## First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021

[Jesus said,] "Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent." LUKE 21:36

## **WEEKEND MASSES:**

Saturday:(Sunday Anticipated) 5:00pm Sunday Morning: 7:00 a.m. 9:00a.m. 10:30a.m. NOON Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

*For this week only (Nov. 29-Dec. 3)* Monday: 7:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. Tuesday—Friday: <u>Holy Communion Service</u> (*No Mass*) 7:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

## **RECONCILIATION:**

Friday 10:15 – 11:30 a.m. Saturday 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

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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# Thanksgiving 2021

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

As we approach Thanksgiving, I can't help but appreciate even more the countless blessings we've received since last Thanksgiving. I recall the church was filled with parishioners and friends to give thanks to God and it was so special and heart-warming.

Even in the midst of the pandemic, because of your loving support and continued generosity, we were able to carry on the mission entrusted to Sts. Peter and Paul and to secure the 771 Amana property which we acquired in December 2020. Meetings were held with the parish leadership for the usage of the building as well as to consider naming the building the Emmaus Crossroads Center for Community Care & Action, as proposed. In the coming months we will share with the parish the vision and community programs that will be housed in the community building.

In giving thanks for all of our blessings, we are filled with gratitude for your contributions that help our parish remain strong and financially solvent. As the end of 2021 approaches, we propose for your tax report, to consider making a gift on Giving Tuesday - 2021 (November 30), a day which reimagines a world built upon shared humanity and solidarity with many facing serious food insecurity due to the prolong pandemic and economic instability. This year, we sincerely invite you to discern your year-end donation to our Capital Campaign to support the Olakino program for additional monthly distribution of fresh produce and dairy products.

Thank you for your ongoing support and love to Saints Peter and Paul. With a heartfelt Mahalo, we wish you and yours a Thanksgiving of joy and of hope for new days to come.

With blessings in abundance,



Warmest Aloha,

Fr. Khanh

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT "Birth Day"

#### **Good News!**

#### Jer 33:14–16; 1 Thes 3:12–4:2; Lk 21:25–28, 34–36

Our birth day is not the anniversary of our birth—that is our *birthday*. Our birth day is the actual day of our birth. However, we do have a second birth day and it is this day to which this Sunday's readings refer. We might call it our final birth day, the day when we are born into fulfillment. Jeremiah assures us that will be the day when God's promises will be fulfilled in us. We will finally have a righteous leader; the nation will be safe, and the place where God dwells amid the people will be secure.

In the Gospel, Jesus is probably speaking figuratively about the end of the world—at least the end of the world as it is known to humans. However, it is not the end of everything, for after cosmic destruction takes place, "then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:27). After suffering the so-called birth pangs of the Messiah (see Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time), something new will appear; we will see that our redemption is at hand. We will be born into a new life in a new world.

Advent is the time to look forward to this new birth day of fulfillment. We do not simply await the anniversary of Jesus' human birth day, for that day announced the coming of the final birth day of each of us. *His* birth announces *our* new birth.

#### Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

#### For Reflection:

- \* How are you preparing for your final birth day?
- \* What do you find most striking in today's readings? Why?

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#### <u>November Prayer Intentions from Pope Francis</u> People Who Suffer from Depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

Date		Intentions	Celebrant
Sat Nov 20	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	Fr. Khanh
	7:00 AM	+ Tony & Terry Nuivo + Nick & Natty Arato	Fr. Khanh
	9:00 AM	+ Nestor Oneisom + Edwin Munalem + John Alden	Fr. Khanh
Sunday Nov 28	10:30 AM	Hai & Ha Family (Th) Elizabeth Secretaria (BD)	Fr. Greg
	12 NOON	+ Chung Ja Carrell	Fr. Khanh
	6:00 PM	Souls in Purgatory Benjamin & Lourdes Vinca <i>(Anniv)</i>	Fr. Khanh
Monday	7:00 AM	+ Chung Ja Carrell	Fr. Khanh
Nov 29	12 NOON	Kai Kin Choi <i>(H)</i>	Fr. Khanh
Tuesday	7:00 AM	+ Joseph & Louis Ganzaga	Priest Convocation halo to Deacon Joel Narusawa presiding Communion Services
Nov 30	12 NOON	+ Kathleen & John Sweeney	
Wednesday	7:00 AM	Candy Santos (H)	
Dec 1	12 NOON	+ Donald Creacu	
Thursday	7:00 AM	+ Alexander Hirota	Priest Convocat ahalo to Deacon Joel r presiding Communi
Dec 2	12 NOON	Reyn Racoma (BD)	Priest o to D siding
Friday	7:00 AM	+ Michael Mistysyn	
Dec 3	12 NOON	+ Andrea Acio	
Saturday	Private	Cynthia Reichert (BD)	Fr. Khanh
Dec 4	5:00 PM	Parishioners	Fr. Khanh
Sunday Dec 5	7:00 AM	+ John Aldan + Chung Ja Carrell	Fr. Greg
	9:00 AM	Helen Shin (BD) Stella Bree Semana (Anniv)	Fr. Khanh
	10:30 AM	+ Naty & Nick Arato + Terry & Tony Nuivo	Fr. Sebas- tian
	12 NOON	Souls in purgatory + Chung Ja Carrell	Fr. Khanh
	6:00 PM	Souls in Purgatory Valentia Vinca ( <i>BD</i> )	Fr. Khanh

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

#### TIME – TALENT – TREASURE

## MASS SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT

Daily Mass Monday-Friday 7:00 AM & Noon. **Sunday Masses for December—Advent** Saturday 5:00 PM anticipated Mass, Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 12:00 NOON and 6:00 PM.

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK We join together to pray for our brothers and sisters

Gia Feliciani Arnold Peter Behrens Vicki Chee Jimmy Crodua Avon Czerwinski Regina Czerwinski Blanche DeConte Tristan Ahn Kiet Do Yuriko Enomoto Robert Heisler Tuna Hunkin Eleanor Jajalla Jack Jucewicz Christopher Jucewicz Darren Kaupu Ann Keamo Joanie LaFarciola Kimberly Mann Faye Munalem Myron Nakata Judy Orlando Theresa Yu

#### The priests of the diocese will be on Convocation this week.

We will celebrate Holy Communion Services <u>November 30 — December 3</u> <u>NO Reconciliation this Friday (Confession)</u> *Mahalo to Deacon Joel Narusawa for presiding* (Mass intentions will be rescheduled)



Mahalo for your generosity to our Catholic Care non-perishable food collection and to those who helped with the Olakino Produce distribution., especially the Moanalua Lions Club. We distributed food to 419 families.

## Our December distribution is the Second week, December 11, 2021 from 10:00-11:30

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

#### **TREASURE**

Mahalo for your generous contributions and faithful stewardship contributions. Totals for **November 20 & 21, 2021**:

Sunday offering	\$	4,847.08
Stewardship (by mail)		3,150.00
Building Fund		386.00
Outreach		340.00
Thanksgiving Meals		923.74
Catholic Care Project		110.00
Olakino Produce Program		40.00
Thanksgiving		155.00
Immaculate Conception		10.00
Mass Intentions		90.00
Donation		620.00
Candles		410.77
All Souls		28.00
All Saints		18.00
Campaign for Human Development		1,691.00
Catholic University America		5.00
World Mission/others		5.00
Total:	\$	12,829.59

Our online giving is available on our website. The collection total for **Nov. 15—19, 2021** online giving is: **\$ 4,535.29** 

Stewardship	\$ 903.00
Building Fund	355.00
Mass Intentions	140.00
Olakino Project	305.00
Brick Project	1,317.00
Catholic Care Project	295.00
Shaping the Future Campaign	1,200.00
Help offset fee	20.29

MAHALO for your gifts last week to United States Bishop's Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

MAHALO to those who gave time and talents to provide meals to our kupuna and families on Thanksgiving.

# Dear Padre,

# What do Advent-wreath candles signify?

Most Advent wreaths have three purple candles and one rose candle to echo the liturgical colors of the Church's Advent celebrations. Whether the wreath is being used at home or in a church, the lighting of the candles should follow the liturgical colors of the Sundays of Advent. The vestments at Mass are purple during the first two weeks of Advent, so we light a purple candle on the first and second Sundays of Advent.

On the third Sunday, the Church celebrates *Gaudete* Sunday or Rejoice



Sunday, named after the first word of the day's traditional entrance verse (Philippians 4:4–5). The priest wears rose vestments at Mass as a sign of our brightening hope and joy, and on the Advent wreath we light the rose candle to reflect the theme of the liturgy. The fourth Sunday of Advent sees the lighting of the last purple candle.

Some churches and families add a fifth candle to their Advent practices by placing a white candle in the center of the wreath. They light this at Christmas, again echoing the Church's liturgical color for the season and rejoicing in Christ our

Lord, whose birth brings light and life to our world.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



# A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Advent is a continuous call to hope: it reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal, to lead it to its fullness, which is the Lord....God is not distant, he is always with us, to the extent that very often he knocks on the door to our heart.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

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# Calendar

Monday NOVEMBER 29 Advent Weekday Is 2:1–5 Mt 8:5–11

Tuesday NOVEMBER 30 St. Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9–18 Mt 4:18–22

Wednesday DECEMBER 1 Advent Weekday Is 25:6–10a Mt 15:29–37

Thursday DECEMBER 2 Advent Weekday Is 26:1–6 Mt 7:21, 24–27

Friday DECEMBER 3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest Is 29:17–24 Mt 9:27–31

**Saturday** DECEMBER 4 Advent Weekday Is 30:19–21, 23–26 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6–8

Sunday DECEMBER 5 Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1–9 Phil 1:4–6, 8–11 Lk 3:1–6

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