



Sts. Peter and Paul Church

January 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the
glory of the LORD has dawned upon you.

ISAIAH 60:1

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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)

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Good News!

January 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord (B)

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12

The Seekers

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I live at a parish in downtown Milwaukee. From my window I watch the world pass by, everyone below in search of one thing or another. Students from the local university seek an education, business folk look for a sale, street people often look for a place to spend the night, teenagers hope to find love. Yet beneath all of those longings, in each one there is a deeper hunger that wonders what life is all about and the hope that they might find it. Hidden amidst it all, the real hunger is for God, a longing sewn into our being, sometimes recognized but too often not.

The story of the *Magi* is a story of seekers making their way from afar in hopes of finding the promised one, a newborn king. Perhaps they knew of this child's divine nature, more likely not, yet it was ultimately that same hunger that exists in all of us that drove them, a deep desire to know God.

Every serious religion seeks to experience God in life and tells the stories of those who have done so. There are Christian mystics like St. John of the Cross and St. Teresa of Ávila, Jewish mystics of the Kabbalah tradition, the Sufis of Islam, Native Americans who go on vision quests, the Hindus who practice yoga, as well as the Buddhists and Taoists and Confucians. Like the Magi, we all seek to find God. ●

-Reflect-

Does it make sense to you to say that your deepest hunger is for God?

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Mk 1:40-45

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1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a
Mk 2:13-17

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Jn 1:35-42

"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."



The Gospel reading reveals the journey, the visit and the gifts of the Magi. They read the stars and inspired by their own wisdom and vision they truly want to find and pay homage to Christ Jesus who they understood would bring about a kingdom of justice and peace. Although they are not astrologers like the Magi, good stewards go about the task of reading the signs of the time as well. Moreover, they help others discover the loving presence of Christ through their own actions, bringing mercy, compassion and hope for a better world. How do you live each day to bring about a better world, a better life, unity with those who gather around the Eucharistic table and a deeper communion with God?

LITURGY & PRAYER

Date		Intentions	Celebrant
Sat Jan 6	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	Fr. Khanh
Sunday Jan 7	7:00 AM	+ Liberata Orallo + Edward Ishida Richard Sautner (H)	Fr. Khanh
	9:00 AM	+ Thao Thi Nguyen Truong + Victoria P. Rosero + Adulfa F. Loresto + Ruby Nuivo	Fr. Greg
	11:00 AM	+ Paulino John Secretaria + Pablo Valenta Secretaria Secretaria & Robles Family (SI)	Fr. Khanh
	12:30 PM	+ Micah Lutero + Guadalupe Cante	Fr. Greg
	6:00 PM	Lutero Family (SI) + Ralph Dennison Galeira	Fr. Khanh
Monday Jan 8	7:00 AM	+ Micah Lutero + Guise Tom Nguyen	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	+ Luciano Farinas + Paul Sum + Guise Tom Nguyen	Fr. Khanh
Tuesday Jan 9	7:00 AM	Lutero Family (SI)	Fr. Greg
	12 NOON	Joseph Heno (SI)	Fr. Greg
Wednesday Jan 10	7:00 AM	St. Anthony (Th)	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	Manlolo family (SI)	Fr. Khanh
Thursday Jan 11	7:00 AM	+ Timothy Cantley + James Rhoads	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	Manlolo Family (SI)	Fr. Khanh
Friday Jan 12	7:00 AM	+ Harold Ray	Fr. Greg
	12 NOON	+ Adulfa F. Loresto	Fr. Khanh
Sat Jan 13	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	Fr. Khanh
Sunday Jan 14	7:00 AM	+ Liberata Orallo + Edward Ishida Richard Sautner (H)	Fr. Greg
	9:00 AM	+ Thao Thi Nguyen Truong + Victoria P. Rosero Carly Nakama (H)	Fr. Khanh
	11:00 AM	+ Edwin Munalem Maryfey Quisagan (BD) + Cecilia Troung	Fr. Khanh
	12:30 PM	+ Micah Lutero + Paul Sum	Fr. Khanh
	6:00 PM	Louis Ching (SI) Lutero family (SI) Princess Nina Amor (BD)	Fr. Greg



Holy Father's Intentions

For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

We join together to pray for our brothers and sisters

Cleotilde M. Bamba

Rose Bautista

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

Ren Miyasaki

Doreen Shimabuku

Joseph Shimabuku

Laurie Sparks

Erlinda Surban

Albert Waterson

Deacon Angken Xymoon

Theresa Yu



*O God, who by the
leading of a star
manifested your only
Son to the peoples of
the earth: Lead us,
who know you now by
faith, to your presence,
where we may see your
glory face to face
through Jesus Christ
our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and
forever. Amen.*

Save the Dates

Annual Red Mass

Tuesday, January 16 at 9:00—10:30AM
Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace

Mass for the March for Life

Thursday, January 18 at 6:00—8:00PM
Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

March for Life Rally

Friday, January 19 at 3:00—6:00PM
Hawaii State Capitol

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Jan 8—14, 2024)

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: 10:15-11:45 am—Faith Formation classes-Amana

5:00 pm—OCIA-Reception Room

Lord, every nation on
earth will adore you.

STEWARDSHIP



Giving Tuesday Capital Campaign Update

Giving Tuesday envelopes:	\$54,224.67	Maybelle C. Macdonald Matching Funds:	\$50,000.00
Giving Tuesday Online:	\$ 6,065.00	Giving Tuesday Matching Fund Donor 1:	\$20,000.00
Total as of December 24:	\$60,289.67	End-of-the-year-giving Donor 2:	\$38,000.00

Mahalo to our donors who sacrificially gave to our "Giving Tuesday" this year. We were able to match and exceed our goal of \$50,000 by \$10,289.67. Most of the gifts were \$20.00 and under. We thank everyone who gave and pray that you will be blessed a hundredfold.

Your donation will help us to pay the mortgage at 771 Amana, supporting our Faith Formation, Outreach and other Parish ministries. If you would like to continue giving, you can make a pledge that will help us throughout the year. Please call the office or email campaign.sspp@rcchawaii.org; the Shaping the Future Campaign and Cheryl Parenio will gladly answer your questions.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

—Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

Little Bethlehem Carvers

January 13—14, 2024

Little Bethlehem Carvers will be offering a collection of hand-carved olive wood religious items for sale after all masses next weekend. The profit goes to support Christian families that work as woodcarvers in Bethlehem. Please help to support them as the war has made it even more difficult for them.

Olakino Produce Distribution Sponsored by Hawaii Food Bank

Saturday, January 20, 2024

Distribution time is 10:00—11:00am or until food runs out. If you would like to sign up as a volunteer, please see Parish website.

The Centering Prayer group at Sts. Peter and Paul have been meeting on Wednesdays at 3:30pm in reception room and invites anyone to join. Centering Prayer is a method not meant to replace other forms of prayer, but a way to cultivate a deeper relationship with God. For more information visit contemplativeoutreach.org or contact Norman Oshiro at noshiro@hawaii.rr.com

TREASURE

Mahalo for your generous contributions and faithful Stewardship contributions.

*Totals for **December 30—31, 2023:***

Sunday collection & Stewardship	\$ 9,576.90
Mass Intentions	790.00
Building Fund	35.00
Outreach	120.00
Olakino	20.00
Funeral	315.00
Donation	1,105.00
Christmas	385.00
Mary Mother of God	1,658.02
First Offering	1,016.00
Second Collection	50.00
Candles	<u>1,282.67</u>
Total:	\$16,353.59

Our online giving is available on our website.

*The collection total for **December 25—29, 2023***

online giving is: \$1,434.91

Stewardship	445.00
Mass Intentions	15.00
Building Fund	45.00
Catholic Care Project	10.00
Olakino Produce Program	20.00
Shaping the Future Campaign	15.00
Retirement Fund	25.00
Christmas	850.00
Help offset fee	9.91

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION (JAN 6 & 7):

BUILDING FUND

Eucharistic Revival & Evangelization



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER COMPANION

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: GIFTS FROM THE HEART

THE GRACE I SEEK: to offer the Lord the treasures of my heart

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

Pause for a few moments, and allow yourself to become aware of Jesus' gift of himself in the Eucharist. Realize that, at this very moment, the Lord of Life is gazing upon you with great love. Allow yourself to receive his loving gaze. You are his beloved child. Rest in his loving gaze.

Thank Jesus for the gift of himself in the Eucharist.

ASK FOR THE GRACE: Jesus, help me to give to you gifts from my heart.



SCRIPTURE MEDITATION—Read slowly, 3–4 times. Allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.

“Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.” (Isaiah 60:5)

FOR REFLECTION—Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.

In the busyness of our daily lives, it is easy to miss the abundance of love the Lord is pouring into our hearts. Over the last week or two, can you think of an instance when the Lord was giving you a true gift, but you were too busy or preoccupied to let your heart “throb and overflow” at the goodness of Jesus? Talk to him about your experience.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION—Read slowly, 3–4 times. Again, allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you in a personal way through this passage.

“They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” (Matthew 2:10–11)

FOR REFLECTION—When we begin to see the gifts that Jesus is giving to us throughout the day, our natural response is to give back all we have to him in joy, and the way we give to Jesus is often by giving to others. Think about all of the gifts and talents the Lord has given to you. Are there any that you have not cultivated? What is the reason for this? Ask the Lord to help you identify any of the fears holding you back. Present them to him in simplicity, asking for the courage to overcome them. It might be helpful to journal about them, too!

Remain in silence with the Lord. Allow him to speak in the silence, in your heart. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER—O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Collect, The Epiphany of the Lord, Mass During the Day)

SUNDAY MASS CONNECTION—At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. This Sunday, offer your desire to cultivate the treasures of your heart to be able to show Jesus' love to those around you.

LOVE IN ACTION—Look back at the uncultivated talent(s) you identified during the second reflection. Ask the Lord to show you how you can develop these gifts. Write these steps down; it may also be helpful to ask a friend for support and encouragement! Trust that the Lord will use these efforts to grow his Kingdom.



The Magi set out because of a deep desire which prompted them to leave everything and begin a journey.

It was as though they had always been waiting for that star.

Pope Benedict XVI



Dear Padre,

On what date was Jesus born? Was it December 25 or some time between December and April, when shepherds watched over their sheep?

Due to the complexity of history's various calendars and ways of calculating time, we cannot be sure of the date. Matthew and Luke, the two Gospels that detail the birth of Jesus, do not give a date.

Early Christians observed an annual feast to remember Jesus' death and resurrection, focusing on the paschal mystery rather than on his birth. As Christianity grew and spread, however, Christians wanted to celebrate more events from Jesus' life. The celebration on December 25 has more to do with an expression of faith in Jesus as Emmanuel, "God with us," than with establishing the exact date of his birth.

December 25 is listed as the date of Jesus' birth in a fourth-century calendar of martyrs, but how this date was chosen is unclear. Some scholars believe Christians in Rome chose December 25 to counteract the celebration of the pagan sun god Emesa. Another theory follows the influences of the seasons: early Christians believed John the Baptist was conceived on the autumnal equinox and born at the summer solstice. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus' conception took place six months after John's. That time line would place Jesus' birth at the winter solstice, December 25 on the Julian calendar. A third theory says Jesus' birth would have occurred on the same date as his death, which we believe to be in the spring at Passover. Regardless of the exact date, we celebrate Jesus as the true Son of God who came to enlighten us and, by his death and resurrection, to give us life. ●

Fr. John Schmidt, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Like a rising star (see Numbers 24:17), Jesus comes to enlighten all peoples and to brighten the nights of humanity. Today, with the Magi, let us lift our eyes to heaven and ask: "Where is the child who has been born?" (Matthew 2:2). Where can we find and encounter our Lord?

**HOMILY, ROME,
JANUARY 6, 2023**