

# The Epiphany Of The Lord

## A Christ For Every Nation

Sts. Peter and Paul Church

January 5, 2020

### GOOD NEWS!

**“Go back where you came from!”** What if the Magi heard this when they came to the house where the Child was, and they heeded that deriding message? The “signs of the times” that they read told them a king had been born. They might not have known exactly where to look, but they knew what they were looking for, and they recognized that king when they found him. These righteous men were not Israelites, yet God revealed this great mystery to them. Furthermore, there is no indication that they eventually became Israelites. Rather, “they departed for their country” (Matthew 2:12). God really does not play favorites.

Then how are we to understand the claim of being God’s Chosen People, whether ancient Israelites or the Christian community? What’s the point of being chosen if you are not the favorite? While acknowledging God’s special love for his Chosen People, both Isaiah and Paul answer this question. The prophet claims that “nations will walk by your light, kings by the radiance of your dawning” (Isaiah 60:3), and Paul says “the stewardship of God’s grace... was given to me for your benefit” (Ephesians 3:2). In other words, some have been chosen by God to bring the light of God’s love to others.

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates two important realities—the revelation of God to all people and the responsibility to reveal that astounding mystery to others. The Magi personify both realities. They were men of another faith tradition to whom God revealed the mystery of the Incarnation, and they returned home and probably proclaimed to others the wonder of that mystery.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

**For Reflection:** *How respectful are you of the religious quests of others? In What ways might your life shine the light of God’s love on others?*

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### January Prayer Intentions from Pope Francis

#### **Promotion of World Peace**

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

### PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

*Please pray for the sick*

Kia Rose Adams	Stanley Ho
Danney Ah Quin	Maria Elena Jencks
Loranzo Alota	Jack Jucewicz
Becky Alota,	Christopher Jucewicz
Darlene Amoro	Darren Kaupu
Eddie Bantolina	Henry Kim
Adela Barbosa	Gilbert Mariano
Ho Lun Big	Richard McCrea Jr.
Olivia Mia Blake	Edwin C. Munalem
Charmaine Boyd	Betty Ann Nault
Frankye Boyd	Natividad Nicolas
Arthur Cababa	Carmencita Oasan
Susie Cababa	Olivia B Olegario
Willis Chang	Judy Orlando
Milanie Cleofas	Verg Palank
Avon Czerwinski	Andrea Pontillas
Regina Czerwinski	Hailey Rosetti
Teresita Custodio	Jack Sanders
Blanche DeConte	Charles Simms
Aida Diao	Rita Stocker
Shirley Dungo	Rafael Inigo Suarez
Tessie Dungo	Lolita Sutton
Yuriko Enomoto	Lisa Tang
Encornita Esteban	Ruth Tavares-Toma
Douglas Ferreira	Francisca Untalan
Robert Heilser	Khristian Vinca
Arthur Ho	Theresa Yu

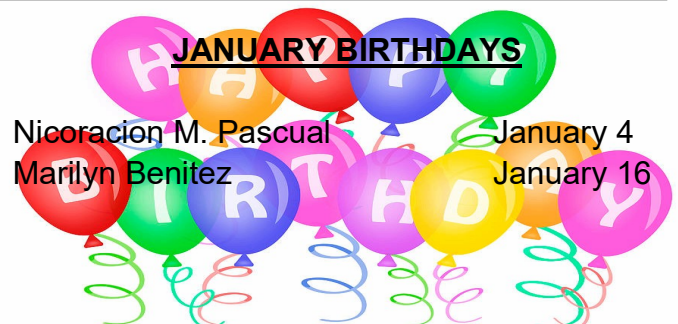
### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Nicoracion M. Pascual

Marilyn Benitez

January 4

January 16



# STEWARDSHIP

## TIME – TALENT – TREASURE

### TREASURE

*Mahalo for your generous contributions  
and Faithful Stewardship.*

The Collection for **December 21—22**, is as follows:

**\$17,720.00**

*(Due to the bulletin submit to print deadline the Christmas  
and the Dec. 28-29 is not available.)*

### ENVELOPES

Envelopes & Loose Collections	\$10,067.67
Baptism	300.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 90.00
Electric & Votive Candles	<u>\$881.61</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$11,339.28</b>

<b>IDENTIFIABLE</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>UNIDENTIFIABLE</b>	<b>68%</b>

Building Fund	\$3,054.21
Outreach	32.25
Donation	1,100.00
Immaculate Conception	85.00
Thanksgiving	5.00
Christmas	<u>560.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,836.46</b>

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

Retired Religious Fund	\$ 30.00
Missa de Gallo	1,163.26
50th Anniversary Stole	350.00
CCHD	<u>1.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,544.26</b>



**Gifts, Pledges & Grant Total:**  
**\$1,113,392**

We want to thank those of you who have given to our campaign by your pledges and gifts. We have met our \$50,000 Match Grant with MCM Fund thanks to your generosity! We are pleased to announce that our parish raised **\$225,518** in pledges/gifts in the month of December, from Giving Tuesday, Match Grant and December Year End Donations. If you have any questions or need assistance in making a pledge, please contact Wendy at our parish office 385-7729 or [campaign.sspp@rcchawaii.org](mailto:campaign.sspp@rcchawaii.org)



### This Week's Events **January 5—11, 2020**

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

#### Sunday **January 5**

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

6:15 am —Rosary (M)

8:15 am — Youth choir practice (B)

~~6:00 pm – RCIA (R) resumes January 12~~

#### Monday **January 6**

*St. André Bessette, Religious*

6:30 pm – Charismatic Prayer Group (M)

#### Tuesday **January 7**

*St. Raymond of Penyafort*

6:10 am – Rosary (M)

11:15 am – Rosary (M)

#### Wednesday **January 8**

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)

7:00 pm – Centering Prayer (U)

#### Thursday **January 9**

6:10 am – Rosary (M)

11:15 am – Rosary (M)

6:00 pm—Scripture Study

7:00 pm – Choir Practice (M)

#### Friday **January 10**

6:10 am – Rosary (M)

7:40 am - Eucharistic Adoration/Sacred Heart Devotion

10:00 – 11:30 am—Confession

10:45 am – Divine Mercy Devotion & Chaplet

11:15 am—International Rosary

11:45 am—Benediction

5:45 pm—Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday **January 11**

11:15 am – Rosary

3:30 – 4:30 pm – Confessions (M)

5:00 pm—Saturday Vigil Mass

## SOCIAL JUSTICE



**OUR NEXT MONTHLY PARISH  
FOOD COLLECTION IS January 18 & 19.**

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***Our parish also serves as a distribution  
center for the Federal program for Seniors.***

*Mahalo to our volunteers who helped by  
registering people, passing out water and  
refreshments and translating.*

*The next **Hawaii Food Bank Distribution** will be  
Friday, January 17th from 1:15 to 2:45 p.m.  
Volunteers are asked to come at 11:00 a.m.*

## FAITH FORMATION

### CCD CLASSES

**Will resume on January 5th  
after the 9:00 am Mass.**

### YOUTH

**Next meeting is January 11 at 6:30 p.m.  
Please see the website or call the office if  
you would like to attend**

### RCIA

The Catechumenate period of the program has begun. We meet at Mass on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. and are dismissed for discussion and prayer. We end at 7:30 p.m. We begin again January 12th.

### SCRIPTURE STUDY

We begin a new Liturgical Year in the Gospel of Matthew. Please join Father Clement for an engaging discussion of the Lectionary readings for the next Sunday.

Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m.  
(resumes Jan 9th)

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### RED MASS

**Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace  
January 14, 2020 at 9:00 am**

A 700-year-old tradition in Europe, was introduced to the United States early last century and has been celebrated in Hawaii since 1955. The Mass is celebrated in January, when the state legislature opens with prayer to the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance for our islands' public servants. It is named for the color of the vestments used for a Mass of the Holy Spirit. This year's speaker will be the head of a ministry to youth and young adults (EPIC), Kainoa Fukumoto. "The roles of church and government are often at odds with each another in our modern society. Caught in the middle is the millennial generation whose influence is affecting the way both institutions operate."

