

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Weekend of December 2 - 3, 2023



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily

Monday - Saturday
7:00 AM

Weekend

Saturday (anticipatory)
5:00 PM

Sunday

7:00 AM & 9:00 AM

Ilocano Mass

See Weekly Schedule

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM
or anytime by Appointment
(Call office for appointment)

Mission Established
1928

Parish Established
1939



A STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today we begin the beautiful and holy season of Advent. With all that we have going on this time of year, it's no wonder Advent that does not always seem to get the attention it deserves. But if we will commit to living this season well, we will experience a deeper conversion to Christ and find real transformation in our lives as Christian stewards.

Why? Advent calls us not only to look back in grateful contemplation of Christ's first coming, but it also calls us to look forward in preparation for His Second Coming. Advent is a time to reset and regroup, to repent over any misplaced priorities, to turn our minds and hearts back to God while we still have time. We do so not out of fear or guilt, but rather, out of gratitude for Love Incarnate lying in a manger bed.

Whatever we feel God calling us to do this Advent — committing to a daily Gospel reflection, visiting a lonely neighbor, or donating money to those in dire need — there is no time to waste.

Jesus makes this clear in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of a man going off on a journey. Before he leaves, he "places his servants in charge, each with his own work." We, of course, are the servants in this parable, each with a mission to accomplish in building the Kingdom of God. Jesus warns us over and over in this passage to remain vigilant to the work He has given us to do because we do not know when we will be called to give an account for it.

Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift. Let us recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby. And He is coming again. Be watchful!

- *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Day of Obligation

December 8, 2023 (Friday)
7:00 AM & 7:00 PM



WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Dec 2 (Sat) Weekday**
12:00 pm Our Lady of Fatima Rosary (CH Lanai)
- Dec 3 (Sun) First Sunday of Advent**
10:30 am Religious Education Classes
2:00 pm Samoan Mass
- Dec 4 (Mon) St. John Damascene**
7:00 pm EPIC Ministry (PH)
- Dec 5 (Tue) Advent Weekday**
4:00 pm Legion of Mary (PH)
7:00 pm Choir Practice (CH)
- Dec 6 (Wed) St. Nicholas**
6:00 pm Youth RCIA (Lib)
6:30 pm Youth Ministry (PH)
- Dec 7 (Thu) St. Ambrose**
5:30 pm Cantor Practice (CH)
7:00 pm RCIA Classes (Lib)
- Dec 8 (Fri) Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary [Holy Day of Obligation]**
7:00 am Mass
7:00 pm Mass
- Dec 9 (Sat) St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**
8:30 am Divine Mercy Cenacle (PH)
- Dec 10 (Sun) Second Sunday of Advent**
10:30 am Religious Education Classes

OLS = Our Lady of Sorrows / CH = Church / PH = Parish Hall
Lib = Library / Conf = Conference Room / Class = Upstairs Classroom
MMP = Mililani Mortuary

A MESSAGE FROM THE FOOD PANTRY...



Thank you to all volunteers who helped with the Food Pantry distribution on Saturday, November 25th. The Food Pantry distributed 484 bags of non-perishable food to 242 families.

We also thank all parishioners for the donation of 860 lbs. of food in November 2023 (including 593 lbs. from the Thanksgiving Day Mass collection).

Thank you also to the volunteers for the TANF, Senior Box, Giving Garden, and Keiki Bags. Thanks to Maili Moa LLC – Shaka Moa Eggs and Waialua Egg Farm for their donation of eggs. Thanks to Aloun Farms for their donation of Bok Choy and Squash.

Thank you for supporting the OLS Food Pantry!



TODAY'S READINGS

[Liturgical Color: Violet]

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Psalm 80:2-3, 5-16, 18-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

Lord, rend the heavens and come down (1).
Come and save us (Ps) from our sins.
Let us turn again to you (Ps) and so be found blameless (2) when you return in glory (3).

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Gn 3:9-15, 20 • Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 • Lk 1:26-38

Chosen by God (2), Mary reversed the sin of Eve (1). Because of her obedience (3), God's salvation is made known to all the nations (Ps).

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS [Liturgical Color: Violet]
Is 40:1-5, 9-11 • 2 Pt 3:8-14 • Mk 1:1-8

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week of November 13 - 19, 2023

OFFERINGS	
Sunday Offering	\$4,242.50
All Souls' Day	\$70.00
Christmas	\$100.00
FiF Pledge Payments	\$170.00
Second Collection: Campaign for Human Development	\$707.22
Second Collection: 'Ohana in Christ FY 2022-2023	\$85.00
MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS	
Repairs & Maintenance	\$20.00
Food Pantry	\$585.00
Other Miscellaneous Offerings	\$280.00

Mahalo for your generosity!

Call the Parish Office at 621-5109 ext. 9720 if you are in need of a new offering envelope box.

SECOND COLLECTION on December 9/10: RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Next week we will take up the annual national collection for Retired Religious. This goes to support those women and men of religious communities who have served us so well in our schools, parishes, and charitable organizations.

Thank you for your generous giving!
Envelope is attached to the front of the bulletin.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

Alan Kim, RE Coordinator (808) 621-5109 ext. 9723

DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 3: First Sunday of Advent
December 8: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
December 12: OLS Advent Communal Penance Service
December 17: Children's Mass, 9:00 AM

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♥ **December 16 to December 24**
Misa de Gallo; 5:00 AM.
There will be NO 7:00 AM Daily Mass

♥ **December 12**
OLS Advent Communal
Penance Service at 7:00 PM

Central Vicariate Advent Communal Penance Services

Resurrection of the Lord (Waipio) December 5 - 7:00 PM
St. Michael (Waialua) December 6 - 6:30 PM

OUR LADY OF SORROWS ***December 12 -7:00 PM***

St. John Apostle & Evangelist (Mililani) December 13 -7:00 PM
St. Elizabeth (Aiea) December 14 - 7:00 PM
Our Lady of Good Counsel (Pearl City) December 22 - 6:00 PM

*All are encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation
as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas.*

PRAYER REQUEST BOOK: Beginning this weekend, the Prayer Request Book will be available once again for your prayer requests.



Mahalo to all who helped prepare for the Thanksgiving Day Mass. Thank you for the donation of flowers, fruits, and vegetables used to adorn the sanctuary. Mahalo also to all of the Liturgical Ministers who helped with the Mass, including the Livestream Ministry and Ushers.

A very special Thank You for the generous donation of canned goods and non-perishable food items for our Food Pantry! A total of 593 lbs. was collected!

Stewardship and Treasure

So many volunteers have been taking the time to help with little jobs around the church — gardening, small building maintenance, electrical, office, and the list goes on. Thank you so much for the giving of your precious time and many talents!

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Sorrows Church is a Catholic, faith-filled community united and founded on the teachings and love of Jesus Christ to serve the needs to all parishioners and through its ministries, to foster and nurture their growth in faith.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church believes in stewardship as a way of Christian living. As stewards, it is our responsibility to give back to God the best that He has given us, by giving of our time, talent and treasure.

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