

Mission Statement:
To feed the Lord's flock!

Vision:
In the spirit of our Patron St. Pius X, we, the catholic community of St. Pius X Manoa aspire to live the happy and good witnessing of the Gospel through our Faith, Service, and Praise.



Rev. Nick Brown
Pastor

CHURCH SCHEDULE

OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday
8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

*Closed: All State,
Federal Holidays,
and Special Church
Events*

WEEKDAY MASSES

Rosary - 7 a.m.

Monday to Thursday,
7:25 a.m.

Friday - No Mass
Saturday - 7:30 a.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
(Livestream)

CONFESSIONS

Weekdays
(by appointment only)

Saturdays
(Before Mass
3:00 - 3:30pm)

FOOD PANTRY

(HALL)

Wednesday and Friday
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent **New Life and Resurrection**

John tells us of two Greek gentiles who have a request: "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip, one of the apostles with a Greek name receives the request and tells his fellow, ethnic apostle, Andrew. Together they convey the request. As often happens, Jesus does not address the situation directly; he uses this occasion to reveal a positive change in the way that his followers are to relate to God, one another, and to creation. The passage also prefigures the church's future mission to the Gentiles.

Jesus says, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life." Jesus, of course, is speaking of his personal death and resurrection as the proto-example to his followers. He generalizes; he extends the teaching to us with "whoever hates [loves less] his life."

This "life" that is to be lost can take different forms. For alcoholics and those addicted to drugs, it means to trade their non-lives of addiction for sobriety, being clean. For us not addicted, the genius that articulated "life" by naming life's principal components; time, talent and treasure have surely served us well. If we serve ourselves and not serve others with our time, our talent, and our treasure, we fail this challenge of dying to self and bringing life to others.

When couples become parents, they seem to learn this lesson of life very quickly. With a child who is the expression of their love, they unhesitatingly give their time, their talent, and their treasure to their child. Fortunately, it is still "new" when a parent serves oneself, fails miserably, and neglects a newborn.

Serious students and serious new-hires know the wisdom of the denial of self that is required for graduating or holding a job.

Did you notice the difference in Jesus' attitude in John's gospel from the synoptic gospels [Matthew, Mark, and Luke] where Jesus prays that the cup of suffering will pass, that he will not have to drink it? Today's Gospel from John admits that he is troubled, but does not struggle with the agony of suffering. He says, "It was for this purpose that I came to this hour." This is another example of John viewing Jesus as more divine than human. It is in the Synoptic Gospels we see Jesus as more human than divine.

Jesus' issue is the urgency of "his hour." The tone is set by the image of the "grain of wheat." There is no "cheap grace." Jesus must die to produce the "fruit" of the community of believers who will be united with him and form what Paul will call "the body of Christ." Jesus' prayer is quickly affirmed by his Father.

As we move downhill toward the conclusion of Lent, we need to determine if there is any part of ourselves as grains of wheat that must die to produce the fruit of metanoia, the change of heart/mind that will allow us, as believers, to live Jesus more deeply at our celebration of Resurrection on Easter and our union with our God and our fellow believers both here and hereafter.

What is the reflection of the fifth week of Lent?

Reflect, today, upon the fact that no matter what your cross may be, it is a gift from God in that He is desiring to strengthen you for some greater purpose. As Saint John Paul the Great said over and over during his pontificate, "Do not be afraid!" Face your fears and let God transform you in the midst of them.



Upcoming Events MARCH 18 - 24

18 - MONDAY

7M:00am Rosary

7:25 AM Mass

7:00pm Lenten Penance Services

19 - TUESDAY

SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH

7:00am Rosary

7:25 AM Mass

20 - WEDNESDAY

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

7:00am Rosary

7:25 AM Mass

10 AM Food Pantry

21 - THURSDAY

7:00am Rosary

7:25 AM Mass

22 - FRIDAY

NO MASS

10AM Food Pantry

6:00pm - Stations of the Cross

23 - SATURDAY

7:00am Rosary

7:25 AM Mass

8:00am Church Cleaning

* **9:00am Rehearsal**

(Holy Tridium)

4:00 PM Mass

24 - SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY

8:30AM Mass

11:30AM Praise & Worship

Live-Stream



Mass Attendance

Saturday, March 09 4pm Mass:

Adults 91 / 2 Children

Sunday, March 10 8:30am Mass:

Adults 63 / 10 Children

Sunday, March 10 11:30am Mass:

Adults 40/ 8 Children

Honolulu East Vacariate LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

***** MONDAY, MARCH 18 - ST. PIUS X CHURCH @ 7pm**

Wed., Mar. 20 - Sacred Heart @ 6pm

Thurs., Mar. 21 - St. Patrick @ 7pm

Feast of St. Patrick March 17th



Details of his life are uncertain. Current research places his dates of birth and death a little later than earlier accounts. Patrick may have been born in Dunbarton, Scotland, Cumberland, England, or in northern Wales. He called himself both a Roman and a Briton. At 16, he and a large number of his father's slaves and vassals were captured by Irish raiders and sold as slaves in Ireland. Forced to work as a shepherd, he suffered greatly from hunger and cold.

After six years Patrick escaped, probably to France, and later returned to Britain at the age of 22. His captivity had meant spiritual conversion. He may have studied at Lerins, off the French coast; he spent years at Auxerre, France, and was consecrated bishop at the age of 43. His great desire was to proclaim the good news to the Irish.

In a dream vision it seemed "all the children of Ireland from their mothers' wombs were stretching out their hands" to him. He understood the vision to be a call to do mission work in pagan Ireland. Despite opposition from those who felt his education had been defective, he was sent to carry out the task. He went to the west and north—where the faith had never been preached—obtained the protection of local kings, and made numerous converts.

Because of the island's pagan background, Patrick was emphatic in encouraging widows to remain chaste and young women to consecrate their virginity to Christ. He ordained many priests, divided the country into dioceses, held Church councils, founded several monasteries and continually urged his people to greater holiness in Christ.

He suffered much opposition from pagan druids and was criticized in both England and Ireland for the way he conducted his mission. In a relatively short time, the island had experienced deeply the Christian spirit, and was prepared to send out missionaries whose efforts were greatly responsible for Christianizing Europe.

Patrick was a man of action, with little inclination toward learning. He had a rock-like belief in his vocation, in the cause he had espoused. One of the few certainly authentic writings is his *Confessio*, above all an act of homage to God for having called Patrick, unworthy sinner, to the apostolate.

There is hope rather than irony in the fact that his burial place is said to be in County Down in Northern Ireland, long the scene of strife and violence.

(from Franciscan Media)

Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Novena @ 6:50AM Every Wednesday

Rosary @ 7:00AM Weekdays





Why do Catholics celebrate St. Joseph?

Joseph **diligently provides for the needs of the family of God**, the Holy Catholic Church. Because of his special role as foster-father of the Child Jesus, St. Joseph has merited singular privileges in heaven unmatched by any saint excepting the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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Solemnity of St. Joseph - March 19

Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ. Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. (Mt. 1:16, 18-21, 24)

Beloved father

Joseph placed himself at the service of God's plan of salvation. He cared for the Holy Family that God had entrusted to him. He became an attentive servant from the moment of the Annunciation, a provident servant in caring for Mary and the Child she carried in her womb. He defended the Family in the moment of danger. These are just a few of Saint Joseph's traits that explain why the People of God are especially devoted to him.

Tender and loving father

Joseph taught Jesus how to walk, holding Him by the hand. Jesus saw the tenderness of God in Joseph, the Just Man. In Joseph, Jesus saw a man of faith who knew how to view life with hope because, in the midst of the storm, God remains steadfast at the helm of the course of life.

Obedient father

God's plan was revealed to Joseph through dreams. He always responded promptly: at the moment of the Annunciation of the Lord, when Herod wanted to kill the Child, when Herod died. Joseph was guided by God and he obeyed. Jesus absorbed this filial "submission" to God from Joseph. He learned obedience from His parents.

Accepting father

Joseph is presented as someone who is respectful and sensitive, capable of placing Mary's dignity and life above everything else, even above his own reputation. Joseph accepts, certain that everything is guided by God's providence. He understood that life reveals itself according to the degree to which God's plan is accepted, to the degree to which we reconcile ourselves to God's plan. This is Christian realism: to accept, to welcome God into our own personal history, to learn how to welcome and accept everyone we meet.

Creatively courageous father

In the face of difficulties, Joseph always brought out the most unexpected resources. Joseph is the man through whom God manifested His providential care from the beginning of the history of salvation. Difficulties never stopped the boldness and tenacity of this just and wise man in whom God trusted, just as He trusted in Mary. This is how we see in Joseph the Guardian of the Holy Family: first of his family in Nazareth, and today, of the Church.

Working father

Work, understood as participating in God's own work, is what Joseph carried out in his own life and what he taught Jesus. Work is important to bring to birth a new "normal", in which no one is excluded. Saint Joseph's work recalls that Jesus, the Son of God-made-Man did not disdain manual labor. Work guarantees human dignity.

Father in the shadows

As a father, Joseph introduced the Son of God to life's experiences and realities: not holding Him back, not confining Him, not possessing Him, but fostering His capacity of making choices, His freedom, eventually letting Him leave home. The logic of love is always the logic of freedom: Joseph's joy is the gift of himself. He made himself obsolete. At a certain point, he stayed in the background so that his Son could emerge.



On-line Giving:

March 04 - 08: \$350.00

MARCH 09 - 10

Weekly Collections \$ 1785.87

Mass Intentions 120.00

Repairs & Maint 155.00

Candles 36.00

Catholic Relief Svcs 483.00

Ohana in Christ 1145.00

Total: \$ 3724.87

Thank You for your Support!!

Mass Intentions for:

7:25am - Monday, March 18

Tim Gaud (H)

Patricia L. Thornburg (H)

7:25am - Wednesday, March 20

Matilda Souki (+)

Patricia Thornburg (H)

7:25am - Thursday, March 21

Patricia Thornburg (H)

7:25am - Friday, March 22

Patricia Thornburg

7:25am - Saturday, March 23

Antonio Oh (H)

Patricia Thornburg (H)

4:00pm - Saturday, March 23

Ardis Shaw (+)

Brian Shaw (SI)

Donovan Doyle (+)

MASS INTENTIONS

The best way to remember our dearly departed is by praying for them. And the best prayer we can offer is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Masses can be offered for health and healing, birthday blessings, in thanksgiving, etc. So we encourage you to visit the parish office and register.

MAHALO

(Donation of \$10.00 per Mass requested)

Holy Week Schedule

4:00pm - Palm Saturday, March 23

8:30am & 11:30am - Palm Sunday, Mar.24

7:00pm - Holy Thursday, March 28
(Meditation after mass in Hall)

3:00pm - Good Friday, March 29

7:00pm - Easter Vigil, March 30

8:30am - Easter, March 31
Easter Egg Hunt to follow after mass.
Easter breakfast to follow after egg hunt.

11:30am - Easter, March 31

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY,

BETTY ANN LEE



Readings for the Week

Monday, March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17,
19-30, 33-62

(or Daniel 13:41c-62 or
2 Kings 4:18b-21, 32-37
John 8:1-11)

Tuesday, March 19

Solemnity of St. Joseph

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24

(or Luke 2:41-51a)

Wednesday, March 20

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-02, 95

(or 2Kings 4:18b-21, 32-37)

John 8:31-42

(or John 11:1-45)

Thursday, March 21

Genesis 17:3-9

(or 2 Kings 4:18b-21, 32-37)

John 8:51-59

(or John 11:1-45)

Friday, March 22

Stations of the Cross

Jeremiah 20:10-13

(or 2 Kings 4:18b-21, 32-37)

John 10:31-42

(or John 11:1-45)

Saturday, March 23

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo,

Bishop

Ezekiel 37:21-28

(or 2 Kings 4:18b-21, 32-37)

John 11:45-56

(or John 11:1-45)

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

Mark 11:1-10

(or John 12:12-16)

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

(or Mark 15:1-39)