

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Weekend of December 9 - 10, 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*

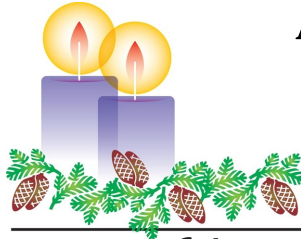
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## RECONCILIATION

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

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1939



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

## A STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We serve a merciful and patient God. In His kindness, He warns us that we will be called to make an account one day for the way in which we made use of the gifts He has given us.

The most precious gift He has given us is His own Son, Whose birth we are preparing to celebrate.

St. Peter describes the loving kindness of the Father in our Second Reading today, saying God "is patient with you, not wishing that anyone should perish but that all should come to repentance." Yet, in the same passage we receive this warning: "The Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar... and the earth and everything on it will be found out."

How are we to assimilate these two truths — the merciful love of God and the responsibility that comes with the privilege of living as His disciple? St. Peter tells us we should conduct ourselves "in holiness and devotion." Indeed, this is the goal of our Advent "reset" — to return to living lives focused on Christ, in gratitude for all He has done for us.

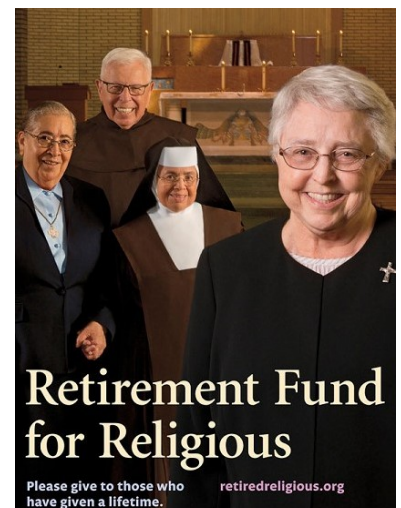
In our Gospel passage from Mark, John the Baptist instructs us to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." We must make good use of the gift of time we have been given this Advent season. Let's be sure to get to Confession, prioritize a daily reading of the Scriptures, and reach out to someone in need with a word of comfort or an act of service.

In this way, we will honor both the mercy and justice of our God, and we will be prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ and give account for all His gifts to us.

- *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

## THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION: RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

This weekend's second collection is 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. (This collection is separate from the Diocesan Priest's Retirement Fund collection that is taken in April.) **Additional envelopes can be found at the Registration Table. Your generosity is appreciated!**



**Retirement Fund  
for Religious**

Please give to those who  
have given a lifetime.

[retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org)

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Dec 9 (Sat) St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**  
8:30 am Divine Mercy Cenacle (PH)
- Dec 10 (Sun) First Sunday of Advent**  
10:30 am Religious Education Classes
- Dec 11 (Mon) St. Damasus I**  
6:30 pm Ministry Leaders (Lib)  
6:45 pm EPIC Core Group (PH)
- Dec 12 (Tue) Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
4:00 pm Legion of Mary (PH)  
7:00 pm Advent Communal Penance Service
- Dec 13 (Wed) St. Lucy**  
6:00 pm Youth RCIA (Lib)  
6:30 pm Youth Ministry (PH)  
7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council (Lib)
- Dec 14 (Thu) St. John of the Cross**  
6:00 pm Cantor Practice (CH)  
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus (Lib)  
7:00 pm RCIA Classes (Conf)
- Dec 15 (Fri) Advent Weekday**  
7:00 pm Samoan Choir Practice (CH)
- Dec 16 (Sat) Advent Weekday**  
5:00 am Misa de Gallo  
12:00 pm Pro-Life Rosary (CH Lanai)
- Dec 17 (Sun) Third Sunday of Advent**  
*Gaudete Sunday*  
9:00 am Children's Mass  
10:30 am Religious Education Classes  
10:30 am Filipino Catholic Club (CH Lanai)

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



## OBITUARIES: MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

**+Darrel Hatico**

Jan 8 6:30 pm Wake; MMP-Mauka  
Jan 12 11:30 pm Burial; MMP

**PRO-LIFE ROSARY:  
DEC 16 (SAT) 12:00 PM  
Church Front Lanai**

## PRAYER REQUEST BOOK:

The Prayer Request Book is now available for your prayer requests. The book is located near the Offering Candle stands.



## TODAY'S READINGS

[Liturgical Color: Violet]

**Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

**Psalms 85:9-14**

**2 Pt 3:8-14**

**Mark 1:1-8**

As we await new heavens and a new earth (2), let us make clear the way of the Lord (1, 3) by being servants of justice, truth, and peace (Ps).

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS** [Liturgical Color: Rose]  
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 • 1 Thes 5:16-24 • Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week of November 20 - 26, 2023

### OFFERINGS

Sunday Offering	\$3,040.00
All Souls' Day	\$10.00
Thanksgiving Day	\$1,518.00
FiF Pledge Payments	\$525.00
Second Collection: Campaign for Human Development	\$59.00
Second Collection: 'Ohana in Christ FY 2022-2023	\$406.00

### MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

Food Pantry	\$5.00
Other Miscellaneous Offerings	\$260.50

**Mahalo for your generosity!**

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

## Misa de Gallo

December 16 to December 24 • 5:00 AM

There will be NO 7:00 AM Daily Mass during Misa de Gallo.

## Little Bethlehem Christian Group

December 22 and 23

Little Bethlehem will be selling a collection of hand-carved olivewood religious items after all the Masses on December 22/23. The profit goes to support Christianity in the land of Christ. Be sure to stop by! Visit their website: [www.littlebethlehem.org](http://www.littlebethlehem.org) to see more of their beautiful items.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

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

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 12: OLS Advent Communal Penance Service  
December 17: 3rd Sunday of Advent / Children's Mass, 9:00 AM  
December 24: 4th Sunday of Advent

*Youth Ministry*

**CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH! Every Wednesday / 6:30 PM / Parish Hall**  
Learn more and register through our parish website.

## OLS ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE December 12—7:00 PM

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

### Central Vicariate Advent Communal Penance Services

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

Jesus entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to the Church. The Sacrament of Penance is God's gift to us so that any sin committed after Baptism can be forgiven. In confession we have the opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God. It is a holy moment in which we place ourselves in his presence and honestly acknowledge our sins, especially mortal sins. With absolution, we are reconciled to God and the Church. The Sacrament helps us stay close to the truth that we cannot live without God. "In him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28).

~from the [United States Catholic Catechism for Adults](#)

### ***Need help with wrapping Christmas gifts???***

Gift-wrapping services will be offered by our Youth Ministry from December 16th to 20th. For a small donation, you can get all your Christmas gifts wrapped. Gifts can be dropped off next weekend following all Masses. See the parish website or bulletin board for more information.

### **Your Help is Needed!!! Christmas Church Decorating!!!**

Come and share your talent and time in preparing our church for the Christmas Season. More hands make the work easier and fun!

**December 20 (Wed), 7:00 PM:**

**Set up Christmas trees**

**December 21 (Fri) and 22 (Sat), 9:00 AM:**

**Set up Manger and Decorate**



## PARISH STAFF

**Fr. Octavius Moo**  
*Parish Administrator*  
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*Deacon*

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*Office Manager*  
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*Religious Education*  
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**Sonny Hernandez**  
*Maintenance/Custodian*

## COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

**Chrys Taboada**  
*Chairperson, Pastoral Council*

**Jack Kampfer**  
*Chairperson, Finance Council*

**Keith Tamashiro**  
*Chairperson, Stewardship Committee*

**Max Velasco**  
*Chairperson, Parish Building and Maintenance Committee*

## 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.

As a unified and welcoming parish of the Universal Church, we reach out to all of God's people through education, through social action, through worship and through proclaiming and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



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