



Sts. Peter and Paul Church

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

John [the] Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

MARK 1:4

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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:

M-Th 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. / 1:00–3:00 p.m.
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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 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent (B)

Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11 / 2 Peter 3:8–14 / Mark 1:1–8

When Will We Be Satisfied?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In 1992, *Forbes* magazine published an issue titled “Why Do We Feel So Bad When We Have It So Good?” It featured articles by such luminaries as newsman Dan Rather, President George H. W. Bush, and author John Updike. Many of the writers reflected upon our passion for more and our hunger to live in affluence and how that fails to satisfy. In so many ways, we as a nation find ourselves seeking distractions from living with ourselves lest we be confronted by our ultimate loneliness. As a nation we are addicted to entertainment and smartphones, to drugs and pornography, to finding something new. We are confronted by rising suicide rates and a pervasive, deep-seated anger. Why are we not satisfied?

John the Baptist called the people of his day to repent, which is another way of asking them—and us— to look at life differently. Advent is really about getting in touch with our deep longing for more, a part of our human condition that ultimately is only satisfied by God. We have been created to long for more, a longing that feels like loneliness, a longing that seeks to be satisfied. In the end, we can only find a sense of peace in the midst of such longing by accepting that it can never be fully satisfied in this life. Like the spirituality of Alcoholics Anonymous, accepting rather than fleeing from our human reality becomes a path to new life. ●

-Reflect-

How do you deal with loneliness and a longing for more out of life?

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Today’s second reading is about Christ’s coming again, “The day of the Lord,” Peter calls it, but that day isn’t December 25th. It’s that other day, that second-coming- day about which Peter is concerned. He waits with great hope and anticipation for God to remake the earth into a place of perfect justice and peace. And he sets some demanding goals for the Christian community as it awaits that final day of accounting and reconciliation: strive to be at peace, without spot or blemish. Christian stewards work for peace. As we await the coming of Christmas, what can we do to promote peace in our homes, workplaces, community and world?



PEACE

*all flesh shall see the
salvation of God*

LUKE 3:6

Monday

December 11
Advent Weekday
Is 35:1–10
Lk 5:17–26

Tuesday

December 12
*Our Lady of
Guadalupe*
Zec 2:14–17 or
Rv 11:19a;
12:1–6a, 10ab
Lk 1:26–38 or
Lk 1:39–47

Wednesday

December 13
*St. Lucy, Virgin
and Martyr*
Is 40:25–31
Mt 11:28–30

Thursday

December 14
*St. John
of the Cross,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church*
Is 41:13–20
Mt 11:11–15

Friday

December 15
Advent Weekday
Is 48:17–19
Mt 11:16–19

Saturday

December 16
Advent Weekday
Sir 48:1–4, 9–11
Mt 17:9a, 10–13

Sunday

December 17
*Third Sunday
of Advent*
Is 61:1–2a, 10–11
1 Thes 5:16–24
Jn 1:6–8, 19–28

LITURGY & PRAYER

Date		Intentions	Celebrant
Sat Dec 9	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	Fr. Khanh
Sunday Dec 10	7:00 AM	+ Liberata Orallo + Leticia Riguerra + Cerila Mamuad + Roy U. Ma	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
Monday Dec 11	7:00 AM	Chun Young James Noh (SI) + Roy U. Ma	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	He Young Peter Noh (SI)	Fr. Khanh
Tuesday Dec 12	7:00 AM	Siana (Th/H) + Roy U. Ma	Fr. Greg
	12 NOON	Ka Kin Choi (H) Louis Ching (H)	Fr. Greg
Wednesday Dec 13	7:00 AM	Kailee Truong (SI) + Roy U. Ma	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	Dabrowski Family (SI) Louis Ching (H)	Fr. Khanh
Thursday Dec 14	7:00 AM	Logan Tuong (SI) + Roy U. Ma	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	Dabrowski Family (SI)	Fr. Khanh
Friday Dec 15	7:00 AM	Kwang Young Vincent Noh (SI) + Roy U. Ma	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	Chun Young James Noh (SI)	Fr. Khanh
Sat Dec 16	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	Fr. R. Bunda
Sunday Dec 17	7:00 AM	+ Liberata Orallo + Leticia Riguerra	Fr. Khanh
	9:00 AM	+ Thao Thi Nguyen Truong + Soon Ja Teresa Noh + Soon Ye Agnes Noh + Victoria P. Rosero	Fr. Khanh
	11:00 AM	Ka Kin Choi (H) Ellyn M. Robles (BD) + Justino Aguanta + Philips Aguanta	Fr. Khanh
	12:30 PM	He Young Peter Noh (SI) + John K. Kamanu + Sister Lourd Fernandes	Fr. Greg
	6:00 PM	Larry Sterkel (H) + Edward Ishida	Fr. Greg



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 Domingal

Elena Elliott

Pedro R.D. Guerrero

Robert Heisler

Tuna Hunkin

Virginia L. Ishida

Christoph Jucewicz

Jack Jucewicz

Diane Kai

Carol Luke

Kimberly Mann

Sandy Mann

Gloria Masunaga

Doreen Shimabuku

Joseph Shimabuku

Laurie Sparks

Erlinda Surban

Albert Waterson

Deacon Angken Xymoon

Theresa Yu

Advent Penance Service



Parish Advent

Reconciliation Service

Saturday, December 16, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Fr. Martin Solma, SM, will lead us in an Advent reflection, followed by individual confessions. Four priest-confessors will be available.

Second Sunday

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

Matthew 3:3



Misa De Gallo

December 16—24

Mon-Sat at 5:15 a.m.

Sunday at 7:00 a.m.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Dec 11—Dec 17, 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

7:30 am—Catholic Care Bag Packing—Courtyard

6:00 pm—Young Adult Ministry—Amana

Sunday: 5:00 pm—OCIA—Reception Room

We pray for the repose of the soul of

+ John Wong

+ Raymond Legere

+ Kazuko Maeda



STEWARDSHIP



Giving Tuesday Update

Giving Tuesday Envelopes:	\$21,852.85	MCM Annual Matching Funds:	\$50,000.00
Giving Tuesday Online:	\$ 5,970.00	Giving Tuesday Matching Fund Donor 1:	\$20,000.00
Total Nov 1-Dec 3:	\$27,822.85	End of the year giving Donor 2:	\$38,000.00

Mahalo for your investment in the future of our Parish. For each dollar that you generously give, we now will receive two dollars through the Maybelle C. MacDonald Foundation and two generous donors who will match up to \$50,000.00. We will continue to accept end-of-the-year donations through December 30, 2023 that will go toward matching these gifts. Mahalo to the 150 families or individuals (some twice) who gave \$27,822.85 toward our goal of \$50,000.00. We also thank you that you have been so generous in helping our Maui victims and those on Guam.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



"Prepare the way of the Lord..."
—Mark 1:3

We are called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

Olakino Produce Distribution

Mahalo to our Olakino Volunteers who helped pack and distribute produce to our community on Saturday. We appreciate your willingness to lend a hand to help the households and members in our community.

Catholic Care Bags Packing

Mahalo to all who contributed donations of non-perishable goods. If you are available, volunteers are needed to help fill the Catholic Care bags for our kupuna and families on **Friday, December 15**, after the 7am Mass.

Share your talent!

If you like singing, we invite you to join us at our Christmas choir rehearsals:

Thursdays, December 14th & 21st at 6:00 p.m.
Friday, December 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

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*"When we sing, we pray twice."*  
—St. Augustine

## TREASURE

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

*Totals for **December 2—3, 2023:***

|                                            |                    |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Sunday collection &amp; Stewardship</b> | <b>\$ 7,980.95</b> |
| Building Fund                              | 250.00             |
| Outreach                                   | 20.00              |
| Olakino Produce Program                    | 2,020.00           |
| Baptism                                    | 50.00              |
| Blessing                                   | 9.00               |
| Thanksgiving                               | 140.00             |
| Christmas                                  | 10.00              |
| Immaculate Conception                      | 85.00              |
| Donation                                   | 180.00             |
| Shepherd                                   | 15.00              |
| Special Collection                         | 226.00             |
| Candles                                    | <u>594.18</u>      |
| <b>Total:</b>                              | <b>\$11,580.13</b> |

*Our online giving is available on our website.*

*The collection total for **November 27—December 1, 2023** online giving is: \$ 974.04*

|                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Stewardship                 | 520.00 |
| Mass Intentions             | 200.00 |
| Building Fund               | 60.00  |
| Catholic Care Project       | 60.00  |
| Olakino Produce Program     | 20.00  |
| Shaping the Future Campaign | 100.00 |
| Help offset fee             | 14.04  |

*THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION (DEC 9 & 10):  
RETIRED RELIGIOUS FUND*

*NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION (DEC 16 & 17):  
BUILDING 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.

## Pilgrimage

### REFLECTION:

There are two types of people in the world: those that like to hit the open road and those who prefer to stay at home. Whether or not you prefer to stay on your couch nestled under a cozy blanket or enjoy a long road trip with loved ones, a great form of piety that can foster our sacramental life is to make a pilgrimage.

Of course, a pilgrimage is different from other road trips, and the idea of pilgrimage can feel foreign in today's world. However, a "pilgrim" is one who journeys for a religious reason. The endpoint of the journey is typically a holy place, perhaps a church or a shrine, but the end goal is altogether different than a vacation spot. Pilgrimage is not simply about landing at a geographic location but about transforming the heart.

"Pilgrimages evoke our earthly journey toward heaven and are traditionally very special occasions for renewal in prayer" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2691). You may have heard of pilgrimages to Lourdes, the Holy Land, or perhaps the Camino. All of these are amazing opportunities to encounter God's grace. Yet, traveling across the world is not the only way to experience pilgrimage. Anything that intentionally turns our mind to eternity and renews our prayer can be a pilgrimage.

Even if you've never partaken in an official pilgrimage, the truth is that the Church on earth is constantly on pilgrimage toward heaven. Pilgrimage allows us to meditate on the reality that, just as a pilgrim travels from one location to the next, each of us is journeying closer to our eternal home. This truth, when internalized, allows us to shed the weight of this world more easily as we race towards the finish line of life (Hebrews 12:2).

Whether or not a pilgrimage to the Holy Land or Rome is in your future, each of us can make our weekly venture to the Sunday liturgy a private pilgrimage because, at the altar, Jesus meets us and presents himself to us as food for our journey forward.

Today, let us take an intentional step toward eternity with the confidence that Jesus is with us.

### PRAYER:

Jesus, we know this world is not our home. Thank you for being our faithful companion on this pilgrimage. We pray that you grant us the grace to continue this journey forward, that each day we may take a step closer to you and your perfect will for our lives. Be our strength as we experience the ups and downs of life. Remain with us as we continue our way home to you.

### CHALLENGE:

Pray about whether God is calling you on pilgrimage. If so, how? Is your parish or diocese planning a pilgrimage in the near future? Or make a pilgrimage to Mass on Sunday, naming a specific intention that you offer up when you receive the Blessed Sacrament. (If you want your pilgrimage to be different than your normal routine, attend Mass at the nearest cathedral or basilica, offering prayer while you travel).



### The Diocese of Honolulu - Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage started on November 1.

This Year of Parish Revival is about falling deeper in love with the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus and following him more closely. Mirroring this internal journey with an external one is a beautiful way to connect body and soul in the pursuit of Christ. Most of us will not have the opportunity to join the Eucharistic Caravan on the mainland leading to the Eucharistic Congress on July 17, 2024 in Indianapolis.

We can participate in the revival here at home. Make the Honolulu Diocese Pilgrimage a part of your experience of revival by planning a self-led personal pilgrimage in the next months leading up to the beginning of the Eucharistic Caravan in San Francisco.

The Diocese of Honolulu offers a Hawaii Eucharist Revival virtual pilgrimage called **Hawaii Pilgrim** (<https://www.polarsteps.com/HawaiiPilgrim/7324186-hawaii-eucharistic-revival-pilgrimage>) or by getting the **Polarsteps - Travel Tracker app** for your digital device. Sign up for a free Polarsteps account. Enter "Hawaii Pilgrim" on the Explore (Search people & places) tab. Click on "Follow" and begin your journey. Use Hawaii Pilgrim to find church addresses, Mass, adoration and other regularly scheduled events when the church will be open.

# Dear Padre,

***Do Catholics have to marry in the Church? If a couple decides to marry outside of the Church, are they still allowed to receive Communion and other sacraments?***

Catholics are obligated to follow the laws of the Church, including those laws regarding marriage. If a Catholic marries outside the Church, meaning that they did not follow Church law, then they may not receive the other sacraments until their marriage has been witnessed by the Church.

A wedding is a sacred ceremony for the couple, but it is also a ceremony for the Church. The Christian community is called upon to witness the ceremony, with the bishop, priest, or deacon called upon to bless the union in the name of the Church. The Church can dispense from the form, that is, the place of the wedding, for good cause, and does so when necessary. When a dispensation from the law is granted, then the person has followed the marriage laws of the Church and is free to receive the sacraments.

A wedding is a sacred ceremony in which a sacrament is conferred. While the park may be pretty or the church down the street may be bigger, neither is a sufficient reason to ignore marriage law and marry outside the Church. ●

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## Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit [ScrupulousAnonymous.org](http://ScrupulousAnonymous.org).

| MONDAY                                                           | TUESDAY                                                                                                                         | WEDNESDAY                                                                           | THURSDAY                                                                                                               | FRIDAY                                                             | SATURDAY                                                                    | SUNDAY                                                                                                        |
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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***In the Bible [conversion] means, first and foremost, to change direction and orientation; and thus also to change one's way of thinking. In the moral and spiritual life, to convert means to turn oneself from evil to good, from sin to love of God. And this is what the Baptist was teaching.***

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