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+* December 21, 2025* The Fourth Sunday of Advent+*



MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Sacred Heart Parish in Pahoa, 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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4th Sunday of Advent — Lectionary A (12-21-2025) – Dcn. Jerome Bettencourt

In this fourth Sunday of Advent, we stand at the end of our preparations in anticipation of the Christmas event. Christ came into the world in an ordinary way, yet his arrival was marked by great signs. If you read the stories of Nativity, it is apparent that those signs were not apparent to everyone. The three Magi see the star, but Herod is unaware of what is going on. The shepherds in the fields see the angels, but the rest of the inhabitants of the area are blind to what has happened. The readings for this week present us with a lesson on how, when it comes to our encounter with God, faith makes all difference.

The passage from Isaiah concerns a prophecy given to Ahaz, the wicked king of Judah. Ahaz had abandoned the worship of God for the practice of idolatry. He had even sacrificed one of his sons to the pagan Gods. As this King of Judah finds himself in a dangerous situation, the Kings of Israel and Aram to the north have banded together to attack Judah, Isaiah visits and urges Ahaz to repent and turn to God. The prophet tells Ahaz that if he would ask for a sign, God is ready to give it. The King has no faith in God, so in a sarcastic show of false piety, he refuses on the grounds that he would be tempting God. Ahaz has his own plan, which like most things in his life, does not include God. The king has decided to make an alliance with the powerful Assyrian Empire. Ahaz makes his pact with the devil and subjects his kingdom to Assyrian domination for years to come. In the beginning of Paul's Epistle to the Romans, the apostle describes himself as a slave. He explains that even though the gospel he serves is the fulfillment of the Jewish prophecies, his service is one of faith in Jesus Christ. Paul lives that relationship among the Gentiles to whom he preaches the Gospel. The apostle labors to bring the good news to all those who belong to Christ. This is an act of trust inspired by a living relationship, not a historical promise. Through faith, Paul sees this relationship as the fulfillment of the covenant introduced in the Jewish tradition. Yet this relationship transcends its cultural roots and leads Paul to a ministry among people outside that tradition. He now belongs to Christ, and through the obedience of faith, comes to spread the Gospel. In the Gospel, Matthew tells a story about Joseph. Like Ahaz in the first reading, Joseph finds himself in a dilemma. The girl he is engaged to is pregnant. Joseph knows that the child is not his. Probably assumes that she has a lover. He does not want to punish Mary and is willing to quietly divorce her. An angel visits the Nazarene carpenter in a dream and tells him not to fear taking Mary into his home. When Joseph wakes up, he accepts the vision and does as he was told. He is a man of faith. Joseph hears the command of God and obeys. The same prophecy that was delivered to Ahaz is applied here with a very different outcome. Joseph accepts the sign and protects the child that will become the salvation of the world.

In Advent we prepare for the coming of Christ into our lives. This is an event that will change us, yet we will only enjoy its blessings fully if we embrace the signs given us. To do this we must have faith. We need a trust in God which keeps us from rejecting God's plan for our own ambitions. In humility and love we can grasp the importance of this season and celebrate its impact on the rest of our lives. This is what it means to be a people of faith in the Advent season.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

December 21, Sunday

Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm 24:1-6
Roman 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

December 22, Monday

1 Samuel 1:24-28
Psalm 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8d
Luke 1:46-56

December 23, Tuesday

Saint John of Kanty, Priest
Malachai 3:1-4, 23-24
Psalm 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14
Luke 1:57-66

December 24, Wednesday

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29
Luke 1:67-79

December 24, Wednesday
Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Matthew 1:1-25,

December 25, 2025,
Thursday

The Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Night

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

December 25, 2025
The Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Dawn

Isaiah 62:11-12
Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12
Titus 11-14
Luke 2:15-20

December 25, 2025
Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14





Sacrament of Baptism Enrichment 2026

Sacremment of Baptism Gathering

Goals:

To be able to connect with parents/godparents on their responsibility of shaping the faith, spiritual growth and journey of their children.
To encourage parents to live their Christian Catholic Marriage or to provide a pathway for couples to seek marriage in the church

Presenter: Deacon Jerome Bettencourt

Task: Presentation, Prayer, Potluck and Time for fellowship

When: Saturday January 10 after 5:30PM Mass

Who: Participants (Baptismal Recipients from 2018-2025)

Families who had baptismal between 2018 and 2025

Bring: Please bring a dish to share so we can partake in fellowship

RSVP: Scan the QR code to RSVP



SACRED HEART PAHOA - HOLY YEAR 2025

HOLY YEAR - December 2025

Dec. 20/21, 2025, 4th Sunday of Advent

7:30am

Advent Mass

10am

Christmas Novena (7th Day) 12:30pm TLM

Dec. 22, 2025, Monday

6pm

Christmas Novena (8th Day)

Dec. 23, 2025, Tuesday

6pm

Christmas Novena (9th Day)

Mele Kalikimaka Zakou!

HOLY YEAR 2025

Dec. 24, 2025, Wednesday

5pm

Christmas Vigil Mass

8pm

Christmas Night Mass

Dec. 25, 2025, Thursday

7:30am

Christmas Dawn Mass

10am

Christmas Day Mass

12:30pm *Christmas Day Trad Latin Mass*

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<div>Pray for Healing</div> <div>Charla Irvine * Alfred Micallef</div> <div>Mike & Jan Malinowski</div> <div>Peter Vana II * Makai Vana</div> <div>Edward Micallef + Darlyne Fujimoto</div> <div>Sarah Marie * June Kropfelder</div> <div>Brandon Correa * Felicia Hanohano</div> <div>Patrick Eastman * Wenny Davis</div> <div>Delbert Jackson * Tim Weimer</div> <div>Leslie DeRego * Melinda La Caille</div> <div>Debe Brandenburger * Roseanne Leiner</div> <div>Cynthia Maguire * Emily Souza</div>	<div>Financials</div> <div>December 15, 2025</div> <div>Offertory\$2,357.20</div> <div>Candles43.50</div> <div>Latin Mass150.00</div> <div>Liturgy200.00</div> <div>Retirement Fund for the</div> <div>Religious215.00</div> <div>Giving Tree1,000.00</div> <div>Baptism50.00</div> <div>Family Christmas Gift</div> <div>1,283.00</div> <div>Donation160.00</div> <div>Mass Intention10.00</div> <div>Lau Lau Sales200.00</div> <div>Gift Shop45.00</div> <div>Lunch Plates2,081.00</div> <div>Bake Sale40.00</div> <div>Produce11.00</div> <div>Feast of the Immaculate</div> <div>Conception560.85</div> <div>TOTAL\$8,406.55</div>
<div>December</div> <div>For Christians in areas of conflict</div> <div>Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.</div>	
<div>Fourth Sunday of Advent</div> <div>When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedience to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead protector of the child Jesus and His mother, Mary, God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.</div>	

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<div>Christmas Fair – 2025</div> <div>Financials</div>	
<div>INCOME</div>	
Lunch Plates and Loose Steaks	\$3,904.00
Chili Bowls	164.00
Frozen Steaks	430.00
Lau Lau	1,200.00
Silent Auction	350.00
Bake Sale	411.50
Plants	131.00
Rummage	1,291.65
TOTAL	\$7,922.15
<div>EXPENSE</div>	
Lau Lau	\$1,125.00
NET PROFIT	\$6,797.15



The Fourth Sunday of Advent in 2025 falls on Sunday, December 21, 2025, marking the final Sunday before Christmas, a time for reflection on God's love and the coming of Jesus, focusing on themes like peace and the fulfillment of prophecy, with readings from Isaiah, Romans, and Matthew about the virgin birth and [Emmanuel](#)

BUILDING AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SIX MONTHS REPORT – JULY 2025 TO DECEMBER 2025

1. Bell Tower project in 5 phases: side parts of the church painting:
2. 3 Phases *(done)* ...+Repair of the Church Belfry: pinnacle *(done)*
3. Re-structure of the Rectory fence and organization of the rectory farm *(done)*
5. Cleaning of the “school” building gutters *(done)*
6. Meditation Trail: *(done)*: ready to organize the Stations of the Cross
8. Rearrangement of Offices in Admin Building *(done)*
9. Bell Tower in the 4th phase: painting of church window and door casings *(done)*
10. Cleaning of the School gutters *(done)*
11. Installation of the signages on the property *(done)*
12. Installation of the glass-paneled doors: (Youth Room) *(done)*
13. Repair of the “school” flooring *(done in partnership with school admin)*
14. Patching repairs of asphalt and gravel parking *(done)*
15. Fencing of the church property in three phases (Northern part) – (First phase: *done*)
16. Setting up gates: (1) Access passage at the back of Administration *(done)* Building; (2) Access passage towards the graveyard *(done)*
17. Phases of Re-organization of the Our Lady of Sorrows: *Setting up of concrete benches (done)*;
18. New Baptismal Font *(done)*
19. Fencing of the church property in three phases – (Second phase – enclosing Rectory Farm: *done*)
20. Clergy Office organization *(done)*
21. Gutters and downspouts repair front of Parish Hall *(done)*
22. Cleaning of the Rectory gutters *(done)*
23. Fencing of the church property in three phases (Northern part) –Third phase – adjacent to Hope Services property *(done)*
24. Urinals Men’s Restroom Admin Building *(done)*
25. Repair damaged stone wall in front of Admin Building *(done)*
26. Graveyard cleaning and re-organization *(done)*
27. Phases of Re-organization of the Our Lady of Compassion Garden *Roofing of the image (done): Putting the railing (done) : Completion and painting of roofing (done)*
28. Regular poisoning of weeds and grass by the property fence *(done)*
29. Leak repair façade of the church *(done)*