

Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday

December 13, 2009

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK:

- Dec 12 (Sat) Third Sunday of Advent**
 - 4:00 PM—Reconciliation (Individual)
 - 5:00 PM—70th Anniversary Culminating Mass
 - 6:30 PM—Honoring Parish Treasures (PH)
- Dec 13 (Sun) Third Sunday of Advent**
“Gaudete Sunday”
Retirement Fund for Religious Collection
 - 7:00 AM—Mass
 - 9:00 AM—Mass w/Na Keiki
 - 10:30 AM—Religious Education
 - 11:00 AM—Religious Ed. Christmas Program (CH)
 - 12:00 Noon—PC (CH)
 - 1:30 PM—Altar Society Mtg (PH)
- Dec 14 (Mon) St John of the Cross**
 - 7:00 AM—Mass
 - 7:45 AM—Rosary
 - 7:00 PM—”With Grateful Hearts” Concert
 Farrington High School
- Dec 15 (Tue)**
 - 7:00 AM—Mass
 - 7:45 AM—Rosary
 - 9:30 AM—Staff Mtg (Lib)
 - 7:00 PM—Liturgy Committee Mtg (Lib)
- Dec 16 (Wed)**
 - 5:00 AM—Misa de Gallo
 - 6:30 AM—Rosary
 - 6:00 PM—Na Leo (CH)
 - 6:30 PM—Youth Ministry Mtg (Rm 8)
 - 7:00 PM—Pastoral Council Mtg (PH)
 - 7:30 PM—Voices of Faith (CH)
- Dec 17 (Thu) “O Wisdom”**
 - 5:00 AM—Misa de Gallo
 - 6:30 AM—Rosary
 - 9:00 AM—Craft Workshop (PH)
 - 6:30 PM—Choir of Angels (CH)
 - 7:00 PM—Rosela Lagmay Wake Svc, MMP
 - 7:00 PM—OLS Prayer Group (PH)
- Dec 18 (Fri) “O Sacred Lord”**
 - 5:00 AM—Misa de Gallo
 - 6:30 AM—Rosary
 - 8:00 AM—Home/Hospital Visits
 - 11:00 AM—Rosela Lagmay Funeral Mass; OLS
 - 5:30 PM—Ilocano Bible Sharing (Lib)
 - 6:00 PM—Fil-Am Choir (PH)
 - 6:30 PM—Cub Scout Mtg (Sch)
 - 7:00 PM—Rejoice (CH)
- Dec 19 (Sat) “O Root of Jesse”**
 - 5:00 AM—Misa de Gallo
 - 9:00 AM—Church Decorating for Christmas
 - 1:00 PM—Baptism Prep (PH)
 - 4:00 PM—Reconciliation (Individual)
 - 4:30 PM—Rosary
 - 5:00 PM—Mass
- Dec 20 (Sun) Fourth Sunday of Advent / “O Key of David”**
 - 5:00 AM—Misa de Gallo
 - 6:30 AM—Rosary
 - 7:00 AM—Mass
 - 8:30 AM—Rosary
 - 9:00 AM—Mass
 - 10:15 AM—FCC Mtg (PH)
 - 10:30 AM—WGH-SNF Pry Svc
 - 10:30 AM—PC (CH)



TODAY'S READINGS

[Liturgical Color: Rose]

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty Savior.

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always.

Luke 3:10-18

I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

[Liturgical Color: Blue-Violet/Sarum Blue]

Micah 5:1-4a

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

STEWARDSHIP FOR WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 5 AND 6:

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	\$4,437.46
DAILY/WEEKDAY COLLECTIONS	40.00
VOTIVE CANDLES	254.01
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND	826.63
ILOCANO MASS	388.00
BUILDING FUND	826.63
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND	91.00
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS	40.00

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

If you would like to receive parish envelopes, please call the parish office at 621-5109 ext. 221. **Please be sure to print your name and address on ANY envelope that you use for your parish donations.**

NOVEMBER STEWARDSHIP REPORT

	<u>NOV. 2008</u>	<u>NOV. 2009</u>
Tithe w/ID	\$ 19,231.41	\$ 17,542.91
Loose w/o ID	2,999.26	2,994.48
Weekday	215.35	225.25
Total	22,446.02	20,762.64
Average	4,489.20	4,152.53
Goal: An average of \$4,600.00 per week.		
All Saints	36.00	10.00
All Souls	2,588.00	1,703.00
Thanksgiving Day	942.59	1,556.19
Human Dev't Campaign	368.34	332.40
Ilocano Mass	303.31	388.00

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Roof/Skylight Project	\$88,464.38
Second collections/donations to date	-\$59,949.99
Balance needed	\$28,514.39

Mahalo for your support of the parish's building fund.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

- Dec. 17—Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pearl City; 7:00 PM
 Dec. 18—St. John Apostle & Evangelist, Mililani; 7:00 PM

Condolences to the bereaved families of:

- +**Rosela Lagmay**: Dec. 17; Wake Svc; 7:00 PM; MMP
 Dec. 18; Funeral Mass; 11:00 AM; OLS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**Religious Education Classes this Sunday
at 10:30 AM.**

Children To Stage Advent/Christmas Program December 13

The children of our parish's religious education program will present to our parish community an Advent/Christmas program on December 13 at 11:00 AM in the church. Each class will present a seasonal song. Come out, support our children, and enjoy an hour of fun. Parents and those attending are asked to bring sandwiches, pastries, or chips to share.

Deadline for "Giving Tree" Gifts is This Sunday, December 13

Sunday, December 13, is the last day to bring your present for a homeless child. Please remember that gifts must be new, not re-cycled, and should have the number attached to them. Bring your gifts to the Church or Parish Office. Through your generosity a needy child will experience some of the joy of Christ's birthday.

Christmas Family Activity – Nativity Scene

Set up one or more manger scenes at home. Make them as touchable as possible and let the children handle and play with the characters. The children find the nativity scene a comfortable way to connect with Christ's birth. The setting also provides parents with many teachable moments to help the children understand the true meaning of Christmas and that Christ came for them and all people.

Congratulations to Our Adult Confirmandi

This Sunday, Dec. 13, Father Edgar will confirm five adults, completing their sacraments of initiation. Please congratulate and keep in your prayers **Carol Gruzinsky, Marc Gurule, Leisean Joseph, Jay Raymundo, and Janel Vaifale.**

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Youth Ministry will be taking a break during the Christmas season. The last meeting for December will be on Wednesday the 16th at 6:30 PM. Meetings will resume in January.

Mass Intentions:

Dec. 12 Tina Edra (+)

Dec. 13 Ignacio Francia(+); Barney Cameros (+)
Esteban & Josefa Gabalis (+)

Alejandria Hernandez (+)

In thanksgiving from Leila Cameros

Whitmore Holy Rosary Club members who participated in the Our Lady of the Rosary Novena

Aloha—70th Anniversary Mass

Welcome to our Vicar General, Very Rev. Marc Alexander. Thank you for presiding at our Parish Anniversary Culminating Mass on Dec. 12 at 5:00 PM.

LITURGY NOTES

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

This weekend, there is a collection for the National Retirement Fund for Religious. Please help support our retired religious clergy, sisters, and brothers.

Misa de Gallo (a Novena of Masses)

December 16—24, 2009

5:00 AM followed by fellowship

Christmas Decorations

PLEASE KOKUA!!! Helping hands are needed to assist the Decoration Committee with our parish Christmas decorations this **Saturday, December 19, from 9:00 AM.** Many hands make the tasks lighter!

Christmas Celebrations

Soon approaching is the celebration of our Lord's birth. The following is the schedule of our Christmas Celebrations for this year:

- **Christmas Vigil Mass** (Children's Liturgy) on Thursday, December 24th, at 6:00 PM.

- **Christmas Midnight Mass** at 12:00 Midnight following our Christmas Vigil celebrations.

- **Christmas Day Masses** on Friday, December 25th, at 7:00 AM (Mass at Dawn),
and at 9:00 AM (Mass during the Day).

Please plan to join and participate with us at our Masses as we celebrate this joyous feast!

YEAR FOR PRIESTS 2009-2010

Five Ways to Support My Parish Priest

By Lorene Hanley Duquin Our Sunday Visitor

But the Pope goes on to explain that a priest also "experiences Christ's joys." Priests are consecrated in Christ so they can speak and act in Jesus' name, celebrate sacraments, minister to those in need, and lead the faith community. Like Jesus, priests lay down their lives for those entrusted to them by the Father, following in the footsteps of the Lord.

- Priests find security in a prayer relationship with God the Father.
- Priests see their trials in relationship to the suffering of Jesus.
- Priests allow Jesus to weep with them when they experience disappointments in themselves or in the people to whom they minister.
- Priests know that the Holy Spirit will energize them, inspire them, and instill in them the joy that comes through serving God's people.

(cont. next week)