

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish



Parish Mission Statement

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Parish is a faith-filled community for all cultures and ages dedicated to Building the Kingdom of God. We come closer to God by following Jesus Christ through His Word and the Sacraments. Through the Holy Spirit and with the intercession of our Blessed Mother, we provide a sense of belonging to all God's people through prayer, service, and the sharing of our gifts for the praise and glory of God.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 7, 2025

*“Repent,
for the
Kingdom of Heaven
is at hand”
(Matthew 3:1)*



An
invitation
to join us

**2nd Sunday
of Advent 2025
in Ewa Beach
Hawaii**

Liturgical Readings

Monday, December 8
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
1st Reading: Genesis 3:9-15, 20
2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 9
Advent Weekday
1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 10
Advent Weekday
1st Reading: Isaiah 40:25-31
Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday, December 11
Advent Weekday
1st Reading: Isaiah 41:13-20
Gospel: Matthew 11:11-15

Friday, December 12
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
1st Reading: Zechariah 2:14-17 or
Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47

Saturday, December 13
Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
1st Reading: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11
Gospel: Matthew 17:9, 10-13

**Next Sunday's Readings
December 14, 2025
3rd Sunday of Advent!**

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10
2nd Reading: James 5:7-10
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

♦ **Fr. Edmundo Naceno Barut**, Pastor ♦ **Fr. Preston “PJ” Castro**, Parochial Vicar
♦ **Eric Kim and Rey Dinulong, Ronald Paglinawan (Ret.)** Deacons

THAT THEY MAY BE ONE!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

NEW Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm
Phone: (808) 689-8681 Weekends & Holidays: Closed

Fr. Edmundo Barut, Pastor, ext. 102
Fr. Preston "PJ" Castro, Parochial Vicar, ext. 103
Eric Kim, Deacon & Rey Dinulong, Deacon ext. 103
Ron Paglinawan, Deacon (Ret.), ext. 100
Mela Kim, Office Manager, ext. 101
Emily Tui, Receptionist/Secretary, ext. 100
Julia Torres, Director of Religious Education, ext. 107
Edwin Albano, Book Keeper, ext. 104
Hollie Arquette, Janitor & Lordy Luis, School Groundskeeper ext. 100

OLPH Ministries & Groups

LITURGICAL ACTIVITIES/MINISTRIES

Adoration w/Benediction, Every First Friday, 7am & Wednesday, 5pm (Ch)
Infant Baptism, 1st Saturday of Month 1pm & 3rd Saturday of the Month 10am (Ch)
Combined Choir Practice, (to be announced)
Liturgy Committee Mtg, (to be announced)
Marian Devotions & Novena to the Holy Trinity, 1st Saturday, 8:30am (Ch)
Rosary to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, M-F 7:50am (Ch)
Sacred Heart Society, 1st Sunday, 9:00am Mass (Ch)
Samoan Choir practice, (to be announced)

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Staff Mtg. [as needed] (Parish Office)

PARISH MAINTENANCE

Church Cleaning, Every Saturday morning after the 7:00am Mass (Ch)
Parking Security (to be announced)
Repair & Maintenance Committee (as needed)

YOUNG MINISTRY

Life Teen (Grades 9-12) & Edge Ministry Sunday at 3pm (Church)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Evangelization Team Meeting
RCIA-Adults Every Saturday, 3pm (School Lanai)
Religious Ed. Classes, PreK-8th, Every Sunday, 12:30pm (Church)

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Filipino Catholic Club, 1st Sunday - 8:15am (School Lanai)
Knights of Columbus, 1st Saturday - 9am (Conf. Rm 2)
Samoan Ministry (to be announced)

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Bereavement Ministry
Food Distribution, Last Saturday, 9:00am-11:00am (School ground)
Health Ministry, Blood Pressure Screening every 3rd Sunday @ All Masses (Ch)
Non-Perishable Food Collection, Every Saturday & Sunday, All Masses (Ch)
Respect Life Ministry (to be announced)
Seniors Exercise (low impact), Every Thursday, 9:00am (Conf. Rm 2)

Interested in joining a ministry? Please call the Church Office for more information and Point of Contact Person.

ParishSOFT Electronic Giving Report

Regular Offering	\$ 8,618.48
Mahele Na Makana	\$ 697.00
Sub Total	\$ 9,315.48

All Souls Day	\$ 127.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,320.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev't	\$ 5.00
Sub Total	\$ 2,452.00
TOTAL	\$ 11,767.48

If you need further assistance on how to enroll or use ParishSOFT electronic giving, contact donorsupport@parishsoft.com or call 866-507-8757.



Parish Schedule This Week

SUNDAY, December 7, 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent!

7am, 9am, 11am & 5pm Masses - (Ch)
1:00pm: CCD Classes
3:00pm: EDGE and LifeTeen

MONDAY, December 8, 2025

7:50am: Rosary (Ch)
8:15am: Sacrifice of the Holy Mass (Ch)
5:00pm: Sacrifice of the Holy Mass (Ch)
7:00pm: Sacrifice of the Holy Mass (Ch)

TUESDAY, December 9, 2025

7:50am: Rosary (Ch)
8:15am: Sacrifice of the Holy Mass (Ch)

WEDNESDAY, December 10, 2025

7:50am: Rosary (Ch)
8:15am: Sacrifice of the Holy Mass (Ch)

THURSDAY, December 11, 2025

7:50am: Rosary (Ch)
8:15am: Sacrifice of the Holy Mass (Ch)

FRIDAY, December 12, 2025

7:50am: Rosary (Ch)
8:15am: Sacrifice of the Holy Mass (Ch)

SATURDAY, December 13, 2025

6:35am: Rosary (Ch)
7:00am: Sacrifice of the Holy Mass (Ch)
5:00pm: Vigil Mass (Ch)

SUNDAY, December 14, 2025

3rd Sunday of Advent!

7am, 9am, 11am & 5pm Masses (Ch)
1:00pm: CCD Classes
3:00pm: EDGE and LifeTeen

Mahalo For Sharing Your Treasures

November 22/23, 2025 Collections

Regular Offering	\$ 6,656.00
Mahele Na Makana Collection	\$ 1,822.00
Sub Total:	\$ 8,478.00

Building Fund (Envelopes)	\$ 1,826.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 95.00
Donations-Breaking Bread	\$ 117.00
All Souls Day	\$ 45.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 15.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 5.00
Peter's Pence Collection	\$ 10.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 565.00
Filipino Catholic Club	\$ 707.51
Regular Offertory-Merchant Acct	\$ 300.00
Building Fund-Merchant Acct	\$ 130.00

Sub Total:	\$ 3,815.51
Total:	\$12,293.51

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SUMMARY:

Offertory Collections	\$12,293.51
ParishSOFT E;ectronic Giving	\$11,767.48
Grand Total—All Income	\$24,060.99

Thank you very much for your Stewardship

Points of Reflection for the 2nd Sunday of Advent 2025

- In the story of creation, God created animals of all kinds: birds of the sky, fish in the waters, wild and tame animals on land. God looked at it all and pronounced it good. No mention is made of wild animals preying on smaller animals or any two animals attacking each other. Eden was a paradise. In order to portray the effect of a Messiah coming to Judah, Isaiah recalls the harmonious interactions of animals in Eden. This is God's plan of coexistence among the myriad species of beasts. This is God's peaceable kingdom. This is a model of the kind of kingdom Isaiah prophesies, John proclaims, and Jesus presents.
- Let us now reimagine the animals as people. We think of the different natures, behaviors, and instincts of animals, and the same can be true of people. People have many various faults, traits, habits, and personalities. How to reconcile them all in such a way that all eight billion of us can live together in peace? This continues to be a challenge, but Jesus has given us a road map. Turn the other cheek, forgive each other, love your neighbor, care for the least of your brothers and sisters. If we can see Jesus in the faces of those in need, we can see the kingdom when we serve them.
- The harmony among the animals portrayed by Isaiah is recalled when Paul speaks to the Romans, asking that God may "grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus" (Romans 15:5). Normally, it's a great challenge to think in harmony with others, even with just other members of your family. But if all are truly thinking in harmony with the Lord, agreement can be found. Importantly, it requires honesty, humility, and guidance from the Holy Spirit. May we take the time and make the effort to increase the harmony of the world.

Question of the Week

How can my family live together more harmoniously? What can I do to help make this happen?

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Points of Reflection for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2025

- Sin is a turning away from God, a rejection to some degree of God's plan for us. Eve turned away from God, trusting the serpent and her own judgment more than God's. Mary, the first woman born without original sin, trusted God's judgment over her own doubts. When Gabriel first told her the news, she was troubled and confused. But when Gabriel told her that "nothing will be impossible for God" (Luke 1:37)—that in fact her cousin was pregnant after her childbearing years were thought to be over—Mary decided to continue to place her trust in God, even in seemingly impossible circumstances. Though we are not personally visited by an angel, the message remains the same: nothing is impossible with God, so trust in God and follow God's will.
- When Gabriel appeared to Mary, she must have already been somewhat anxious. She was betrothed to Joseph—committed to marriage, but not yet living together as husband and wife. She was likely full of anticipation as well as apprehension. Those of us who are married can recall that time between engagement and marriage. Nervous as we may be, we can't wait for that wedding day to finally come and the next chapter of our lives to begin. In the middle of this, Gabriel comes to deliver the earthshaking news that things will not be going as planned. No doubt the news initially would have increased her anxiety and made her even more worried about the delay between betrothal and marriage. But she quickly shifted her focus from herself to the Son she would soon bear. She sacrificed her own personal hopes and dreams of marriage, motherhood, and family life to allow God's plan of salvation to flow through her to the whole human race.
- Though we have not been immaculately conceived, Paul tells us that we too have each been chosen by God before our conception. In our case, we were chosen for adoption through Christ before even the foundation of the world. As Christ came to bring salvation, we are destined not only for adoption, but also to live forever with God in the eternal kingdom in which we all share in the everlasting praiseworthiness of the glory of God.

Question of the Day

What specific challenge or anxiety am I facing this Advent in which God is inviting me to trust in God's loving care as Mary did?

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STEWARSHIP QUOTES

- ⇒ We are all stewards – managers of the many gifts God has bestowed upon us. Our challenge as Christians is to make good use of those gifts.
- ⇒ "But let our people, too, learn to devote themselves to good works to supply urgent needs, so they may not be unproductive." (Titus 3:14)

Please Call the Office First

Getting Married?

Wedding preparations begin at least 6 months PRIOR to the actual wedding.

Funeral Arrangements?

Call WHEN you meet with the mortuary to make funeral arrangements.

Homebound Ministry

Inform the parish office with the name, address and phone number of the person who would like to receive Communion at home.

Planning a Baptism

Call BEFORE making any baptism celebration plans

OLPH Parish Info

Sunday Masses

7am, 9am, 11am & 5pm

Vigil Mass

Saturday, 5pm

Weekday Daily Masses

Mon-Fri, 8:15am
Saturday, 7am

Holy Rosary

Monday through Sunday preceding the daily and Sunday Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat, 4p-4:30pm or by appointment

Adoration with Benediction

Every First Friday at 7am
Every Wednesday at 5pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION!!

Candidates for Confirmation and First Communion

Please pray for our children who are preparing for reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion. Here is our list:

Ablog, Sonia; **Acosta**, Francheska Louise; **Akuna**, Jazmine; **Aurelio**, Marie Roxanne; **Bercasio**, Abbie; **Bercasio**, Ashley; **Calaro**, Princess; **Camacho**, Damien John; **Capenia**, Ikaika; **Cepeda**, Lawrence; **Cheek-Enriquez**, Leialani; **Corrales**, Zaire; **Cuarisma-Maze**, Keahikoa; **Del Rosario**, Alex James; **Dela Cruz**, Angelo; **Dela Cruz**, Brent; **Derige**, Vash Dylan; **Duenas**, Tristan; **Fortuno**, Cameron; **Fortuno**, Preston; **Fuertes**, Eva; **Fuertes**, Kenzo; **Gatdula-Cao**, Zachrie; **Kekoa**, Kayley; **Mateo**, Cyan; **Matias**, Karalyn Rose; **Matias**, Kynsley; **Palacay**, Megan; **Poblete**, Maximus; **Poblete**, Brielle; **Poblete**, Jaxen; **Poblete**, Rhiley Justine; **Rosal**, Blythe Nicolette; **Rosal**, Reimond; **Seson**, Elijah; **Susa**, Samantha; **Susa**, Sofia; and **Torres**, Jessica.

Parents: if you have not already done so, please:

1. Submit your child's baptismal certificate, unless he/she was baptized at OLPH.
2. Submit the name of your child's Confirmation sponsor who will also need to sign a Confirmation Sponsor form. Sponsor must be:
 - a. Fully initiated Roman Catholic (he/she has received the initiation sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist).
 - b. Practicing Catholic
 - c. If married, marriage must be in the Catholic Church and if single, not cohabitating.

Infant Baptism

Our next celebration of infant baptism will be on January 17, 2026, Saturday, at 11:00 a.m. Preparation class for parents and godparents will be on the same day from 8:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Applications must be received at the parish office no later than January 3, 2026. Please call the parish office at 808-689-8681 Ext. 107 if you have any questions.

CONCLUDING THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

- On May 9, 2024, Pope Francis released a Papal Bull of Indiction which formally announced the Jubilee Year of Hope. The document was entitled *Spes non confundit* --"Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5). In it, Pope Francis writes on the reasons for this theme for the Jubilee Year:
- In the spirit of hope, the Apostle Paul addressed these words of encouragement to the Christian community of Rome. Hope is also the central message of the Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years.... For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the "door" (cf. *Jn* 10:7,9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as "our hope" (*1 Tim* 1:1).
- Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope. ... (1).
- **January 6, 2026**, Pope Leo will conclude the Jubilee Year with the closing of the Holy Door at the Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

"During the Holy Year, may the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God's love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!"
(*Spes non confundit*, 6).

Spes non confundit, The Bull of Indiction for the Jubilee Year of Hope from Pope Francis. © 2024 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Notes are quoted from "A Liturgy Preparation Aid for the Seasons of Advent and Christmas 2025-2026 Year A by the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, page 4, including the Dates to Remember on the next page of this Bulletin.

FOOD PANTRY

Please bring in your donations of

CANNED FRUITS

Thank you for your kind generosity!

We also accept

other non-perishable food items.

Your donations of gently used paper GROCERY bags and plastic bags are greatly appreciated!

Tired of using your own envelopes or not having any for your donations? Stop by the parish office. We have blank offering envelopes you can use until we get you on the envelope mailing list.

See Pete at the parish office.

THANK YOU!



MASS INTENTIONS

We pray for those who have gone before us. May their souls and all souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. We also offer prayers for healing, thanksgiving or for what ever intentions one might need to offer during the sacrifice of the Mass.

Saturday, December 6, 2025

5:00pm: + Julia Chun

Thanksgiving - Birthday: Haven Sejalbo

Sunday, December 7, 2025

7am: +Danilo River Duclayan

9am: Missa pro Populo

11am: + Kathy Sniffen, + Robert A. Cabrerros, Sr., + Alfred Sarte,
+ April Joy Pascua

Thanksgiving: Rachel Hopkins, Joshua Atis

5pm: Thanksgiving - Birthday: Janet Sario

Monday, December 8, 2025

8:15am: + Maria Ragojo

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

8:15am: Thanksgiving - Birthday: Syrus Anthony

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

8:15am: Thanksgiving - Birthday: Medina Agoo

Thursday, December 11, 2025

8:15am: + Wilfredo Canuela, Sr.

Friday, December 13, 2025

8:15am: + Melodia Damaso

Saturday, December 13, 2025

7:00am: + Tess Texiera

We pray for those who have gone before us. May their souls and all souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

We also offer prayers for healing, thanksgiving, anniversaries or other good intentions one might need to offer during the sacrifice of the Mass.

EWA BEACH CHRISTMAS PARADE will be on Saturday, December 20th from 8AM-11:30AM. We invite and encourage you to join fellow parishioners and the Knights of Columbus for this public event. Please stay tuned for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

- **December 24, 2024** (Christmas Eve) Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at the Basilica of St Peter, thus inaugurating the Ordinary Jubilee.
- **December 29, 2024** (Feast of the Holy Family) Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of his cathedral, Saint John Lateran, which on November 9, 2024 celebrated the 1700th anniversary of its dedication.
- **January 1, 2025** (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major.
- **January 5, 2025** (Epiphany) The Holy Father opened the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls.
- **December 28, 2025** Pope Leo will close three Holy Doors on the Feast of the Holy Family -- St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, St. Paul outside the Walls.
- **December 28, 2025** Bishops around the world will conclude the Holy Year in their cathedrals.
- **January 6, 2026** Pope Leo will conclude the Jubilee Year with the closing of the Holy Door at the Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

INVITATIONS

MARCH FOR LIFE

DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

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MISSION:

Human Life is a gift. We honor and safeguard life from conception to natural death.

- We pray** for the conversion of hearts and minds to believe in the Gospel of Life.
- We teach** Catholic Social Teachings based on the Magisterium, Sacred Scriptures, Traditions and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
- We serve** promoting Pro-Life Activities and establishing programs to spread JOY and HOPE.
- We vote** for it is our civic duty as Christian citizens to stand for Truth, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

SAVE THE DATES

October 1-31, 2025 Respect Life Month

October 5, 2025 (Sunday) Respect Life Sunday (USCCB)

December 8, 2025 (Monday) Naming of a Child Mass—
RESCHEDULED! See other details below in February 2026

January 22, 2026 (Thursday)

March for Life Mass—
Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa to be
presided by Bishop Larry Silva,
6:00 PM Mass to be followed
with an hour of Adoration

January 23, 2026 (Friday)

March for Life
State Capitol, 2-5 PM

February 19, 2026 (Thursday)

Naming of the Child Mass
Watch out for the other details!



2025 Leeward Vicariate December Advent Penance Service

01	Monday	7 PM: Sacred Heart Waianae
02	Tuesday	6:30 PM: Saint Joseph Waipahu
04	Thursday	7 PM: Saint Jude Kapolei
09	Tuesday	7 PM: Saint Rita Nanakuli
11	Thursday	7 PM: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ewa Beach
12	Friday	7 PM: Immaculate Conception Church Ewa

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, EWA BEACH

SIMBANG GABI SCHEDULE

DEC. 15TH (7 PM): FR. PASCUAL ABAYA
 DEC. 16TH (7 PM): FR. ALFRED GUERRERO
 DEC. 17TH (7 PM): FR. ANTHONY TRAN
 DEC. 18TH (7 PM): FR. SIEGFRED DOSDOS
 DEC. 19TH (7 PM): FR. JOSEPH DIAZ
 DEC. 20TH (5 PM): FR. PRESTON CASTRO
 DEC. 21ST (5 PM): FR. LEONARD TUBANA
 DEC. 22ND (7 PM): FR. ACE TUI
 DEC. 23RD (7 PM): FR. ED BARUT

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP
FOLLOWING AFTER ALL THE MASSES

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

- CMU wall installation has been completed by Affiliated Construction.
- Structural steel has been installed. Design Build Hawaii, the contractor, is working on the beams for the roofing.
- We have confirmation from Arcadia that fabrication of our storefront doors is underway.
- Stormwater retention & drainage system excavation and connection is complete and backfilled adjacent to the existing church, including the section from front of church to the box drain in North Road.
- HECO has approved switchboard submittal from Roy's Electric & DPP has also given approval of electrical panel installation once the roof of the whole utility room is installed, which has been worked on.
- Monitored security system is being finalized.
- Sauder Worship finalized & executed pricing for furnishing: celebrant chairs, ambry, credence table, etc. These items will ship together with the pews.
- Data Com is being finalized with Comtel & Pacific Direct Connect.
- Church furnishings like: processional crucifix and candles, chalice and ciboria, statues of St. Joseph and Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Gospel Book metal cover, are already delivered.
- Artesanos Don Bosco has shipped to us the altar, ambo, crucifix, stained glass, mosaic for baptismal font flooring, and stations of the cross. These liturgical furnishings are already delivered in campus.

Below are some pictures showing progress of the church construction.

