First Sunday Of Advent
God's Promise Of Real Treasure

Sts. Peter and Paul Church **December 2, 2018**

GOOD NEWS!

If anyone can keep a promise, it's God. His very nature is to be faithful to his promises and to fulfill all he has foretold. His promise after the fall of Adam and Eve was to send us a Redeemer, to bring peace to Jerusalem, and to reestablish his reign on earth. The prophets continually reminded the chosen race of God's fidelity and, although things looked far from their fulfillment, they insisted that God is faithful and would deliver.

Jesus, the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise, comes in two phases. First, by coming as a baby in Bethlehem. This Incarnation and his arrival as Savior is what we're preparing to receive this Advent. Extra prayers, generous giving of your time, and special sacrifices are the best way to ready your soul for his coming.

Jesus' Second Coming will bring to completion what he started on the cross. His glorious return, which all of creation will foretell in those last days, is when the full effects of Christ's victory on the cross will be seen at the judgment of all living creatures.

The advice for all Christians in this period of waiting and preparation is to keep watch; to not allow the delay to lead us to drowsiness. Don't let the vanities of this world dazzle us, for in time, they will become dust.

God promises real treasures that will endure forever, and as we know, God keeps his promises.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection:

Am I preparing my soul for Christ's coming by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving? Have I settled on which concrete acts I will do?

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Reading I - Jeremiah 33:14-16

Jeremiah brought hope to the people by telling them that God's promises had not been forgotten by God. David's dynasty had been destroyed, but out of the remaining stump a new shoot would grow.

Reading II - 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Those in Thessalonica were becoming impatient waiting for Christ's return and had reverted to bad conduct. Paul prayed that their hearts would be strengthened.

Reading III - Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus warned his followers about the signs of destruction. However this destruction was not to be feared. Even in the midst of devastation we can see God's redemptive power.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Second Sunday of Advent

1st Reading– Baruch 5:1-9

Reading –Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel - Luke 3:4, 6

DECEMBER Prayer Intentions from Pope Francis

Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Happy Birthday!

Avon Czerwinski	*December 4*
Valentia Vinca	*December 9*
Tom Gntle	*December 9*
Daryeane Domingo Ramirez	*December 10*
Faye G. Munalem	*December 23*
Ron Guerzon	*December 24*
Mia Fiesta	*December 25*
Verg Palank	*December 26*
Blanche DeConte	*December 26*
Loranzo Alota	*December 28*

SOLEMNITY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Patroness of the United States of America

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed: The Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved and immune from all stain of original sin.

MASSES for this Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, December 7, 6:00 PM Vigil Mass
Saturday, December 8, 8:00 AM and Noon Mass

Note: The 5:00 PM Saturday Mass is for the Second Sunday of Advent

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick in our Parish

Rose & Fidel Adamos
Kiana Rose Adams
Vanessa Alcova
Isaac Alajado
Loranzo Alota
Becky Alota
Darlene Amaroso
Tony Bacani
Michael Bartolome
Ho Lun Big
Olivia Mia Blake
Maniko Brady
Arthur Cababa
Mwejo Capelle
Wini Chow
Teresita M. Custodio
Avon Czerwinski
Regina Czerwinski
Blanche DeConte
Azarias D Dosdos
Shirley Dungo
Tessie Dungo
Charles Goo
Blanche Hansen
Florence Henson
Stanley Ho
Shirlene Iwai
Maria Elena Jencks
Jack Jucewicz
Christopher Jucewicz
Michelle Keely
Charlene Lau
Pat Low
Bona M. Macabare
Charita A Mabon
John M. Masunaga
Craig McCrea
Hilda Mendoza
Brady Metcalf
Thomas Mistysyn
Robert Mistysyn
Edwin Munalem
Betty Ann Nault
Patrice Nielsen
Felicitas R. Noland
Jean Obara
Ray M. Olis
Lourdes Olis
Berry Oloday
Maria Oloday
Judy Orlando
Nancy Pang
Joannita Pangelinan
Yvonne S. Pangelinan
Ephrem Perez
Josefina Perez
Anella Rabauliman
Bregida R. Reyes
Maggie Rotelo
Victoriana Santiago
Ingo Rafael Sharez
Oliver Shilling
Myong Soon Sim
Joseph Anthony Sullivan
Dolores Suredam
Lolita A. Sutton
Edwin Tagura
John Testado
Yolanda Trejo
Myrna Vallespin
Arlyn P. Valmoria
Lydia Velasquez
Ho Chun Wah
Ho Shiu Yan
Theresa Yu
Janleen Maria Xymoon

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Eugene Chang, George DeConte,
Robert Ho and Gordon Lau
and the consolation of their families.

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Care Project

Mahalo for sharing with
our brothers and sisters in need.
Our **Catholic Care Brown Bag Collection** made 40 bags from food you donated last month.
Our next **Catholic Care Brown Bag Collection** is **December 15 & 16, 2018.**
Please come and help if you are able.

Sorting and packing - Dec 17 at 9:00 AM.
Distribution - December 18 and 19.

Mahalo for your sharing your food supplies with those who have less. Your donations help us to help others.

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The next **Hawaii Food Bank Distribution** will be **Friday, December 21st @ 1:15-2:45**.
Last month our volunteers helped distribute 144 boxes to those who qualified for the Federal Surplus boxes.

If you are able to volunteer please come at 11:00 a.m. to check in.

Do you know someone in our parish *who would benefit from receiving a food bag to help them make ends meet?*
Please tell them to contact our
Catholic Care Helpline
(808) 941-0675
All information we receive remains confidential.

Star Light, Star Bright!

A Christmas Program for Children of Women Inmates

This year's party is on **Saturday, December 8, Noon -4:00 p.m. at Women's Community Correctional Community (WCCC).** To ensure the program's continuation, kindly complete the Sponsor Form found at www.gatjplichawaii.org/starlight and e-mail or mail it to our office.

Call or email Paulette Vernay at (808) 203-6722 or pvernay@rcchawaii.org

Save the Date!

March for Life 3:30—9:00 pm
Tuesday— January 22, 2019
Hawaii State Capitol

Mission Appeal for the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa in the aftermath of Typhoon Yutu

The Diocese of Chalan Kanoa (Saipan, Tinian) suffered much devastation due to Category 5 typhoon (hurricane) Yutu. Bishop Ryan Jimenez has requested help to rebuild a church that was destroyed, part of the Chancery Office, and to

provide aid to many who have lost their homes.

- When: Sat, 19 Jan 2019 - Sun, 20 Jan 2019
- Where: Saint John Apostle and Evangelist Church 95-370 Kuahelani Avenue Mililani,HI 96789

If you would like to donate to the recovery effort, **please send your checks to the Diocese of Honolulu, Finance Office, 1184 Bishop Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.**
Clearly mark your check
"For Typhoon Yutu Relief."

FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH

"Saints & Relics"—October 26th

We welcomed Mr. Peter Cruz who gave a slideshow presentation of various Saints and also brought some relics of some youth's confirmation patron Saints that he gathered. From his presentation the youth learned about:

- The lives of some saints including St. Francisco, St. Jacinta, St. Rose of Viterbo, Bl. Imelda Lambertini, and Bl. Rolando Rivi.

The 3 classes of relics:

- 1st Class relic—Christ's Passion Relic or bodily remains of a Blessed/Saint
- 2nd Class relic—Personal item used by a Blessed/Saint
- 3rd Class relic—Item touched to a 1st or 2nd Class relic.

A brief summary of the sainthood process

- The Communion of Saints is a family that works together to help one another achieve heaven through prayers, works, and most especially the Holy Eucharist.

Mr. Peter Cruz allowed the youth time to prayerfully connect with the saints through the relics.

It was a wonderful time of prayer and talking to God who helps us through the saints.

This past Friday, we prepared for Advent by making Advent wreaths for our homes and families.

CCD

Aloha Parishioners, Families, Friends and Visitors,

Beginning on October 7th this year we initiated Our Lady of Fatima Family Rosary. Every Sunday a family graciously accepts to bring our Blessed Mother into their humble homes and pray the rosary daily as a family. The families have shared amazing experiences that are simply heartwarming and memorable. We would like to share their reflections with you throughout the year.

Reflections

It was such a blessing that we were able to take Blessed Mother home with us the first week. I really wanted her because it was the same week that we were celebrating the 10th Anniversary of my daughter's death. We are used to praying everyday and it was so nice to hear the grandkids saying "Good morning Mother Mary!" (Misech Ohana)

Praying the rosary as a family brought me back in time! It reminded me of my days growing up. I was glad to see our children were able to understand what we were doing and why. We took turns daily to be in charge of leading the rosary. We were fortunate to have an uncle visiting from Astoria who joined us in the rosary and a dinner with our entire Ohana afterwards. My uncle was very impressed with Wyatt leading the rosary! "Prayer is Powerful", shared Donayri. (Donayri Ohana)

The Family That Prays Together Stays Together. A slogan created by Fr. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.

Advent Prayer

God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,
As we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.
Amen.

In Christ's Peace,

Bernie Lopez and Anna Flores, Faith Formation Coordinators

STEWARDSHIP

TIME – TALENT – TREASURE

TREASURE

Mahalo for your generous contributions and Faithful Stewardship.

The Collections for ***November 17-18, 2018*** are as follows: **$13,459.89**

Envelopes & Loose Collections	$7,975.98
Mass Intentions	35.00
Electric Votive & Candles	650.75
Total:	**$8,661.73**
Building Fund	$180.00
Outreach	100.00
Donation	120.60
Catholic Care	27.00
All Saints Day	12.00
All Soul's Day	7.00
Altar Flowers	300.00
Stained Glass	2,922.00
Thanksgiving	560.00
Total:	**$4,228.60**

Special Collections:

Campaign for Human Development	$2,504.55
50th Anniversary Bake Sale	816.01
Catholic Communication	10.00
Catholic Charities of Hawaii	2.00
October Rosary	80.00
Advent Mission Concert	140.00
World Mission	17.00
Total:	**$3,569.89**

The Collections for ***November 24-25, 2018*** are as follows: **$21,616.22**

Envelopes & Loose Collections	$ 7,619.52
Mass Intentions	215.00
Baptism	100.00
Funeral	1,000.00
Electric Votive & Candles	695.85
Total:	**$ 9,630.37**
Building Fund	$ 2,582.00
Thanksgiving	2,221.85
Advent Mission	155.00
Donation	90.00
Catholic Care	20.00
All Saints Day	2.00
Immaculate Conception	10.00
Altar Flowers	200.00
Stained Glass	6,666.00
Total:	**$ 11,946.85**

Special Collections:

Campaign for Human Development	$ 30.00
Retired Religious Fund	7.00
World Mission	2.00
Total:	**$ 39.00**

This Week's Events December 2—December 8, 2018

M – Main Church, U–Upstairs Parish Conference Room,
R – Reception room, B - Blue room, G - Green Room,
C – Courtyard

Sunday **December 2**

First Sunday of Advent

6:15 am – Choir Practice (B)
6:15 am – Rosary (M)
8:15 am — Youth choir practice (B)
10:15 am—R.C.I.A.

Monday **December 3**

St. Francis Xavier

6:30 pm – Charismatic Prayer Group (M)

Tuesday **December 4**

St. John Damascene

6:10 am – Rosary (M)
11:15 am – Rosary (M)
7:00 pm – Centering Prayer (M)

Wednesday **December 5**

6:10 am – Rosary (M)
7:30 am – Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help (M)
11:15 am – Rosary (M)
1:00 pm – Legion of Mary, Queen of Peace (R)
6:00 pm – RCIA (B)
6:30 pm – Scripture Study (R)

Thursday **December 6**

St. Nicholas

6:10 am – Rosary (M)
11:15 am – Rosary (M)
5:15 & 6:00 pm – Choir Practice (M)

Friday **December 7**

St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

6:10 am – Rosary (M)
7:40 am - Eucharistic Adoration/Sacred Heart Devotion
10:00 – 11:30 am Confession and Spiritual Direction
10:45 am – Divine Mercy Devotion & Chaplet
11:15 am—International Rosary
11:45 am—Benediction
5:45 pm – Stations of the Cross Devotions (M)
6:00 pm—Vigil MASS for Immaculate Conception

Saturday **December 8**

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation

8:00 am —MASS
11:15 am – Rosary
12:00 noon—Mass
3:30 – 4:30 pm – Confessions (M)

Steve Agrisano Concert

Join our Advent Mission and prepare your hearts for the celebration of Christmas.

December 15th

7:30 PM

Tickets available after every mass in the courtyard.

50th Anniversary

Mahalo to all our parishioners and friends who helped support the 50th Anniversary garage sale.

World Youth Day Panama 2019

Please pray for the youth of the world as they gather in Panama January 22—27, 2019. We hope to be able to send a delegation in 2021. Are you able to say, "Here I am, Lord. Send me"?

Come celebrate the Feast of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

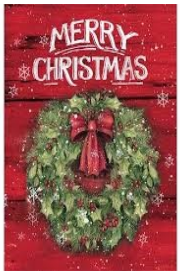
December 12, 2018 at the NOON mass

Mahalo to our families who help us celebrate this special feast of our Lady of the Americas.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

The Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas Cards after all masses. Please stop by their table in the courtyard.



MISA de GALLO

Begins December 16th at 7:00 a.m. and continues through the 9 days at 5:30 a.m.

On Dec 22nd & 23rd mass will be at 7:00 a.m.

Mahalo to all who volunteered to help with our Liturgies and the fellowship.

Mahalo! For those who helped change out the Missalettes.

Advent is Here!

Today is the beginning of Advent, the time when we prepare for Christmas.

The word "advent" comes from the Latin word that means "coming". In Advent we are preparing for Jesus' coming. We look forward to Christmas, which is the celebration of His first coming and we also look forward to His second coming.

Did you know that the most important thing to have ready for Christmas is a clean soul?

During Advent you can try extra hard to be good. It is also a very good idea to go to confession before Christmas so that your soul will be good and clean when Jesus comes!

Answer to Immaculate Conception Word Find: HAIL MARY

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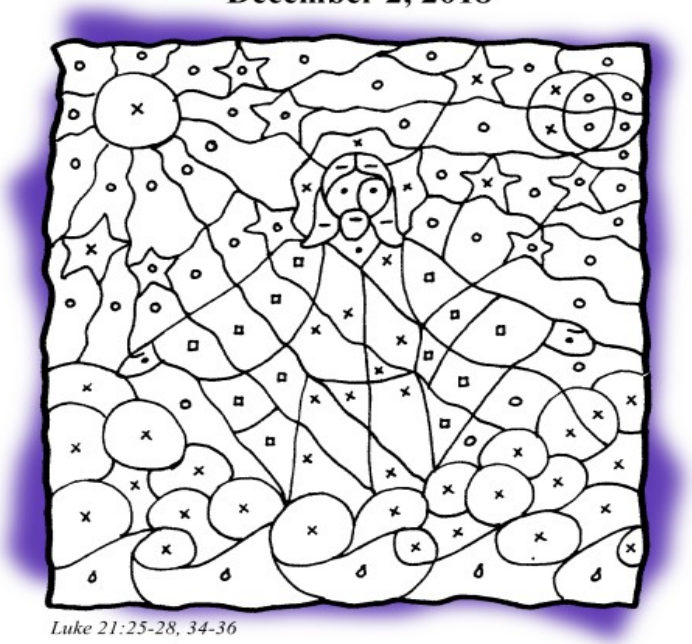

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

In today's Gospel reading Jesus talks about what is going to happen when He comes back at the end of the world.

Use the code to colour in the picture!

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o black	▫ red	– brown