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+ January 25, 2026 * Third Sunday in Ordinary Time+



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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3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - A - (01-25-26)

We are raised as children to develop the strength to control ourselves and our surroundings. This quest to self-direct our lives and author our own fate often leads us into conflict with others. The French philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre describes this phenomenon in his play *No Exit*. The supposition asserted in this drama is that “Hell is --other people.” In contrast, this Sunday’s readings teach us the wisdom of surrendering our will to God.

In the first reading, taken from Isaiah, the prophet describes the restoration the northern tribes of Israel who were the first to fall to the Assyrian invasion and exile. According to Isaiah, they will be freed but this will be accomplished by God’s will and not through the people’s initiative. These people will see a great light. This passage is the beginning of Isaiah’s “Prince of Peace” prophecy and the sign which King Ahaz refused to accept (Isaiah 7:11-14). Ahaz had made his own plans and did not want God’s help. Ultimately this rejection led to disaster for him and his kingdom. It is also important to note that the area named in this passage is the place where Jesus begins his earthly ministry, as we will be reminded in today’s Gospel passage.

The passage from Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle urges the Corinthians to abandon their foolish rivalries based on the minister who baptized them. Paul points out that they were not baptized in the name of these men, but in the name of Christ Jesus. He reminds them that it was Jesus, not these ministers, who died for them on the cross. In their quest to establish dominance over each other, the Corinthians have made idols of the ministers who brought them the Gospel. Paul rejects this distinction and urges the Corinthians to do the same. He explains that he was not called to start his own church, the church of Paul; he is an apostle of Jesus Christ. It is His will that Paul serves. To do otherwise would deny the redemption bought with Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross. When we reject the will of God to assert our own plans, we rob ourselves of the gifts God has provided to save us.

The Gospel passage from Matthew reminds us that Jesus began his ministry in the same area described in the first reading from Isaiah. It describes Jesus’s message as one of repentance and the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. Here we see the call of first apostles and their willingness to follow Jesus. In this passage, these fishermen exemplify the abandonment of our personal plans to follow the will of God. Peter, Andrew, James and John were hard at work, executing the plan by which they fed themselves and their families. Yet, at Jesus’s call, they drop everything and surrender to God’s will. Unwilling to forfeit their call, they leave their lives and their plans to follow Christ. They become the pillars of the Church, and we are richer for their sacrifice.

It is difficult to give up control and surrender our will to God’s plan. Renunciation to serve God runs counter our culture and upbringing. Yet, to put our plans before God’s will results in the forfeiture of our salvation. Hell is --losing this gift. May we have the strength and wisdom of the apostles to surrender our plans and follow Jesus’ call.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Matthew 4:12-23

Monday, January 26, 2026

Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

2 Timothy 1:1-8

Psalm 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10

Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19

Psalm 24:7-10 Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest

Doctor of the Church

2 Samuel 7:4-17

Psalm 89:4-5, 27-30

Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, January 29, 2026

2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29

Psalm 132:1-5, 11-14

Mark 4:21-25

Friday, January 30, 2026

2 Samuel 11:4a, 5-10a 13-17

Psalm 51:3-7, 10-11 Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, January 31, 2026

Saint John Bosco, Priest

2 Samuel 12:1-8a, 10-17

Psalm 51:12-17 Mark 4:35-41

Financials January 20, 2026

Offertory	1,787.05
Latin Mass	196.00
Candles	29.50
Bldg/Maintenance	148.00
First Collection	56.00
Donation	20.00
My Christmas Gift	550.00
Mass Intention	70.00
TOTAL	\$2,856.55



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CHURCH



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1. The only Church founded by Jesus Christ.
2. The only Church that gave the world the Bible.
3. The only Church that has all the Sacraments instituted by Christ.
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5. The only true “universal” Church on earth with a solid, unified

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KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

Have you ever considered joining a Catholic fraternal organization? It's a new year and you most likely have already broken most of your resolutions, so here's a new membership opportunity to help you grow in your Catholic faith. This is your invitation to join the Knights of Columbus. For those of you who are younger and raising children, this commitment will assist you in raising your children to be faithful Catholics. After you do your due diligence online and research our organization, Ross Moodie (Sat. Masses & 7:30am Sun. Mass) and Harry Baquial (10am Sun. Mass) will be happy to entertain any questions you may have. They will also extend to you a personal invitation to join the Knights brotherhood.

As a one time incentive, if you register online (KofC.org/Join), your first year \$40 dues are waived when you type GCAMACHO in the Agent Referral Code. So what have you got to lose? If you are married, please discuss this opportunity with your wife. By the way, membership also makes you eligible to sign up for the top rated Knights of Columbus life insurance at very affordable rates.

Mahalo for your prayerful consideration. Vivat Jesu

Prison Ministry

There will be a State mandated volunteer training in March for women interested in developing a ministry to women housed in Hale Nani Makai jail in Hilo. This day-long training will also prepare those interested in a prison ministry at Kulani men's prison. Please call Deacon Jim Dougherty (808) 315-1319 to register for the March training, which is only offered infrequently throughout the year.

Spiritual Healing

The "Inspiring Hope: Spiritual Wellness" Ministry will meet on Monday, January 26, 2026 at 6:00 pm at St. Joseph Church in Hilo in the lower meeting room. This ministry is a unique, spiritual approach to mental health in the Diocese of Honolulu developed under the sponsorship of Bishop Larry Silva. It is tailored to the cultural diversity in Hawaii. As far as is known, there is no other ministry like this addressing mental health through the Holy Spirit and based on Catholic teaching and spirituality. Come and sit with the **Inspiring Hope: Spiritual Wellness Ministry** group and walk with us through God's scripture...experience His healing found in the Word and in our Catholic faith. The topic for our January meeting is depression. Please call Deacon Jim Dougherty at (808) 315-1319 for more information.

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SACRED HEART CHURCH – PĀHOA

January 2026

Jan 24/25, 2026
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD
Sto Niño Sunday

Saturday: 4pm – 5:30pm
Sunday: 7:30am – 10am

Jan 26 & 28: 11am – Jan 29 – 30: 8am – Jan 31: 8:30am

January 31/ February 01:
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday: 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am – 10 am

February 02 (Mon)
FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD
Blessing of Candles
11am Holy Mass

January 26 & 28: 11:00 am – January 29 – 30: 8:00am –
January 31: 8:30am

January 31/ February 01: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

Saturday: 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am – 10 am

Pray for Healing

Charla Irvine * Alfred Micallef
Mike & Jan Malinowski
Peter Vana II * Makai Vana
Edward Micallef + Darlyne Fujimoto
Sarah Marie * June Kropfelder
Brandon Correa * Felicia Hanohano
Patrick Eastman * Wenny Davis
Tim Weimer
Leslie DeRego * Melinda La Caille
Debe Brandenburger * Roseanne Leiner
Cynthia Maguire * Emily Souza

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The watchword today is “immediately”. Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond *immediately* to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God’s call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!



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Parishioners' Day at St. Joseph School on Sunday, January 25, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph School Gym.

For parish families who have considered enrolling their children at St. Joseph School but found the cost difficult to manage, we are happy to announce that the **Parishioner Tuition Assistance**

Program is being reinstated. This program is designed to help parishioners afford a strong, well-rounded Catholic education—one that forms students academically while grounding them in faith and values rooted in our Catholic tradition.

In addition, we are grateful to share that **tuition will not be raised for the 2026-2027 school year**, reaffirming our commitment to keeping Catholic education accessible to our parish families.

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to learn more about how St. Joseph School and you can partner in your child’s education.

Give the of Catholic Education

**Second Collection
February 7th & 8**

We kindly ask you to support the Augustine Educational Foundation Second Collection.

**Make Student Smile
Give the Gift of Catholic Education**

Your gift will support Catholic education in Hawaii. Money raised by **Sacred Heart Parish** will assist in providing scholarships in our parish and vicariate community.

For the 2025-2026 school year, the Augustine Educational Foundation funded \$1.7M through our tuition scholarship programs and \$28,550 in grants for school programs.

**Strengthen Faith,
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Make a Student Smile**

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Mahalo for your continued support!

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Sunday of the Word of God



In his *motu proprio* of 30 September 2019, Pope Francis declared that “the third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration study and dissemination of the word of God. This *Sunday Word of God* will thus be a fitting part of that time of year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity... Various communities will find their own ways to mark this *Sunday* with a certain solemnity... A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers.