



# Sts. Peter and Paul Church

S.T. PETER S.T. PAUL

December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent



A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.

ISAIAH 11:1

IMAGE: ABSOLON STUMME, TREE OF JESSE / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

## 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., & 6:00 p.m.

## EUCARISTIC 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.

## DEVOTIONS

First Fridays: 5:30—7:00 p.m.  
First Saturdays: 11:00 a.m.—12:30 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 OCIA coordinator, 808-941-0675 ext. 25)

**Marriage:** The proper and required prep for Marriage is extensive. Please talk to a priest or deacon at least 6-months prior before setting a date.

**Father Arnel Soriano, Pastor Administrator** ♦ **Father Khanh Hoang, Part-Time Parochial Vicar**  
**Deacon Joel Narusawa**

# Good News!

December 7, 2025

**Second Sunday of Advent (A)**

Isaiah 11:1-10 / Romans 15:4-9 / Matthew 3:1-12

## Will You Notice the Shoot?

ANN M. GARRIDO

**Today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah** offers a familiar Advent image: the shoot sprouting from the stump of Jesse. The verses immediately preceding speak of God walking through the forest with an ax: "The tall of stature shall be felled, and the lofty ones shall be brought low" (Isaiah 10:33). But now, amidst all the destruction, a tiny sign of new life emerges, and the Spirit of God descends upon it, bearing many gifts—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, delight.

So often, when we scroll through the news, our attention is captured by violence and war and the "mighty" who make great noise when they fall. "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees," echoes John the Baptist in today's gospel. If we are looking for where God's Spirit can be found, however, Isaiah reminds us we will need to look elsewhere. We will need to attend to the quiet, fragile resurrections taking place below the surface when it appears as if all has been lost. If we seek wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, and delight, we will need to look where the little ones of the earth are found. We must have our eyes open for the shoots.

The gospels emphasize that Jesus was one such little one. Although the glory days of his people seemed to have come to a crashing close, they have not. In him, we glimpse the truth that life is stronger than death. We see that the future has not been erased, no matter how terrible the past. In him, we find our hope. •

### -Reflect-

*Are my eyes open to the small signs of God's work in the world, or am I too distracted to notice?*

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

**TUESDAY**  
December 9  
*Advent Weekday*  
Is 40:1-11  
Mt 18:12-14

**WEDNESDAY**  
December 10  
*Advent Weekday*  
Is 40:25-31  
Mt 11:28-30

**THURSDAY**  
December 11  
*Advent Weekday*  
Is 41:13-20  
Mt 11:11-15

**FRIDAY**  
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

**SATURDAY**  
December 13  
*St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr*  
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11  
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**SUNDAY**  
December 14  
*Third Sunday of Advent*  
Is 35:1-6a, 10  
Jas 5:7-10  
Mt 11:2-11

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# LITURGY & PRAYER

Date		Intentions	Celebrant
Sat Dec 6	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	Fr. Khanh
Sunday Dec 7	7:00 AM	+ Michael Nguyen Van Chanh + Fr Khanh Pham-Nguyen + Anna Keano + Georgeanna Mann + Fr. Daren Zenhle	Fr. Khanh
	9:00 AM	+ John Nguyen Thong Barbara Kennedy (H) Switzer family (SI) Tara Pham (SI)	Fr. Arnel
	11:00 AM	+ Paulino & John Secretaria + Oliver Robles + Fr. Sydney Fernandes Holy Souls in Purgatory	Fr. Arnel
	6:00 PM	Holy Souls in Purgatory Nyla Esechu (BD) Mai Nguyen (H)	Fr. Arnel
Monday Dec 8	7:00 AM	Immaculata Sakamoto (BD)	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	Switzer family (SI)	Fr. Khanh
	6:00 PM	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Fr. Arnel
Tuesday Dec 9	7:00 AM	+ Sandra Mann + Ryan Doji	Fr. Arnel
	12 NOON	Lynn Guillermo (Th)	Fr. Arnold
Wednesday Dec 10	7:00 AM	Jovelyn Guillermo (Th)	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	Manlolo family (SI)	Fr. Arnold
Thursday Dec 11	7:00 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Fr. Arnel
	12 NOON	St. Anthony de Padua intercessions (Th)	Fr. Khanh
Friday Dec 12	7:00 AM	+ Fr. Syd Fernandes	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	+ Conchita Quiambao	Fr. Arnel
Sat Dec 13	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	Fr. Victor
Sunday Dec 14	7:00 AM	+ Fr. Khanh Pham-Nguyen + Michael Nguyen Van Chanh	Fr. Khanh
	9:00 AM	+ John Nguyen Thong	Fr. Arnel
	11:00 AM	+ Paulino & John Secretaria + Oliver Robles + Fr. Sydney Fernandes	Fr. Arnel
	6:00 PM	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Fr. Arnel



## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Holy Day of Obligation*

Monday, December 8, 2025



Mass times are  
7:00 a.m., 12 noon, and 6:00 p.m.



### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December *For Christians in areas of conflict*

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



### PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

We join together to pray for our brothers and sisters

Rob Aguilar  
Lucrecia L. Ancheta  
Matilda Correa  
P. Estella  
Rosario Garuida

Jack Jacewicz  
Christoph Jacewicz  
Victoria Jacinto  
Alison Kunishige  
Anne Noto



### Advent – Week Two

The 2nd Sunday of Advent encourages us to prepare our hearts and follow Christ more closely. We are called to change our hearts and look toward God's promises as we help bring God's peace into the world.

*Lord, help us to prepare our hearts for Your coming. Guide us to live with justice, peace, and repentance. Give us courage to follow true leaders and to be leaders who bring hope. May we bear good fruit and reflect Your love in all we do. Amen.*



### Parish Advent Penance Reconciliation Service

Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.



### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Friday, December 12, 2025

This celebration commemorates the apparition of the Virgin Mary to St. Juan Diego in Mexico City, leading many conversions to Catholicism.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (December 8–14, 2025)

Monday: 7am, Noon, 6pm—Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)  
6:30 pm—Charismatic Prayer Group resumes Jan 19

Tuesday: 6:30 pm—Young Adult Bible Study/Faith Sharing-Reception Rm

Wednesday: 1:00 pm—Legion of Mary-Reception Rm

3:30 pm—Centering Prayer-Reception Rm

6:00 pm—Parish Scripture Group-Reception Rm

Thursday: 6:00 pm—Advent Penance/Reconciliation Service-Church

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

7:45 am—Catholic Care Packing-Church

10:15-11:30 am—Confession-Church

Saturday: 10:00am-11:00 am—Olakino Distribution-Parking Lot

3:00-4:00 pm—Confession-Church

Sunday: 9:00-10:30 am—Adult Scripture Study-Upper Rm

10:15-11:45 am—Faith Formation-Amana Bldg 3rd Flr

12:15 pm—OCIA-Reception Rm

12:30 pm—Youth Ministry & High School Catechism-Amana Bldg 3rd Flr

5:00 pm—OCIA-Reception Rm

# STEWARSHIP

## STEWARSHIP REFLECTION



*"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."*

—Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused? Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

## Olakino Produce Distribution

*Sponsored by Hawaii Food Bank*

**Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

Due to Hawaii Food Bank's schedule, our monthly Olakino this month is moved up to December 13. Distribution time is 10:00—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, or come check-in at 9am to receive an assignment. Mahalo!

## 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 & families on **Friday, December 12**, after the 7am Mass.



*Have a rosary that's broken or missing beads? You may bring them into the Parish Office to have it repaired or donated (please put them in a Ziplock bag).*

*-If you'd like it returned, please label it with your name and contact information.*

*-If you'd like to donate it, Nettie, a member from Legion of Mary, will lovingly repair and turn it into a blessing for someone else.*

## TREASURE

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

**NOVEMBER 29—30, 2025**

WEEKLY OFFERING	\$8,593.63
STEWARSHIP (online)	\$475.00
THANKSGIVING	\$2,712.00
HOLY DAYS	\$200.00
ALL SOULS	\$29.00
FUNERAL	\$300.00
DONATION	\$206.00
CANDLES	\$463.75

**Operating income subtotal: \$12,979.38**

## Custodial & Restricted Collections

*Sunday and online giving*

BUILDING FUND	\$199.00
MASS INTENTIONS	\$645.00
CATHOLIC CARE	\$10.00
OLAKINO	\$110.00
OUTREACH	\$20.00
GIVING TUESDAY	\$60.00
WORLD MISSION	\$20.00
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN HUMAN DEV	\$20.00
SHAPING THE FUTURE PHASE 2	\$100.00

**Custodial & Restricted subtotal: \$1,184.00**

**TOTAL COLLECTION: \$14,163.38**

## REMEMBRANCE WALL

Thank you to those who have already purchased bricks for the memorial wall located at the end of the walkway connecting the Church to 771 Amana Building.

Bricks are still available for sale. If you are interested in purchasing a brick in honor or memory of a loved one, please see the parish office for a form, or email [campaign.sspp@rcchawaii.org](mailto:campaign.sspp@rcchawaii.org).

Thank you for your patience and support throughout this project.

## UPCOMING...

- ◊ *Misa de Gallo—Dec. 16-24 at 5am (Sunday at 7am)*
- ◊ *Parish Advent Recollection—Dec. 17 at 6pm (speaker Fr. Adondee Arellano)*

# Around the Diocese

## MARY, BEARER OF CHRIST'S LIGHT



An Advent Reflection with Our Lady of Guadalupe (Women 18 years and above)

December 12, 2025 - 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Paewalani, 45-901A, Wailele Road Kaneohe, HI 96744  
Cost: Donations Accepted  
Please call Sr. Ivy at (808) 845-0065, (808) 897-0388 or email: sarc3351@gmail.com  
RSVP - By December 8, 2025



## Advent Statewide Prayer Meeting

13 December 2025 | Saturday

Immaculate Heart Hall  
Saint Anthony Retreat Center  
3351 Kalihia Street, Honolulu, HI 96819

10:00 AM	Praise and Worship HCCRS Worship Team
10:45 AM	Talk: The Beauty of Advent Fr. Adondee Arellano, MS



## EAST HONOLULU VICARIATE PENANCE SERVICES 2025

DATE	TIME	PARISH
December 10, 2025	6:30 PM	Holy Trinity
December 11, 2025	6:00 PM	Saints Peter and Paul
December 15, 2025	6:00 PM	Saint Augustine
December 17, 2025	7:00 PM	Saint Pius X
December 18, 2025	6:00 PM	Sacred Heart

*He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit*

MATTHEW 3:11

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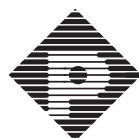
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# Dear Padre,

December 7, 2025

## Do non-Catholics go to heaven?

Yes, they do, because of the grace of God at work in his people. To suggest otherwise would seem to imply that Catholics somehow have a "golden ticket," or some kind of right that simply does not exist.

The Incarnation of Jesus healed the division between heaven and earth, a division established by the "sin of Adam" and confirmed by our own lives of sin. Through his passion, death, and resurrection, all has been restored to the manner that the Father first envisioned through his Creation. The division was between humanity and divinity, not between religious practices and divinity. Catholics believe and celebrate that God accepts all people of a good heart and a good spirit. God is not blinded by the labels that sometimes blind his people to the bigger reality.

When Catholics, or people of any religion, proclaim exclusivity and specialness, particularly when it concerns eternal life, all people should be very cautious about what they assume. To assume a certain type of arrogance—to yourself and to your belief and life of faith—that excludes others or separates another as "not one of us" simply has no place in the kingdom of God. •



Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

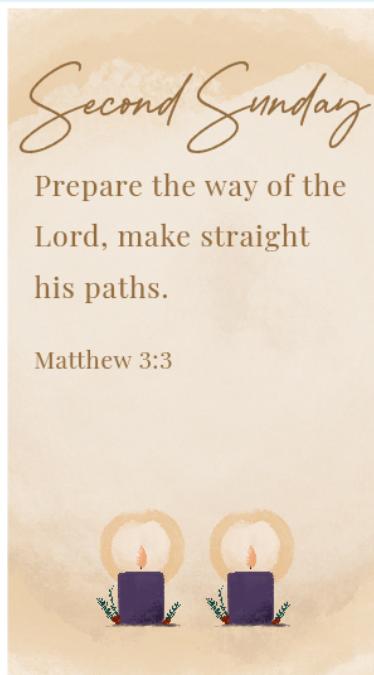
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### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made "restless" by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.*

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 18, 2025



*Second Sunday*  
Prepare the way of the  
Lord, make straight  
his paths.

Matthew 3:3

**SUNDAY KIDZ**

**ADVENT**



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