



WELCOME

Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
A Stewardship Parish

December 14, 2025  
Third Sunday of Advent



Hope Peace *Joy* Love

Pastor: Fr. Michel Dalton, OFM Capuchin

Reconciliation/Confession : Saturdays 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Mass Schedule

Saturdays:	4:30 pm	Sundays:	8:00 am / 10:30 am
Monday:	5:00 pm	Tuesdays:	9:00 am
Wednesdays:	5:00 pm	Fridays:	9:00 am

Our vision: To be a welcoming parish committed to serving others.

Our mission: To make Christ known to the world through Word, Sacrament, Prayer, and Service

## **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CALENDAR Dec 7—Dec 20**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Dec 14</b> <b>Marathon Sunday Mass</b> <b>4:30 pm only</b>  <b>Pickleball, gym,</b> <b>2 pm</b>  <b>2nd Collection:</b> <b>Retirement</b> <b>Fund for</b> <b>Religious</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>Mass</b> <b>5 pm</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>Mass</b> <b>9 am</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>Mass</b> <b>5 pm</b>  <b>Fr. Flanagan</b> <b>Road to</b> <b>Sainthood</b> <b>Prayer Group,</b> <b>6-6:30pm</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>Thrift Shop</b> <b>9 am—noon</b>  <b>Adoration</b> <b>12—1 pm</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>Mass</b> <b>9 am</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>Thrift Shop</b> <b>9 am—noon</b>  <b>Religious Ed</b> <b>See class</b> <b>schedule</b>  <b>Mass</b> <b>4:30 pm</b>
<b>Dec 21</b>  <b>Mass</b> <b>8 and 10:30 am</b>  <b>Art Show</b> <b>Meeting</b> <b>1:30 pm, Last</b> <b>Classroom on</b> <b>First Floor</b>  <b>Pickleball, gym,</b> <b>2 pm</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>Mass</b> <b>5 pm</b>	<b>23</b>  <b>Mass</b> <b>9 am</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Mass</b> <b>4:30 and 7 pm</b>  <b>Parish Office</b> <b>Closed</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>Christmas Mass</b> <b>8 and 10:30 am</b>  <b>Parish Office</b> <b>Closed</b>  <b>Thrift Shop</b> <b>Closed</b>	<b>26</b>  <b>Mass</b> <b>9 am</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>Reconciliation</b> <b>9–10 am</b>  <b>Thrift Shop</b> <b>Closed</b>  <b>Mass</b> <b>4:30 pm</b>

### **Scripture Readings Summary**

#### **Dec 14, Third Sunday of Advent**

([Click for readings](#))

**Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10** Those who languish in exile have reason to hope: The time of liberation is near.

**Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10** Need justice? Liberation? Restoration? Family? God will supply.

**James 5:7-10** Farmers embody patience: firm hearts and no complaints until the day of vindication!

**Matthew 11:2-11** John the Baptist is great. The lowliest one in heaven's reign is greater.

#### **Dec 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

([Click for readings](#))

**Isaiah 7:10-14** The sign that God is with us is found in the birth of a child.

**Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6** Entering the presence of God requires a pure heart and redirected desire.

**Romans 1:1-7** Paul introduces himself to the community at Rome, redefining them in the process.

**Matthew 1:18-24** A righteous man has to consider what's more important: propriety or prophecy?

### **Online Giving**

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By Bob White



#### Stewardship Corner Reflection 492

#### Stewardship at Holy Trinity Catholic Church

#### Receive Your Reward...At The Resurrection

*"Blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to pay you.." (Luke 14:14)*

I recently met a gentleman at a Veterans Day ceremony. He appeared somewhat older than he might actually have been due to his mobility issues. He was wheelchair bound, but proudly wore his Medal of Honor ribbon. I shook his hand and thanked him for his service; he simply smiled and graciously accepted my appreciation. Also in attendance was a high ranking military officer. We chatted briefly and I asked if he had seen the honored veteran...the one in the wheelchair and wearing the Medal of Honor ribbon. Without fanfare, he told me he would be happy to look for and meet this brave veteran and personally offer his thanks. These actions, I believe, are at the heart of St Luke's telling of the parable of the Pharisee's dinner invitation to Jesus...just to demonstrate he had "friends in high places." And the other guests? Well, they tried to be seated close to Jesus...for the privilege of "bragging rights." But Jesus refutes the Pharisee...suggesting it is better to invite the poor...receiving your reward at the resurrection. And as that high ranking officer did...congratulating the wheelchair bound hero veteran...we can do the same. Just offer to say thanks to those who serve at Holy Trinity...and perhaps to join in a ministry service...or add a little more to the offertory. Happy Advent!

**"You Can't Out Do God's Generosity...But We Can Give It A Try "**

#### Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) – Update



Recently, a flyer was distributed providing information on QCD's, the method of making charitable contributions by utilizing Required Minimum Distributions (RMD). Making a charitable contribution directly from your IRA to a qualified 501(c) charity can provide tax benefits by lowering the amount of income that must be claimed on your tax return, while also meeting your RMD requirements.

It is important to note that ***not all of your RMD needs to be used for a QCD***. Any amount up to the total of your RMD can be distributed as a QCD and that will count towards the total RMD. The balance of your RMD can be taken as a normal distribution to yourself. Please consult your tax or financial advisor for details on properly executing a QCD.

#### Marathon Mass Schedule This Weekend!

4:30 pm Saturday, Dec 13th

4:30 pm Sunday, Dec 14th

No Sunday 8 am or 10:30 am Mass on Dec 14th

**IMPORTANT  
REMINDER**



## Special Collection—This Weekend! Retirement Fund for Religious

This weekend, December 13-14, will be our special collection for the Religious Retirement Fund. This special collection is taken up annually to provide financial resources to meet retirement and healthcare needs of our aging retired religious.

Our religious worked for small stipends with little monetary support and as a result, many religious communities lack adequate funding. Today, religious organizations are facing the challenges of providing care for a continually growing number of elderly priests, brothers and sisters.

Let's remember the religious of our youth and the education they might have provided.

Your generosity will be appreciated.



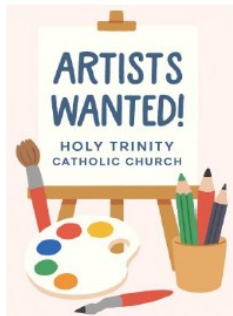
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## Upcoming Funeral Mass at Holy Trinity

### Jesenia (Jesi) Rosenmeyer

Monday, December 22, 2025  
Visitation 9:00-10:00 AM  
Eulogy 10:00-10:30 AM  
Mass 10:30 AM

**May Jessie's soul, and the souls of all the faithfully departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.**



## Art Show Participants

There will be a meeting on December 14th at 1:30 PM for all those interested in participating in the Art Show.

We will meet in the room we are hoping to have the show in...please meet us on the first level of the Parish Center (formerly known as the school) at the last classroom (west side of building).

Any questions? Contact Regina at [snyderhoj001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:snyderhoj001@hawaii.rr.com)

## Thank You for Your Donations!

Mahalo for your generosity to the Hawaii Food Bank during our food drive last month. The 1,315 lbs of food donated along with the \$370 of funds raised is equivalent to 1,891 meals provided to families facing hunger. Your efforts make a huge difference in the fight against hunger in Hawaii.





**Respect Life Corner**  
**Weekend of December 13-14, 2025**

**Jesus, born in a simple stable, help us to remove obstacles in our life so to prepare our hearts for your birth at any hour, at any moment.**

Mary and Joseph were in search of a home for the birth of their child, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Family Promise, a non-profit organization, dedicates its efforts to prevent families from experiencing homelessness by providing them with essential housing. In Hawai'i, one in thirty children go without a home every year and they range in age from keiki in diapers to teens. To help with this overwhelming problem, Family Promise of Hawai'i offers a wide range of services to hundreds of families each year on O'ahu and Maui.



Holy Trinity supported Family Promise on Oahu prior to COVID by housing them in the convent and providing meals for families for up to a three week stay with us. Families would travel from week to week to different churches within the community. The program has now changed on Oahu. Currently Ohana Navigation Centers provide families access to their own unit with private bath, bedroom and kitchenette. This new model gives the families privacy and stability along with flexibility for schedules with work, school, or appointments. In addition, the new model helps prepare families with the skills of caring for their own space so that they can do the same when they move into their own permanent housing.



Service on Maui is different from Oahu. The team there is a Disaster Case Management program that is focused on helping survivors of the wildfires find resources, housing, and support by providing case management services.

This year alone, FPH has served almost 1,000 families—this count does not include the total number of children within each family. As of early November, Family Promise served over 70 families (over 250 individuals) in the interim housing program on Maui specifically. Let us pray that this organization may continue to grow and continue to support families in need within our community and those on all our outer islands.

Here are the top three ways our parish or you and your family can support Family Promise of Hawai'i:

- **Volunteering** to provide our Ohana Night meals at the Ohana Navigation Centers
- Providing "Welcome Home Kits" or other supplies via the **website "Wish List"**
- **Signing up for the newsletter** for real time updates for volunteer opportunities, needs, etc.

***"Mankind is a great, an immense family...This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas."***  
— Pope John XXIII



At Holy Trinity we support and sustain a culture of LIFE. Join us each First Friday, after the 9:00 AM Mass as we pray the rosary while in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We appreciate the support of your prayers. If you have ideas and suggestions to share about activities or topics to pursue, or if you are interested in joining our Respect Life Committee, please contact Debbie at [dkula@rcchawaii.org](mailto:dkula@rcchawaii.org)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
HEALTH, COMFORT AND  
HEALING**

**Bernie Ordonez  
Filomina "Mina" Chung  
Pat Rossman  
Kai Gumataotao  
Aurora Saulo**

Please advise the Parish Office when it is no longer necessary or appropriate to keep names on the list.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
FOR ETERNAL REST**

**Jesenia (Jesi) Rosemeyer**

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**Pray with Phyllis**



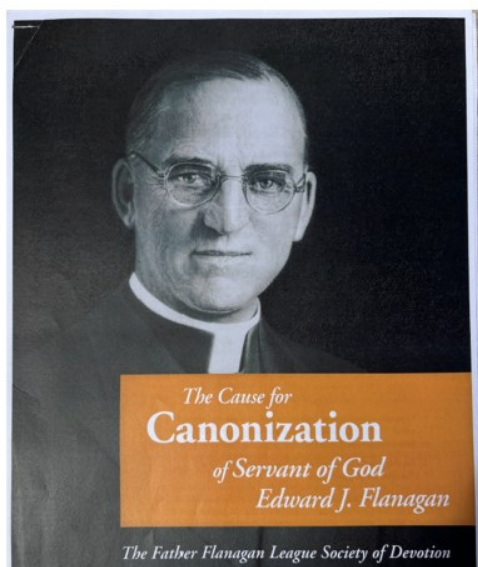
"Whenever I go to the chapel, I put myself in the presence of our good Lord, and I say to Him, 'Lord, here I am. Tell me what You would have me do.' If He gives me some task, I am content and I thank Him. If He gives me nothing, I still thank Him since I do not deserve to receive anything more than that. And then, I tell God everything that is in my heart. I tell Him about my pains and my joys, and then I listen. If you listen, God will also speak to you, for with the good Lord, you have to both speak and listen. God always speaks to you when you approach Him plainly and simply."

- St. Catherine Laboure

**Prayer Group  
The Cause for Canonization of  
Servant of God Edward J. Flanagan**

Wednesday, December 17th  
After the 5:00 pm Mass

Come pray with us.



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**Angel Tree Reminder:  
Gift Cards Due Back This Weekend!**

If you took an ornament from our Angel Tree, your donation is due back this weekend!



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Mahalo for your generosity!

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## Sunday, Dec 14, 2025

### Examine the evidence

When John the Baptist sends his disciples to Jesus to ask if he is the Messiah, Jesus doesn't give them a direct answer but suggests they look at what they see and evaluate for themselves: The blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. If someone as close to Jesus as John had to ask, we can forgive ourselves if at times we wonder about Jesus' saving power in our own lives. Like the disciples of John, we're challenged to figure out for ourselves by examining the evidence—in scripture, in prayer, and in our lives and the lives of loved ones. Jesus doesn't force himself on us; he trusts we have the smarts to see for ourselves.

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11 (7). *"Go and tell John what you hear and see."*

## Monday, Dec 15, 2025

### A vision of hope

Children and prophets see things others don't. The prophet Balaam saw beyond the injustice of his own generation to a time when the nation would be led by a great king who would arise in Israel. We too are called to see with that same prophetic clarity—the clear-eyed wonder of a child who perceives hope where others see only hardship. Consider the hope that comes with a little baby born in a manger as Saint Alphonsus describes it: "Mary invites all, rich and poor, just and sinners, to enter the cave of Bethlehem, to adore and to kiss the feet of her newborn Son. Go in, then, all ye devout souls; go and see the Creator of heaven and earth on a little hay, under the form of a little Infant; but so beautiful that he sheds all around rays of light. Now that he is born and is lying on the straw, the cave is no longer horrible, but is become a paradise."

#### ADVENT WEEKDAY

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27 (187). *"I see him, though not now; I behold him, though not near."*

## Tuesday, Dec 16, 2025

### Permission to enter

Today begins the traditional Mexican festival of Las Posadas, a commemoration of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Customarily neighbors gather together in a procession led by a child in angel's garb and statues of the Holy Family. Together they seek out shelter at three local houses, only to be accepted at the last, where the family hosts a celebration. Seeking to share the path of the Holy Family places one in the vulnerable position of begging entrance into another's home. Remember that vulnerability when you seek to enter the shelter of God's kingdom. For quick reference, think of Saint Augustine's answer to the question of the most essential elements of Christ's teaching: "The first is humility, the second is humility, and the third is humility."

#### ADVENT WEEKDAY; LAS POSADAS BEGINS

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32 (188). *"Jesus said to them, 'Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the Kingdom of God before you.'"*

## Wednesday, Dec 17, 2025

### Give me an O!

These days before Christmas are a time of final preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth. To mark this time the church prays the "O Antiphons." An antiphon, from the Greek word for "responsively," is a short prayer after psalms or biblical songs. They come up in the Liturgy of the Hours, but you also pray a kind of antiphon every Sunday: the psalm response between the first and

second readings. We add the O Antiphons—so called because they all begin with "O"—to evening prayer to make this time before Christmas special. Drawn from Hebrew scripture, each of them helps us to understand Jesus. Time to get to know your Os.

#### ADVENT WEEKDAY (O WISDOM)

Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17 (193). *"O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love; come to teach us the path of knowledge!"*

## Thursday, Dec 18, 2025

### Power to the people

The word *righteousness* may sound a little quaint these days, but the concept behind the word is central to an understanding of what God asks of us. The Hebrew word it corresponds to appears more than 500 times in the Old Testament, and the Greek word it corresponds to more than 200 times in the New Testament. Righteousness is chiefly concerned with ethical conduct: It implies faithfully keeping promises, treating people justly, and adhering to a high moral code. With justice of righteousness, "faith, hope, and charity are poured into our hearts," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "and obedience to the divine will is granted us." We have the power to be obedient to God's will; why not use it?

#### ADVENT WEEKDAY (O SACRED LORD)

Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25 (194). *"O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!"*

## Friday, Dec 19, 2025

### Where to find true royalty

When it came time for the prophet Samuel to anoint a new king to replace Saul, God instructed Samuel to invite Jesse and his many sons to a sacrifice. When Jesse paraded his boys in review before the prophet, God told Samuel that not the oldest, the tallest, nor the most kingly looking were the leader God sought; the next king was to be David, the youngest and lowliest, whom Jesse left tending the flocks and did not even bother to bring along. "The Lord," God says, "does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." If you look past appearances to the hearts of others, you're likely to find true royalty, namely the Prince of Peace.

#### ADVENT WEEKDAY (O FLOWER OF JESSE'S STEM)

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25 (195). *"O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!"*

## Saturday, Dec 20, 2025

### What's inside?

Some years ago, Saint Teresa of Calcutta visited the neonatal intensive care unit of a Boston hospital. As she walked through the doors of the unit, the machines that usually hum and buzz and beep somehow stopped making noise, and every single baby fell silent. Mother Teresa stopped at each crib, spoke with the nurses and parents, had her picture taken holding a premature infant in the palm of her hand, and left. As the doors closed behind her, the usual cacophony of the unit resumed unabated. The calm that surrounded Mother Teresa was a reflection of the peace in her heart. Advent is a good time to notice our own interior state and how it's reflected in the world around us.

#### ADVENT WEEKDAY (O KEY OF DAVID)

Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38 (196). *"O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!"*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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