are two days of obligation — i.e., Sunday and Christmas — this means that there are two distinct obligations to speak of. Each separate obligation needs to be fulfilled by attending a separate Mass. That is, you cannot "double dip" by attending a Christmas Eve Mass that happens to be on Sunday and have this one Mass fulfill two obligations. (In years when Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, Christmas essentially replaces the Sunday liturgically, which means there is only one obligation.)

Now for the part that can get confusing: Even though you must attend two Masses to fulfill the two obligations, all this means is that you must go to Mass on that calendar day or attend a vigil Mass the evening before. The readings and prayers do not necessarily need to match the day whose obligation you are fulfilling. So, you could go to a Christmas vigil Mass on Sunday, Dec. 24 and have it count as your Sunday obligation this year; but if you intend for this to fulfill your Sunday obligation, then you must also attend another Mass on Christmas day to fulfill your obligation for the holy day.

Of course, if you were to attend a vigil Mass on Saturday for Sunday, and then the Christmas vigil Mass on Sunday (Christmas Eve) for Christmas day, then you've got it all covered.



Monday 12/25/23	Tuesday 12/26/23	Wednesday 12/27/23	Thursday 12/28/23	Friday 12/29/23	Saturday 12/30/23
1st Reading: Is 52:7-10 2nd Reading: Heb 1:1-6	1st Reading Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59	1st Reading 1 Jn 1:1-4	1st Reading 1 Jn 1:5-2:2	1st Reading 1 Jn 2:3-11	1st Reading 1 Jn 2:12-17
Gospel Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5,9-14	Gospel Mt 10:17-22	Gospel Jn 20:1a and 2-8	Gospel Mt 2:13-18	Gospel Lk 2:22-35	Gospel Lk 2:36-40
Next Weekend's Readings December 31, 2023 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph					
First Reading		Second Reading		Gospel	
Sir 3:2-6,12-14 or Gn 15:1-6;21:1-3		Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12,17-19		Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40	

Deceased: Rose Lyau, Tommy Salas (8 Year Death Anniversary), Olly & Juliet Eremita, Mary Ricks, Donald Havens, Florendo Paguirigan, Victorio Gervise Sr (Heavenly Birthday), Baby Angel, Al Jodar, Basilisa & Victorio Gervise Sr, Clarens Jodar Jr, Erlina & Clarence Jodar Sr, Veleta & John Dalaney, Joey Nater, Milton Lopez, Lionel D. Lopez, Rose Williams, Joseph Williams, Alice & Clarence Lopez, Ethel Ide, Fr. Alan Nagai, Bobby Timbreza
Birthday: Connie Burchett

ALL MASS INTENTIONS must be turned into the Parish Office during office hours at least **10 (ten)** days prior to the intention. Mass Intentions are limited to (3) Intentions per family per week. Suggested donation as recommended by the Diocese of Honolulu is \$10.00 per Intention/Mass.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR INTENTION TO BE READ AT EACH MASS, THE DONATION WILL BE \$40.00 (\$10/per mass)
 Please submit your envelope provided for your convenience and submit with your intention and donation.

NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT PLACE YOUR MASS INTENTION IN THE OFFERTORY BASKET IF IT FOR THE UPCOMING WEEKEND. PLEASE TURN INTO OFFICE DIRECTLY FOR THE WEEKEND. WE CAN NOT GUARANTEE YOUR INTENTIONS WILL BE IN THE BULLETIN OR READ. Mahalo.



Starting New Years Eve, Sunday December 31, 2023, the 6:00pm mass will be changed to 5:00pm!



Religious Education (RE)/Youth Ministry (YM) Announcements

Rosary Rally for Christmas:
 Mahalo for all those who came to help in the awareness of Keeping Christ in Christmas and praying the rosary with us. Look forward to upcoming bulletin announcements for more rosary rallies.

Praying the Rosary:
 Every 3rd Sunday of the month we invite all children/teens and anyone who wants to join us, to pray the rosary before 9:30am Mass. The next rosary is Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 9am in the church.

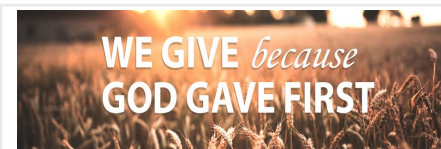
Christmas Winter Break:
 Religious Education (RE) & Youth Ministry (YM) will be on winter break on Sunday, December 31, 2023 & Sunday, January 7, 2024. We will begin again Sunday, January 14, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Rosa 808-861-3747 or email rlefua77@gmail.com. God bless & have a great day.

Mele Kalikimaka!

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 25, 2023 and Tuesday, December 26, 2023.

Father Jaime and all the staff wish everyone a Blessed and Joyous Christmas!



Blessings of Financial Stewardship for December 15, 16 and 17, 2023

Mass Collections

Simbang Gabi (Friday)	\$609.00
5:00pm (Saturday)	\$865.00
7:30am	\$1,220.00
9:30am	\$1,372.00
6:00pm	\$473.00

Total Mass Collection \$4,539.00

Other Collections

Building R&M	\$51.00
Bulletin Sponsorship	\$185.00
Candles	\$28.00
Office Collections	\$94.00
Funeral: Church	\$500.00
Funeral: Hall	\$300.00
Funeral: Choir	\$100.00
Funeral: Priest	\$300.00
Mass Intentions	\$630.00
Retirement Fund:	\$11.00
Christmas:	\$10.00
Simbang Gabi: Character	\$1,050.00

Total Other Collections \$3,259.00

Grand Total: \$7,798.00

Mahalo for your generosity!



A friendly reminder to please drive safely when you are in our parking lot!

**In Loving Memory of
Tommy Salas
8 Years Heavenly
Anniversary**

-Salas Ohana



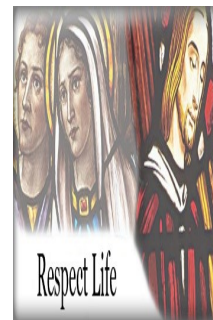
Faith Formation



Are you someone or do you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

*Lilia Grace at (808)379-9446 or
Email: Ms.lbpj@gmail.com.
Come and join us on
Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.
in the Religious Education building.
God bless you!*



As Advent ends, and a blessed Christmas season begins, let us be grateful for the gift of life from conception to natural death and pray for expectant parents, those with pregnancy difficulties and post abortion healing.

The following events respect life:
40/365 days for life prayers,
Side Walk Advocates Training (TBA)
Hawaii State Laws prayers
Walking with Moms in Need programs

For more information, Please contact:
Linda Susan Madamba
Respect Life SHCW, Coordinator
Phone: (808) 221-7794
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SHCW - PANTRY
Did you know our Pantry Services hundreds of people each month with much needed food to survive! WE ARE IN ALWAYS NEED OF NON-PERISHABLE CANNED & DRY FOODS.

During this Advent Season, let us always be mindful of those who are less fortunate than us

Please call the Parish Office for more information at (808) 696-3773

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Mahalo to the families who are lighting our advent candles!

Week	Mass	Family
Fourth Week of Advent	5:00pm	Yvonne Tong
	7:30am	Domingo Bechayda
	9:30am	Elmer & Agnes Umil
	6:00pm	Linda Madamba

Church Cleaning Schedule for December 2023/January 2024

December 23, 2023	O.C.I.A.
December 30, 2023	Legion of Mary
January 6, 2024	RE/Youth
January 13, 2024	Filipino Catholic Club
January 20, 2024	Chuukese Community

Mahalo for your continued Stewardship for cleaning the house of our Lord

Christmas Prayer for Families

Loving God,

During this holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessing on all families.

Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.

For this we pray.

Amen.