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#### OFFICE HOURS

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

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#### 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

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#### RECONCILIATION

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

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*Mission Established*  
1928

*Parish Established*  
1939

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Weekend of November 26 - 27, 2022

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## A STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today we begin the beautiful season of Advent — a season of preparation.

For what are we preparing? The celebration of the birth of our Savior, and the anticipation of His second coming. These are weighty tasks with eternal consequences.

So, let us as Christian stewards make the words of the Prophet Isaiah our motto for the season: "Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways and we may walk in his paths." In the weeks leading up to Christmas, it seems everywhere we turn we are pushed to spend more, do more, entertain more, and generally rush around at a frantic pace — all to create a "perfect" Christmas day. In contrast to this worldly pressure, the Church's guidance to use these weeks as a time to focus on our spiritual lives can indeed seem like a mountain climb.

But the intentional and wise use of the gift of time is exactly what the Christian steward is called to do, and with even greater intensity during Advent. How can we use our time to prepare for a holy celebration of Jesus' birth on Dec. 25 and for his second coming at a date we do not know?

We can push back against the world's pressure to have the "perfect Christmas."

Scale back on the material kind of gift-giving, the complicated menus, the unessential trappings of the season so that we have more time for the spiritual preparations: Confession, weekday Mass, adoration, family prayer time, lighting the Advent wreath, and acts of kindness. In the end, we will be prepared to celebrate a truly meaningful Christmas, we will have become more like our Savior, and we will be ready for Him to come again.

**- Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants**

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"Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world." - Pope Francis, *Angelus*, 2018, USCCB

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Nov 26 (Sat) BVM**  
9:00 am Food Pantry/Senior Box Distribution
- Nov 27 (Sun) First Sunday of Advent**  
10:15 am Religious Education Classes  
5:00 pm Ilocano Mass
- Nov 28 (Mon) Weekday**
- Nov 29 (Tue) Weekday**  
4:00 pm Legion of Mary (PH)
- Nov 30 (Wed) St. Andrew**  
6:30 pm Youth Ministry (PH)  
6:45 pm TMIY (Lib)
- Dec 1 (Thu) Weekday**
- Dec 2 (Fri) Weekday**  
First Friday  
7:00 am Mass / Eucharistic Adoration  
8:30 am Benediction
- Dec 3 (Sat) St. Francis Xavier**  
9:30 am COVID Vaccination Clinic (PH)  
12:00 pm Our Lady of Fatima Rosary (CH Lanai)
- Dec 4 (Sun) Second Sunday of Advent**  
10:15 am Religious Education Classes  
2:00 pm Samoan Mass

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



## TODAY'S READINGS

[Liturgical Color: Violet]

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

**Psalm 122:1-9**

**Romans 13:11-14**

**Matthew 24:37-44**

Let us rejoice (Ps) in the Lord's peace (1);  
let us live honorably (2) as we await his return (3).

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS** [Liturgical Color: Violet]

Is 11:-10 • Rom 15:4-9 • Mt 3:1-12

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week of November 7-13, 2022

### OFFERINGS

Sunday Offering	\$2,596.40
FiF Pledge Payments	\$510.00
Second Collection: Archdiocese for Military Services	\$83.00

### MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

Food Pantry	200.00
Other Miscellaneous Offerings	\$453.46

**Mahalo for your generosity!**

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



## OBITUARIES: MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

### +Nofoaotolu Lemana

Dec 5 11:00 am Funeral Mass; Holy Family Church  
1:00 pm Burial; Hawaiian Memorial

### +Edwina Villeza

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

### +Lolita Yagin

Jan 30 10:15 am Prayer Service; MMP-Makai  
1:00 pm Burial; MMP

Please keep Fr. Niko and all the priests of the Diocese of Honolulu in your prayers while they are at the Annual Priests' Convocation during the week of November 28 to December 2.

While Fr. Niko is away, please welcome Fr. Salesi who is visiting OLS from American Samoa!

The **First Sunday of Advent**: the Candle of Hope.

We can have hope because God is faithful  
and will keep the promises made to us.  
Our hope comes from God.

## HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Please note that in the Diocese of Honolulu, in addition to all Sundays of the year, there are only **two Holy Days of Obligation** on which the faithful are obliged to attend Mass:

- 1) **December 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
- 2) **December 25: Christmas** (which falls on a Sunday this year).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

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

### DATES TO REMEMBER

November 27	First Sunday of Advent
December 4	Second Sunday of Advent
December 8	Immaculate Conception
December 11	Third Sunday of Advent
December 18	Fourth Sunday of Advent



## MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLERS!! JOIN YOUTH MINISTRY!!!

**Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 PM**

Visit [www.olswahiwa.org](http://www.olswahiwa.org) or email [olsedge@gmail.com](mailto:olsedge@gmail.com) for info!

**OLS Youth Ministry T-shirts are still available - \$20.00 per shirt**

## SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

December 8, 2022 (Thursday)  
7:00 AM & 7:00 PM



## MISA DE GALLO

**December 17 to December 24\* • 6:00 AM**

\*December 18 and 25 will be at 7:00 AM  
There will be NO 7:00 AM Daily Mass

## ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

All services will begin at 7:00 PM.

Resurrection of the Lord (Waipio)	December 12, 2022; Monday
St. John Apostle and Evangelist (Mililani)	December 13, 2022; Tuesday
<b>OUR LADY OF SORROWS</b>	<b>December 14, 2022; Wednesday</b>
St. Elizabeth (Aiea)	December 15, 2022; Thursday
St. Michael (Waialua)	December 16, 2022; Friday
Our Lady of Good Counsel (Pearl City)	December 21, 2022; Wednesday

(All are encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance  
as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas.)

## PARISH STAFF

**Fr. Falaniko Atonio**  
*Parish Priest*  
ext. 9721

**Celestino Emwalu**  
**Wallace Mitsui (retired)**  
*Deacons*

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

**Liturgy**  
ext. 4337

**Kainoa Fukumoto**  
*Music Ministry*  
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.