



# Sts. Peter and Paul Church

December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when  
the time will come.

MARK 13:33

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKDAY

Monday – Friday  
7:00 a.m. & noon

### WEEKEND

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
12:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays after 7:00 a.m. mass until 11:45 a.m.

### RECONCILIATION

Fridays: 10:15—11:30 a.m.  
Saturdays: 3:00—4:15 p.m.  
Or by appointment

## CONTACT

### OFFICE HOURS:

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## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Anointing of the Sick and Funerals:** Please call parish office.

**Infant Baptism:** Parents are required to meet with Father before scheduling a baptism. Please call the office or send email to request a registration form. (For adults call and leave a message for RCIA coordinator, 808-941-0675 ext. 25)

**Marriage:** The proper and required prep for Marriage is extensive. Please talk to a priest or deacon before setting a date.

CLERGY: Father Khanh Pham-Nguyen, Pastor

Dcn. Richard Port (emeritus) ♦ Dcn. Berley Araceley ♦ Dcn. Joel Narusawa

Dcn. Angken Xymoon (on leave)

# Good News!

December 3, 2023

## First Sunday of Advent (B)

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 / 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 / Mark 13:33-37

### How Has God Shaped You?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**Sometimes it seems as if life is a laboratory** of designed experiments on how to become human, all of them allotted ten-year blocks.

Have you noticed how nine- and ten-year-olds can be easy to be around? Then about the time we've gotten being a kid down to a science, life begins to move us into adolescence. We want to be independent and responsible, but we don't yet have all the skills. We have sexual feelings, but we're expected not to act on them. About the time we reach adulthood and move into our twenties, it seems we can finally do what we want, but then we might drink too much, spend too much, drive too fast, and party too long. Once we begin to settle down around year thirty, we have to learn how to live with another person. One likes it warm, the other cool. One seeks to save, the other spends. One is a homebody, the other enjoys going out on the town. By the time we've gotten to our sixties and seventies, we may have figured out life, but by then we've used up most of our energy.

What's going on?

Faith suggests it's the hand of God shaping us into the sort of persons we're meant to be. "Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you our potter: we are all the work of your hand" (Isaiah 64:7). Advent may be a time to figure out how God is acting in your life now and look back to see that God was shaping you all along. ●

#### *-Reflect-*

***What did you learn in your last ten-year block of life?***

**Monday**  
December 4  
*Advent Weekday*  
Is 2:1-5  
Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday**  
December 5  
*Advent Weekday*  
Is 11:1-10  
Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday**  
December 6  
*Advent Weekday*  
Is 25:6-10a  
Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday**  
December 7  
*St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
Is 26:1-6  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday**  
December 8  
*Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Gn 3:9-15, 20  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12  
Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday**  
December 9  
*Advent Weekday*  
Is 30:19-21, 23-26  
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday**  
December 10  
*Second Sunday of Advent*  
Is 40:1-5, 9-11  
2 Pt 3:8-14  
Mk 1:1-8

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# HOPE

*be vigilant at all times*

LUKE 21:36

*Gracious God, As the Advent season begins, we cry out to you. We come to you looking for hope. When everything else we rely on fails us, our only hope is in you. When we do not understand what has happened, we hope in you. We can hope for better days because we trust you. We know you and we know you are here with us no matter what we are facing. Some of us see only darkness this time of year. Some of us find life overwhelming. Some of us are filled with Advent joy. Wherever we find ourselves today, Loving God, remind us that our hope is in you. Be with us on this journey. Amen.*



# LITURGY & PRAYER

Date		Intentions	Celebrant
<b>Sat Dec 2</b>	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	Fr. Khanh
<b>Sunday Dec 3</b>	7:00 AM	+ Liberata Orallo + Pedro Misech + Leticia Riguerra + Jose & Maria Gomez	Fr. Khanh
	9:00 AM	+ Thao Thi Nguyen Truong Chun Young James Noh (SI) + Richard Hirosh Nakamura + Victoria P. Rosero	Fr. Greg
	11:00 AM	Ka Kin Choi (H) + Paulino & John Secretaria Donald Okimoto (SI)	Fr. Khanh
	12:30 PM	He Young Peter Noh (SI) + Jung Ho Noh + Soon Ye Agnes Noh	Fr. Greg
	6:00 PM	+ Joseph Perry + James Rhoads + Edward Ishida	Fr. Khanh
<b>Monday Dec 4</b>	7:00 AM	+ Soon Ja Teresa Noh	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	Chun Young James Noh (SI)	Fr. Khanh
<b>Tuesday Dec 5</b>	7:00 AM	Louis Ching (H)	Fr. Greg
	12 NOON	Dabrowski family (SI)	Fr. Greg
<b>Wednesday Dec 6</b>	7:00 AM	Kailee Truong (SI)	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	+ Jerry John Alerta	Fr. Khanh
<b>Thursday Dec 7</b>	7:00 AM	Logan Tuong (SI)	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	He Young Peter Noh (SI)	Fr. Khanh
<b>Friday Dec 8</b>	7:00 AM	Kwang Young Vincent Noh (SI)	Fr. Greg
	12 NOON	Manlolo Family (SI) Phuong & Ket (SI) Hai & Thao (H)	Fr. Khanh
	6:00 PM	Siana (Th/H)	Fr. Khanh
<b>Sat Dec 9</b>	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	Fr. Khanh
<b>Sunday Dec 10</b>	7:00 AM	+ Liberata Orallo + Leticia Riguerra + Cerila Mamuad	Fr. Greg
	9:00 AM	+ Thao Thi Nguyen Truong Kwang Young Vincent Noh (SI) + Soon Ye Agnes Noh + Victoria P. Rosero	Fr. Khanh
	11:00 AM	+ Soon Ja Teresa Noh + Richard Hirosh Nakamura + Sister Lourd Fernandes	Fr. Greg
	12:30 PM	He Young Peter Noh (SI) + Jung Ho Noh Ka Kin Choi (H)	Fr. Khanh
	6:00 PM	+ John K. Kamanu + Daylyn Takeno	Fr. Khanh

*We pray for the repose of the soul of*

*+ Elizabeth Halvorsen*

*+ Raymond Legere*

*+ Kazuko Maeda*



## Holy Father's Intentions

*For persons with disabilities*

**We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.**



## PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

We join together to pray for our brothers and sisters

*Cleotilde M. Bamba  
Peter Behrens  
Vicky Chee  
Deb Chiarucci  
Matilda Correa  
Avon Czerwinski  
Blanche DeConte  
Harold DeCosta  
Brian Dill  
Lynn Domingsal  
Elena Elliott  
Marius Fischer  
Pedro R.D. Guerrero  
Robert Heisler  
Tuna Hunkin*

*Virginia L. Ishida  
Christoph Jucewicz  
Jack Jucewicz  
Diane Kai  
Kimberly Mann  
Sandy Mann  
Gloria Masunaga  
Doreen Shimabuku  
Joseph Shimabuku  
Laurie Sparks  
Erlinda Surban  
Albert Waterson  
Deacon Angken Xymoon  
Theresa Yu*



**Solemnity of the  
Immaculate Conception of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Holy Day of Obligation  
Friday, December 8, 2023**

*Mass times are  
7am, 12noon, and 6pm*

*First Sunday*

**Stay awake! For you do  
not know on which day  
your Lord will come.**

**Matthew 24:42**



## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Dec 4—Dec 10, 2023)

**Monday: 6:30 pm—Charismatic Prayer Group—Courtyard**

**Wednesday: 1:00 pm—Legion of Mary—Courtyard**

**3:30 pm—Centering Prayer—Reception Room**

**6:00 pm—Parish Scripture Group—Reception Room**

**Friday: 7:30-11:50 am—Eucharistic Adoration—Church**

**6:00 pm—Young Adult Ministry—Amana**

**Sunday: 5:00 pm—OCIA—Reception Room**

# STEWARDSHIP

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



*"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."*

—Mark 13:33

We take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.



## Olakino Produce Distribution

*Sponsored by Hawaii Food Bank*

**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Distribution time is 10:00am-11:00am (or until produce runs out). All are welcome to receive fresh produce. If you would like to sign up as a volunteer, please see our website.



## Catholic Care Project

### collection of nonperishable food items

December 9 & 10 – Please place your items in the marked bins in the courtyard. Please call the office if you are in need of supplies. Mahalo!

*Acceptable items:*

- Canned goods (meats, soups, veggies, fruits)
- Rice (individual microwave or 2 lb. bags)
- Instant oatmeal/cereal (individual packs)
- Non-fat powdered milk
- Soft breakfast or fruit bars
- Applesauce, fruit, jello, or pudding cups

**\*NO glass bottles or expired goods\***

## TREASURE

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

*Totals for **November 25—26, 2023:***

<b>Sunday collection &amp; Stewardship</b>	<b>\$ 7,167.44</b>
Building Fund	3,059.41
Outreach	20.00
Olakino Produce Program	20.00
Baptism	480.00
Blessing	100.00
Thanksgiving	2,633.00
Christmas	20.00
Immaculate Conception	10.00
Campaign for Human Development	60.00
Maui Wildfire	1,051.00
Special Collection	55.00
Candles	<u>733.90</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$15,409.75</b>

*Our online giving is available on our website.*

*The collection total for **November 20—24, 2023***

*online giving is: \$ 851.92*

Stewardship	315.00
Mass Intentions	15.00
Building Fund	110.00
Catholic Care Project	10.00
Olakino Produce Program	20.00
Shaping the Future Campaign	10.00
Giving Tuesday	300.00
Campaign for Human Development	55.00
Help offset fee	16.92

*NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION (DEC 9 & 10):*

*RETIRED RELIGIOUS FUND*





# Eucharistic Revival & Evangelization



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

◆◆◆ **Revival Spark Series** ◆◆◆  
*eucharisticrevival.org*

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" originates from the Greek word *eucharistia*, meaning thanksgiving.

## Mary, Mother of the Eucharist

### REFLECTION:

The Bible tells of a great love story between God and his people. We have been loved into existence. Created by love and for love—the eternal love of heaven. Even despite our sins, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16). God's love has redeemed the world.

But this great love story hung upon a "yes" of a young teenager named Mary.

In giving God her simple and total "yes," Mary became the Mother of God. Thirty-three years later, Jesus would give her to us, so that she would become the Mother of the Church. Now each of us can claim Mary as our own. We rely on Jesus' Mother for her prayers and trust her to assist us in our spiritual walk.

Though she never steals the spotlight from her Son, we can garner assuring glimpses of her compassion and powerful intercession in Scripture. At the wedding feast of Cana, we see her bring the newly married couple's need to Jesus, and Jesus responds by performing his first public miracle. At the Crucifixion of Christ, while many of Jesus' closest followers were in hiding, we find Mary at the foot of the Cross, proving she is willing to be close to pain and suffering.

In our Blessed Mother, we find more than an advocate; we also find an example of how to relish God's presence. One of the few Gospel passages that describe Mary's actions is Luke 2:19, "And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Here we catch a glimpse of her life of fruitful prayer, meditating upon all that Jesus has said and done. When Jesus walked amongst humanity, how many people passed him by without recognizing the gift of his proximity? Mary was always aware of who Jesus was and the importance of his nearness.

God chose Mary to bring forth Christ into this world. For nine months, Mary was a living tabernacle. Christ physically dwelled within her. As we go into the world, we too can be living tabernacles as Christ dwells within us through our participation in the Sacred Liturgy and the Eucharist.

As disciples of Christ, we must allow Mary to draw us close to her Son. John Paul II wrote in *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, "Mary can guide us toward this most holy sacrament because she herself has a profound relationship with it." Mary's mindfulness, faithfulness, and devotion drew her close to Jesus, and following her example can help us do the same. Today, let us follow Mary's example and reflect on the love of Jesus in our hearts.

### PRAYER:

Mother Mary, you are the perfect example of discipleship and devotion to Jesus. We thank you for your motherly compassion and intercession. We pray that we may become more like you, living tabernacles filled with the presence of Christ. As we follow after your Son, we pray that you wrap us in your loving mantle of protection. Lead us ever closer to Jesus. Amen.

### CHALLENGE:

Today, we invite you to pray a decade of the Luminous Mysteries, The Institution of the Eucharist. In praying this decade of the Rosary, reflect and contemplate Mary's love and devotion to her Son, Jesus. Ask her to bring you closer to her Son and to receive the gift of the Eucharist anew.



"The Church has received the Eucharist from Christ her Lord not as one gift . . . among so many others, but as the gift par excellence, for it is the gift of himself, of his person in his sacred humanity, as well as the gift of his saving work."

— St. John Paul II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 11

# Dear Padre,

**Why are the Gospels Matthew and Mark so alike? Why did the Church keep both Gospels when so much of Mark seems to be a mirror image of Matthew?**

The Gospels were written over time and used by the faithful when they gathered for worship. They read the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and accounts of the life and ministry of Jesus collected by Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

The Christian communities were often great distances from one another. A community may have had access to only one of these accounts. There is considerable similarity because the Gospel writers depended on one another. All three Gospels include some of the same incidents. Each also has incidents or details unique to that Gospel.

These were not the only accounts written about the life and ministry of Jesus. At some point, the Church had to decide which should be considered the inspired word of God. There were four accounts that were widely used: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. With their similarities and differences, the Church accepted these four accounts as Gospel—the Good News. ●

This first page of the Gospel of Mark is from a fourteenth-century Armenian illuminated manuscript painting by Sargis Pitsak.



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7	December 8	December 9	December 10
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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*[Jesus] ...is at the door to our heart. He knocks. Do you know how to listen to the Lord...who has come today to visit you...? He came to Bethlehem, he will come at the end of the world, but every day he comes to us. Be attentive, look at what you feel in your heart when the Lord knocks.*

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