

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Dec. 26, 2021

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation

Church Dedicated in 1919



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*Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament begins
Weekdays & Sundays at 4:00 p
Saturdays at 3:00 p*

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**ST. JOSEPH
PRAY FOR US!**

Merry Christmas!!! But...are you truly Merry?? Truly happy? For those who have been affected by the recent typhoon (in the Philippines), will they be merry? And yes, for people that we know who have lost their jobs or a loved one during this pandemic will they also have a Christmas that is merry? There also might be those who are simply indifferent about the approaching Christmas. After all we have been celebrating it year after year and there is nothing more to expect.

But do you know that in the Gospel, the prevailing feeling or atmosphere in the stories before the birth of Christ is neither joy nor sadness? It is not even that sense of peace with which we use to greet each other during this season. But rather it is one of fear. Almost all the major characters manifest or experience fear:

Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, was filled with fear, when the angel appeared. Herod, we know, was likewise filled with fear when he heard about the birth of the Christ. St. Joseph was not free from fear. Even Mary, Our Blessed Mother, must have experienced fear or anxiety when the angel appeared to her. So were the shepherds also terrified when the angel appeared to announce the birth of Jesus.

All of these just tell us that the first Christmas was an event wrapped in fear, a most frightening event to the people most involved in it. No wonder then, that every time the angel appeared his first message tis “Do not be afraid.” And I wonder if this is not the message that should also resound for us this Christmas. We must not be afraid!

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**December-
Weekend
Masses
will be
streamed,
LIVE on:
TBD**

Scripture

OF THE WEEK



ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sunday, Dec 26

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28
Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
Lk 2:41-52

Monday, Dec 27

1 Jn 1:1-4
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday, Dec 28

1 Jn 1:5—2:2
Ps 124:2-5, 7c-8
Mt 2:13/18

Wednesday, Dec 29

1 Jn 2:3-11
Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6
Lk 2:22-35

Thursday, Dec 30

1 Jn 2:12-17
Ps 96:7-10
Lk 2:36-40

Friday, Dec 31

1 Jn 2:18-21
Ps 96:1-2, 11-13
Jn 1:1-8

Saturday, Jan 01, 2022

Nm 6:22-27
Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

Sunday, Jan 02

Is 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

Come pray the Liturgy of the Hours
Join us daily in the morning immediately
following the Morning Mass and in the evenings:
Weekdays & Sundays at 4:00 p
Saturdays at 3:00 p

RCIA meetings for all ages are scheduled to begin meeting in January.

We are still in need of a volunteer to assist with the Sunday morning group (ages 7-18). Please contact the rectory office and leave your name and phone number if you are interested in helping with this ministry.



For the truth is we live in a world enveloped with fear. We all have something that we are afraid of: some imaginary or some real. And we now how such fear can control our lives, that it could deprive us of living our lives to the fullest. Is it not our experience that even though we know the right thing to do, we still are unable to do it because of the fear of the consequence it will entail. So, when we think about it, maybe the heart of the Christmas message is not so much “peace and joy” because as we know in our hearts, peace sadly remains fragile in our world, and joy elusive. This world of ours continues to be wracked with uncertainty, rejection, stress, and violence—the very same things that struck fear in the hearts of the people of the first Christmas. Maybe the heart of the Christmas message is truly “Do not be afraid.” For our world remains sad and violent. Our nights are far from silent and far from holy. But it is to this sad and violent world that God himself has descended. It is to our unquiet and unholy nights that he has been born for us. And he came to free us from our fears not by eliminating all the source of our fears but by accompanying us in facing all these fears. With him by our side, we are assured that something good will spring forth from it. Jesus knew full well only when we are able to face our fears that we will learn how to totally surrender our lives to Him and find in God our only security and true joy and happiness.

So as we welcome the birth of our Savior, it might be good to look into the things we are afraid of, they will reveal to us where are our securities lie. And then we can start praying for the grace to have courage to face them – and thus begin the process of transforming these fears into an opportunity of encountering Christ in our lives. Only when our fears are dispelled that we began to understand the true meaning of Christmas which is that the true essence of Christ becoming human, being born in our midst, is about the possibility in the midst of the impossible. Instead of Merry Christmas, we probably can greet each other with conviction: Do not Be afraid. The Lord has been born and He is with us. Then our Christmas will be filled with joy... it will truly be Merry.

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	Dec. 14-20	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Collections	4,730.00	195,856.42	226,270.85
R&M Collection	366.00	13,203.00	11,290.34
Security Project	15.00	707.00	1,298.39
All Other Income	4,650.00	80,342.23	106,744.63
Deposited to Bank	9,761.00	290,108.65	345,604.21
Parish Hall	25.00	Loan to school	128,118.89
		Designated Funds	149,464.99
	Restricted Parish Hall Funds		461,671.27
			739,255.15



COLLECTION FOR PHILIPPINE TYPHOON RECOVERY

Typhoon Rai has devastated a vast area in the Philippines, and funds are need for humanitarian, rebuilding and recovery needs. Bishop Larry has authorized all parishes to take a second collection for this purpose. St. Joseph Church will do this on January 1/2 at all Masses.

December

<p>26 7:00 MASS FR. LITO,</p> <p>9:00 MASS FR. LITO, DCN. DAVID</p> <p>11:45 MASS FR. LITO</p> <p>6:00 MASS FR. LITO</p>	<p>27 6:00 MASS-FR. JONG</p> <p>12:15 MASS- FR. LITO</p>	<p>28 6:00 MASS- FR. LITO</p> <p>12:15 MASS- FR. JONG</p>	<p>29 6:00 MASS- FR. LITO</p> <p>12:15 MASS- FR. LITO</p>	<p>30 7:00 MASS-FR. LITO</p>	<p>31 7:00 MASS-FR. LITO</p>	<p>Jan 1, 2022 7:00 MASS FR. LITO</p> <p>5:00 PM MASS -FR. LITO</p>
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**OFFICES CLOSED
FOR HOLIDAY**

**MINISTRY
WITH
FAMILIES**
LEADERSHIP TRAINING
6-Saturdays
beginning
January 8 through
February 12, 2022
9-11 am HST
via ZOOM

This leadership formation course is an experiential learning process designed to be an introduction to ministry from a family perspective.

Incorporating a family perspective in ministry is a central theme throughout the process. Participants gain knowledge and insights about the *domestic church* and increase their capacity for ministry with and among families.



\$20 per person/couple includes handouts and access to recorded training.

To register go to: www.catholicahawaii.org/mwftraining

* Credit may be applied as ongoing formation hours for Hawaii Catholic School Teachers.

Designed for:

- Clergy and Lay Ministers, Parish Staff
- Pastoral Associates and Coordinators, Pastoral Councils
- Directors and Leaders of Marriage and Family Life Ministries
- Directors of Faith Formation, Team Members and Catechists
- Directors of RCIA and Team Members
- Campus Ministers and Chaplains
- Prospective Ministers

Formation Topics:

- Christian Vision of Family Life
- A Family Perspective in Ministry
- Family Spirituality
- Family Systems
- The Change Process and Reactivity
- Parish as a System
- Partnership with Families Across the Life Cycle
- Partnership Between the Family and the Parish
- Questions for Partnership



Presented by Steve & Kathy Beirme (NACFLM) in collaboration with the Diocese of Honolulu Marriage and Family Life Ministry Task Force

"The joy of love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church" (Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, no. 1).

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