



Sts. Peter and Paul Church

December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent



Say to the fearful of heart:
Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God, he
comes with vindication;
With divine recompense
he comes to save you.

ISAIAH 35:4



IMAGE: MCKEELA ALLEN, WIKIMEDIA

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY: Monday–Friday 7:00am & noon

WEEKEND: Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 6:00pm

EUCARISTIC ADORATION:

Fridays after 7:00am mass until 11:45am

RECONCILIATION:

Fridays: 10:15–11:30am
Saturdays: 3:00–4:00pm

DEVOTIONS:

First Fridays (*until Lent*): 5:30–7:00pm
First Saturdays (*until Lent*): 11:00am–12:30pm

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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 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent (A)

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 / James 5:7-10 / Matthew 11:2-11

The Gift of Questions

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSsR

We sometimes imagine that a sign of a strong faith is firm conviction and freedom from doubt. However, despite our imaginings, the authentic experiences of saints and ordinary people alike seem to point in another direction. The question of John the Baptist today—"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (Matthew 11:3)—suggests that John is filled with questions, and these are important questions because they are asked from the depths of King Herod's prison, which is not exactly the place of idle musings or concerns.

If John, who is a great saint and a man who encountered Jesus and witnessed the powerful manifestation of the Holy Spirit at his baptism, can have a question, doesn't it suggest that questions are acceptable—perhaps even needed? Perhaps questioning is an indication of faithfulness, not a lack of faith. Questions do not suggest that something is missing; rather, they confirm that something is growing and developing. The Baptist could just have easily said, "Jesus, you are doing and saying more than I ever imagined possible. Please help me to understand," or, to quote an unnamed saint, "I do believe, help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24).

God will not shatter, and faith will not collapse, because you have questions or doubts.

Experience suggests that questions and doubts strengthen our belief and our commitment to a life of faith. ●

-Reflect-

***Do I welcome questions, mine and others,
as a way to grow in faith?***

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MONDAY
December 15
Advent Weekday

Nm 24:2-7,
15-17a
Mt 21:23-27

TUESDAY
December 16
Advent Weekday
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13
Mt 21:28-32

WEDNESDAY
December 17
Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8-10
Mt 1:1-17

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

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

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

SUNDAY
December 21
*Fourth Sunday
of Advent*
Is 7:10-14
Rom 1:1-7
Mt 1:18-24

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LITURGY & PRAYER

Date		Intentions	Celebrant
Sat Dec 13	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	Fr. Victor
Sunday Dec 14	7:00 AM	+ Fr. Khanh Pham-Nguyen + Pauline Sakurai + Pilar Ashworth and special intention	Fr. Khanh
	9:00 AM	+ Bill Maliglig Ka Kin Choi (H) Jacky Pham (H) Switzer family (SI)	Fr. Khanh
	11:00 AM	+ Leonard Lange + Fr. Sydney Fernandes Miguel Sandy Esechu (SI) Holy Souls in Purgatory	Fr. Arnel
	6:00 PM	+ Fr. Khanh Pham-Nguyen + Jose C. Dizon + Maria Dao Uyen	Fr. Arnel
	7:00 AM	Special intention	Fr. Khanh
Monday Dec 15	12 NOON	+ Dabrowski family	Fr. Khanh
Tuesday Dec 16	5:00 AM		Fr. Arnel
	7:00 AM	+ Joseph Nguyen Van Thanh	Fr. Arnel
	12 NOON	+ Theresa Pak	Fr. Arnel
Wednesday Dec 17	5:00 AM	Special intention	Fr. Arlan, MS
	7:00 AM	Patricia Shauble (BD)	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	St. Anthony intercessions (SI)	Fr. Arnel
Thursday Dec 18	5:00 AM	+ Diane Kapanowski	Fr. Adondee
	7:00 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Fr. Arnel
	12 NOON	Manlolo Family (SI)	Fr. Khanh
Friday Dec 19	5:00 AM		Fr. Greg
	7:00 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Fr. Arnel
	12 NOON	St. Anthony intercessions (Th)	Fr. Khanh
Sat Dec 20	5:00 AM	+ Nicholet Domingo	Fr. Melchor
	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	Fr. Khanh
Sunday Dec 21	7:00 AM	+ Bernadita Rijhoff + Leonard Lange + Donald Okimoto + Fr. Daren Zenhle	Fr. Khanh
	9:00 AM	+ Nick & Naty Arato + Terry & Tony Nuivo + Timothy Cantley Harai Joseph (SI)	Fr. Khanh
	11:00 AM	+ Justine & Philips Aguanta + Fr. Sydney Fernandes Holy Souls in Purgatory + Johnny Kou Wong	Fr. Arnel
	6:00 PM	+ Johnny Kou Wong + Fr. Khanh Pham-Nguyen	Fr. Arnel

Parish Advent-Christmas Recollection
Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
 Guest Speaker: Fr. Adondee Arellano, MS
 Theme: "A Christmas Blessing..."



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 Three

Gaudete Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of Advent, is a time of joyful anticipation, reminding us that our waiting is filled with joy and hope. The readings focus on hope, patience, and recognizing God's presence among us. As we prepare for Christ's coming, may we trust in God's promises and His perfect timing.

Lord, help us to see the signs of Your presence in our lives. Give us patience as we wait for You and fill our hearts with joy as we trust in Your promises. May we find hope in Your Works and remain faithful in our journey toward Christmas. Amen.



Misa De Gallo
December 16—24



Mon-Sat at 5:00 a.m. | Sunday at 7:00 a.m.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (December 15—21, 2025)

Monday: 6:30 pm—Charismatic Prayer Group—resumes Jan 19

Tuesday: 5:00 am—Misa de Gallo—Church

6:30 pm—Young Adult Bible Study/Faith Sharing—Amana Bldg 3rd Flr

Wednesday: 5:00 am—Misa de Gallo—Church

1:00 pm—Legion of Mary—Amana Bldg 3rd Flr

3:30 pm—Centering Prayer—Amana Bldg 3rd Flr

6:00 pm—Advent Recollection—Church

Thursday: 5:00 am—Misa de Gallo—Church

Friday: 5:00 am—Misa de Gallo—Church

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

10:15—11:30 am—Confession—Church

Saturday: 5:00 am—Misa de Gallo—Church

3:00—4:00 pm—Confession—Church

Sunday: 7:00 am—Misa de Gallo—Church

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



"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."

—James 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

Joy of Giving

**Mahalo to our Olakino Team and volunteers who helped pack and distribute produce to our community on Saturday.*

**Mahalo for all generous gifts of Christmas flowers offering in memory of loved ones.*

DECK-THE-HALL!

If you are a seasoned decorator or just want to lend a hand, volunteers are welcome to help decorate the Church and courtyard in preparation for the upcoming Christmas season.

Please join us on:

Monday, December 15th (evening)

Mahalo for your time!



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.

DECEMBER 6—7, 2025

WEEKLY OFFERING	\$9,571.18
STEWARSHIP (online)	\$1,490.00
THANKSGIVING	\$340.00
HOLY DAYS	\$64.00
DONATION	\$105.50
CANDLES	\$573.50

Operating income subtotal: \$12,144.18

Custodial & Restricted Collections

Sunday and online giving

BUILDING FUND	\$1,710.00
MASS INTENTIONS	\$360.00
CATHOLIC CARE	\$41.00
OLAKINO	\$446.00
OUTREACH	\$220.00
GIVING TUESDAY	\$9,455.63
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	\$151.00
RESTRICTED (LINENS)	\$20.00
SECOND COLLECTIONS	\$155.00

Custodial & Restricted subtotal: \$12,558.63

TOTAL COLLECTION: \$24,702.81

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.

*Thank You
for your support*

Around the Diocese

EAST HONOLULU VICARIATE - ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES 2025

DATE	TIME	PARISH
December 2, 2025	6:30 PM	Mary, Star of the Sea
December 3, 2025	6:00 PM	Newman Center
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

All are invited...



Parish ADVENT-CHRISTMAS Recollection

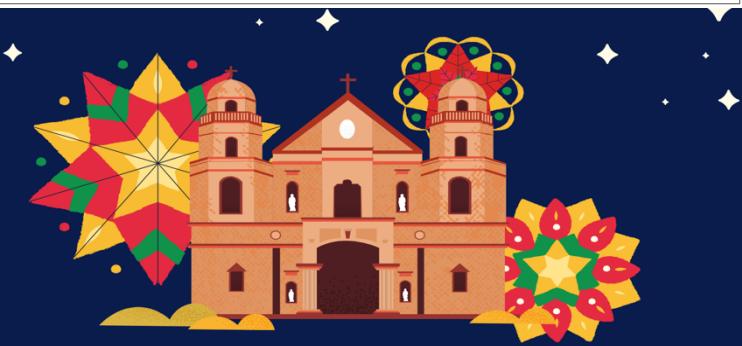
Wednesday

December 17, 2025

at 6:00 pm



Guest Speaker: Fr. Adondee Arellano, MS
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Misa de Gallo

2025

Dec. 16 - 20 at 5:00 am

Dec. 21 at 7:00 am

Dec. 22 - 24 at 5:00 am

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Misa de Gallo is a nine-day novena of masses dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the expectant Mother of God.

Misa de Gallo translates to "Rooster's Mass", reflecting the rooster's crowing at dawn, signaling the time to attend mass before starting the workday.

This beloved Filipino tradition will be celebrated in our parish from December 16 to December 24.

Mark your calendars, invite your family and friends, and join us this year on each of the dawn masses as we spiritually prepare and joyfully anticipate our Lord's birth at Christmas. A breakfast fellowship will follow each mass.

- Dec 16 – Fr. Arnel Soriano, Pastor, Sts. Peter and Paul
- Dec 17 – Fr. Arlan Intal, MS, Pastor, St Anthony Kalihi
- Dec 18 – Fr. Adondee Arellano, MS, Pastor, St. Stephen
- Dec 19 – Fr. Greg Honorio, Vicar for Clergy
- Dec 20 – Fr. Melchor Palomares, Parochial Vicar, St Jude
- Dec 21 – Fr. Khanh Hoang, Parochial Vicar, Sts Peter & Paul
- Dec 22 – Fr. Anthony Tran, VHM Chaplain
- Dec 23 – Fr. Nick Apetorgbor, Parochial Vicar, Sacred Heart
- Dec 24 – Fr. Alfred Guerrero, Director Office of Worship

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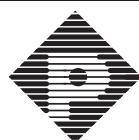


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Dear Padre,

December 14, 2025

Does the Bible say that Mary was in her sixth month of pregnancy at the Annunciation?

The announcement of Jesus' birth in Luke begins, "In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph...and the virgin's name was Mary" (Luke 1:26–27). This Scripture passage taken out of context could possibly give the impression that "in the sixth month" refers to Mary. However, it refers to Mary's cousin Elizabeth, who was in the sixth month of her pregnancy with John the Baptist. The proper context is a few verses before this one that reads, "Elizabeth conceived, and she went into seclusion for five months" (Luke 1:24).

Regarding Mary's pregnancy, at the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel tells her, "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.... The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God" (Luke 1:31, 35). Gabriel also informs Mary, "And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren" (Luke 1:36).

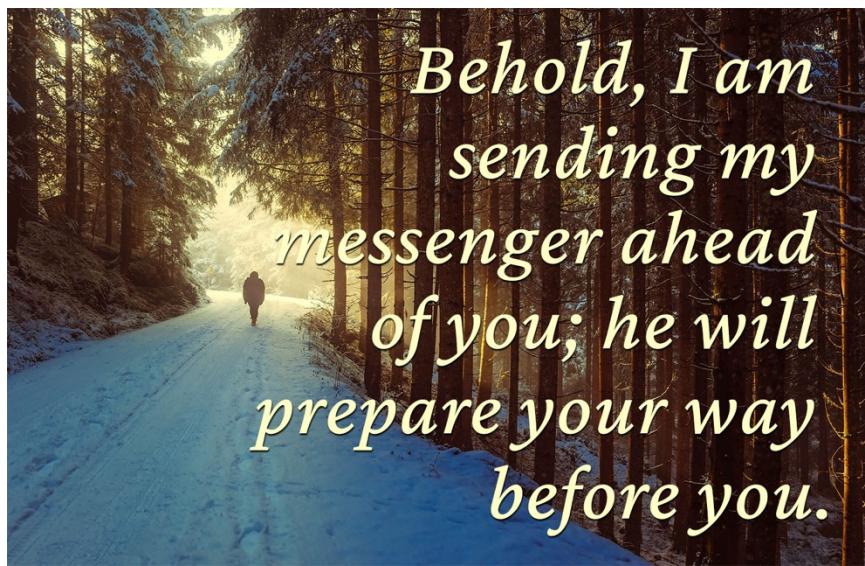
In general, women already in their sixth month of pregnancy would likely be aware of their condition, and it would not be easy to conceal from others. •



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

There are many settings in which the Christian faith is considered absurd.... Yet, precisely for this reason, they are the places where our missionary outreach is desperately needed. A lack of faith is often tragically accompanied by the loss of meaning in life, the neglect of mercy, appalling violations of human dignity, the crisis of the family, and so many other wounds that afflict our society.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 9, 2025



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