

**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 - 7:25 a.m.

#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, 3:55 p.m.  
Sunday, 8:25 a.m.  
Sunday, 11:30 a.m.  
**(Livestream)**

#### CONFESSIONS

Weekdays  
**(by appointment only)**  
Saturdays  
**(3:00 - 3:30pm  
before Mass begins)**

#### FOOD PANTRY (HALL)

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

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March 02 , 2025

### What do Catholics call Mardi Gras?

**Mardi Gras (French for Fat Tuesday) is another name for Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day).**

Shrove Tuesday comes from the term “to shrive,” meaning “to confess,” or to hear confessions – a way to prepare our hearts for the beginning of Lent.

Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday is a day of general excess and merrymaking in preparation for the same reason: using up all the fats in the home before Lent - fasting and abstinence on the final day before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent.

### Saint Agnes of Bohemia

(March 2nd)

Agnes had no children of her own but was certainly life-giving for all who knew her. Agnes was the daughter of Queen Constance and King Ottokar I of Bohemia. She was betrothed to the Duke of Silesia, who died three years later. As she grew up, she decided she wanted to enter the religious life.

After declining marriages to King Henry VII of Germany and King Henry III of England, Agnes was posal from Frederick Emperor. She ap Gregory IX for help. suasive; Frederick said that he could not nes preferred the him.

After Agnes built a and a residence for nanced the construc- monastery in Prague. seven other noble- monastery.

sisters from San them, and wrote Ag- vising her on the tion and her duties as Agnes became known

ence and mortification. Papal pressure forced her to accept her election as abbess, nevertheless, the title she preferred was “senior sister.” Her position did not prevent her from cooking for the other sisters and mending the clothes of lepers. The sisters found her kind but very strict regarding the observance of poverty; she declined her royal brother’s offer to set up an endowment for the monastery. Devotion to Agnes arose soon after her death on March 6, 1282. Canonized in 1989, her liturgical feast is celebrated on March 6.



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(from Franciscan Media)



## Upcoming Events

**MAR 03 - 09, 2025**

### 03- MONDAY

7:00am - Rosary  
7:25am - Mass

### 04 -TUESDAY

7:00am Rosary  
7:25am Mass

*Food Pantry: CLOSED*

**5:00pm - Mardi Gras  
Brown Bag Bingo**

### 05 - WEDNESDAY

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

6:50a Our Mother of Perpetual Help

7:00am Rosary

**7:25am - Mass**

**7:00PM - Mass**

### 06 -THURSDAY

7:00am - Rosary

7:25am - Mass

### 07- FRIDAY

**No Mass**

*Food Pantry: 10:00am - 11:30am*

### 08 - SATURDAY

7:00am - Rosary

7:25am - Mass

8:00am - Church Cleaning

*(3:00pm - Confession)*


4:00pm - Mass

### 09 - SUNDAY

8:30am - Mass

11:30am - Praise & Worship

**(Live-Stream)**



## ASH WEDNESDAY

Behold, now is a very acceptable time;  
behold, now is the day of salvation  
2 Corinthians 6:2

**St Pius Church—Manoa**

**Ash Distribution**  
**7:25am Mass**  
**7:00pm Mass**

## Why is Purple the color of Lent?

In our Catholic tradition, purple is the color of the seasons of penance and preparation: Advent and Lent. It is also used on other days throughout the year that carry the notion of preparation, such as Ember Days and the vigils of important feast days. Priests wear a purple stole in the confessional to symbolize the penitential nature of the sacrament. But why purple, of all colors?

To find the answer, we must go back to the story of the Passion found in the Gospels. When Jesus came before Pilate, the Roman governor scourged Him, though he found no crime in Him. After this, Pilate's soldiers mocked Our Lord's Kingship, arraying Him in a purple robe and a crown of thorns:

Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple robe; they came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands.

Purple is the color of royalty, which is why the soldiers used it to mock Christ's Kingship. Little did they know that they mocked no earthly criminal, indeed no earthly king, but the King of heaven and earth! And Jesus Himself bore it all with majestic grace and divine mercy towards His enemies.

In order to properly honor Christ's divine Kingship and remember the terrible humiliations He endured for our sake, our altars, vestments, candles, and other sacramental items are bedecked in purple during Lent and other penitential occasions.

So, this coming Lent, when you see the color purple begin to color your church, remember the sufferings of our divine King and honor Him with

## Mass Attendance

**Saturday, February 22 - 4pm Mass:**

Adults 82 / 2 Children

**Sunday, February 23 - 8:30am Mass:**

Adults 48 / 0 Children

**Sunday, February 23-11:30am Mass:**

Adults 50/ 9 Children



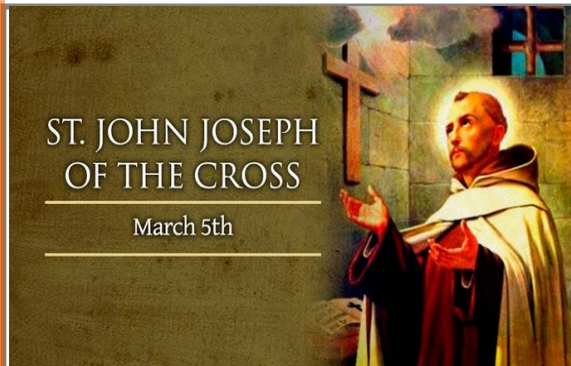
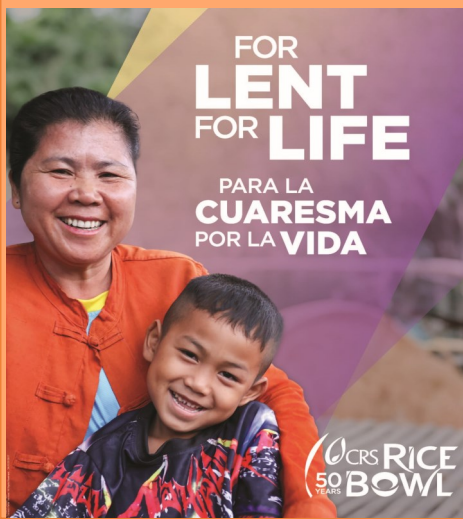
## Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

**Novena @ 6:50AM Every Wednesday**  
**Rosary @ 7:00AM Weekdays**



**Rice Bowl**

Don't forget to pick up a Rice Bowl on the table at the back of the Church.



Self-denial is never an end in itself but is only a help toward greater charity—as the life of Saint John Joseph shows.

John Joseph was very ascetic even as a young man. At 16, he joined the Franciscans in Naples; he was the first Italian to follow the reform movement of Saint Peter Alcantara. John Joseph's reputation for holiness prompted his superiors to put him in charge of establishing a new friary even before he was ordained.

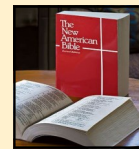
Obedience moved John Joseph to accept appointments as novice master, guardian and, finally, provincial. His years of mortification enabled him to offer these services to the friars with great charity. As guardian he was not above working in the kitchen or carrying the wood and water needed by the friars.

When his term as provincial expired, John Joseph dedicated himself to hearing confessions and practicing mortification, two concerns contrary to the spirit of the dawning Age of Enlightenment. John Joseph of the Cross was canonized in 1839.

**Reflection**

John Joseph's mortification allowed him to be the kind of forgiving superior intended by Saint Francis. Self-denial should lead us to charity—not to bitterness; it should help us clarify our priorities and make us more loving. John Joseph is living proof of Chesterton's observation: "It is always easy to let the age have its head; the difficult thing is to keep one's own".

(from Franciscan Media)



**Readings for the Week**

**Monday, March 03**  
**St Katherine Drexel, Virgin**  
 Sirach 17:20-24  
 Mark 10:17-27

**Tuesday, March 04**  
**Saint Casimir**  
 Sirach 35:1-12  
 Mark 10:28-31

**Wednesday, March 05**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
 Joel 2:12-18  
 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2  
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday, March 06**  
**Thursday after Ash Wednesday**  
 Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
 Luke 9:22-25

**Friday, March 07**  
**Sts Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs**  
 Isaiah 58:1-9a.  
 Matthew 9:14-15

**Saturday, March 08**  
**St John of God, Religious**  
 Isaiah 58:9b-14  
 Luke 5:27-32

**Sunday, March 09**  
**1st Sunday of Lent**  
 Deuteronomy 26:4-10  
 Romans 10:8-13  
 Luke 4:1-13



**On-line Giving:**

**FEBRUARY 17 - 21:**

**\$ 490.00**

**FEBRUARY 22-23**

Weekly Collections	\$ 1,464.33
Mass Intentions	50.00
Repairs & Maint	189.00
Candles	35.10
Augustine Education	6.00
Donation - Mardi Gras	350.00
Prop & Liability Ins	463.00

**Total: \$ 2,557.43**

*Thank You for your Support!!*

**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)*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**6:00pm every Friday during the Lenten journey.  
Come and join us at St Pius X Church - Manoa**

# PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS



Loving and Merciful God,

We come before You in prayer, lifting up Your servant, Pope Francis, in his time of need. You are the Source of all healing, and we ask You to surround him with Your loving presence, granting him strength and recovery. May Your divine grace rest upon him, restoring his health and filling him with renewed vigor to continue leading Your Church with compassion and wisdom.

“But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds, declares the Lord.” (Jeremiah 30:17)

We place Pope Francis into Your hands, trusting in Your eternal care. May he be comforted by the love of the Church and the prayers of all the faithful. We ask, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that his recovery be swift, and his spirit be strengthened in Your peace. May Your will be done in his life, O Lord, and may Your healing power be with him always. We offer this prayer in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

