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DECEMBER 22, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

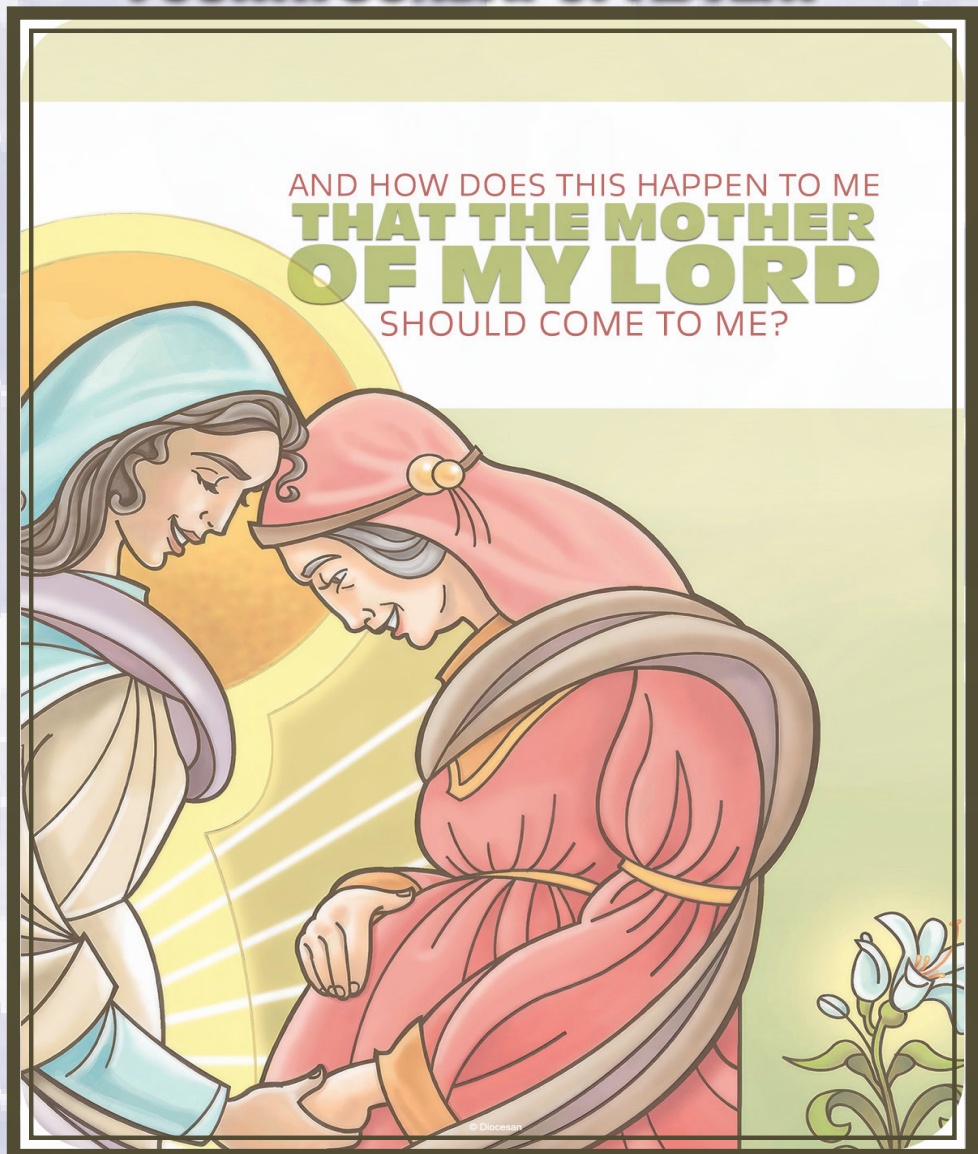
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This week's Readings: Micah 5:1-4a; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
Hebrews 10:5-10; Alleluia - Luke 1:38; Luke 1:39-45

Next week's Readings: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28;
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Alleluia - Colossians 3:15a, 16a or Acts 16:14b; Luke 2:41-52

"GO, AND SHARE THE GOOD NEWS!"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

As we journey through the sacred season of Advent, we are blessed to reflect on the profound figures who guide us in preparing our hearts for the coming of our Savior. From the First to the Third Sunday of Advent, our focus is on John the Baptist, whose call to “prepare the way of the Lord” resonates deeply within us. On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, our hearts turn to Mary, the Mother of God, whose humble acceptance and profound faith invite us to embrace the mystery of Christ’s coming with open hearts.

Mary’s story is one of divine grace and joyful obedience. When the angel Gabriel announced to her that she would conceive by the Holy Spirit, Mary responded with unwavering faith. In her haste to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was also miraculously with child, we witness a beautiful encounter filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth’s exclamation, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb,” echoes through the ages, reminding us of the joy and hope that Mary brings into our lives.

The joy we celebrate on the Third Sunday of Advent finds its fulfillment in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Son of Mary. His birth brings the light of God’s love into the world, a love that is unconditional and transformative. Jesus, who suffered, died, and rose again, offers us forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. This joy is not meant to be kept to ourselves but shared with others, just as Mary shared her happiness with Elizabeth and Elizabeth’s joy with Mary. Let us, too, go forth with haste to bring the light of Christ to our families, friends, and even those who have wronged us, fostering peace and harmony in our diverse world.

As we stand on the threshold of Christmas, we look to Mary as our model of faith and discipleship. Her role in the history of salvation is unparalleled, for through her, our Savior was born. Her life of faith and obedience to God’s will is a testament to the power of divine love. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord, let us reflect on how we are responding to God’s call in our own lives. Are we living as Stewards of the Gospel, bearing witness to His mercy and kindness?

Mary’s love for God was profound and unwavering. Let us ask ourselves if we, too, are humble and obedient, ready to embrace God’s will in our lives. Do we show the same love and care for those entrusted to us, and even for strangers? May we open our hearts and minds like Mary so that we can bring Jesus into every aspect of our lives, illuminating the world with hope, joy, and love. Go and share the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV

Rector



**BLESSED ARE YOU
WHO BELIEVED THAT
WHAT WAS SPOKEN
TO YOU BY THE LORD
WOULD BE FULFILLED.**

Luke 1:45

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, December 23

Monday of the Fourth Week of Advent

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, December 24

Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Advent

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

The Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass at 6:00pm**Lessons & Carols at 11:30 pm**Wednesday, December 25 - **Offices closed****The Nativity of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)****NO Sacrament of Reconciliation****Masses at 12:00am (Midnight Mass),
6:00, 8:00, 10:00am & 12:00pm**

Thursday, December 26

Cathedral Offices closed

Feast of St. Stephen

Mass at 12:00pm

Cathedral close after Mass

Friday, December 27

Feast of St. John

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, December 28

Feast of the Holy Innocents

Mass & Adoration at 7:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass at 12:00pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, December 29

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

SCRIPTURE

Mary and Elizabeth are waiting. Both had unusual pregnancies announced by angels. Both were part of a people who had long waited for a Messiah. Luke offers them as faithful witnesses that God's promises would be fulfilled, and that God indeed works in and through his people.

We are part of a long line of believers who waited for God to intervene in human history. God did not come with power or triumphal force. Rather, he entered the world as a baby. God did not come with armies or angels, but was born in the small, inconsequential town of Bethlehem to a young woman who trusted in faith. By her acceptance of God's will she gave birth to the Messiah and became the Mother of God.

Will we bring God to our neighborhoods and families? Are we willing to give birth to God in our offices and homes? Will we help our communities to see God in their midst? If we say "yes" as Mary did, the world will never be the same. Our leap of faith will show us to be faithful disciples living God's will just as Mary showed us how to do so many years ago.

SHARING FAITH

Elizabeth cried out at the recognition of God's gift to the world. Where do you recognize God's gifts today?

What will be the hardest place for you to carry God and bring the good news of salvation?

Where are the places most in need of a sign of God's presence in the world?

LIVING THE LITURGY

God stands with all people, most especially with the powerless and poor. Find out who is helped by your local Catholic Campaign for Human Development or Catholic Charities. How are you called to come to know those whom these agencies serve or to volunteer?

Watch a movie or read a book about someone who is seen as unimportant, yet by their actions did extraordinary things. Have a group or family conversation about the movie's message as it relates to Mary's willingness to bring the Messiah into the world.

This Sunday's Gospel narrative is called "The Visitation." Take time to visit someone you have not seen in a long time. Go to a nursing home or ask the parish to suggest a homebound person who would welcome a visitor. You don't have to accomplish anything special, just visit.

REFLECTION

O Lord of hosts, restore us; / Let your face shine upon us, / that we may be saved (Psalm 80:4)



ICSC STEWARDSHIP

PRAYER

Mission statement

The mission of the **International Catholic Stewardship Council** is to foster an environment in which stewardship is understood. Throughout the Catholic Church.

Lord,

As we journey through this Advent season, give us the wisdom to be good stewards of this time of grace, a time to be more prayerful, to listen more intently to Your Word; a time to allow our faith to grow and mature. Show us how to give witness to your Good News more fervently among our families, friends and those with whom we worship.

Help us be more aware of those who are poor, lonely or suffering; and to serve them as if we were serving You. And fill our hearts with hope, so that we may make straight Your path with confidence and zeal, and prepare for the joy of Your coming!

We pray this in Jesus' name.

Amen.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

December 9 - 15, 2024

Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 5,263.20
Weekday	\$ 865.11
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	\$ 13,866.41
Online Giving	\$ 1,772.91
Total Offertory	\$ 19,901.22

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 2,694.63
Diocesan Collection	\$ 680.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,310.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 128.00
Total	\$ 26,580.26

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 - The Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass at 6:00pm, Lessons and Carols at 11:30pm and Midnight Mass with Fr. Pascual

Wednesday, December 25, 2024 - The Nativity of the Lord Masses at 6:00am, 8:00am, 10:00am with Bishop Larry and 12:00pm

No Sacrament of Reconciliation - Cathedral Offices closed

CATHEDRAL'S BOOK OF MEMORIES

Submit stories about your memories of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace. The book will be dedicated to Bishop Larry. All proceeds of sales of this book will go to the completion of the restoration of our Cathedral. Send stories of about 500 words to Easter Almuena at Easter.Almuena@gmail.com no later than December 31st.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

All are invited to attend our Young Adult meeting every first Saturday of the month at 3:00 p.m. Please call office at 808-536-7036 for more information.

'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

What kind of work can be more noble than to cultivate the minds of young people, guarding it carefully, so that the knowledge and love of God and His holy precepts go hand-in-hand with learning? To form young Christians and citizens isn't this the most beautiful and noble-minded way to make use of life, of all one's talents and energy?

St. John of Kanty, (1390-1473), Patron of Student, Feast Day December 23rd