## St. Pius X—On line banking and other website issues

While trying to find our St. Pius X Manoa website, often the user got linked to another website www.mp-acct. After, getting valuable help we were able to find the Administrator of www.mp-acct and was told about the problem. The Administrator is working on shutting down the www.mp-acct website and the banking online linked to mp-acct. **HOWEVER,** our webmaster has **relinked** the banking online of St. Pius, to our St. Pius X website: **www.stpiusxmanoa.com—Please, see on the navigation bar—On line giving.** St. Pius X was notified on Friday, Dec. 9 that mp-acct website will be shutting down very soon. The mp.acct was created when the two parishes Sacred Heart and St. Pius X were clustered. Please call the office for any questions. Thank you and God bless you!

### Calling All Families!

Fr. Sebastian would like to reach out to families of our parish. He would like to come and pray with you in your homes and also bless your families and homes. Call our Office at 988-3308 to make an appointment for a visit during Dec. through Jan.

On behalf of St. Pius Parish Staff, Fr. Tom and Fr. Sebastian would like to thank each and everyone for your contribution in many different ways, especially utilizing your talents for the different ministries, your prayers, monetary offerings, and donations!

Merry Christmas to each and everyone of you and God bless you All !!

## Journey towards the Light

*Thank you Fr. Joseph Pasala*
*For his very inspiring workshop*

*We all have sufferings and challenges in life, so did Jesus, Mary and Joseph. But Jesus, Mary and Joseph always did the right thing—always went towards the light of God and Mary and Joseph reflected Jesus life so perfectly.*

*Jesus, was mocked, hated and suffered the worst torture that no other human being experienced but Jesus kept loving and forgave. His eyes, mind and heart was always on God, His Father.*

*Mary, had doubts, fears, had to deal with gossips and other darkness but she had faith in God and never let her emotions get the best of her, she totally surrendered and trusted in God.*

*Joseph, he had an awesome job of taking care of His divine family. Running from the enemies, and dispel all criticism. He was a righteous man that never talked ill of others.*

*This is a time to repent, reconcile, and return to the journey towards the light. Catholics are so privileged to have the Sacrament of Reconciliation because with Jesus, we always can begin again with Him. . God is LOVE!!. Reflection: by Sister Lucy*

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**Mission Statement:**
***Living the Gospel of Our Lord as a Community of Faith.***

## CHURCH SCHEDULE

**Office Hours**
*Monday - Friday*
*8:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

*Closed all State & Federal Holidays*

**Food Pantry**
*Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday*
*10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*

**Weekday Mass**
*Monday to Saturday*
*7:30 a.m.*

***Adoration & Benediction***
*First Friday—8:00 a.m.*

***Padre Pio Devotion***
*Every 2nd Saturday after 4:00 p.m. mass*

***Healing Room Ministry***
*Every 1st and 2nd Saturday–*
*9:00 am—12:00 pm*
*Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm*

**Weekend Mass**
*Saturday, 4:00 p.m.*
*Sunday, 8:30 a.m.*
*Sunday, 11:30 a.m.*

**Confessions**
*Saturday*
*5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.*
*or by appointment*

A PRAYER FOR THE
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you are constantly coming to your people,
even when we fail to see you.
In each and every moment that we are blessed
to recognize you here and now,
give us the courage to leap with joy at your coming.
Amen.

## *Upcoming Events*

DEC. 23—DEC. 29, 2019

**23rd - MONDAY**
**7:30 AM MASS– Church**
8:00 AM Outreach—Hall/Kitchen

**24th - TUESDAY**
**7:30 AM MASS—Church**
8:00 AM Office Closed Observance of Christmas Eve
**4:00 PM Christmas Songs/Christmas Eve Mass**

**25th - WEDNESDAY**
***MERRY CHRISTMAS!***
8:00 AM Office Closed Observance of Christmas Day
**8:30 AM MASS—Church**
**11:30 AM Mass– Church**

**26th - THURSDAY**
**7:30 AM MASS - Church**

**27th - FRIDAY**
**7:30 AM MASS - Church**
10:00 AM Food Pantry - Hall

**28th – SATURDAY**
**7:10 AM Rosary**
**7:30 AM MASS - Church**
8:00 AM Church Cleaning - Church
1:00 PM Sunday Choir-Church
**4:00 PM MASS**
5:00 PM Confessions - Church

**29th - SUNDAY**
**8:30 AM MASS - Church**
**11:30 AM Charismatic Mass-Church**

# Pastor's Corner

**Fr. Sebastian Soosai**

Ready to Receive Mary's Child, Emmanuel

The sign that God revealed to us on this last Sunday of Advent is highly significant. God's choice of the messiah was from the house of David.

In the first reading of this Sunday, God gave us the greatest and most definitive signs about the Messiah: "A maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, which means God is with us!" It is important to note that this sign was given to king Ahaz only after he humbled himself by refusing to put God to test.

Hence the lessons here include that, we must allow God to be God without trying to preempt him. Second, we must learn to trust in God's judgment, and his good will for us. Third, we need not run after signs anymore because, God has given us the fullness of revelation in Jesus Christ. The fourth, is that, if we humble ourselves, God will reveal to us, "the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ" (Eph 1, 9).

Both the second reading and the gospel of today are narratives about the birth and life of Christ. They remind us that the signs that God gave to us through the prophets, (that is, the signs which are the foundation of our hope this season), are not flatus vocis (empty words). Rather, they are true and fulfilled in Christ.

Matthew in his infancy narrative traced Jesus' linage back to the dynasty of king David. This is also meant to assure us (as Paul did), that Jesus is really the promised messiah. In this narrative, Mathew highlighted the very important and central role played by Mary and Joseph. They were God's instruments for fulfilling His mission of salvation for us. This teaches us that God is active in our history and lives, and that He comes to us through human instruments.

Finally, as we expect the coming of the Messiah, each one of us must make himself available as a worthy instrument. We must be ready to cooperate with God as Mary and Joseph did, in order that the promises of God might be fulfilled through us.

Wish you all A Merry Christmas. May Baby Jesus bless you and your family.

Fr. Sebastian



## *Christmas Mass Schedule*

***Dec 24, 4th Week of Advent (Mass in the Morning) at 7:30 a.m.***

***Christmas Eve, Tues., Dec. 24, Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord at 4:00 p.m.***

*(Wesley will start with Christmas songs at 4:00 p.m.)*

***Christmas Day, Wed., Dec. 25, 8:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.***

*(Prelude 8:15)*

## FINANCES

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**
**December 14 & 15, 2019**

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|---|---|---|
| **Total Collection** | **$** | **2,040.00** |
| Building Fund | $ | 362.00 |
| Candles | $ | 41.00 |
| Food Pantry | $ | 375.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | $ | 593.00 |
| Hall Rental | $ | 700.00 |
| **Total Weekly Deposit** | **$** | **4,111.00** |
| **On Line Deposit giving for the month of November** | **$** | **2,325.00** |

Thank You for your Support!!

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

8:30 am—Sun., Dec. 22
Nancy Nebel+

7:30 am—Tue., Dec. 23
Matilda Souki+

4:00 pm-Sat. Dec. 28
Sharon Freitas-H

***Join us in Christmas Caroling here at St. Pius X, on December 22, Sunday, at 4:00 p.m. Our choirs will lead us in song and a special Children's Christmas Pageant. Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.***

**New Year's Day Mass**
January 1, 2020
9:00 am
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

*No New Year's Eve Mass and Only 1 Mass on New Year's Day*

***Come and see!*** *Please stop by the parish in the evening or night and see the beautiful display of lights made by Fr. Sebastian workshop!*

## Readings for the Week

***Sunday, December 22***
***4th Sunday of Advent***
***Isaiah 7:10-14***
***Romans 1:1-7***
***Matthew 1:18-24***

***Monday, December 23***
Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24
Matthew 21:23-27

***Tuesday, December 24***
***Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord***
***Christmas Season***
Isaiah 62:1-5
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Matthew 1:1-25 (or Matthew 1:18-25}

***Wednesday, December 25***
***Christmas Day***
***Octave of Christmas***
Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-18 (or John 1:1-5, 9-14)

***Thursday, December 26***
***St. Stephen, The First Martyr (Feast)***
***Octave of Christmas***
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Matthew 10:17-22

***Friday, December 27***
***St. John, Apostle & Evangelist (Feast)***
***Octave of Christmas***
1 John 1:1-4
John 20:1a, 2-8

***Saturday, December 28***
***The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)***
***Octave of Christmas***
1John 1:5-2:2
Matthew 2:13-18

***Sunday, December 29***
***The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph***
***Octave of Christmas***
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23