



The Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2021

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 Mass, 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. Your safety and health is foremost.

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*All from Sheba shall come
bearing gold and
frankincense, and heralding
the praises of the LORD.*

ISAIAH 60:6



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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Sts. Peter & Paul Church Honolulu

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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD *Cycle B*

Do You See What I See?

Good News!

Is 60:1–6; Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6; Mt 2:1–12

Today's Gospel answers this question quite definitively:

No! Not everyone saw the guiding star in the sky. Not even those who, presumably, knew the prophecy found in the reading from Isaiah. That ancient prophet announced to the people of Jerusalem: "Your light has come" (Isaiah 60:1). In fact, he promised them they would be so embraced by that light, they themselves would shine brightly with its radiance. But when the time came, not everyone saw it. Or, having seen it, they did not recognize it.

The people of Jesus' time were not ignorant of these prophecies. They knew what they meant and to whom they referred. Consequently, when the stargazers who saw the light inquired about it, those to whom they inquired knew where to send them. So what was the problem? Why were those men in Jerusalem not excited about the star? Very simply, a new king meant a rival king, and those who had power weren't eager to relinquish it.

We know that not everyone in Israel rejected Jesus. Shepherds had already thrilled at this birth. Someone in Bethlehem had opened his home to this child and his parents. Now we add to them the stargazers from another country. It seems the invitation to come to him is extended to all: political and religious leaders, the unsophisticated and marginalized, the established homeowner, the foreigners in their midst. They are all asked: "Did you see what I saw? What do you think of him?"

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection:

- * *How open are you to new thinking?*
- * *God's invitation is offered to all. Is there any group of people you might have marginalized?*

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January Prayer Intentions from Pope Francis

Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Date		Intentions	Celebrant
Sat Jan 2	5:00 PM	Parishioners	Fr. Cl
Sunday Jan 3	7:00 AM	+ Alfred Mendiola Romero & Aurora Balallo (Anniversary)	Fr. K
	9:00 AM	+ Mabelle C. Macdonald + Terry & Tony Nuivo Trina Toves (H)	Fr. K
	11:00 AM	Paulino & Elizabeth Secretaria (Anniversary) Paulino Secretaria (BD)	Fr. Cl
	6:00 PM	Noreen Toves-Phillips (SI) + Wing Yee + Adela Bae	Fr. K
Monday Jan 4	7:00 AM	C.J. Kushman, Sr. (H)	Fr. K
	12 NOON	Joseph and ancestors and well being of Chau & Vi & family	Fr. K
Tuesday Jan 5	7:00 AM	Maria Goretti Cox (SI)	Fr. K
	12 NOON	+ Teresa Park	Fr. K
Wednesday Jan 6	7:00 AM	+ Nestor Oneisom	Fr. K
	12 NOON	+ Teresa Park	Fr. K
Thursday Jan 7	7:00 AM	Ignacio C. Benavente (H)	Fr. K
	12 NOON	+ Ruth Tavares-Toma	Fr. K
Friday Jan 8	7:00 AM	Ignacio C. Benavente (H)	Fr. K
	12 NOON	+ Teresa Park	Fr. K
Saturday Jan 9	Private	Manlolo Family	Fr. Cl
	5:00 PM	Parishioners	Fr. K
Sunday Jan 10	7:00 AM	Warren Pak (BD)	Fr. Cl
	9:00 AM	+ Naty & Nick Arato + Terry and Tony Nuivo	Fr. K
	11:00 AM	+ Teresa Park	Fr. K
	6:00 PM	+ C. Ching	Fr. Cl

*Please pray for the repose of the souls
of +Adela Bae and +Merv Young
who died December 22 & 24, 2020.*



STEWARDSHIP

TIME – TALENT – TREASURE

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic, Bishop Larry Silva has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass to all people of the Diocese of Honolulu and all visitors to the Diocese of Honolulu through February 16, 2021, Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. All who are able to attend Sunday Mass without putting themselves or others at serious risk of infection, are encouraged to do so, but are not obligated

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame

So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen



Mahalo to all who helped with the Olakino Produce Distribution on Wednesday, December 30, 2020. Our next one will be Saturday, January 16, 2021

MAHALO Liturgical Ministers, Faith Formation families, parking attendants and especially our environment team for the beautiful Christmas celebrations. We welcomed back quite a few parishioners we haven't seen since March 17th. It was so nice to see your cheery faces (or at least your eyes). Stay safe!

TREASURE

*Mahalo for your generous contributions
and faithful stewardship contributions.*

Totals for December 24—27, 2020:

Sunday offering & Stewardship	\$ 9,861.16
Building Fund	1,727.00
Outreach	30.00
Catholic Care	110.00
Mass Intentions	152.00
Olakino Produce Project	55.00
Christmas	10,721.75
First Offering	34.00
Holy Days and Feasts	240.00
Breaking Bread Missalette donation	5.00
Retired Religious Fund	115.00
Second Collections	164.00
Donation	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total:	\$ 24,714.91

Our online giving is available (see our website).

*The collection total for **Dec. 21—23, 2020**
online giving is: **\$ 329.54.***

Stewardship	\$ 150.00
Building Fund	35.00
Catholic Care Project	10.00
Shaping the Future Campaign	10.00
Matching Gift/Giving Tuesday	60.00
Olakino Product Program	20.00
Mass Intentions	40.00
Donation to offset fees	4.54

MAHALO!

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION
\$1,727.00



SHAPING THE FUTURE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation will be collecting pledges for the parish. You will be receiving a letter from them shortly to confirm the pledge amount. Please let us know if there are any discrepancies as some of the pledges were deposited through the parish accounts.

Dear Padre,

A friend who is a fundamentalist insists Epiphany happened exactly as it says in the Bible. I say there's no way it could have. Who is right?

Catholics believe each book of the Bible needs to be appreciated according to the principles of its own literary genre. We don't look to the Gospels for modern critical history or unbiased biographical/reportorial fact-telling.

The four Gospels were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Each Gospel writer uses human skill to craft a true story, presenting the saving mystery of our Lord's life, death, and resurrection so that readers may come to know Christ, share his life, and be saved.

Every story in the Gospels is shaped to communicate saving truth, but not every story is told as a direct "just the facts, ma'am" report of sequential events. So there is a saving sense in which, yes, the Epiphany happened exactly as it says in Matthew 2:1–12. And there is a more literal sense in which, no, the Epiphany probably did not happen exactly as it's recounted.

What is most certain is the Gospel's saving message of the birth of our true king, the light to all nations, before whom we offer homage and who, when we encounter him, will change our lives and send us home in a new path.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR
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ADORATION OF THE MAGI BY BARTOLOMÉ ESTEBAN MURILLO/WIKIPEDIA

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 4

*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Religious*

1 Jn 3:22–4:6

Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

Tuesday

JANUARY 5

*St. John Neumann,
Bishop*

1 Jn 4:7–10

Mk 6:34–44

Wednesday

JANUARY 6

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:11–18

Mk 6:45–52

Thursday

JANUARY 7

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19–5:4

Lk 4:14–22a

Friday

JANUARY 8

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5–13

Lk 5:12–16

Saturday

JANUARY 9

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14–21

Jn 3:22–30

Sunday

JANUARY 10

Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1–11

1 Jn 5:1–9

Mk 1:7–11



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

As we begin the New Year, may we discover anew that faith demands worship....For worship involves making an exodus from the greatest form of bondage: slavery to oneself. Worship means putting the Lord at the center, not ourselves.

EPIPHANY HOMILY, JANUARY 6, 2020