



*Happy 40th
Anniversary
of Ordination,
Fr. Tom!*

December 14



Helen Lee passed away on
November 27, 2020

She was an Island Treasure, Eucharistic Minister, Food Pantry Coordinator, Religious Education Assistant, Office Volunteer, member of the Sunday Choir, Sunday Ohana, Hospitality Stewardship Committee and Crafty Ladies. Rest in Peace "good and faithful Servant of the Lord".



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII

DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

WITNESS OF JESUS

December 6, 2020

To: All Parishioners of the Diocese of Honolulu
Dear Sisters and Brothers,
Peace be with you!

One of the most difficult decisions I have had to make as a bishop was the suspension of public Masses due to the coronavirus pandemic from mid-March to late May, 2020. Since then, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days has been dispensed. In light of the ongoing pandemic, **I am extending the dispensation through Tuesday, February 16, 2021, the day before Ash Wednesday.**

While I am extending this dispensation for the sake of those who are at higher risk if they should be infected with the COVID-19 virus, **I would like to urge all our parishioner who can safely do so to return to worship at Sunday Mass.**

Why does the Church put such great importance on our celebration of Sunday Mass that it is a serious obligation for all Catholics to attend every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation? It is Because the Eucharist is our unique physical encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ, who longs to

be one with us and to strengthen us for our mission of living in his love and sharing his Good News with others. The Eucharist is not simply a series of rituals in which we engage, but it is the Memorial that Jesus himself left us in which he makes himself present to us. He offers himself to us in a physical manner, hidden under the guise of bread and wine, which by the power of the Holy Spirit invoked by the priest in the midst of his beloved Bride, the Church, become his Body and Blood. Jesus died on the cross for us, rose from the dead, and ascended into heaven. But he is the "living bread come down from heaven," who offers himself as real food and real drink to give us eternal life. (See the Gospel of John, Chapter 6.)

When his disciples first encountered the risen Jesus, it changed them from deserters and cowards into bold proclaimers of his Gospel who found joy even in offering their lives for him. So Jesus wants to encounter us to transform us so that we can proclaim to a world gone astray that he is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Yes, we can encounter Jesus in our private prayer, in reading the Scriptures, in feeding the poor and doing the works of mercy – and we must do these things! – but there is nothing compared to a physical encounter with him in the Eucharist. This is why the Church insists that all its members, whenever they are not legitimately impeded, come together in intimate communion with the Body of Christ in the Eucharist, so that the Body of Christ can renew and transform our world with renewed vigor of the living Christ Jesus.

Yes, under our current circumstances, we do have to make adjustments and live a "new normal." But there is nothing that compares to the great gift of his Real Presence that Jesus offers us in the Eucharist. We look forward to welcoming you back!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu

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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 1:00 p.m.*

*Closed all State &
Federal Holidays*

WEEKDAY MASS
*Monday to Saturday
7:30 a.m.*

WEEKEND MASSES
*Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
Sunday, 11:30 a.m.*

CONFESSIONS

*Weekdays (by appointment only)
Saturdays (after 4:00 p.m. Mass)*

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

*First Friday
8:00 a.m.*

FOOD PANTRY
*Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*

WEBSITE:
St Pius X Church
www.stpiusxmanoa.com

The Third Sunday of Advent *Gaudete Sunday*



Gaudete means "Rejoice".

**This day reminds us of the JOY
that is to come, and serves,
amid this season of penance,
as a kind of "break"
when we recall the hope we have
because of the coming of
Our Lord Jesus Christ.**

(from Catholicsknowtheanswerofficialpage)



Upcoming Events
DEC. 14 - 20, 2020

14th - MONDAY

6:30 AM Outreach - Hall
7:30 AM MASS (Church)

15th - TUESDAY

7:30 AM MASS (Church)
10:00 AM Food Pantry (Hall)
6:00 PM MASS (Church)

16th - WEDNESDAY

7:30 AM MASS (Church)
10:00 AM Food Pantry - Hall

17th - THURSDAY

6:30 AM Outreach -
7:30 AM MASS (Church)

18th - FRIDAY

7:30 AM MASS (Church)
9:00 AM Steam Cleaning (Church)
10:00 AM Food Pantry - Hall

19th - SATURDAY

7:05 AM Rosary (Church)
7:30 AM MASS (Church)
8:00 AM Church Cleaning
9:00 AM Religious Ed (Hall)
4:00 PM MASS (Church)
Confession (after Mass)

20th - SUNDAY

8:30 AM MASS (Church)
11:30 AM PRAISE AND WORSHIP MASS (Church)

Live-Stream



Sunday Reflection

There is one among you whom you do not recognize.

Today is Gaudette Sunday, or “Pink Candle” Sunday, as some children call it. It’s a day for rejoicing, to rejoice “without ceasing” and “in all circumstances,” St. Paul tells us. But why rejoice today? Because Jesus is near!

In today’s Gospel, some Jewish leaders are interrogating John the Baptist about who he is. John replies that he isn’t the Christ who would come to save Israel. He is merely testifying to him, proclaiming, “Make straight the way for the Lord”. But then he turns the conversation toward them. “There is one among you,” John says, “whom you do not recognize”. He is the Messiah. He is so holy that John wouldn’t even untie his sandal. John hoped that they would rejoice that the Messiah was near—but these men couldn’t see him.

Jesus is near to us too, but sometimes we have trouble recognizing him. In the flurry of our Christmas preparations. In our grieving over a deceased loved one. In our worries about the future. Our faith tells us that Jesus is there, but it feels hard to sense his presence in our midst. Even John had trouble: “I did not know him,” he says later, but “now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God”.

So who makes the difference? The Holy Spirit. Jesus calls him the “Spirit of truth” who guides us to all truth”. The Spirit is the One who makes Jesus present to us and helps us understand who he is. John tried to show his questioners that they were missing something important. Similarly, the Spirit can open our eyes so that we don’t miss seeing Jesus present in our lives.

Jesus isn’t hiding; he gave us the Spirit so that everyone can know him. And that’s a reason to rejoice.

“Open my eyes, Holy Spirit. Help me to recognize Jesus today.”

(taken from The Word Among Us)

To join the Facebook Live-stream, click on this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/Diocese-of-Honolulu-Evangelization-TaskForce-110141233723287/videos/>

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Diocesan Evangelization TaskForce
3RD Sunday Of Advent
December 13
11 a.m. **Charismatic**
Praise & Worship
Dominic Olaso
11:30 a.m. **MASS**
Fr. Rico Bernadez (Celebrant)
11:30 a.m. Charismatic Healing Prayers
St. Pius X Church
2821 Lowrey Ave. Honolulu (Manoa) HI. 96822
Facebook Live-streamed - Diocese of Honolulu Evangelization TaskForce

Christmas Mass Schedule
December 24th - Christmas Eve
Prelude - 3:30pm • Mass - 4:00pm
December 25th - Christmas Day
Prelude - 8:15am • Mass - 8:30am & 11:30am



Pope Announces A YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

On this solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis has released an Apostolic Letter about Saint Joseph and has declared a “Year of St. Joseph” which will be observed from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

The letter, *Patris corde* (“a Father’s heart”) is released on the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as patron of the Universal Church.

The Pope writes:

After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse. My Predecessors reflected on the message contained in the limited information handed down by the Gospels in order to appreciate more fully his central role in the history of salvation. Blessed Pius IX declared him “Patron of the Catholic Church”, Venerable Pius XII proposed him as “Patron of Workers” and Saint John Paul II as “Guardian of the Redeemer”. Saint Joseph is universally invoked as the “patron of a happy death”.

Now, one hundred and fifty years after his proclamation as Patron of the Catholic Church by Blessed Pius IX (8 December 1870), I would like to share some personal reflections on this extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience. For, as Jesus says, “out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” (Mt 12:34).

My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how “our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone... How many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all”. Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all.”

For a full text of the letter, please visit

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html

OFFERING COLLECTION
Dec. 05 –06, 2020

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| Weekly Collection | \$ 1,926.06 |
| Building Fund | 287.00 |
| Candles | 76.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | 56.00 |
| Retirement for Religious | 30.00 |
| World Mission Sunday | 1.25 |
| Christmas | 30.00 |

Total: \$ 2,406.31
Online Giving: \$ 715.00
(November 30 - December 04)



Religious Education
Saturday, December 19
At 9:00 AM
(in the hall)

Offering Envelopes

Are now available on the table at the back of the church.

Readings for the Week

Sunday, December 13

Third Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday, December 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a
Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 15

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13
Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 16

Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21b-25
Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 17

Genesis 49:2, 8-10
Matthew 1:1-17

Friday, December 18

Jeremiah 23:5-8
Matthew 1:18-25

Saturday, December 19

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a
Luke 1:5-25

Sunday, December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a-16
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Mass Intentions for the Week

8:30 am – Sunday, Dec. 13
Matias Tse +

11:30 am – Sunday, Dec. 13
Pro Populo
(for all the Parishioners)

7:30 am – Monday, Dec. 14
Fr. Tom 40th Anniversary of Ordination

7:30 am - Tuesday, Dec. 15
Darlene Gaud - H&H

7:30 am – Wednesday, Dec. 16
Filipinas Rosario Jucutan +

7:30 am - Thursday, Dec. 17
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7:30 am – Friday, Dec. 18
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