# St. Jude Catholic Church

## A Stewardship Parish

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"St. Jude Church—Hope for the despaired"



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January 7, 2024

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

No. 1

Fr. Khanh Hoang Pastor Fr. Boniface Sakala Parochial Vicar Fr. Clarence Zamora Retired Deacon John Coughlin Permanent Deacon Deacon Will Friese Permanent Deacon Deacon Raul Perez Permanent Deacon

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm Closed on weekends, Federal & State holidays

## REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

(Mass schedule may change during holidays)
Saturdays: 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00am

Wednesdays: 7:00pm

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:00am & 7:00pm

## **SACRAMENTS**

Baptism: Please call the office for more info.

**Reconciliation** (Confession): Saturdays 3:45pm - 4:45pm or by appt.

Marriage: Please contact us before your venue, at least six months prior to desired wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call (808) 672-8669

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Call (808) 492-1057 for Information

Adults (Adults; 7 years old & older)
Classes start Sunday, September 10, 2023

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES Youth Faith Formation

Sacrament Preparation Confirmation/First Holy Communion Call (808) 492-1057 for Information

#### Classes:

Classes start Sunday, September 10, 2023

Grades Pre-K, 1, 2:

Classes start Sunday September 10, 2023

Grades 3-5:

Classes start Sunday, September 10, 2023

Grades 6-12:

Classes start Monday, September 11, 2023

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 7:00pm

## **Today's Gospel Reflection**

<u>First Reading</u>: Isaiah 60:1-6 <u>Second Reading</u>: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

## Giving Birth to God

Can you prove that God exists? At least not in a way that would compel anyone to make an act of faith on the basis of a scientific agreement. God can't be proven in that way. The existence of God can't be empirically proven because God doesn't work that way. God doesn't appear in the world as the conclusion to a mathematical equation.

That also describes how faith is born in our lives. God never dynamites His way into our lives with a force so powerful that we can't resist. The divine never takes us by storm. God always enters the world in the same way that Jesus did on the first Christmas. God is conceived in a womb and appears as a helpless infant that has to be picked up, nurtured, and coaxed into adulthood. The presence of God in our world depends upon a certain human consent and cooperation. For God to take on real flesh and power in the world we must first do something. What?

The answer to that lies in the way Jesus was born. Mary, Jesus' mother, shows us a certain blueprint, a pattern of how God is born into our world and how faith is born in our lives. What's the pattern? When we look at how Mary gave birth to Jesus, we see there are four moments in the process: (1) Impregnation by the Holy Spirit: Mary so let the seed of God's spirit take root in her that it began to grow into actual flesh; (2) gestation of God within

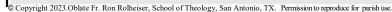
one's body and soul: Mary's flesh began to give physical sustenance to the life of God and this grew into a child which demanded to be born into the world; (3) Stretching and agony of giving birth: Mary experienced the normal birth-pains common to all mothers; (4) nurturing of an infant into adulthood: Mary gave birth to a baby she nurtured as an infant into adulthood. What's implied in each of these?

Looking at how Mary gave birth to Christ, we are given a blueprint that invites imitation not admiration. *Mary is the model of faith*. What she did each of us is called

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of faith. What she did each of us is called upon to do, namely, give birth to God in our lives. Christmas is for marveling at what once took place, but it's also for imitation, for continuing to give God flesh in the world. How do you prove to anyone, yourself included, that God exists?

The object of our faith and worship doesn't appear as a compelling proof at the end of a scientific experiment. God has to be gestated, conceived, conceptualized into the world the same way Mary did at the first Christmas.



## ST. JUDE MISSION STATEMENT

We, the community of St. Jude, commit ourselves to *Iesus Christ our Savior, His teachings and the Tradition* of the Roman Catholic Church. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we embrace and nurture our culturally diverse community through worship, evangelization, renewal and service.

## St. Jude Catholic Church now accepts electronic donations Give Electronically

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Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. Please contact the church office to learn how you can participate. Or sign up online: visit our parish website at www.stjudehawaii.org and click on the "Online Giving" button on the right panel.

For your convenience, volunteers will be available 15 minutes before and after Mass to process donations on the weekends.

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## **—ATTENTION— MINISTRY HEADS & PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Announcements you wish posted in the Bulletin must be submitted to our Pastor, Fr. Khanh, weeks in advance or no later than 5PM TUESDAY afternoon if you wish the announcement posted by that weekend. Requests must be sent via email, NOT BY TEXT. Please indicate the exact information you want published. Staff will not be responsible for finishing incomplete details. announcements approved by Fr. Khanh will be posted. Email your request to: khoang@rcchawaii.org with cc's to thunt@rcchawaii.org and nmwheeler@rcchawaii.org. There will be NO exceptions to late entries. Mahalo!

### PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

## <u>Liturgical</u>

Altar Servers Paula Abrazado **Extraordinary Ministers** Myrna Lactaoen Jim Teson

Lectors

Liturgical/Environment Barry & Belinda Danielson

Marriage Preparation Fr. Khanh Music Donna Caris

Stewardship Socorro DeGuzman

Ushers Mike Reis

## Religious Education / Faith Formation

Baptism Preparation Please call parish office Children's Relig. Ed/OCIA\* Bonnie & Tony Boquer

Youth & Young Adult Keahi Teson (OCIA—Order of Christian Initiation of Adults formerly called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA)

## Social Ministries

Gussie Hayashi Bereavement Bible Study Deacon Will Friese Blood Drive Greg Patch Cash Counters Lucy Pascual Children's Choir Cecily Best Children's Rosary Cami/Kirk Adams

Mary Mosely/Linda Morneau Electronic Offertory

Ed Ryglewicz **Emergency Preparedness** Fellowship Socorro DeGuzman

Food Pantry/Outreach Carolyn Won Homebound Fr. Khanh/Fr. Boniface

Judy Datzman Hospitality Ana Quintal Legion of Mary Parking/Traffic Kalani Frank Deacon Will Friese Prison

Right to Life Teresa Fredericks Rosary-Making Geri Tong

Judy Datzman/Pat Dukes Senior Box Judy Datzman Vocations

Widows/Widowers Theresa Basta

## **Organizations**

Basic Christian Community Deacon Raul Perez Missionary " " " Filipino Catholic Club

Bernice & Nicolas Biscocho Nestor Abellana

Knights of Columbus Lito Alvarez

## Classes

Seniors Theresa Basta

## **SAVE THESE DATES!**

January 20 — Derek Wong's Deacon Ordination at St. Therese Co-Cathedral. 10am. Free bus charter. First Sermon at 5pm Mass followed by Saturday potluck and entertainment. Sign up in the back of church for both.

February 25 — St. Jude 25th Anniversary Celebration. Noon—3:30pm. More information to follow. **Sunday** 

# We make a living by what we get,

## The Epiphany of the Lord

"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

-Matthew 2:11



Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, as Christian Stewards, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

## **Capital Campaign Update!**



As of January 7, 2023

• Amount Collected: \$3,234,341.08

• Remaining Balance: \$113,431.25

Please be sure to indicate: "ST. JUDE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN"

when sending in your donation.

Thank you for your commitment to:

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# but we make a life by what we give.

## ST. JUDE STEWARDSHIP REPORT

July 1, 2023 — June 30, 2024

General Operating Fund \*for new fiscal year\*

July 1, 2023—June 30, 2024 \$ 872,820.00

Weekly Goal \$ 16,785.00

Collections for: 12/30/23 & 12/31/2023\$ 39,051.03

Year to date Budget \$ 453,195.00

Year to date Receipts \$\\ \\$ 494,219.95

Difference: Surplus/(Deficit) \$ 41,024.95

**Building Fund** 

Weekly Goal: \$3,200.00—interest on New Land & CAM

Collections for: 12/30/23 & 12/31/23 \$ 2,215.18

Building Fund to Date \$ 67,069.05

Thank you for your continued generosity! ~Fr. Khanh

## OHANA IN CHRIST

Diocese Annual Appeal 7/1/23 — 6/30/24 St. Jude Goal: \$38,158
TOTAL Amount collected thru November 30, 2023: \$12,535

## LET'S TAKE A MOMENT... By Tere Hunt

Edition #1

What if that was your last Christmas; your last holiday and you would no longer be around to see next Christmas, what would you do differently? What legacy would you leave to your families or organizations you've supported the whole while? Death: a state few wish to consider but one which will eventually become a reality for us. Despite your magnanimous plans, your existence will end. We will all perish someday, every last one of us-yet your mind lingers on what your final moments will hold. By learning to accept death, we can live. Don't pretend death doesn't exist; accept the reality and acknowledge its presence within you, then stirring past the fear of it might help you understand life and live it to the fullest for the first time. Cultivate the time you have left, accept the lessons which will make the remainder of your life not just a series of fleeting days, but intensely alive. LOVE YOURSELF, be kind to you. Forgive your failures. If you cannot complete a task, let go of the pressure of imperfection. Just do the best you can. You will find instances in your life that truly matters. Stop wasting your time toiling long hours, worrying over others' responsibilities. Make room for YOUR priorities and gain richness in your life. Business obligations will pass and money will dissolve. LOVE PEOPLE MORE. Love the people in your life with all your heart and mind and soul. Lunch with a friend or loved one instead of sending holiday mass texts! Take this opportunity to humble yourself, empty the burden of bitterness you've harnessed and make amends with those you've scorned. PRACTICE GRATITUDE. Thank those who served you, celebrate their loyal actions too. Concede the brief journey you have left, your view of life may help transition you to "the other life." And by other life, it's the life guaranteed to us since we entered into this world and sustained throughout our brief survival, the assurance of joining our Great Maker who awaits our rightful place beside Him bound for everlasting life, pain-free.

## -The Pope's Prayer Intention for January-



## For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church

## For Health, Comfort and Healing:

Rudy Lantin, Sam De Silva, Donald Fisher

## For Repose of the Souls:

Joana Begonia

PLEASE KEEP OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN PRAYER

Submit names at 672-8669 to be posted for a month ONE TIME.



Next Sunday's Readings (January 13 & 14, 2024)

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 John 1:35-42

Read / Reflect / Share

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

(Hawaii Catholic Herald, 12/22/23)

"In order to safeguard the sacredness of the Holy Eucharist, Bishop Silva has forbidden that the Eucharist be given to anyone presenting a pyx (see picture) in the Communion line. Only those who are authorized by the parish priest to take Holy Communion to the sick may receive the Eucharist from the priest AFTER the Communion of the faithful, and NEVER DURING the Communion procession." Thank you for your cooperation.



 $\dot{\tau}$  = repose / (h) = health / (tg) = thanks / (st) = safety (m) = memorial of passing / (hb) = birthday / (wa) = wedd. anniv. (sp) - special intentions / r = retirement

## **Intentions For This Week**

1/08	Mon 8AM	William Parsons †	
1/09	Tue 8AM	Beverly Alexander †	
1/10	Wed 7PM	Gerry Kimokeo (hb)	
1/11	Thur 8AMI	Larry Parsons †	
1/12	Fri 8AM	Uilani Brede (hb)	
1/13	Sat 5PM	Bernie Teson (hb) Alfredo Raval † Honorato Del Rosario † Honorata Judilla † Ernesto Arizala † Eduardo Milla Nablas † Linden Jordan Radona Quintal (m/†) Jose Clemente Martinez (m/†)	
1/14	7AM	The People of St. Jude	
	9AM	Joana Begonia †	
	11AM	Stephanie Pang † Sean Segismundo (tg) Tomas Family (tg) Warlita Radona †	
	5PM	Valerio Family (tg) Raymond Aiu † Girlie Saxon (sp) Taj Saxon (sp) Della Conselva (m/†) Donald Fisher (h) Fr. Clarence Zamora (hb)	

Please note that your regular tithes are **separate** from requested Mass intentions. We appreciate <u>any</u> \$ amount for your Mass offering, and even more grateful when date assigned is a last minute request!



When a requested date is unavailable, or if it falls on a Solemnity, it will be offered at the next available Mass.

## UPDATE YOUR PARISH REGISTRATION INFORMATION



you may turn it in to the office or drop it in the offertory at any Mass

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Today's Date:	( ) New to parish (	) Change of Address ( ) Change contact info. ( ) Requesting Envelopes
Name: (Last)	(First)	Date of Birth
Spouse (Last)	(First)	Date of Birth
Address/city/zip:		Ph: (Cell/Hm)
Email:		Interested in Ministry:
Marital Status: Single ( )	Married Civilly () Separated ()	Married By Catholic Priest ( ) Widow <i>er</i> ( )  Divorced ( )
List Children (dependents living w	vith you) Gender/DOB:	

The Epiphany of the Lord (B)

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12



#### THE SEEKERS

I live at a parish in downtown Milwaukee. From my window I watch the world pass by, everyone below in search of one thing or another. Students from the local university seek an education, business folk look for a sale, street people often look for a place to spend the night, teenagers hope to find love. Yet beath all of those longings, in each one there is a deeper hunger that wonders what life is all about and the hope that they might find it. Hidden amidst it all, the real hunger is for God, a longing sewn into our being, sometimes recognized but too often not.



The story of the Magi is a story of seekers making their way from afar in hopes of finding the promised one, a newborn king. Perhaps they knew of this child's divine nature, more likely not, yet it was ultimately that same hunger that exists in all of us that drove them, a deep desire to know God.

Every serious religion seeks to experience God in life and tells the stories of those who have done so. There are Christian mystics like ST. John of the Cross and St. Teresa of Avila, Jewish mystics of the Kabbalah tradition, the Sutis of Islam, Native Americans who go on vision quests, the Hindus who practice yoga, as well as the Buddhists and Taoists and Confucians. Like the Magi, we all seek to find God.

- **Fr. Joseph Juknialis**Parish Community/Liquori Publications

-Reflect-

Does it make sense to you to say that your deepest hunger is for God?

Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the LORD has dawned upon you.

-Isaiah 60:1



On what date was Jesus born? Was it December 25 or some time between December and April, when shepherds watched over their sheep?

Due to the complexity of history's various calendars and ways of calculating time, we cannot be sure of the date. Matthew and Luke, the two Gospels that detail the birth of Jesus, do not give a date.



Early Christians observed an annual feast to remember Jesus' death and resurrection, focusing on the paschal mystery rather than on His birth. As Christianity grew and spread, however, Christians wanted to celebrate more events from Jesus' life. The celebration on December 25 has more to do with an expression of faith in Jesus as Emmanuel, "God with us," than with establishing the exact date of His birth.

December 25 is listed as the date of Jesus' birth in a fourth-century calendar of martyrs, but how this date was chosen is unclear. Some scholars believe Christians in Rome chose December 25 to counteract the celebration of the pagan sun god Emesa. Another theory follows the influences of the seasons: early Christians believed John the Baptist was conceived on the autumnal equinox and born at the summer solstice. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus' conception took place six months after John's. That time line would place Jesus' birth at the winter solstice, December 25 on the Julian calendar. A third theory says Jesus' birth would have occurred on the same date as His death, which we believe to be in the spring at Passover. Regardless of the exact date, we celebrate Jesus as the true Son of God who came to enlighten us and, by His death and resurrection, to give us life.

# The Epiphany of the Lord





In 1975, Cardinal John O'Conner, archbishop of New York, penned a headline in the local Catholic New York paper: "Help Wanted: Sisters of Life." He wanted a religious community of women who would give themselves fully to the protection and enhancement of the sacredness of every human life, beginning with the more vulnerable. Eight sisters founded the new order on June 1, 1991, which has grown to more than 100 sisters in New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Arizona, and the District of Columbia.

On August 1, 2023, the Knights of Columbus awarded Mother Agnes Mary Donovan, Mother Superior, the Gaudium et Spes Award, the highest honor given by the Knights. She is the 13th recipient of this honor. The sisters continue to operate a crisis pregnancy hotline, welcome pregnant women into their homes and care for their babies after birth. They also host post-abortion healing retreats and accompany young adults contemplating an abortion. Through continual prayers and fasting, the Sisters of Life continue their mission of saving lives.

You are cordially invited to a presentation by the Sisters of Life. Meet Sister Veronica and Sister Amata. Join us Monday, Jan. 15th at St. Stephen's at Nuuanu from 5-8pm. Potluck RSVP to vstreff@rcchawaii.org

"We believe that every person is valuable, sacred and irreplaceable." —Sisters of Life



#### New to our parish?

We invite you to Register with us.
A Parish Registration Form can be found at
the back of the church OR
our website at www.stjudehawaii.org

Attending mass at St. Jude does not automatically make you a registered member. You **must** submit a proper registration form.

Children aged 21+ should register themselves as adults.

Friday, Jan 12th—St. Elizabeth. Lifetime Presentation.
Fr. Sheenan Bouquet, Pres. of Human Life Int'l. 5:30-8:30pm
Saturday, Jan 13th — Pray in front of Planned Parenthood
Monday, Jan 15th — St. Stephen's Nuuanu
Sisters of Life Presentation. Potluck Dinner 5:30-8pm

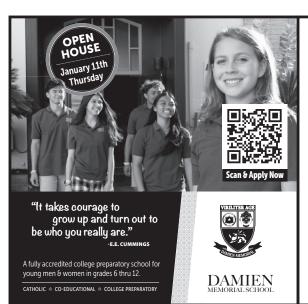
Tuesday, Jan 16th (9am) — RED MASS, Cathedral Basilica of
Our Lady of Peace. Keynote speaker: Eva Andrade
Thursday, Jan 18th (6pm) — St. Theresa Co-Cathedral
Life Mass Adoration with Bishop Larry Silva. Adoration follows.
Friday, Jan 19th (3-6pm) — State Capitol. March for Life Rally
Speakers: Bishop Larry, Sisters for Life

We are called to Love One Another.
Our prayers and presence in the public square can change hearts and minds to believe in the Culture of Life!



# MINISTERS' SCHEDULE - for the weekend of: January 13-14, 2024

	Sat 5pm	Sun. 7am	Sun. 9am	Sun. 11am	Sun. 5pm
Lectors	Anna Judilla Ana Quintal	Kayla Quiocho Roderick T.C. Quiocho	Lana Vargas Lani Wong	Mike Gabbard Joan Divinagracia	Anna Harder Rowena Pilapil-Murphy
EMs	Richard Lacuesta Terry Morales Bernice Nicolas Lesina Peato Elizabeth Recamara Kim Silva	Estrella Asuncion Connie Cruz Tere Hunt Bernadette Robins Aida Turcsik Gwen Valparaiso	Marcie Cabico Dennis Enriquez Jeannie Enriquez Lydia Fontes Grace Mizumoto Trinidad Rita	Nory Bartolome Wilfred Bucher Bernadette Fajardo Lesita Peato Suzette Rivera Marina Takahashi	Brigida Cariaga Judy Datzman Socorro DeGuzman Gisele Rerole
Altar Servers	Derek Wong—Acolyte Gabriel Langford—Cross Tony Domingo—Book	Martin Anacan—Cross —Book	Derek Wong —Cross Pomaika Choo—Book	Derek Wong—Acolyte William Michelson—Cross Jacob Rivera—Book	Gabriel Langford—Cross —Book
Ushers	Elitha Sulkowski Paul Sulkowski	Yvonne Alakai Clyde Vierra	Ransen Pasion Edwin Arellano Makeilah Arellano	Mike Reis Louis Apodaca	Ryan Ferreira
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January 6 — 7, 2024

## OHANA IN CHRIST APPEAL

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## PARISH ADMINISTRATION

**Morning Admin Assistant** Afternoon Admin Assistant Tere Hunt Director of Religious Ed. Youth Ministry Coordinator Keahi Teson **Chief Accountant** Housekeeping/Janitorial Landscaping **Pastoral Council Finance Committee Building Committee** 

Nadine Marchan-Wheeler Bonnie Boquer Lucy Pascual Mary Lou Anacan Joe Anacan Ann Judilla Kalani Frank Roland Calimlim

## Parish Staff Direct Line & Emails

Main Line
Emergency Line (Last Rites) (808) 492-1052
Rev. Khanh Hoang (808) 492-1053 khoang@rcchawaii.org
Rev. Boniface Sakala (808) 492-1054 bsakala@rcchawaii.org
Rev. Clarence Zamora(808) 492-1056 (retired)
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Keahi Teson

### ST. JUDE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Lito Alvarez, Martin Anacan, Edwin Arellano, Angie Armas, Socorro DeGuzman, Ann Judilla, Mark McCann, (Rey) David Rivera, Gregory Patch, Beth Recamara, Mike Reis, Edward Ryglewicz, Shanae Souza, and Lani Wong

#### SAY "Amen!"



proper form when receiving Communion is to reply "Amen" AFTER the Eucharistic minister raises the Host or Chalice and pronounces it, "The Body (or Blood) of Christ." By responding this way, you openly state your belief in the presence of Christ in the Eucharistic bread and wine as well as in His Body, the Church.



January is the month during which our Church celebrates life. This is when we take time recognize that we are all reflections of God and have great value in His eyes from the moment of conception to natural death.

Celebrating life means being pro-human every day of the year. Your life is your message to the world. Make sure it's inspiring!

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind" (Isaiah 65:17).

--Growing in Faith

Mon	1/08	8AM	MASS
		7pm	Youth Faith Formation — mpr/wa
Tues	1/09	8AM	MASS
		9AM	Senior Chair Exercise Classes—la
		7PM	Knights of Columbus—3rd Deg—mpr
Wed	1/10	11:30P	Senior Box (Drive-thru)
		6:50P	Novena to Our Mother of
			Perpetual Help
		7PM	MASS
Thurs	1/11	8AM	MASS
		7PM	Bible Study—mpr
Fri	1/12	8AM	MASS
		9:45A	Ukelele Club—mpr
Sat	1/13	10AM	Family Picnic Meeting—mpr
		3:45P	Confession
		5PM	MASS
Sun	1/14	7AM	MASS  Legend:  MPR — multi-purpose room  WA — worship area
		9AM	MASS $A = A = A = A = A = A = A = A = A = A $
		11AM	MASS  FA — front area of church  BAI — back area inside church
		12:30	Religious Ed Pre-K thru 5th grade—mpr/wa
		5PM	MASS