



Sts. Peter and Paul Church

December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

[John] was not the light, but
came to testify to the light.

JOHN 1:8

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!

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Third Sunday of Advent (B)

Isaiah 61:1–2a, 10–11 / 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24 / John 1:6–8, 19–28

Making Room for God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The story of John the Baptist is the story of taking a back seat to Jesus, of fading into the background so that Jesus might be the light. Fading out of the picture is something we may find ourselves doing more than once in our lives. Sometimes it's also a choice we have to make, even when it's painful.

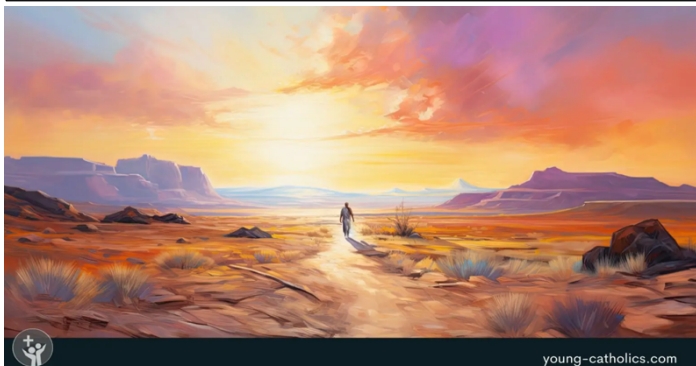
Actor Nick Nolte talked about what it was like for him when he turned seventy; how his body would hurt and how painful it was to get out of bed some mornings. He told of how he cried when a longtime friend passed away and of the sadness death brings. But the worst part, he said, is coming to the realization that your children have grown up, are on their own, and don't need you the way they once did. His son has a family, and for him the family comes first, as it should. That's the painful part, Nolte says, the letting go of your children because they are no longer yours; in reality, they never were.

From the perspective of faith, why do we need to fade into the background? To leave room for the hand of God in life, that's why. So that God can do what God does best, and so that we don't get in the way of it all. That is a task not only at the end of life but for all of life. ●

-Reflect-

When has it been difficult for you to fade into the background?

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In today's second reading Paul concludes his letter to the Christian community at Thessalonica by providing it with actions to take as its members wait for the return of the Lord. The first action is to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This sounds easy but it's not. The two words that make this task difficult are "always" and "all". This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not always moments of joy and thanksgiving, or when we are confronted with a broken world. Prayerful stewards rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances because they are people of hope. A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.

JOY *He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit*
MATTHEW 3:11

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

December 20
Advent Weekday
Is 7:10–14
Lk 1:26–38

Thursday

December 21
Advent Weekday
Sg 2:8–14 or
Zep 3:14–18a
Lk 1:39–45

Friday

December 22
Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24–28
Lk 1:46–56

Saturday

December 23
Advent Weekday
Mal 3:1–4,
23–24
Lk 1:57–66

Sunday

December 24
Fourth Sunday
of Advent
2 Sm 7:1–5,
8b–12, 14a, 16
Rom 16:25–27
Lk 1:26–38

LITURGY & PRAYER

Date		Intentions	Celebrant
Sat Dec 16	5:15 AM	+ Adelaida Soleta	TBA
	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	Fr. R. Bunda
Sunday Dec 17	7:00 AM	+ Liberata Orallo + Leticia Riguerra	Fr. Greg
	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 + Richard Wayne Sabin	Fr. Khanh
	6:00 PM	Larry Sterkel (H) + Edward Ishida	Fr. Greg
Monday Dec 18	5:15 AM		TBA
	7:00 AM	Patty Schauble (BD)	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	Chun Young James Noh (SI)	Fr. Khanh
Tuesday Dec 19	5:15 AM		TBA
	7:00 AM	+ Ralph Dennison Galera	Fr. Greg
	12 NOON	Manlolo Family (SI)	Fr. Greg
Wednesday Dec 20	5:15 AM	+ Vladimir Berezansky	TBA
	7:00 AM	Kailee Truong (SI)	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	Vaiolagi Pierce (SI)	Fr. Khanh
Thursday Dec 21	5:15 AM		
	7:00 AM	Logan Truong (SI)	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	+ Bernardita Rijhoff	Fr. Khanh
Friday Dec 22	5:15 AM	+ Rebecca Meyer	TBA
	7:00 AM	+ John K. Kamanu	Fr. Greg
	12 NOON	Kwang Young Vincent Noh (SI)	Fr. Khanh
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	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	Fr. Khanh
Sunday Dec 24	7:00 AM	+ Francisca David + Liberata Orallo + Leticia Riguerra	Fr. Khanh
	9:00 AM	+ Merv Young Jade Mai-Duong (BD) + Victoria P. Rosero	Fr. Greg
	11:00 AM	+ Thao Thi Nguyen Truong Manlolo Family (SI)	Fr. Khanh
	12:30 PM	+ Soon Ye Agnes Noh	Fr. Greg
	4:30 PM	+ Janny Ng-Hui	Fr. Khanh
Monday Dec 25	Midnight		Fr. Khanh
	7:00 AM	Kailee Truong (SI) Logan Truong (SI)	Fr. Greg
	9:00 AM	BJ Nakanelua (SI) + Bishop Herman Koeckemann	
	11:00 AM	+ Victoria P. Rosero + Frank & Ethel Souza + Alexander Hirota	Fr. Greg
	12:30 PM	+ Souls in purgatory + Bishop Gulstan Ropert	Fr. Khanh



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

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

Third Sunday

Behold, I am sending
my messenger ahead of
you; he will prepare
your way before you.

Matthew 11:10

Sts. Peter and Paul Church

MISA DE GALLO

**ADVENT NOVENA OF
DAWN MASSES**

December 16, 2023 at 5:15 AM
December 17, 2023 at 7:00 AM
December 18-23, 2023 at 5:15 AM
December 24, 2023 at 7:00 AM

breakfast fellowship after Mass

Christmas Mass Schedule

Vigil: Sun Dec 24 4:30pm

Midnight Mass: Mon Dec 25

Christmas Day: Mon Dec 25

**7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am,
12:30pm (no 6pm Mass)**

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Dec 18—Dec 24, 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

Sunday: 5:00 pm—OCIA—Reception Room (break until Jan 7)

STEWARDSHIP



Giving Tuesday Update

Giving Tuesday Envelopes:	\$30,648.85	MCM Annual Matching Funds:	\$50,000.00
Giving Tuesday Online:	\$ 5,995.00	Giving Tuesday Matching Fund Donor 1:	\$20,000.00
Total Nov 1-Dec 10:	\$36,643.85	End of the year giving Donor 2:	\$38,000.00

Mahalo for your gifts this week from 30 families totaling \$8,796.00 for a grand total of funds to match of \$36,643.85. We are \$13,356.15 away from meeting our goal of \$50,000. Mahalo nui loa to Hawaii Building Maintenance and the Knights of Columbus (car wash fundraiser) for their gifts to the Shaping the Future Campaign. We also thank all the visitors and new parishioners who have contributed and helped with our Capital Campaign.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

—1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in sharing your time, talent, and treasure in one of our ministries at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, please visit our parish website to complete a volunteer form. These include help in: Church cleaning, Maintenance, Liturgical, Choir, and Social Outreach.

Save the Dates!

Red Mass – Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace

Mass for March for Life & Adoration with Bishop
– Thursday, January 18, 2024, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
at St. Theresa Co-Cathedral

March For Life – Friday, January 19, 2024, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at State Capitol

TREASURE

Mahalo for your generous contributions and faithful Stewardship contributions.

*Totals for **December 9—10, 2023:***

Sunday collection & Stewardship	\$ 8,213.31
Mass Intentions	385.00
Building Fund	445.00
Outreach	1,200.00
Baptism	100.00
Funeral	1,500.00
Blessing	300.00
Holy Days	135.00
Immaculate Conception	2,966.39
Donation	200.00
Retired Religious	3,078.00
Lahaina Wildfire	321.00
CCHD	55.00
Candles	<u>584.82</u>
Total:	\$19,483.52

Our online giving is available on our website.

*The collection total for **December 4—8, 2023**
online giving is: \$ 854.44*

Stewardship	430.00
Mass Intentions	55.00
Building Fund	95.00
Catholic Care Project	10.00
Olakino Produce Program	150.00
Shaping the Future Campaign	10.00
Holy Days	40.00
CCHD	50.00
Help offset fee	14.44

*THIS 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.

Works of Mercy

REFLECTION:

Can you think of a time when someone did something kind or helpful for you? Maybe they paid for a meal when you were short-changed or made you chicken noodle soup when you were sick. Perhaps it was offering prayers for you or a loved one in a difficult season of life. The smallest, simplest gestures can have profound effects.

As followers of Christ, we are called to serve those in need. But it isn't always easy to serve others, especially when the people that we serve don't seem to appreciate our help or reciprocate with any kindness themselves. Of course, we aren't called to serve others when it is easy or even when it makes us feel good about ourselves.

Christ gave of himself even though we didn't earn it or deserve it. When that truth dwells in our hearts, "love can also blossom as a response within us" (*Deus caritas est*, no. 17). When you have experienced the grace of God, you want to show the grace of God. When you have received mercy, you desire to extend mercy.

We can look to Christ as our perfect example. He nurtured people spiritually and healed them physically. He didn't just do it for those that he knew would reciprocate the gesture. He didn't reserve his grace for only those who would follow him as a disciple. His mercy didn't discriminate. As St. Paul reminds us, "for Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly" (Romans 5:6).

There are countless ways in which we can help others. However, the Church has given us seven ways in which we can assist others' physical needs and seven more ways to address spiritual needs.

"The *works of mercy* are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Instructing, advising, consoling, and comforting are spiritual works of mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently. The corporal works of mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead" (CCC 2447).

The Eucharist is a sacrament of charity. In fact, the Church teaches us that reception of the Blessed Sacrament commits us to the poor (CCC 1397). As our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament increases, so will our desire to serve others. Whether you are called to help others spiritually or corporally, in big ways or small ways, believe that God will bless others through you. Jesus continues to give us his very best; we are called to follow suit. Today, let us be mindful of those around us and the opportunity we have to meet them in their needs.

PRAYER:

Lord, thank you for the gift of today. As you have loved us, let us now do the same for others. We pray that we may be given the opportunity to be your hands and feet in this world. When it is difficult, grant us the grace to pour ourselves out for others, just as you have done for us. May your Holy Spirit give us the strength needed to serve those in our path. Amen.

CHALLENGE:

Choose one Corporal Work of Mercy and one Spiritual Work of Mercy that you can perform today. You can reference paragraphs 2447 and 2448 in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* for more information on the Works of Mercy.

Works of Mercy

THE SEVEN CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. Feed the hungry.
2. Give drink to the thirsty.
3. Clothe the naked.
4. Shelter the homeless.
5. Visit the sick.
6. Visit the imprisoned.
7. Bury the dead.

THE SEVEN SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. Counsel the doubtful.
2. Instruct the ignorant.
3. Admonish sinners.
4. Comfort the afflicted.
5. Forgive offenses.
6. Bear wrongs patiently.
7. Pray for the living and the dead.

"I am the voice of
one crying out in
the desert, 'make
straight the way
of the Lord,'"
as Isaiah the prophet said."

Dear Padre,

Was Jesus born in a stable or a cave? The Christmas scene in our church has Jesus born in a little shed, but in my friend's church it looks more like a cave. The Bible says Jesus was born in a manger, so just where was Jesus born?

The Christmas scenes, sometimes called Nativity scenes or crèches, vary from church to church. In Scripture, we find more details about the Nativity in Luke's Gospel, but even he simply says that Mary wrapped Jesus in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because the inn was full (Luke 2:7).

In none of the Scriptures do we have any details about what the place looked like, but since a manger is a place where caregivers feed livestock, we can assume that Jesus was born in a stable of some kind. At that time, small caves sometimes were used as stables.

Nativity scenes, though, are not an attempt to present a historically accurate picture of where Jesus was born. Rather, scenes of the birth of Jesus remind us of the special love that God shows for us in sending the Son to us. We do not care so much about creating an exact picture of what took place as we do of beholding the beauty and wonder of God born among us. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Baptist is a model for those in the Church who are called to proclaim Christ to others: they are able to do so only by detaching from themselves and from worldliness, by not attracting people to themselves but directing them toward Jesus. This is joy: directing toward Jesus. And joy must be the characteristic of our faith.

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