



Sts. Peter and Paul Church

January 25, 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“Repent, for the kingdom
of heaven is at hand!”**

MATTHEW 3:2

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY: Monday–Friday 7:00am & noon

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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!

January 25, 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 8:23-9:3 / 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 / Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Judged or Invited?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 3:2) is the message preached by Jesus after the arrest of John the Baptist. It is important to place this message in context. Jesus is not repeating the preaching of the Baptist. His message is unique and compelling.

Look closely at what Jesus is saying. Do not automatically fill in the blanks with the memories of every sermon you have heard. Try to hear Jesus’ words again, for the first time. Is the emphasis on “repent,” or is the emphasis on the announcement, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand”? Does it make any difference?

Repeat these words and change the emphasis each time. Play with the words. Let the words play with you. Notice how you respond. Notice what makes a difference. Notice how you react, and, most of all, notice whether you feel invited or you feel judged.

The Baptist made no bones about it. You are being judged: “Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees” (Matthew 3:10). Jesus, on the other hand, seems not to judge but to invite: “for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17). In the invitation, we are challenged to see in a different way. Use different skills. Refrain from automatic judgments. Seek to understand but, most of all, to accept and to love. ●

-Reflect-

**What does “repent” mean to me?
A threat or an invitation?**

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MONDAY

January 26
Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
2 Tm 1:1-8
or Ti 1:1-5
Mk 3:22-30

TUESDAY

January 27
Weekday
2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19
Mk 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY

January 28
St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
2 Sm 7:4-17
Mk 4:1-20

THURSDAY

January 29
Weekday
2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29
Mk 4:21-25

FRIDAY

January 30
Weekday
2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17
Mk 4:26-34

SATURDAY

January 31
St. John Bosco, Priest
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17
Mk 4:35-41

SUNDAY

February 1
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zep 2:3; 3:12-13
1 Cor 1:26-31
Mt 5:1-12a

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LITURGY & PRAYER

Date		Intentions	Celebrant
Sat Jan 24	5:00 PM	+ Sue Mueller + Man Thi Nguyen + Frederick Dios Dado Francis Kirsten Robles (BD)	Fr. Arnel
Sunday January 25	7:00 AM	+ Daniel Sasakura Laison Lee (SI) Guillermo-Lee family (SI) Dwight Ohtani (H) John Terlaje (H)	Fr. Arnel
	9:00 AM	+ Jon Jacques + Robert & Jane Jacques + Dionicio & Marie Tacang + Man Thi Nguyen	Fr. Arnel
	11:00 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory + John De Marco + Paulino Secretaria Amelia Bumanglag (Th)	Fr. Khanh
	6:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	Fr. Khanh
Monday January 26	7:00 AM	Dwight Ohtani (H)	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	+ Jon Jacques	Fr. Khanh
Tuesday January 27	7:00 AM	+ Pilar Ashworth Dwight Ohtani (H)	Fr. Alfred G
	12 NOON	+ Robert & Jane Jacques	TBA
Wednesday January 28	7:00 AM	+ Dionicio & Maria Tacang	Fr. Victor
	12 NOON	+ Ramul Tenchavez + Rafael Tenchavez	Fr. Khanh
Thursday January 29	7:00 AM	+ Constanca Belandres	Fr. Victor
	12 NOON	Manlolo Family (BD)	Fr. Khanh
Friday January 30	7:00 AM	Thuy Nguyen (BD)	Fr. Victor
	12 NOON	+ Martin DeGuzman	Fr. Khanh
Sat Jan 31	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	Fr. Khanh
Sunday February 1	7:00 AM	+ Fidel Mendiola + Teresita & Arnaldo + Joe Robb + James Concilla	Fr. Khanh
	9:00 AM	+ Jon Jacques + Robert & Jane Jacques + Dionicio & Marie Tacang + Man Thi Nguyen	Fr. Khanh
	11:00 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory + Frank DeMarco + John & Oliver Secretaria	Fr. Arnel
	6:00 PM	+ Beverly Klopf + Marius Fischer Marc Jan Mamuad (Th)	Fr. Arnel

*Lord, You are the light that leads us out of darkness.
Help us to trust You when life is difficult. Give us the
courage to follow You, even when we feel unworthy.
Teach us to work together and build unity in our
communities. Guide us each day as we walk in faith.
Amen.*

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January *For prayer with the Word of God*

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

We join together to pray for our brothers and sisters

Rob Aguilar
Lucrecia L. Ancheta
James Brauer
Charles Brauer
P. Estella
Mark Felipe
Rosario Garuida
Virginia Ishida
Victoria Jacinto
Jack Jucewicz
Christoph Jucewicz

Alison Kunishige
Lyudmila Kuritsina
Anna Neytonova
Anne Noto
Bob Sweeney
Diane
Larry
Sharon & Kevin



We pray for the repose of the soul of...

+ Matilda C. Correa
+ Rosita Cabagbag
+ Robert Konig

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10

Be united in the same mind
and in the same purpose.

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (January 26—February 1, 2026)

Monday: 6:30 pm—Charismatic Prayer Group-Amana Bldg 3rd Flr
Tuesday: 6:30 pm—Young Adult Bible Study/Faith Sharing-Amana Bldg 3rd Flr
Wednesday: 1:00 pm—Legion of Mary-Amana Bldg 3rd Flr
3:30 pm—Centering Prayer-
6:00 pm—Parish Scripture- Amana Bldg 3rd fr
Friday: 7:30 am-11:45 am—Eucharistic Adoration-Church
10:15-11:30 am—Confession-Church
Saturday: 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

STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him."

—MATTHEW 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Hawaii

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls the fishermen to drop their nets and follow Him to a new life. In your marriage, are you holding onto "nets"—old habits or busy routines—that keep you from fully following the call to love your spouse? Drop your nets and discover a new way to connect.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is a non-residential weekend, **April 24-26, 2026**, on Oahu. Couples return home each evening, making it perfect for those with childcare needs. Two other weekend experiences are scheduled in Hawaii this year. To apply or for more information, visit www.hawaiiwwme.org or contact Brian and Claudine Perry at (808)276-5721. Space is limited.

PLEASE KOKUA!

During the week of **February 9—13**, the Church Parking lot will be closed due to the asphaltting and paving construction. Masses will continue as scheduled but you must park at available street parking. Please plan accordingly. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience and cooperation. Mahalo!

2025 CONTRIBUTION REPORT LETTERS were sent out last week. All those with contributions over \$100 should have received a letter. Please call the office if you do not receive a letter.

TREASURE

Mahalo for your generous donations and faithful Stewardship.

JANUARY 17—18, 2026

Offertory collection/Unrestricted donations

WEEKLY OFFERING	\$8,903.25
STEWARDSHIP (online)	\$590.00
MANGER OFFERING	\$5.25
CHRISTMAS	\$7.00
SOLEMNITY OF MARY	\$30.00
BLESSING	\$40.00
CANDLES	\$675.86

Operating income subtotal: \$10,251.36

**Second Collection/Restricted donations Sunday and online giving*

BUILDING FUND	\$300.00
MASS INTENTIONS	\$417.00
CATHOLIC CARE	\$122.00
OLAKINO	\$122.00
OUTREACH	\$269.00
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BLACK & INDIAN	\$20.00
LATIN AMERICA	\$20.00
CATHOLIC CHARITIES HI	\$5.00

Custodial & Restricted subtotal: \$4,370.00

TOTAL COLLECTION: \$14,621.36

**Restricted Donations to be applied for specific use. These funds are not used toward general operating expenses unless instructed by the donor.*



Online giving is also available on our parish website. It is secure, quick, and easy. Scan this QR code with your mobile phone's camera app to access the web link.

This week's (national) second collection is for the Church in Latin America and Black & Indian Missions.

Around the Diocese



The Huaka'i Project
Season 3 (March-May 2026)

Connect. Grow. Serve.

Become a Huaka'i Host!

Why Become a Huaka'i Small Group Host?

Build Real Community

Create a consistent space where authentic friendships can grow beyond the Sunday Mass.

Deepen Your Own Faith

Leading, facilitating, and praying with others naturally strengthens your own relationship with Christ.

Make a Tangible Impact

Your leadership can help someone return to the Church, heal from past wounds, or discover their vocation.

Develop Practical Leadership Skills

Gain experience in communication, hospitality, organization, and pastoral care—skills valuable in both ministry and career.

Be Part of a Mission Bigger Than Yourself

Help form a network of communities that foster hope, discipleship, and service across the diocese.

For more information or to sign-up to be a host:

<https://form.jotform.com/oecchawaii/huakai>



Small Group Hosts Training
Sat, Jan 31, 2026
8:30am-3:30pm
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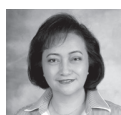
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Why can't a Protestant receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?

United by baptism, fellow Christians are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. As such, they are always welcome at Catholic Mass, but they do not ordinarily participate in holy Communion. "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion" (Code of Canon Law, 844 §4).

When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they firmly believe the bread and wine are transformed into the Real Presence of Christ. In the Eucharist, we become part of the body of Christ and share in holiness and unity with one another. Our "Amen" to "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ" means, "Truly, so be it!" It indicates that we affirm our belief in this mystery, which is fundamental to our Catholic identity. If non-Catholics receive the Eucharist but do not embrace this identity and same belief, it may disrespect Catholics who do, as well as disrespect their own identity in the denomination to which they belong.

However, at Mass, fellow Christians can join their prayers with Catholics in praising God. Together, we also pray that the divisions which separate us will finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). •

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, all too much violence exists in the world and our societies. Amid wars, terrorism, human trafficking, and widespread aggression, our children and young people need to be able to experience the culture of life, dialogue, and mutual respect. Above all, they need the witness of...those who have suffered injustice and violence [and] resist the temptation to seek revenge.

ADDRESS TO THE "ARENA OF PEACE," ROME, MAY 30, 2025



FUN FACTS

In 2019, Pope Francis declared the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time as Sunday of the Word of God. This day reminds us of the gift that sacred Scripture is to all of us and the opportunity to read the Bible regularly, appreciating the words and faith that have been passed on to us, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.