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JANUARY 5, 2025 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m.

& 12:00 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m.

& 12:00 p.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m.,

10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

& 6:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday & Saturday

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

(unless noted in bulletin)

Devotions

First Friday

Adoration/Benediction

at 10:00 a.m.

First Saturday

Adoration after 7:00 a.m. Mass

(unless noted in bulletin)

PARISH OFFICE

MONDAY through FRIDAY

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed on holidays

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BEHOLD MAGI FROM THE EAST ARRIVED

This week's Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Ephesians 2-3a, 5-6; Alleluia - Matthew 2:2; Matthew 2:1-12

Next week's Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11;
Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30
Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

"GIFT GIVING AND THE PRECIOUS GIFT"

Beloved Pilgrims of Hope,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

As I write this letter and reflection for this Sunday's celebration of Epiphany, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Blessed and Hope-filled New Year 2025.

On Christmas Eve, we, as a community of Disciples in the Diocese of Honolulu, embarked on the Jubilee of Hope, joining the Universal Church in rekindling our hope in the Lord as the theme calls us, "Hope does not disappoint." (Romans 5:5) May God's abiding presence through the example of Jesus and inspiration of the Holy Spirit brings us to this joyful hope for the New Year, 2025.

One of the most cherished memories from my school days was celebrating our Class Christmas Party. We would bring food to share and gifts to give. Sometimes, we had the Secret Santa, while other times, we placed our gifts under the Christmas tree, each marked with a number. We would draw numbers from a box to see which gift we received. The excitement and surprise of not knowing what gift we would get was always thrilling. Some of us felt a bit disappointed if our expectations weren't met. Still, the joy of the experience was in the anticipation and the act of giving.

Have you ever wondered why gift-giving is such a central part of Christmas gatherings and parties? It is because we have received the greatest gift of all from our Heavenly Father—Jesus Christ, His beloved Son. As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, we remember the Magi from the East who brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to honor the Christ-Child. Their journey and their offerings teach us about the spirit of giving and recognizing the royalty of Jesus. They searched diligently for the Child and rejoiced when they found Him, offering their precious gifts.

Jesus does not need our material gifts. The true gifts we can offer Him are our faith, our lives, and our service, especially to our brothers and sisters who are poor victims of injustice, war, and calamities. The essence of gift-giving is realized when we make others feel the love of God, who gave everything to us. In return, we are called to love Him and our neighbors as ourselves.

As we welcome the New Year 2025, our Christmas Season festivities will soon come to an end. With renewed life and faith in Jesus, let us journey into this new year carrying the greatest gift we have received—Jesus Christ. Let us share Him with everyone we meet along the way.

May the Jubilee of Hope fill your hearts with joy and peace.

Your fellow pilgrim in hope,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV



WE HAVE
COME TO
DO HIM
HOMAGE

Matthew 2:2

The Epiphany of the Lord

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 5, 2025
The Epiphany of the Lord
 Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm
 Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, January 6, 2025
 Monday after Epiphany
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, January 7, 2025
 Tuesday after Epiphany
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, January 8, 2025
 Wednesday after Epiphany
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, January 9, 2025
 Thursday after Epiphany
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, January 10, 2025
 Friday after Epiphany
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, January 11, 2025
 Saturday after Epiphany
 Mass & Adoration at 7:00am
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
 Mass at 12:00pm
 Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, January 12, 2025
The Baptism of the Lord
 Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm
 Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

SCRIPTURE

The ideal kingdom proclaimed in today's Responsorial Psalm imagines a ruler who will care for the poor, deliver God's people from oppression, rule with justice, establish peace, and judge with wisdom. Isaiah says such a place would radiate like the light that pierces the darkness with the overflowing blessings of God's glory. What an appropriate Psalm for the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord which celebrates the recognition and praise of Jesus, the newborn King as Messiah by the magi and his manifestation as Savior of the world! Such a ruler the psalm speaks about has come, born in the small, relatively obscure town of Bethlehem. The time has come for the entire world to rejoice.

Emmanuel has come among us and the magi, Gentile visitors from the East, make their pilgrimage and acknowledge the power of this moment in human history. The hope of the New Jerusalem is realized. The ideal kingdom where justice and righteousness will be practiced is present already in the Messiah. The hope of salvation for all people has dawned. God's glory will be seen over all the earth because the Messiah is born.

SHARING FAITH

Who in your life has gone to great lengths to follow God's path?

Where are you building up the kingdom of God by taking a stand for justice and peace?

The manger always stands in the shadow of the cross. How does this solemnity point us to the events of Jesus' suffering and death?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Gentiles came from the continents of Europe, Asia, and Africa. The journey would not have been easy! Trace the possible routes the magi might have made to find their way to Bethlehem. Imagine this symbolically. What does it mean for us?

Read the verses that follows this passage, Matthew 2:13 – 23. In them, Joseph protects his family on two different journeys, making certain Jesus is safely sheltered. Discuss Joseph's actions and where we might be called to provide shelter for God's unprotected people with a group.

King Herod is unprepared to accept the image of a humble Messiah who does not identify with powerful rulers like himself. We, too, can find it difficult to identify with those different than us. Invite someone who thinks differently than you do to join you for refreshments or dinner. What do you find out about God from your encounter?

REFLECTION

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, / the glory of the Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1)



ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Loving and merciful God,
 You are the Lord of
 new beginnings.
 You sent us Your Son so that we
 may begin anew and enjoy new
 life in Your Spirit.

We ask you to bless this new
 year,
 to guide and direct our plans,
 and to show us how to find the
 resources necessary
 to carry out these plans.

Give us the wisdom to take
 advantage of opportunities
 we may have to help and
 serve others,
 to bring peace to the hearts of
 those who are troubled,
 and hope to those who suffer.

Help us approach this new year
 as good stewards of your
 abundant gifts,
 with an awareness of your
 daily presence,
 and the obedient spirit we need
 to
 be your faithful servants.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

December 23 - 29, 2024

Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 8,174.69
Weekday	\$ 814.13
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	\$ 12,269.38
Online Giving	\$ 871.17
Total Offertory	\$ 22,129.37

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 46.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 281.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,701.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 397.00
Total	\$ 24,636.37

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Are you ready for Ordinary Time? Please join Dcn. Joe and Easter Almuena every 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:00am. Resources are available at **Formed.org**. On your browser, go to **www.formed.org**. Sign up as a "Parishioner", choose "RCCHAWAII" and create an account. Please see Dcn. Joe & Easter for more information.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Please join our Respect Life office as we are called to Love One Another. Our prayers and presence in the public square can change policies to promote a Culture of Life! Join Bishop Larry on Friday, January 24, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Grounds of the Hawaii State Capitol as we are called again to March for Life. For more information, please call the Respspect Life Office, Valerie and Dcn. Gary Streff at 808-673-3074 or our Rachel's Vineyard Site Leader, Lisa Shorba at lisashorba@gmail.com Aloha Kekahi i Kekahi - Love One Another!

'OHANA IN CHRIST ANNUAL APPEAL

Help support the Cathedral Basilica and our many Catholic ministries and services by contributing to the **2024-2025 'Ohana In Christ Appeal**. **We are at 42% of \$36,671.** Catholic Church in Hawaii has many dimensions and continues to make significant impact in the communities we serve. Your generous gift will especially help support numerous ministries and services at our parishes, schools and beyond - as well as our Parish Priests and Deacons, Youth and Young Adult Ministry and those most in need. Mahalo for your generous Stewardship of Treasure. All gifts are important and appreciated. Please give online at **CatholicHawaii.org**. Or scan the **QR code on the left** with your phone. For more information on how you can give or please call the office at 808-536-7036. Thank you for your generosity!

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

He conquered death, broke the gates of hell, won for Himself a people to be His coheirs, lifted flesh from corruption up to the glory of eternity.

St. Hilary, (315 - 367), Doctor of the Church, Feast Day January 13th