

### Pastor's Corner

### 4th Sunday of Advent

Dear brothers and sisters

Peace!

This Sunday we hear of the grandeur of God's plan. How shall we respond to it? We see this in the choice of God for humble servants like David, a lowly shepherd, and Jesus being born to a poor family.

We also find the grandeur of God's plan in the words of the angel Gabriel to Mary, "You have found favor with God. You will bear a son and you will name him Jesus."

God's plan is always great. It unfolds in and through the little ones like David, like Mary and like Jesus.

Because we are part of God's plan of salvation, let us deepen our faith in God by obeying him. Let us be counted as an advent people in our humility and littleness.

God bless you. In Jesus, our fullness of Life,

Fr. Samuel E. Loterte, SSS

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT December 8, 2014		Year to Date Totals		Year to Date Budget	
Offertory Collections	\$7,883.25	\$	210,221.54	\$	226,123.37
Other Collections	\$7,367.13	\$	104,581.85	\$	122,892.68
Total Deposit	\$16,386.63	\$	314,803.39	\$	349,016.05
			Parish Hall Collection to		
Parish Hall Fund	\$1,136.25		date	\$	808,313.56
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Thank you to all the many volunteers who gave time, talent and treasure to make this year's Thanksgiving Homeless Hot Meals Luncheon a huge success. On Thursday, November 27, 2014 we served about a 130 individuals and at least 20 families had received delivered meals to their door. Volunteers from the East Hawaii Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph Church San Lorenzo Choir as well as volunteers from the St. Joseph Social Ministry sacrificed their time on Thanksgiving morning to serve the less fortunate.

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."



### Scripture Readings



Sunday, Dec. 21 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

Monday, Dec. 22

1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8a-d Lk 1:46-56

### Tuesday, Dec. 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14 Lk 1:57-66

### Wednesday, Dec. 24

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Lk 1:67-69 Vigil: Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25

### Thursday, Dec. 25

Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

Friday, Dec. 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6-8b, 16bc, 17 Mt 10:17-22

Saturday, Dec. 27 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:2-8

Sunday, Dec. 28 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21

# **Congratulations, Sister Lucy**

"Thank you for your prayers. Our first vocation from Hawaii Her dream came true on 8th December . thank you for all the ways that you supported her. God bless you!"

-Sr. Marykutty Msmhc









The Congregation of Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians, the first indigenous Congregation in North East India was founded on October 24, 1942, at Guwahati, Assam by His Excellency Stephen Ferrando, SDB, the then Bishop of Shillong. The Congregation has five provinces in India and a delegation in Italy. The provincial headquarters are at Dibrugarh, Tezpur, Shillong, Kolkata and Bangalore and the delegation headquarter is at Turin, Italy. It has 1078 members belonging to 53 ethnic groups working in 179 centers in India, 10 in Italy, 2 in South Africa, 1 in Hawaii and 1 in Sudan.





### **STEWARDSHIP IN OUR DAILY LIVES**

Margaret Lucas, PPAC President, presided over the first formation meeting of the St. Joseph Parish Stewardship committee held on December 9, 2014.

Her opening remarks conveyed concern regarding the need for parishioners to consider and commit to service on the stewardship committee.

Earlier this year, Bishop Larry Silva instructed each and every pastor in the diocese to begin a stewardship effort at their parish this year. To do so, means organizing a core group of parishioners along with the pastor to educate one another and to develop an actionable plan for each faith community.

We invite all parishioners to consider service on the stewardship committee. Stewardship committee's goal is to support existing Parish service ministries and to nurture the growth of those ministries. Please join us in helping others by stewardship in our daily lives.

> For more information please call Margaret Lucas 895-8131 or Gwen DeCoito 936-6263. May God Bless You All.

## **Sunday Religious Education Grade-K Celebrates Advent**







Precious children of the kindergarten class (and teenage helper) show off their gingerbread decorations after a fun filled lesson on the coming of Baby Jesus. Each student had a turn to dress up as Mother Mary, St. Joseph and one of the three Kings.

### Profit & Loss Report For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Jul '13 - Jun 14	Annual Budget	
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
40000 · OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS	499,619.22	532,800.00	
42000 · OTHER REGULAR INCOME	234,070.94	241,800.00	
45000 · REVENUE SUBJECT TO GET	2,223.00	3,000.00	
47000 · UNUSUAL (NON-SCHEDULED) INCOME	26,192.94	46,000.00	
Total Income	762,106.10	823,600.00	
Expense			
50000 · EMPLOYMENT COSTS	383,896.42	383,500.00	
51000 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	4,675.35	4,800.00	
51500 · INSURANCE	41,554.30	41,100.00	
51700 · LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	14,173.55	12,500.00	
52000 · SUPPLIES & OTHER SERVICES	96,937.73	113,400.00	
52900 · FUND RAISING EXPENSE	2,362.13	0.00	
53000 · REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	13,312.53	24,300.00	
54000 · UTILITIES	39,243.55	39,000.00	
55000 · CONTRIBUTIONS & ASSESSMENTS	190,119.15	203,500.00	
56000 · INTEREST EXPENSE	3,568.46	4,000.00	
57000 · TAXES	989.54	4,000.00	
58000 · DEPRECIATION	25,716.00	0.00	
Total Expense	816,548.71	830,100.00	
Net Ordinary Income	(54,442.61)	(6,500.00)	
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
71100 · TEMPORIARILY RESTRICTED DONATIO	35,208.75	20,000.00	
Total Other Income	35,208.75	20,000.00	
Net Other Income	35,208.75	20,000.00	
ncome	(19,233.86)	13,500.00	

This Annual Report summarizes the financial activities of the parish for the period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, to keep you informed of the funds spent by St. Joseph Church in furthering our call to be a Witness to Jesus.

The parish received \$762,106.10 in funds and spent \$816,548.71 for the fiscal period ending June 30, 2014 resulting in a decrease in net assets of \$(19,233.86). Our contribution income decreased from the previous year by 10.8% while our expenses decreased by 9.7% from the previous year.

Our office continues to be committed to serving the church in the most efficient and effective manner possible. We are here to serve our Bishop, our priests, our laity and most of all our faithful. Thank you for allowing us to serve you and our faith. Be assured that our offices will remain focused on being good stewards of our precious resources that God entrusted to us.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY,	Dec. 22			
4:00 am	•Simbang Gabi Mass/Church			
11:30 am	<ul> <li>Food Pantry/SJ Social Ministry Center</li> </ul>			
5:15 pm	•Bible Study w/Dale Waltjen/Conf. Room			
5:30 pm	<ul> <li>Youth &amp; Young Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church</li> </ul>			
6:00 pm	•Adult Faith Formation (aka RCIA)/Library			
7:00 pm	Advent Penance Service/Church			
TUESDAY	, Dec. 23			
5:00 pm	<ul> <li>Life Teen Core Team Meeting/Conf. Room</li> </ul>			
7:00 pm	•Mother of Perpetual Help Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/Mtg. Room			
7:00 pm	Simbang Gabi Mass/Church			
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 24 "Christmas Eve Holiday—Rectory office closed"				
4:00 am	•Simbang Gabi Mass/Church			
6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass/Church			
1	Christmas Eve Mass/Church			
12:00 am				
THURSDAY, Dec. 25 "Christmas Day Holiday—Rectory office closed"				
	•Christmas Day Mass/Church			
9:00 am				
11:45 am	•Christmas Day Mass/Church			
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8:15 am				
	•Bible Sharing (Mary Ann Leite)/Library			
	•High School Youth Ministry/Library			
7:45 pm	San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal/Church			
SUNDAY, Dec. 28 "The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph"				
	<ul> <li>SJ Filipino Catholic Club Coffee Hour/Mtg. Room</li> </ul>			
10:15 am	• <u>NO</u> R E Classes (Christmas break)			
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### **Marriage and Family Corner:**

-Hosted by St. Joseph Church **Religious Education Family Ministries** 

### FAMILY ADVENT ACTIVITY

### CAN YOU FIND YOUR CHRISTMAS SPIRIT? Photo Scavenger Hunt:

### Rules-

- 0 ALL family members SHOULD participate
- 0 Take a picture of each item on list WITH at least two (2) other family members inside
- 0 SMILE and have fun!
- A Christmas Train 1
- A Snowman 2.
- 3. A Reindeer (bonus if the reindeer has a red nose)
- 4. A Snow globe
- 5. A Nativity
- Charlie Brown 6.
- 7. A House with Christmas lights
- A Non-residential 8. place with Christmas Lights
- 9. A Candy Cane

- 10. A Penguin
- 11. A Polar Bear 12. Homemade Christmas Cookies
- 13. A cup of Hot Cocoa (bonus if there is
- marshmallows) 14. A Snowflake
- 15. An Angel
- 16. An Elf
- 17. A Christmas greeting card
- 18. A Person with a Christmas Sweater

- 19. A Christmas present wrapped in traditional
  - Christmas paper and Ribbons (not a gift
- 20. A sign or banner that says Merry Christmas
- bag)

**Mark Your** 

### **Calendars!** Sunday, December 21 & 28, 2014

NO R E Classes (Christmas break) & Classes resume on Sunday, JAN. 4, 2015

New Year's Eve Mass-Wednesday Dec. 31, 7:00 AM & New Year's Day Mass-Thursday, Jan. 1, 7:00 AM Mary, Mother of God (Solemnity)

Memorial Mass 2015 Saturday, Jan. 31, 1:00 PM (in remembrance of all those deceased during 2014)

> Eternal rest grant unto them **O** Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

+Josefina Matias +Faith Rocha +Pacita Salomon +Lorenzo Pascua, Jr. +Robert Heidenfeldt



Thank you! "We can certainly call you friends because of the way you care for our retired members," writes a religious brother. Your gift to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious benefits some 35,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. May God bless your for your generosity!

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