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SAINT STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
AUGUST 21, 2022  
Memorial: Saint Pius X, Pope

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*FIRST Wednesday: After Mass until 6:00 PM*  
*All other Wednesdays: After Mass until 9:00 AM*



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### OFFICE HOURS

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### A Catholic Community Diocese of Honolulu

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*"Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we the  
family of St. Stephen Catholic Church  
nurture and sustain our faith through  
Love, Service and Unity."*

### DEVOTION

*The Holy Rosary, of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary, is prayed 35 minutes before Mass.*

### MASS SCHEDULES

#### MONDAY

[In the St. Catherine Chapel ~  
Communion Service, 8:00 AM]

Tuesday ~ Saturday ~ 8:00 AM

Saturday (Main Church) ~ 4:00 PM

Sunday (Main Church) ~ 7:30 AM

Sunday (Main Church) ~ 10:00 AM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 PM  
or by appointment

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LINK TO SUNDAY'S 10:00 A.M. MASS STREAMING:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Stephens-Catholic-Church-Nuuanu-100906711581421/>



# MAGNIFICAT

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## At the Threshold

**W**hen I see the narrow door,  
I sigh that my ways are too  
wide to enter. Watch me  
try—how upsetting!  
I must trim all excess  
that the Lord may  
recognize me—  
the one he  
created  
from  
seed—  
seeing then the  
blossom I would be.  
I set my heart at the  
entrance and cry. I'm  
defeated yet puffed up  
with pride. I do not try  
so hard anymore.  
My Lord, I am yours.  
Carry me over the  
threshold of this  
narrow door.  
Squeeze me in—  
to your sway.  
For one so  
weak, it is  
the only  
way.

~ Rita A. Simmonds

Rita A. Simmonds ([ritaasimmonds.com](http://ritaasimmonds.com)) is an award-winning poet. She is the author of a memoir entitled *Convicted by Mercy: The Journey of Frank Simmonds from the Street to Sanctity and four books of poetry, her latest being He Called (Magnificat)*. / From an unpublished manuscript. Used with permission.

## REFLECTIONS FOR AUGUST 21, 2022 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME The Narrow Gate

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” **Luke 13:24**

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What does this line tell us? It reveals that we cannot enter Heaven by our own will or through our own effort. Furthermore, it tells us that though some will try to get to Heaven through their own effort, this approach will not work. Upon meeting our Lord, after death, they will be surprised that they are not a member of His Kingdom.

This clear and somewhat shocking statement from our Lord should have the effect of causing you to step back and look at your life so as to sincerely and humbly examine the path you are on. Jesus’ directness and clarity on this real experience that some will have

Sunday, August 21, 2022

## Tips About ‘the Narrow Gate’

Strive to enter through the narrow gate... Luke 13:24

**T**he gate that leads to everlasting life is not wide and spacious, says Jesus. It is narrow. What are some of the implications for us who wish to go through that narrow gate? First it means we cannot carry a lot of stuff with us. We must let go of things such as these: the excessive desire for material things, fears, past hurts or angry resentments. Second, it means sometimes we may have to bend over or get down on our knees to squeeze through the gate. That is, we need humility. If we are humble, we accept our limitations as well as our gifts. And finally, if the gate is narrow, we must go through it one at a time. Though others can support and encourage us on our journey of faith, we cannot rely on their faith to get us through the gate. Sooner or later, we must find our own faith and choose to live it.

One more thing: Let us always remember there is Someone who helps us squeeze through that narrow gate. Jesus, like a gentle midwife, helps to pull us into everlasting life.

~ Sister Melannie Svoboda, S.N.D.

**R**eflections for Sunday, August 21 (Continued)  
should help to open your eyes so as to honestly examine if He is speaking about you.

It takes true humility to face the truth, at times, and to admit if we are trying to rely more upon ourselves than upon Christ. The “narrow gate” is that gate through which the humble enter. Pride and self-sufficiency lead us to attempt to make our own path to Heaven. But this path is never the correct one.

Entering the “narrow gate” also means that we listen to God. He, as the divine Shepherd, is always calling to us in a gentle way. Only when we are attentive to His voice will we know where He is leading us. Only then will we discover the way through the one and only narrow gate.

*Lord, I do desire to enter the narrow gate. I choose to follow Your gentle voice, leading me to Heaven. Help me to remain humble in life, shedding all that leads me to rely upon myself. May I rely only upon You, dear Lord, and trust You in all things. Jesus, I trust in You.*



## SAINT OF THE DAY

**Saint Pius X**

1835 — 1914

August 21 — Memorial

Liturgical Color: White

Patron Saint of First Communicants & pilgrims

**Born humble and poor, he never forgot his origins while in the Chair of St. Peter**

In the long span of three hundred and forty years between the death of Pope Saint Pius V in 1572 and today’s pope-saint, who died in 1914, not one pope is a canonized saint. It is a sign of the Church’s solid foundations and rock-like durability that less than holy men have normally led her, and still she has thrived.

Analogous to the doctrine of *ex opere operato*, which holds that a sacrament’s grace is communicated by merely being performed, the headship of the universal Church is exercised well by intelligent men who are

## St. Stephen The First Martyr

Knights of Columbus

~ Council 16267 ~



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BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY PRAY FOR US

### ALOYSIUS FOOD BANK

The Knights of Columbus request your assistance in providing canned goods for the Aloysius Food Bank to help those in need. Please leave your donations into the plastic container in the entrance of the Church. Your gifts toward this cause will be greatly appreciated. **Mahalo!**

### RESPECT LIFE

Juanita Ruis, Respect Life Coordinator



- **The 40 Days for Life (40DFL) campaign is now all year long. Volunteers are needed to PRAY TO END ABORTION, outside the Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 839 S. Beretania Street. If interested, please contact Susana Kwock at 808-341-2643, Agnes Tauyan at 808-348-448, or your Parish Respect Life Ministry.**

In her most recent email, Anne Shigeta-Koch, Leader of 40DFL Honolulu, reported, "The first baby has been saved during our 40DFL 365 vigil. Our dedicated and good-hearted man, Bill R., has once again talked with a mom and she chose life for her baby!"

- **If you can't make it to Planned Parenthood, please join in the praying of the Pro-Life Rosary every Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Stephen Memorial to the Unborn.**

### SAINT OF THE DAY *(Continued from Page 2)*

for her good, even if they are not personally holy. But that a pope be holy makes the Church even more impressive, in the same way that a priest's holiness doesn't make a sacrament more a sacrament but does make it more fruitful.

Pope Saint Pius X was born Giuseppe Sarto in Northern Italy to humble parents in a poor home, the second of ten children. He entered the seminary as an adolescent and was ordained a priest at the young age of twenty-three. He served for many years in parishes and seminaries before being made a bishop and then a cardinal. His life experience in the Church was almost exclusively pastoral, that is, concerned with the care of souls. He was not a university professor, Vatican diplomat, scholar, or ecclesiastical bureaucrat. He was the only pope of the twentieth century without a doctoral degree. He was a parish priest, confessor, spiritual director, and boots-on-the-ground diocesan bishop. His rural background and forthright view of the faith lent Pius a common touch which sympathized with the faith of the "everyman" who fill the pews on Sunday morning. But Pius' past limited him somewhat as well. In his desire to protect the faithful from error like a good father protects his children, he could be overly suspicious of, and reactionary toward, a great deal of theological scholarship that would later be absorbed into the universal



August 13-14, 2022

MAIL INS: \$4,960.00

ONLINE: \$1,114.00

WEEKEND: \$3,152.66

**TOTAL: \$9,226.66**

LAST WEEK: \$4,030.00

**MAHALO!**

*We are grateful to all who generously contribute their time, talent and treasure to our Parish Community.*

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

Catholic Charities Hawaii — August 20/21

1822 Keeaumoku St., Honolulu HI 96822

### Saint Pope Pius X *(Continued from left column)*

body of Christ at the Second Vatican Council.

Pius X made changes to the Church's liturgical and sacramental life that proved to be enduring and popular. He lowered the age of First Holy Communion from twelve to seven and encouraged frequent reception of Holy Communion instead of the once-a-year, Easter duty reception that was then typical. Pius simplified the Breviary, the book of Psalms that priests and nuns pray every day, encouraged the use of Gregorian chant at Mass, and mandated that the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) be present in every parish in the world to teach catechism to children. He also began the enormous process of gathering and synthesizing the Church's massive, centuries' old body of law into an easy to handle Code of Canon Law which was promulgated in 1917.

Pius reacted strongly and negatively toward various schools of theological scholarship he lumped under the imprecise title of "Modernism." Pius was intransigent and relentless in weeding out from the garden of the Church all those with non-scholastic methods and conclusions in philosophy and theology. That is, he distrusted research and teaching not rooted in the approach of Saint Thomas Aquinas and similar medieval thinkers. The "Modernist" approach to ancient texts, language studies, scriptural analysis, church history, comparative theology, etc. would eventually become standard in Catholicism. But it took many decades for these more critical approaches to merge with theological orthodoxy, deep spirituality, and fidelity to Rome in the powerful synthesis taught by Vatican II and beyond.

Saint Pius X stayed humble and poor his entire life. He was embarrassed by the pomp of papal ceremonies but nonetheless understood their significance to the faithful. Three of his unmarried sisters lived in near poverty on the outskirts of Rome while he reigned as pope. He could have, but did not, favor them with titles or other privileges to ease their burdens. Pius died the same month as the guns of August roared a start to World War I. His death resulted partly from a deep melancholy that Christian Europe had once again devolved into such conflict. He was canonized in 1954.

*Pope Saint Pius X, your doctrinal fidelity, Eucharistic piety, and devotion to Mary were exemplary. May your simplicity of life, common touch, and bravery in fighting the enemies of the Church inspire all who lead the Body of Christ on earth in whatever capacity. mycatholic.life*





CCD/Faith Formation registration begins 3-4 September 2022. Grades PRE-K through High School. Registration forms will be available in the back of the church.

Any questions or concerns feel free to contact the Catechists or call the Church Office @ (808) 595-3105.



**Sunday, August 21, 2022**

**7:30 AM**

**19th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**For the Repose of the Soul of:**

- ✠ Celine & Kenneth Asato
- ✠ Josefina & Honorio Bautista
- ✠ Tony & Sarah Louis
- ✠ Francis Nagasawa
- ✠ Jimmy Solidum
- ✠ Alfredo Tagab

**Healing Prayers for:**

Brittany Fujiyama  
Preston Pacolba

**10:00 A.M. Mass**

**For the Repose of the Soul of:**

- ✠ Celine & Kenneth Asato
- ✠ Vera Ashitomi
- ✠ Rosa Fernandez
- ✠ Helena Kim
- ✠ James "Jimmy" Solidum
- ✠ Salvador Solidum
- ✠ Al Tagab
- ✠ Balbino "Al" Ibarra
- ✠ Craig Michael Holmes

**Healing Prayers for:**

Luz Abcede  
Nancy Contrades  
Sally Crowell  
Carl Teves  
Flora Velasquez

## Mass Intentions



**Monday, August 22, 2022**

**8:00 AM**

*The Queenship of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary*

**For the Repose of the Soul of:**

✠ Jimmy Solidum

**Birthday Blessings for:**

Scott Bell



**Tuesday, August 23, 2022**

**8:00 AM**

*Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin*

**For the Repose of the Soul of:**

✠ Jimmy Solidum



**Wednesday, August 24, 2022**

**8:00 AM**

*Feast Day of  
Saint Bartholomew, Apostle*

**For the Repose of the Soul of:**

✠ Steve Aki

✠ Deacon Thomas Contrades

✠ Jimmy Solidum

**Birthday Blessings for:**

Teresa Kottuppallil



**Thursday, August 25, 2022**

**8:00 AM**

*Saint Louis, King; Saint Joseph of  
Calasanz, Priest*

**For the Repose of the Soul of:**

✠ Jimmy Solidum



**Friday, August 26, 2022**

**8:00 AM**

**For the Repose of the Soul of:**

✠ Al Ibarra

✠ Jimmy Solidum



**Saturday, August 27, 2022**

**8:00 AM**

*Saint Monica*

**For the Repose of the Soul of:**

✠ Monica Leilani Contrades

✠ Jimmy Solidum



**Saturday, August 27, 2022**

**4:00 PM**

**For the Repose of the Soul of:**

✠ Celine & Kenneth Asato

✠ Doreen & Francis Chia

✠ Al Ibarra

✠ Jimmy Solidum

✠ Al Tagab

✠ Fidelma Khoo Kwee Swee

**Healing Prayers for:**

Paula Carrington  
Juanita Ruis  
Ken Ryan  
Patti & Wayne Silva

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2022 Liturgical Desk Calendar



## Prayer Requests

**For The Sick & The Homebound**

Luz Abcede, Nancy Asato, Stephanie Baron, Paula Carrington, Nancy Contrades, Bernard Ho, Margaret Robello, Ken Ryan, Patti & Wayne Silva, Mary Souza, Carrie Talwar, Richard Wong

✠ **For The Deceased Of The Parish** ✠

Steve Aki, Celine & Kenneth Asato, Vera Ashitomi, Ignacio Q. Babauta, Benito & Rosario Bautista, Rosalie G. Cadiz, Dr. Joseph & Priscilla Chang, Doreen & Francis Chia, Catherine Choo, Sam Chun, Stephen Fujii, Al Ibarra, Ron Kano, Betty Lowe, Martin Luke, James Solidum, Salvador Solidum, Vickie Solidum, Al Tagab, Nancy & Raymond Tom, Jack Wong, Shirley Wong, Clement Yee, Don Yee