

DECEMBER 25th THROUGH January 1, 2023

December 25, 2022

7:30 AM Christmas Dawn Mass

10AM Christmas Day Mass

12:30 PM Christmas Day Mass

Traditional Latin Mass

December 26, 2022, Monday

(St. Stephen, (protomartyr)

11AM Holy Mass

December 27, 2022, Tuesday

11AM Holy Mass

December 28, 2022 Wednesday

(Holy Innocents)

Holy Mass for the abused and murdered innocents

11AM Holy Mass

December 29, 2022 Thursday

8AM Holy Mass

December 30, 2022 Friday

Feast of the Holy Family

8AM Mass

December 31, 2022 Saturday

8:30 AM Holy Mass

4:00PM Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of the Motherhood of Mary

5:30 PM Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of the Motherhood of Mary

Thanksgiving for the graces received in 2022



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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Sacred Heart Parish in Paho, Hawaii, strive to be a community of faith. We believe we are called by God to be disciples of Jesus Christ and to be good stewards within the Church and our local communities

We are called to praise and reverence God, to support one another on our journey of faith, to work for the salvation of our souls, and to labor for peace and justice. By the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, we do this by communal liturgical worship, faith sharing, ongoing faith formation, stewardship, outreach ministries, and by selflessly giving of our time, talent and treasure.

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+*December 25, 2022 * The Nativity of our Lord Jesus*+

+ April 19, 2020 * SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER +

John 1:1-18 (or shorter form, John 1:1-5, 9-14)

John announces that in Jesus, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

There are four Masses that are celebrated for the Feast of Christmas. Each is given its own set of readings to help us contemplate Christ's birth. The Gospel for the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve is from the beginning of the Gospel of Matthew. The Mass at midnight proclaims the birth of Jesus through the Gospel of Luke. The Mass at dawn on Christmas morning tells the story of the birth of Jesus in Luke's Gospel, ending with the shepherds' visit to the infant Jesus. In each of these Gospel readings, we hear portions of the infancy narratives with which we are familiar.

The Gospel for the Christmas Mass during the day is from the beginning of John's Gospel, it starts presenting the Creation story as the framework for announcing the Incarnation. John's opening words echo the first verse in the Book of Genesis. It tells us to view Jesus' birth from God's perspective. Each of the Gospels makes clear that Jesus' birth was the result of God's initiative. John's Gospel, emphasizes that Jesus' birth was the divine intention from the moment of Creation.

As we observe in today's reading, the Gospel of John includes highly philosophical and theological language. A term that particularly stands out in this Gospel is John's repeated references to "the Word". We also hear the main themes that will be developed in his Gospel. These are often presented as dualities: light and dark, truth and falsehood, life and death, and belief and unbelief. We also hear a unique aspect of John's Gospel, the theme of testimony. John the Baptist was sent by God to testify to Jesus, the light. Others in this Gospel will also offer testimony about Jesus. The reader is invited to accept this testimony, which bears witnesses to Jesus, the Son of God. But even more directly, Jesus' action and words will testify to Jesus' identity as God's Incarnate Word. John's Gospel reminds us that through the Incarnation, God saves us from the darkness of sin and makes us his children.

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JESUS is the King and center of all hearts! Alleluia!

For four years now, we have been together in this 'ohana! Two years of which were a rollercoaster ride amidst the fear and uncertainties of the Covid-19 virus! Though filled with faith and hope in Christ's Resurrection, we also have sadly witnessed the passing on of many of our active and generous parishioners and leaders. Others have settled elsewhere for good. Christmas has always given us an unexplainable joy and strength during pains, sickness, and uncertainties. While we were confined at home, Christmas became more 'ohana, more intimate. However, there arises the risk of forgetting our usual handshakes and aloha hugs. Attending Sunday Mass in person seems to have become "optional". This Christmas, it's time to pick-up the pieces and bring back the "old-fashioned" *Christmas ways!*

Whatever the past has given us in store, we have proven that we cannot leave each other alone. *No lava flow, no Covid-19 paranoia, no impatience, no misunderstandings can separate us from the love of God!* Thanks to God and thanks to you, our village church has always had a great space in our hearts! You are God's hearts for Sacred Heart Church – Paho! Yes! God can always *write straight lines in crooked ways!* Everything is grace!

You are very much aware that we are here not just to maintain our parish properties. We need to make our Parish 'Ohana grow and glow with and in God's love. While ***I thank from the heart all our volunteers*** who never get tired of demonstrating themselves as very sincere and true ministers and stewards, ***I thank all of you, far and near***, for your generous offering of your time, talent and treasure shown in many different ways! Let your sincere friendship and unfailing love for God and for our Parish 'Ohana be an inspiration to those who among us have lost enthusiasm, an indicator to the wayward, aspiration of forgiveness for our pride and sinfulness, strength during our frustrations, patience in diverse ideas, charity in sharing, invitation to those who are far, embrace to those who are near.

Mahalo nui loa! Thank you so much! Maraming salamat po! Muito obrigado! Kinisou chapur! Grazie di cuore! Muchas gracias! Cám ơn rất nhiều! Merci beaucoup! Vielen Dank! Domo arigato guzaimas! Xiè xiè! Ex corde gratias!

To you and your family and loved ones,
Mele Kalikimaka me ka Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

Fr. John T.Molina

Pray for Healing

Charla Irvine * Alfred Micallef *
 Jan Malinowski * Ann Duffin
 Fr. Alapaki Kim * Peter Vana II
 Edward Micallef * Felicia Hanohano
 Jaime Florendo * Dave Haddler
 Maxine Jenkins * Brandon Correa
 Sarah Marie * Patrick Eastman
 Pedro Velasco * Maxine Jenkins
 Benny Davis * Delbert Jackson

Prayer for Christmas Joy

Jesus, as we celebrate Your birth, I pray that our hearts would be filled with joy. That this holiday season would be a time of happiness and love. A time when we remember all the good times we've had together and look forward to many more to come. Thank You for my family and friends. I pray that we would all be drawn closer to each other and to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

December 25, Nativity of the Lord

Isaiah 9:1-6, Psalm 96:1-3, 11-13
 Timothy 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14

26, Monday, Christmas Season St. Stephen, the First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
 Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6-8b, 16bc, 17
 Matthew 10:17-22

Season 27, Tuesday, Christmas St. John, Apostle, Evangelist

1 John 1:1-4, Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
 John 20:1a, 2-8

28, Wednesday, Christmas Season

1 John 1:5-2:2, Psalm 124:2-5, 7b-8,
 Matthew 2:13-18

29, Thursday, The Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 John 2:3-11, Psalm 96:1-3, 5-6, Luke 222:35

30, Friday, The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14, Psalm 128:1-5
 Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

31, Saturday, The Seventh day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 John 2:18-21, Psalm 96:1-2, 11-13
 John 1:1-18

Financial Report December 19, 2022

Offertory	\$1,802.60
Candles	39.25
Latin Mass	106.00
Donations	95.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe	25.00
Building and Maintenance	196.00
Church in Latin America	10.00
Simbang Gabi	97.50
Flowers	120.00
My Christmas Gift	3,700.00
Giving Tree	597.00
Mass Intentions	75.00
TOTAL	\$6,863.25

Mahalo for your stewardship and generosity. May you be blessed always.



Christmas For unto us is born this day a Savior!

In response to so great a love, only the gift of my whole self will do. You have given us Yourself, dear Lord; in love and thanksgiving, I commit myself afresh to you.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION December

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations
 We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

A Prayer to Keep God at the Center During the Holidays

Lord, We worship You during this [Christmas](#) season. You are our wonderful Counselor, mighty God, everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace ([Isaiah 9:6](#)). We choose to put You at the center of our family life as we celebrate Your birth. Keep us from distractions and help us to invite You into all our family activities. Teach us to pray and help us to glorify and worship You in our family during this busy time of year. Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation that we might know You better ([Ephesians 1:17](#)). Thank you for being Immanuel, "God with us." Open our eyes to realize this each day as we interact with others. Help us to be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as You forgave us ([Ephesians 4:32](#)). Show us creative ways to love and care for those outside our home. Fill us to overflowing with Your love for the lost. Teach us to do acts of kindness to those who are in need at this time of year. May our family be a refreshment and light to others. We ask You to touch with [salvation](#) those in our family who do not know You [Name those individuals]. Open their hearts to Your great love for them. Help us to share Your Truth and be Your light. You are the Savior of the world. Amen. - Debbie McDaniel



Christmas Family Night – December 17, 2022

Thank you to all the families who continue to support our Faith Formation program. It has been a pleasure serving you this past year. There will be no faith Formation classes December 24 and December 31st. Classes will resume on January 7 at regular time 2:30pm-3:30pm followed by mass at 4:00pm.

