



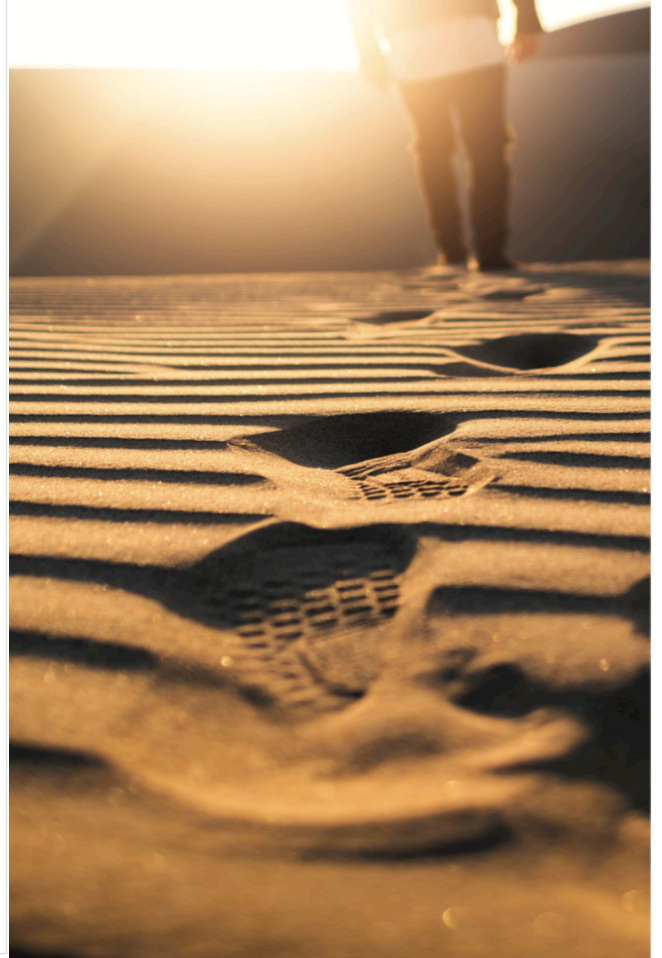
STs. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH

Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 2020

**Sunday Liturgy schedule: Saturday
(anticipated) 5 pm
Sunday 7, 9 and 11 am and 6 pm.**


Please check the website and Facebook for Daily Mass updates. Please be aware that we will be limited to 25% of capacity in our sanctuary. If you are 10 years or older, you will be required to wear a mask. We ask you to maintain a minimum distance of 6ft. between households. You do not need to register for mass, but please plan on coming early at least a half hour before Mass begins to check in. We will need to take attendance. Please keep in mind, for those of you who fall into a "vulnerable" category, are sick, or do not feel comfortable returning to Mas, our Bishop Larry Silva, has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday through February 16, 2021 for those who are most vulnerable. In his latest letter, he encourages all of us who are able to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion. You can find his letter at <https://www.catholichawaii.org/media/650208/bishops-letter-re-mass-obligation-12-6-2020.pdf>

[John the Baptist said,] "There is one among you whom you do not recognize whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie"
JOHN 1:26—27



Please, Kokua! Keep doing our essential parts: Wear face mask/covering, WALK/WAIT 6 feet apart, and WASH hands thoroughly and regularly. Mahalo

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The office remains closed to walk-in visitors, but please call the office and make an appointment or leave a message if we can help in any way.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT *Cycle B*

Who Are You?

Good News!

Is 61:1–2a, 10–11; 1 Thes 5:16–24; Jn 1:6–8, 19–28

So far the readings for Sundays in Advent have shown God leading the people into a new way of life—a way of righteousness and loyalty, of honesty and responsibility. Today the readings show the people beginning to see that the accomplishment of this transformation would come through the leadership of one individual. Who might that person be?

The passage from Isaiah describes a prophet, one anointed by God and bringing good news to the poor. When the Baptist appears on the scene in John's Gospel, people wonder if it might be him. He insists he is not the one, nor is he a prophet. Then, "Who are you?" (John 1:19) Recalling the passage from Isaiah read on the First Sunday of Advent, John tells them he is the one repairing the road, getting it ready for the long-awaited one to arrive. He adds that his baptism is a baptism of repentance. He is readying them to be what Paul describes as "perfectly holy...blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

We now see that these readings are preparing us for salvation. We are now told that such divine graciousness will be inaugurated by an individual, one who has not yet been identified. Will it be a powerful king? A mighty warrior? A spectacular prophet? Those in the time before Christ didn't know. We now know that it will be someone powerful enough to initiate a revolutionary change in the lives of the entire people. Now waiting gets exciting.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection:

- * *How might you envision this long-awaited one?*
What do you think the nation needs in a leader?
- * *What kind of revolutionary transformation do you think we need today?*

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*Please pray for the repose of the soul
of +Fr. Jack Ryan
who died December 7, 2020.*



December Prayer Intentions from Pope Francis

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Date		Intentions	Celebrant
Sat Dec 12	5:00 PM	Parishioners	Fr. K
Sunday Dec 13	7:00 AM	+ Eleuteria Reyes-Cruz (all masses) + Maria Mai Nguyen + Arthur Herzberg Fr. Scott Bush (H)	Fr. Cl
	9:00 AM	+ Naty & Nick Arato + Maria & Juah Camacho + Phyllis Smith Brooks	Fr. K
	11:00 AM	+ Peter Michael John + Baby Eden John + Baby John	Fr. K
	6:00 PM	Akua Menssah (H)	Fr. Cl
Monday Dec 14	7:00 AM	+ Cesar Lu Meneses	Fr. K
	12 NOON	Joseph family, Chau & Vi	Fr. K
Tuesday Dec 15	7:00 AM	+ Cesar Lu Meneses	Fr. Cl
	12 NOON	Franz & George Weidman Family (SI)	Fr. Cl
Wednesday Dec 16	7:00 AM	+ Cesar Lu Meneses	Fr. K
	12 NOON	+ Frank De Ocampo	Fr. Cl
Thursday Dec 17	7:00 AM	+ Angela B. Armendi	Fr. CL
	12 NOON	+ Ruth Tavares-Toma	Fr. K
Friday Dec 18	7:00 AM	+ Philips Falk	Fr. Cl
	12 NOON	+ Ed Bernal	Fr. Cl
Saturday Dec 19	Private	Franz & George Weidman Family (SI)	
	5:00 PM	Parishioners	Fr. K
Sunday Dec 20	7:00 AM	+ Eleuteria Reyes-Cruz (all masses) + Maria Mai Nguyen Scott Gannaway (H)	Fr. K
	9:00 AM	+ Terry & Tony Nuivo Jean Dock (H) + Phyllis Smith Brooks	Fr. Cl
	11:00 AM	Sue Jahnke (H) Franz & George Weidman Family (SI) + Joseph & Mary Rae Wolf + Celeste Consancio + Byung In Min	Fr. Cl
	6:00 PM	Cindy Adams (H)	Fr. K

STEWARDSHIP

TIME – TALENT – TREASURE

PREPARE THE WAY

- * **Advent Prayer, Holy Hour and Individual Confessions**
Friday, December 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
- * **Advent Novena**
Begins December 16, 2020 before Mass
- * **Christmas Masses**
December 24—4 pm, 6pm, Midnight
December 25—7, 9, 11 am & 12:30 pm



*We apologize but the Food collection was Dec. 12 & 13
Our next Parish Food Collection is December 19 & 20—
Please bring in your nonperishables next month*

WE ARE GREATLY IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- **Canned meats: tuna, chicken, spam, Vienna sausage, corned beef**
- **Non-fat powdered milk**
- **Rice (Individual microwave or 5 lb. bags)**
- **Instant oatmeal and cereal (Individual packs)**
- **Chewy granola bars**
- **Canned vegetables, soups, stews, pastas**
- **Apple sauce, fruit & pudding cups**
- **Snack size raisin boxes and cookies**

If you would like to give a financial donation, we would be happy to do the shopping for you! You may donate online at www.sspeterpaulhawaii.org.

Direct your donation to the Catholic Care Project or mail your check to the parish office.

Mahalo for your generosity.

The next Olakino Produce Distribution is December 30.

Our food bags are distributed the last week of every month when food stamps typically run out. Your generosity fills the gap for those who are in need.

If you or someone you know is in need of food, please contact our parish office at (808) 941-0675 ext. 2

This project is sponsored by our Parish Social Mission Catholic Care Project and will serve the needs of our parish kupuna and families who are struggling with food insecurity.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact our parish office

TREASURE

Mahalo for your generous contributions and faithful stewardship contributions.

Totals for December 5—6, 2020:

Sunday offering & Stewardship	\$6,323.00
Seminarian Education Fund	678.00
Building Fund	295.00
Outreach & Olakino	1,070.00
Baptism & Blessing	100.00
Mass Intentions	355.00
Immaculate Conception	20.00
All Souls/All Saints	45.00
Thanksgiviing	100.00
Christmas	85.00
Diocesan Retired Priests	185.00
Giving Tuesday	25.00
Second Collections	96.00
Donation	<u>170.00</u>

Total: \$ 9,547.00

Our online giving is available (see our website).

*The collection total for Nov. 30—Dec. 5, 2020
online giving is: \$ 7,593.91.*

Stewardship	\$ 1,095.00
Building Fund	40.00
Catholic Care Project	50.00
Shaping the Future Campaign	395.00
Matching Gift/Giving Tuesday	5,740.00
Olakino Product Program	150.00
Mass Intentions	30.00
Donation to offset fees	93.91

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

December 12/13—Retired Religious Fund (National)
December 26/27—Building Fund



Dear Padre,

Who was John the Baptist?

What we know about John the Baptist comes from a combination of Scripture and Church traditions that evolved during and after the writing of the Scriptures of the New Testament.

John's parents were Zechariah, who was a priest in the Jerusalem Temple, and Elizabeth, who was related to Mary. The angel Gabriel told Zechariah that his wife would bear a son, even though she was quite old. It is believed that John was born in the region of Ain Karim, southwest of Jerusalem. When he was in his early twenties, he was a member of the Qumran community, and later was a hermit in the desert. John began his public ministry in his late twenties in the Jordan River Valley. His preaching followed the long line of Jewish prophets who preached against the evils of the day and demanded inner repentance and outer baptism as a sign of that repentance.

John continued his preaching in the Jordan Valley even after encountering Jesus. Eventually John was arrested by Herod Antipas and imprisoned at Machaerus Fortress by the Dead Sea. He was beheaded at the request of Salome, the daughter of Herodias, and buried at Sebaste, in Samaria. After John's death, many of his disciples followed Jesus, including Andrew and John.

John, whose name means "God is gracious," is usually represented in pictures holding a long slender cross with a small lamb partially hidden behind him.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



NIKOLAUS OF HAGUENAU AND MATTHIAS GRÜNEWALD: JOHN THE BAPTIST DETAIL OF THE ISENHEIM ALTAPIECE



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Anxieties, difficulties, and sufferings permeate our lives, and so many times the reality around us seems to be inhospitable and arid, like the desert....But the words of [John] the Baptist reveal that our joy rests on the certainty that this desert is inhabited: "Among you there is one whom you do not know."

—ANGELUS, GAUDETE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 14
Advent Weekday
Nm 24:2–7, 15–17a
Mt 21:23–27

Tuesday

DECEMBER 15
Advent Weekday
Zep 3:1–2, 9–13
Mt 21:28–32

Wednesday

DECEMBER 16
Advent Weekday
Is 45:6c–8, 18,
21c–25
Lk 7:18b–23

Thursday

DECEMBER 17
Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8–10
Mt 1:1–17

Friday

DECEMBER 18
Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5–8
Mt 1:18–25

Saturday

DECEMBER 19
Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2–7, 24–25a
Lk 1:5–25

Sunday

DECEMBER 20
Fourth Sunday
of Advent
2 Sm 7:1–5, 8b–12,
14a, 16
Rom 16:25–27
Lk 1:26–38