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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*

Last Sunday at 5:00 PM

#### RECONCILIATION

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

**Mission Established**  
1928

**Parish Established**  
1939

# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Weekend of December 24 - 25, 2022

"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"

2 Corinthians 9:15



**Christmas  
Peace and  
Blessings to  
All!**

**From Fr. Falaniko, Deacon Dino,  
and the Parish Staff**



## A STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

It is Christmas! Our Gospel reading on this festive holy day is the opening words of the Gospel of John. St. John says, "The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him." That is why we celebrate today. Pope Francis opened his sermon on Christmas day last year by saying this: "In the darkness, a light shines. An angel appears, the glory of the Lord shines around the shepherds and finally the message awaited for centuries is heard."

At Mass on Christmas Eve we hear, "I proclaim to you good news of great joy; today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord." It is this joy we need to feel, this joy we need to carry to others. Many have expressed the joy of today. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI once said this about Christmas: "Joy is the true gift of Christmas. We can communicate this joy simply: with a smile, a kind gesture, a little help, forgiveness. And the joy we give will certainly come back to us... Let us pray that this presence of the liberating joy of God shines forth in our lives."

The angel Gabriel greeted our Blessed Mother Mary with the Greek word, *Kaire!* That means "Be joyful." God is near us today; He is so near that He became a child. Let us take that joy and share it with others; let us take that joy and change our lives and the lives of others. When we say "Merry Christmas" let us mean it with every fabric of our being.

- *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Dec 24 (Sat) Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord**  
 6:00 am Misa de Gallo  
 6:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass
- Dec 25 (Sun) Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**  
 12:00 am Midnight Mass  
 7:00 am Mass  
 9:00 am Mass
- Dec 26 (Mon) St. Stephen**  
 Christmas Holiday / Office Closed
- Dec 27 (Tue) St. John Apostle & Evangelist**
- Dec 28 (Wed) The Holy Innocents**  
 NO Youth Ministry
- Dec 29 (Thu) St. Thomas Becket**  
 5:30 pm Keiki Bags/TANF Prep  
 6:00 pm Food Pantry Prep
- Dec 30 (Fri) Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**  
 New Year's Eve Holiday / Office Closed
- Dec 31 (Sat) St. Sylvester 1**  
 9:00 am Food Pantry/Senior Box Distribution  
 5:00 pm Baptism
- Jan 1 (Sun) The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**
- Jan 2 (Mon) St. Stephen**  
 Christmas Day Holiday / Office Closed

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

## OBITUARIES: MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



### +Edwina Villeza

Jan 4 10:15 am Prayer Service; MMP-Mauka  
 11:00 am Burial; MMP

### +Lolita Yagin

Jan 30 11:00 am Prayer Service; MMP-Makai  
 1:00 pm Burial; Valley of the Temples  
 (Kaneohe)

*The Parish Office will be closed on  
 December 30, 2022, and January 2,  
 2023, for the New Year's holiday.*



## READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS

[Liturgical Color: White]

### Christmas Vigil Mass

Is 62:1-5 • Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 • Mt 1:1-25  
 God's covenant (Ps) gloriously shines  
 forth (1) in the birth of Jesus (3), son of David (2).

### Christmas Night Mass

Is 9:1-6 • Ti 2:-11-14 • Lk 2:1-14  
 Darkness is scattered (1) for God's grace has been  
 revealed (2) in the birth of the Messiah (Ps, 3).

### Christmas Day Mass

Is 52: 7-10 • Heb 1:1-6 • Jn 1:1-18  
 God has spoken to us through his Son (2),  
 the Word made flesh (3). Thus has salvation  
 been revealed (1, Ps) to all the nations.

## READINGS FOR MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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Nm 6:22-27 • Gal 4:4-7 • Lk 2:16:21

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week of December 5—16, 2022

### OFFERINGS

Sunday Offering	\$2,836.00
Immaculate Conception	\$70.00
Christmas	\$500.00
FiF Pledge Payments	\$265.00
Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious	\$475.00

### MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

Flower Fund	\$343.00
Food Pantry	\$300.00
Property Insurance	\$280.00
Other Miscellaneous Offerings	\$320.11

### NOVEMBER WeSHARE

Sunday Offering	\$4,606.00
FiF Pledge Payments	\$9,225.00

## Mahalo for your generosity!

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

## A MESSAGE FROM THE FOOD PANTRY...

Got Extra Holiday Goodies? Don't let those extra holiday goodies go to waste (or to your waistline)! A donation of a simple treat (sealed/not "home baked") can bring cheer to someone who might otherwise go without. Please drop off your donation in the Food Pantry basket at the main church entrance or with the church office. **Thank you for the continued support of the OLS Food Pantry!**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

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

**NO CLASSES ON DECEMBER 25 AND JANUARY 1, 2022.  
CLASSES RESUME ON JANUARY 8, 2023.**

### CATECHIST RETREAT 2023

Why go on retreat? As catechists, it is important to take time to reflect upon, refresh, and renew our call to ministry. Join us as we reflect upon Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who calls us by name; refresh ourselves in the joyful company of fellow catechists; and renew our catechetical approach to teaching about the Sacrament of Eucharist. Our day will be filled with Sacred Scripture, peaceful silence, artful calligraphy, and practical, new ways to teach children/parents about the Eucharist.

**February 4, 2023 (Saturday) at St. Stephen Diocesan Center  
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM \$10 per person Please bring your own lunch.**

**Diocesan Office of Faith Formation  
Jayne Mondoy (director) and the  
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd formation leaders**

Register here: [www.catholichawaii.org/catechistretreat](http://www.catholichawaii.org/catechistretreat)  
Contact Chad Chun: [cchun@rcchawaii.org](mailto:cchun@rcchawaii.org) (808) 203-6747

### *Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (New Year's Day)*

*December 31: 5:00 PM*

*January 1: 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM*



Thank you to our Liturgical Ministers (Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, and Music), Tech Ministry, Altar Society, Knights of Columbus, Youth Ministry, and to everyone who gave of their time and talent to prepare the church environment (both inside and out) to make our Christmas liturgies so special! Salamat also to those who assisted with the Misa de Gallo masses!

### A MESSAGE FROM THE FOOD PANTRY...

OLS Food Pantry distribution will be on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Volunteers, please come to the Food Pantry at 7:00 am to help with set up. Help is also needed for the Senior Box/TANF distributions.** Volunteers are needed on Thursday morning (DEC. 29) with the Senior Box and TANF delivery. If you are able to lift, carry, and stack cases of canned food your help is greatly needed. ***Mahalo for the continued support of the OLS Food Pantry!***



## PARISH STAFF

**Fr. Falaniko Atonio**  
*Parish Priest*  
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**Celestino Emwalu**  
**Wallace Mitsui (retired)**  
*Deacons*

**Rani Laurel**  
*Office Manager*  
ext. 9720

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ext. 4337

**Alan Kim**  
*Religious Education*  
ext. 9723

**Sonny Hernandez**  
*Maintenance/Custodian*

## COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

**Iwie Tamashiro**  
*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.