



WELCOME

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
A Stewardship Parish

December 28, 2025

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



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
Mondays:	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 28–Jan 10

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 28 Mass 8 and 10:30 am Pickleball, gym, 2 pm	29 Mass 5 pm	30 Mass 9 am	31 Mass 5 pm Parish Office Closed	Jan 1 Mass 9 am No Adoration Parish Office Closed Thrift Shop Closed <i>Happy New Year</i>	2 First Friday Mass 9 am Rosary and Adoration to follow	3 Reconciliation 9–10 am Thrift Shop Closed Mass 4:30 pm
Jan 4 Mass 8 and 10:30 am Pickleball, gym, 2 pm	5 Mass 5 pm	6 Mass 9 am Mahjong, Makai House, 1:30 pm	7 Mass 5 pm Bible Study, Parish Office Meeting Room, 6 pm	8 Adoration 12–1 pm Thrift Shop 9 am–noon	9 Mass 9 am	10 Reconciliation 9–10 am Thrift Shop 9 am–noon Religious Ed See class schedule Mass 4:30 pm

Scripture Readings Summary

Dec 28, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

[\(Click for readings\)](#)

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 An old man reminds a young one the debt each generation owes to the last.

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Prosperity will follow the one who follows the will of the Lord.

Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Dress with care in the virtues that are perfected in love.

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 Joseph remains obedient to dreams, angels, and the promptings of God.

Jan 4, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

[\(Click for readings\)](#)

Isaiah 60:1-6 The Lord's city of Jerusalem will become the light of the world.

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 The king will illumine the world with right judgment and justice.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 The mystery now revealed is the unity of the body of Christ.

Matthew 2:1-12 Magi from the East follow a star into an unknown future.

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Stewardship at Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Gift Of Jesus' Love That First Christmas

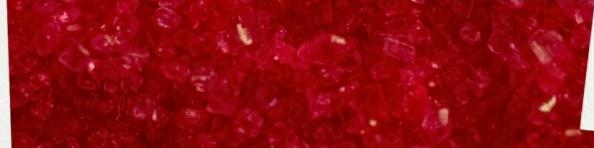
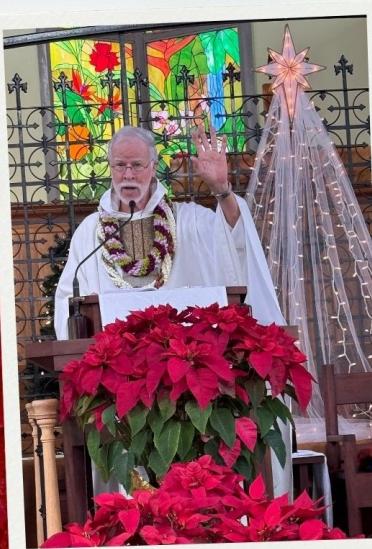
"Let Love be sincere." (Romans 12:9)

It is said that if your outward appearance matches your true inner feelings, then you are sincere. You become the one they call for advice and counsel...you are the one who listens...you might also be the one who volunteers to join a ministry. But what happens when things go in the other direction...no one calls...no one listens...no one joins? It's hard to be sincere and that's why we need to carry on...to continue, to keep the Faith. Remember, it happened to Jesus. He was rejected."...Forgive?"... "Turn the other cheek?" Jesus continued on His mission and so we should continue to be willing to help, to serve, and be sincere. Let's recall His birth in Bethlehem, that first Christmas, and let His gifts to us...our talents and skills be shared with others...let sharing and serving continue to be in the forefront of our lives this coming New Year. Happy 2026!

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

Christmas at Holy Trinity

2025



**Respect Life Corner
Weekend of December 27-28, 2025**



Lord God, from You every family
in Heaven and on earth takes its name.

Father, You are love and life.

Through Your Son, Jesus Christ,
born of woman, and through the Holy Spirit,
the fountain of divine charity,
grant that every family on earth
may become for each successive generation
a true shrine of life and love.

Grant that Your grace may guide
the thoughts and actions of husbands and wives
for the good of their families
and of all the families in the world.

Grant that the young may find
in the family solid support
for their human dignity and
for their growth in truth and love.

Grant that love, strengthened by the grace
of the sacrament of marriage,
may prove mightier than all the weaknesses
and trials through which our families sometimes pass.

Through the intercession
of the Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that the Church may fruitfully
carry out her worldwide mission
in the family and through the family.

We ask this of You, Who is life, truth and love with the Son
and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

(Pope Saint John Paul II)

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

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



First Friday

Please join us on Friday, January 2nd,
after the 9:00 am Mass
for Rosary and Adoration Benediction
of the Blessed Sacrament.

New Year Resolutions

Every year around this time, people make resolutions. Most of the resolutions are about losing weight or exercising. Make 2026 the year that we improve our spiritual health.

Physical resolutions, such losing a lot of weight or exercising a lot more than you have, will lead to failure. We must learn the lesson from the Tortoise and the Hare. Slow and steady wins the race. Small successes gradually lead to a big success. If you want to lose 20 pounds, aim to lose 2 pounds. After that, adjust your goal to another 2 pounds. Slowly and steadily, you will reach your goal.

As for spiritual life, if we say that we are going to pray for 30 minutes each day, we should start by trying to pray 5 minutes a day for a week. If you can do that, increase your prayer time to 10 minutes a day. When 10 minutes a day is your common routine, decide if you need more than 10 minutes a day.

Big changes work for a brief time. If you've been a member of a sports gym, you know how crowded it is until the middle of February when the resolutions start to fail. By March, the gym is back to pre New Year's levels.

In 2026, make small positive changes to your spiritual life. Raise the bar slowly as you get closer to the Lord.

If you need a suggestion, here are a few:

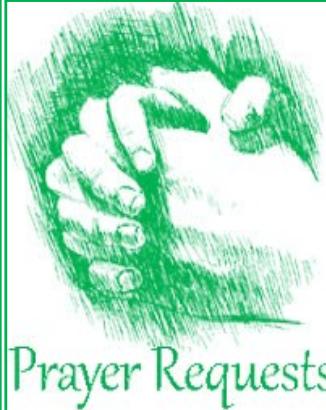
- Daily prayer – same time every day
- Rosary – we have Rosary every Thursday at noon, or say one at home once a month
- Catholic Literature – read about a saint at franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/
- Catholic History – we have 2,000 years of history, look up the writings of the early church Fathers
- Kindness – extend a kind comment to 2 people each day



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

**Bernie Ordóñez
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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2026 Red Mass

Every year, the church prays to the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance for public servants in what is known as the Red Mass. The liturgy, a tradition in the islands for decades, is timed to precede the opening of the state Legislature, which occurs in January.

The Diocese of Honolulu invites all to attend the 2026 Red Mass, scheduled for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa. Bishop Larry Silva will celebrate the Mass; the keynote speaker is Connie Mitchell, executive director of the Institute for Human Services.

Mitchell's topic is "Radical Justice in Tumultuous Times." Her talk will explore how each generation presents unique challenges to people of faith as they strive to heed God's call to "do justice, while loving mercy and walking humbly with God" (Micah 6:8).

Parking at the co-cathedral is free. For special accommodations for persons with disabilities, call (808) 585-3347. Those who are unable to attend in person can watch a livestream of the Red Mass at honolulucathedral.org/redmass.

Please consider attending the Red Mass and joining the church in praying for our elected leaders and public servants. Mahalo!

**Pray with Phyllis
PRAYER FOR A NEW YEAR OF FAITH**

Lord God, as we embark on a new year of faith, may we remember that we do not walk alone, but rather, we journey in community. Lead us to remember that each person we encounter is our brother, our sister and that you have called us to live as you truly taught us—with forgiveness, kindness, compassion, and charity. May the world know who you are by our love. Amen.

- Author Unknown



The Thrift Shop is on Break!

We are closed and will reopen on January 8th, from 9:00am - 12noon.

See you soon!

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You're Invited



*are those who fear
the Lord and walk in his ways.*



Sunday, Dec 28, 2025

Take notice of the poor among us

On the walls of the North American headquarters of the Divine Word Missionaries there is a painting from China that depicts the Holy Family living as Chinese peasants. What's especially interesting is that the painting shows them to be *poor*. In their small hut some paint is peeling from the walls, clothes are patched, and the table has seen better days. While Saint Joseph was probably not desperately poor, he and his family belonged to the vast majority of people who were outside the small elite who controlled most of the wealth and pulled the strings in ancient Palestine. So when Jesus talked about bringing Good News to the poor, he was talking about a whole lot of people, including his own family. What can you do to uplift the poor in your own family and beyond?

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 (17). *"Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus."*

Monday, Dec 29, 2025

Boundaries will set us free

The Russian composer Igor Stravinsky once wrote, "The more constraints one imposes, the more one frees one's self." It may sound paradoxical, but boundaries are necessary in life as well as in art. They provide a structure, a space in which we can most fully explore what it means to live and work and create. Far from restricting our freedom, limits actually give us our freedom. How is this so? Recall a time when you gave yourself unlimited time to finish a project. Did you? Our loving creator gave us commandments for this very reason. They are the constraints that allow us to learn fully who we are—and who God is.

FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35 (202). *"The way we may be sure that we know Jesus is to keep his commandments."*

Tuesday, Dec 30, 2025

A matter of importance

"The world and its enticement are passing away." These words from scripture evoke the dualism so much favored by certain New Testament writers, reflecting a mode of thought in which there continues a never-ending battle between good and evil, the world of darkness and the world of light. Christians believe that the battle is won, the world is redeemed. Yet anyone who has lived long enough knows that redeemed as "the world" may be, it is foolish to expect that worldly things provide us with all we need. This is what Saint Paul means when he speaks of the "things that really matter." We, too, in moments of clarity—after a close call with illness or death—come to recognize what is most important to us. And they are rarely the things that occupy most of our time, energy, or worry. Take time today to reflect on what truly matters in your life.

SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40 (203). *"Do not love the world or the things of the world. ... the world and its enticement are passing away."*

Wednesday, Dec 31, 2025

In with the new

Just before midnight most people will be awake and anticipating the end of one year and the beginning of a new one. But when

scripture talks about endings and beginnings, it means more than putting up a new calendar. The last hour means a new world is about to begin. God has done something new in Jesus. We are reborn to new life through him. "Consider all the past as nothing," says Saint Francis de Sales, "and say, like David; 'Now I begin to love my God.'" How will you begin to love your God tonight, tomorrow, and every day?

SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18 (204). *"It is the last hour."*

Thursday, Jan 01, 2026

Peace offering

In a world torn by hateful discourse, violence, and war, we have been given the Prince of Peace to show us how to live in harmony. God's peace begins within us and then extends to our families, workplaces, schools, churches, marketplaces, and halls of government. We can begin spreading peace with a simple prayer, like the one found in the Book of Numbers: "The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!" With our hearts set on God's peace we can begin to take steps to resolve the small and large conflicts in our lives. What a welcome gift that would be at the start of this new year.

OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21 (18). *"When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,"*

Friday, Jan 02, 2026

Divine revelations

In sin we reject part of our humanity—the humanity of the Garden of Eden, where there is no shame or guilt but an open acceptance of God's love. Fortunately for us, God meets our rejection by continually offering to restore our humanity and share in his divinity. As Saint Basil the Great points out, "It did not suffice God merely to call us back to life, but he has also granted us the dignity of His Godhead." The love God holds for us is so unchangeable it not only brings us back from death and sin but also shows us a path to sharing in God's divinity. That is a truth worth remembering.

MEMORIAL OF BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS, DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28 (205). *"Let what you heard from the beginning remain in you."*

Saturday, Jan 03, 2026

What's in a name?

In the gospels the name of Jesus carries lots of weight. God gave Jesus his name, which means "salvation," before Jesus was conceived. People healed in the name of Jesus. Jesus was present to those who gathered in his name. For his disciples their mission was to proclaim his name to all nations and bring the love of Christ to the world. Thus, living in the name said who you were, what you believed, and what you were to do. "Jesus is the way that you must walk, and the truth that you must believe, and the life that you must live," says Saint John Eudes. Consider what you can do each day to live more fully in the name of Jesus.

MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34 (206). *"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."*

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



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