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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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Weekend of December 16 - 17, 2023



## A STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" is a Latin word, meaning "rejoice." The Christian steward should be characterized by a spirit of rejoicing.

Our First Reading, from Isaiah, expresses a fitting motto for us. "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul." It is God who is the source of our joy and contentment — not things or achievements or comfort, but our relationship with God.

This is why stewards can share so freely of their time, talents and material possessions — because ultimately, we are not attached to these things. We recognize them as good gifts from our loving Father, but we are attached to the Giver of the gifts, not the gifts themselves. This allows for great freedom in life and the capacity for great joy in the Lord.

In fact, we can become like John the Baptist, in today's Gospel passage from the Book of John. We read this description of the prophet: "He came for testimony, to testify to the light... He was not the light but came to testify to the light." This is our calling too — to testify to the Light, our wonderful Savior — by the way we make use of the time, talent, and treasure He has entrusted to our care.

When God Himself is the source of our joy, it cannot be taken away from us. There is still time, this Advent season, to clear away any "clutter" in our lives that may take our focus away from Him. Let us strive to detach from any of these things so that we can be free to truly rejoice in God on Christmas Day.

- Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

### Misa de Gallo December 16 - 24 at 5:00 AM\*

\*There is NO 7:00 AM Daily Mass during Misa de Gallo

\*There is NO 5:00 AM Mass on Sunday, December 17 & 24 (Sunday)



#### **Central Vicariate Advent Communal Penance Service**

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.

#### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

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

10:30 am Religious Education Classes10:30 am Filipino Catholic Club (CH Lanai)

Dec 18 (Mon) Advent Weekday

5:00 am Misa de Gallo

Dec 19 (Tue) Advent Weekday

5:00 am Misa de Gallo 7:00 pm Choir Practice (CH)

Dec 20 (Wed) Advent Weekday

5:00 am Misa de Gallo 6:00 pm Youth RCIA (Lib) 6:30 pm Youth Ministry (PH) 7:00 pm Church Decorating

Dec 21 (Thu) St. Peter Canisius

5:00 am Misa de Gallo

6:00 pm Cantor Practice (CH) 7:00 pm RCIA Classes (Lib)

Dec 22 (Fri) Advent Weekday

Youth Ministry Lock-In 5:00 am Misa de Gallo 9:00 am Church Decorating

7:00 pm Samoan Choir Practice (CH)

Dec 23 (Sat) St. John of Kanty

Youth Ministry Lock-In 5:00 am Misa de Gallo

Dec 24 (Sun) Fourth Sunday of Advent

NO Religious Éducation Classes 9:00 am Children's Mass



## OBITUARIES: MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

+Darrel Hatico

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

#### TODAY'S READINGS

[Liturgical Color: Rose]

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Luke 1:46-50, 53-54

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

John witnesses to one who is to come, one far mightier than he (3), one who will proclaim freedom and deliverance (1) from sin and death. As we await his coming again in glory (2), let us join with Mary in singing the praises of God (Ps).

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS [Liturgical Color: Violet] 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 • Rom 16:25-27 • Lk 1:26-38

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week of November 27-December 3, 2023

OFFERINGS	
Sunday Offering	\$4,378.00
Samoan Mass	\$204.00
All Souls' Day	\$35.00
Christmas	\$55.00
FiF Pledge Payments	48.00
Second Collection: 'Ohana in Christ FY 2022-2023	\$320.00
MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS	
Flower Fund	\$90.00
Food Pantry	\$120.00
Religious Education	\$600.00
Property Insurance	\$120.00
Other Miscellaneous Offerings	\$359.37

### Mahalo for your generosity!

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

# OLS Feast of the Holy Family Picnic!!!

December 31, 2023 (Sunday) AFTER the 9:00 AM Mass - 1:00 PM

Come join in fellowship to celebrate the End of the Year and introduction of the Marriage and Family Life Ministry!!! There will be Food, Drink, and Entertainment!

Sign ups on the lanai after Mass or call the Parish Office.

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER**

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

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

December 17: 3rd Sunday of Advent / Children's Mass, 9:00 AM

December 24: 4th Sunday of Advent / NO CLASSES
December 31: Feast of the Holy Family / NO CLASSES



YOUTH! Every Wednesday / 6:30 PM / Parish Hall Learn more and register through our parish website.

**NO CLASS ON DECEMBER 27.** 

#### **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. 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 Liturgies. More hands make the work easier and fun!

December 20 (Wed), 7:00 PM: Set up Christmas trees December 22 (Fri) and 23 (Sat), 9:00 AM: Set up Manger and Decorate

## Little Bethlehem Christian Group December 23 and 24

Little Bethlehem will be selling a collection of hand-carved olivewood religious items after all the Masses next weekend (December 22 and 23). Profit goes towards the support of Christianity in the land of Christ. Be sure to stop by! **Visit their website:** <a href="www.littlebethlehem.org">www.littlebethlehem.org</a> to see more of their beautiful hand-carved items.





## Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Liturgies

#### December 24:

Christmas Vigil Mass • 6:00 PM (Children's Mass)
Midnight Mass • 12:00 AM

**December 25:** Christmas Day Mass • 9:00 AM

#### PARISH STAFF

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# COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

Chrys Taboada Chairperson, Pastoral Council

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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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