

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL



December 14

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2025



GAUDETE SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The word "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice." In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.

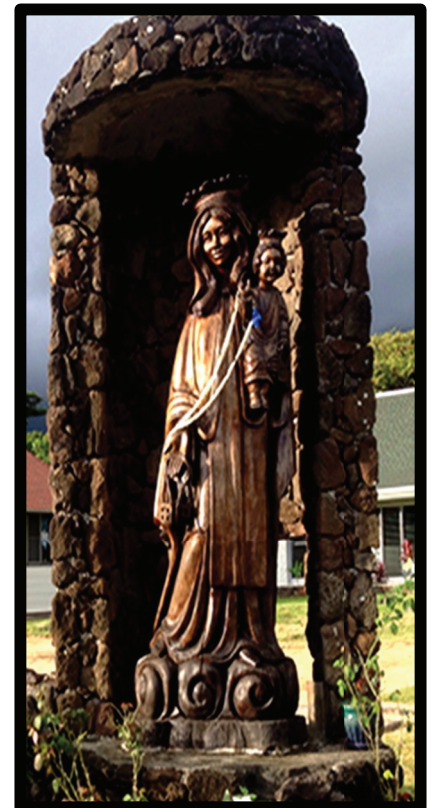


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WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CHURCH

Parish Mission Statement

We the 'Ohana of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church stand united as a committed multicultural parish in prayer and faith; with the power of the Holy Spirit, and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary; to evangelize in the service of God, by sharing the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ in our words and actions with the hope of eternal salvation for all.





Sunday, (Lāpule) Dec. 14

- 7:30a Mass
- Fellowship Hour
- 8:45a - 9:45a
 - Faith Formation
 - O.C.I.A. Class
- 10:00a - FF Staff Meeting
- 10:00a Mass
- Fellowship Hour
- 11:15a Counters meet

Monday, (Pō'akahi) Dec. 15

- 8:00a Morning Mass
- Have a blessed Monday!*

Tuesday, (Pō'alu) Dec. 16

- 8:00a Morning Mass

Wed. (Pō'akolu) Dec. 17

- 8:00a Morning Mass
- 10a-12p 9-1-1 Foodbank on site.

Thursday, (Pō'ahā) Dec. 18

- 8:00a Morning Mass
- 8:30a - 10:30a OLMC Foodbank Distribution

Friday, (Pō'alima) Dec. 19

- 8:00a Morning Mass

Saturday, (Pō'aono) Dec. 20

- 7:00a Mass (BVM)
- 4:00p Confession
- 5:00p Vigil Mass
- 6:00p - 8:00p OLMC Youth & Young Adult Ministry! Location: Sts. Damien & Marianne Parish Hall. *A friendly reminder: Don't forget to submit your holiday recipes in person or by email to czarina808@gmail.com before Wednesday, December 17!*



Healing, Strength, and Protection:

Kalani Wilson, Rita Medeiros, Asuncion Tubana, Skipper Hough, Debra Myers, Daniel Leong, Eileen Pacheco, Estrellita "Esther" Bolo, Norman Sadoyama, Winnie Salas, Cynthia H., Pomai H., Romie Bersalona, Fumiko Sullivan, Keanu Pacheco Salas, Lanette Lopez, Patsy Seo, Salvador and Marina Asuncion, Ann Manatad, Beverly Lau, Keone boy Jr., Grannette Pulliam, Bonnie McCann, Arthur Machado Jr., Paul Z., Carrie Z., Pat Pilanca, Bobby Wilson, Kehaulani Lau, Delbert Augustine, Bernadine Zimbra, Clementine Kong, Lima & Ginna Paaga, John Kilbey, Corey Ann, Heide Wilson, Cathy Williams, Franklin Gonzales, Rosalind Chun, Bernie Roman, Kaiwiokalani Recarte, Rhylee Miller, Allen Smith, Valerie Young, Marie Gonzales, Lin English, Johnasen Halas 'Ohana, Rose Wages Cross, Pearl Adaro, and all our parish families, homebound and all caregivers.

Birthday Blessings for:

Cameron Labeste
(December 17)



For the Soul of:

+Pearl Adaro
(December 7)



Thank You!

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL Parish Treasure Report For the weekend of: December 6 & 7, 2025

5:00PM VIGIL MASS

Building Fund...\$610.00
Christmas Flowers...\$35.00
Tithes / Offering...\$278.00

7:30AM MASS

Building Fund...\$190.00
Christmas Flowers...\$55.00
Deficit Fund...\$400.00
Tithes / Offering...\$783.00

10:00AM MASS

Building Fund...\$260.00
Christmas Flowers...\$150.00
Tithes / Offering...\$232.00

Online/Drop/Other

Building Funds...\$300.00
Christmas Donations to the Church / Bldg. funds...\$600.00
Immaculate of Mother Mary...\$100.00
Special Events...\$95.00
Tithes / Offering...\$280.00

Grand Total of:
\$4,368.00





Shepherd's Voice.

Gaudete (Rejoice)!

We are now in the middle of our Advent journey, celebrating the 3rd Sunday of Advent. The first 2 Sunday of Advent lead us to reflect on the 2nd coming of Jesus and has the character of repentance and conversion. The 3rd and 4th Sundays focus us towards the first coming of Jesus, his incarnation. Thus, this Sunday is called Gaudete – which means rejoice. It invites us to a disposition of Joyful waiting.

However, if we reflect on the first Christmas, there seems nothing to rejoice about. The night was dark and very cold. The shepherds were enduring the biting cold in the field. They are poor. And yet their own share of difficulty and suffering did not hinder them from rejoicing. They rejoice for one reason: the Savior is born in their midst. And this is exactly the reason of our rejoicing too: the Savior is born in our midst. God has become like us.

Advent invites us to open our hearts to the joy that Jesus brings. When we receive Jesus, we experience joy. When we share Jesus, it brings joy to others. This Gaudete Sunday reminds us that we are both recipients and agents of the joy of Christmas, Jesus Christ. For where there is joy, there is God. This is the meaning of Emmanuel- God is with us to give us joy.

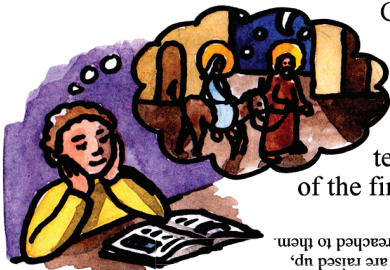
Advent is Half Over!

Today is the third Sunday of Advent. That means that half the wait is over! If you have an advent wreath, this is the week to light the pink candle. Pink is a symbol the joy we have because we're half-way to Christmas.



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the people that John the Baptist was a prophet and messenger. A prophet is someone who tells the truth. In the Old Testament the prophets told God's people the truth about God. Saint John was a prophet because he told the people that the Messiah, or saviour, was coming soon, and that they needed to repent of their sins.

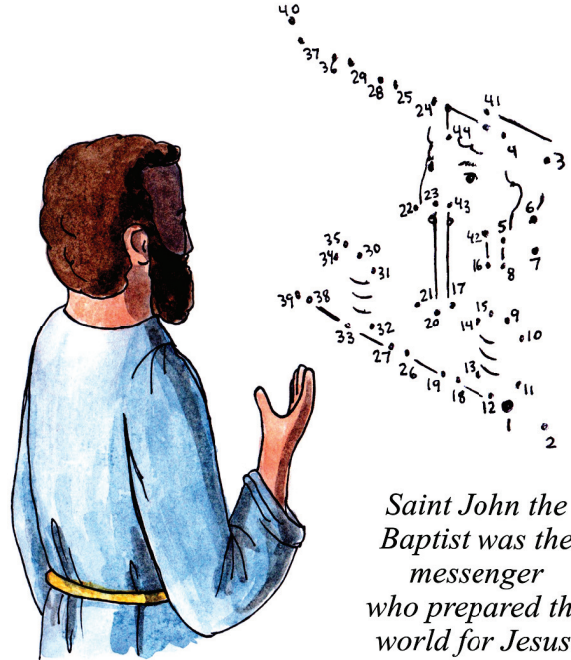
Saint John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus by calling people to repentance. You can help prepare for Christmas by thinking and talking about how Jesus came to earth on the first Christmas. Can you tell somebody the story of the first Christmas today?



Answer to front page: St. John was in prison. Answer to match up puzzle: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.

The Kids' Bulletin

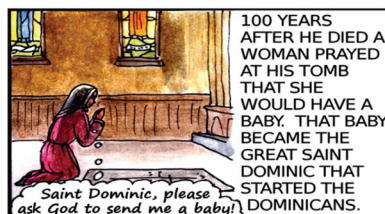
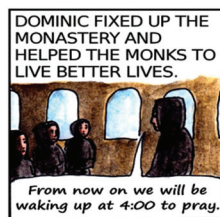
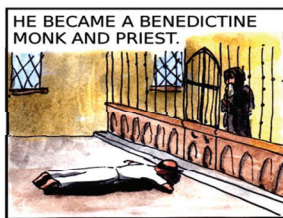
Third Sunday of Advent
December 14th, 2025



Saint John the Baptist was the messenger who prepared the world for Jesus' coming.

*Where was he in today's Gospel reading?
Connect the dots to find out!
Then you can finish colouring in the picture.*

Saint Dominic of Silos December 20



SAINT DOMINIC SHOWED HIS LOVE FOR GOD BY PROTECTING WHAT BELONGED TO THE CHURCH. HE ALSO WORKED TO RE-BUILD WHAT HAD BEEN BEAUTIFUL BUT WAS FALLING APART. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM TO RESPECT WHAT BELONGS TO THE CHURCH AND HELP MAKE THE CHURCH BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD.

What Happens When Jesus Comes?

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples to tell John the Baptist what He does.

What happens to whom?

Match up the people with what happens to them.

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| the blind • | • are raised up |
| and the lame • | • have good news preached to them |
| lepers • | • hear |
| the deaf • | • are cleansed |
| the dead • | • receive their sight |
| and the poor • | • walk |



Church Directory

- Accountant / Bookkeeper Francis Daquioag
- Altar CareHarvey Recarte
- Altar EnvironmentCharlotte Recarte
- Altar ServersSteve Ziadie, Greg Leong & Harvey Recarte
- Bathrooms (Sts. Damien & Marianne Hall)Harvey Recarte & Charlotte Recarte
- Bereavement.....Jimmy Muneoka, Lucy Salas, Charlotte & Harvey Recarte, Betty Lou Kam, Charles & Pacita Woodward
- Building & Maintenance..... Nick Cambra
- Bulletin Editor Lucy Salas
- Church CleanersGrannette & Rick Pulliam, Betty Lou Kam, Francis Johnson, Youth & Young Adult Staffs
- Counters Charles Woodward
- Eucharistic RevivalCharlotte Recarte
- Fellowship Hours Charles Woodward (7:30am) & Pua Kamaka (10:00am)
- Finance CouncilCharles Woodward
- Flowers Betty Lou Kam
- Foodbank Nick & Noella Cambra
- FundraisingFr. Leonardo Tubana
- Godly Women Czarina Salas
- Grounds Larry Lopez Sr., Colin Lau Nick Cambra & Honua Wai LLC, Joshua & Co.
- LectorsBetty Lou Kam
- Music Directors
 - ⇒ Saturday VigilBernadine Zimbra
 - ⇒ ScholaSteve Ziadie
 - ⇒ 7:30am Lucy Salas
 - ⇒ 10:00amDanita / Boi Dumadag
- Pastoral CouncilNick Cambra
- Religious Ed (Faith Formation).....Lucy Salas
- Respect LifeLyn Ziadie
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- SacristanHarvey Recarte
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