

DECEMBER CALENDAR

**Sunday, Dec 24th, Nativity Of The Lord —
5:30 Christmas Carols/6:00pm Mass**

**Monday, Dec 25th Nativity Of The Lord—8:30am
Mass. St. Gabriel, Keanae—11:00am**

Tuesday, Dec 26th thru Friday, 29th—7:00am Mass

**Saturday, Dec. 30th, The Holy Family Of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph—5:00pm**

**Sunday, Dec.31st, The Holy Family Of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph 8:30am.**

**Monday, January 1st, Mary, The Holy Mother of
God—8:30am**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF:

*Mike & Violet Pszyk
Christine Riecke-Gonzalez
Stephen Cabral
Pualani Kimokeo
Jasowicz & Sarna 'Ohana
Visalli & Perreira Families
Grace & Howard Petith
Chikara Ishii
Jeffrey Ishii
Elaine Middleton
Julia Malaqui
Juan Malaqui
John Malaqui
Joaquine Malaqui
Gilbert Malaqui*



*Eternal rest grant unto them , O Lord. And let the perpetual light
shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Join Us to Pray the Rosary.
Monday thru Friday
after morning mass

*Saturday before Mass at 4:30pm
Sunday at 8:00am*

**ADORATION
EVERY FIRST FRIDAY
OF EACH MONTH
AFTER MORNING MASS
7:30am-8:30am**

and 5:30pm-6:30pm Adoration

December 2023



*Eleanor Silva—12/02
Phillip Muthoottil—12/4
Pualani Kimokeo—12/5*

*Fr. Robert, Fr. Chacko,
Fr. K, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Joy
12/08*

*Karl Soliman— 12/9
Mark Potter—12/13
Fr. Chacko Muthoottil 12/15
Paul Kaina—12/16
Marge Vacek—12/20
Fr. Patrick Freitas—12/21
Nathan Perreira—12/23
Perreira Family—12/30*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

James Gonzalez-Wesley
Rosemary Robbins
Debbie Faborito
Rachel Cravalho
Robert Robello
Melissa Prince
Stanley Lee
Fr. Chacko Muthoottil
Winona Martinez
Clarita Pimentel
Helen Estrella
Stephen Groff
Jeremy Konohia
Felicia Gonzales
JoAnn Potter

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYER
EVERY FRIDAY
AFTER MORNING MASS**

“Jesus, I trust in you”



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December 24, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
A message from our pastor Fr. Robert Ni Ni, MF

Dear Members of our Faith Community,

As we gather on this fourth and final Sunday of Advent, our hearts are filled with anticipation as we await the glorious celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Today, our scripture readings from 2 Samuel and Luke remind us of the importance of being flexible and open to God's plan for our lives, even when it diverges from our own personal plans.

In 2 Samuel 7, we encounter King David, a man who desired to build a house for the Lord, a permanent dwelling place for the Ark of the Covenant. David's intentions were noble and driven by his deep love for God. However, God had a different plan in mind. Through the prophet Nathan, God revealed that David's son would be the one to build the temple. Despite David's initial desire and well-meaning intentions, he humbly accepted God's plan and adjusted his own personal aspirations accordingly.

Similarly, in the Gospel of Luke, we encounter Blessed Mary, a young woman chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus. When the angel Gabriel appeared to her with the astonishing news of her divine calling, Mary was initially startled and unsure, given her own personal plans and expectations for her life. Yet, in an act of profound faith and surrender, she humbly accepted God's plan,

saying, "I am the Lord's servant. May your word to me be fulfilled." Both King David and Blessed Mary teach us the invaluable lesson of flexibility and openness to God's plan, even in the face of our own personal desires and ambitions. They demonstrate the importance of aligning our lives with God's divine purpose, recognizing that His plans are far greater and more extraordinary than anything we could ever envision for ourselves. In our own lives, we often make plans, set goals, and have dreams for our future. While it is important to have aspirations and work towards them, we must hold them with open hands, ready to surrender them if God's plan calls us in a different direction. It requires trust and faith to embrace the unknown, knowing that God's plan is perfect, and His ways are higher than our own.

As we conclude this Advent season and prepare to welcome the Christ child into our hearts and homes, let us reflect on the examples set before us by King David and Blessed Mary. May their stories inspire us to be flexible and open to God's plan in the New Year, even when it challenges our own ideas and expectations. Let us trust that God's plan is rooted in love, wisdom, and a desire for our ultimate good.

May this Christmas be a time of surrendering our personal plans to the divine will of our Heavenly Father.

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~MASS SCHEDULE~

~ST. RITA~

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. ~ Vigil
Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

7:00 a.m. ~ Tuesday ~ Friday
~ST. GABRIEL~
1st & 3rd Sundays: 11:00 a.m.

~RECONCILIATION~

ST. RITA~ Saturday: 3:30 ~ 4:00 p.m.
ST. GABRIEL~ Before Sunday Mass

~ANOINTING OF THE SICK~
Please contact the Office

~BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS,
FUNERALS~
Please contact the Office

~MINISTRIES~

MINISTRY OF SONG: CHOIR
Wayne Freitas & Rita Bauldry
Tuesday ~ 6:00 p.m.

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND



Monday
 December 25
Nativity of the Lord
 Is 52:7-10
 Heb 1:1-6
 Jn 1:1-18 or
 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday
 December 26
*St. Stephen,
 the First Martyr*
 Acts 6:8-10;
 7:54-59
 Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday
 December 27
*St. John,
 Apostle and
 Evangelist*
 1 Jn 1:1-4
 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday
 December 28
*Holy Innocents,
 Martyrs*
 1 Jn 1:5-2:2
 Mt 2:13-18

Friday
 December 29
*Christmas
 Weekday*
 1 Jn 2:3-11
 Lk 2:22-35

Saturday
 December 30
*Christmas
 Weekday*
 1 Jn 2:12-17
 Lk 2:36-40

Sunday
 December 31
*Holy Family
 of Jesus, Mary,
 and Joseph*
 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
 Col 3:12-21 or
 3:12-17
 Lk 2:22-40 or
 2:22, 39-40



NATIVITY OF THE LORD

A Christmas message from our pastor Fr. Robert Ni Ni, MF

Beloved Parishioners,

As Christmas approaches, I am reminded of the words from Luke 2:10, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Yet, I am aware that this season can bring mixed emotions for many. Some among us feel the weight of loneliness, poverty, homelessness, or the pain of loss.

As your spiritual servant, I understand the challenges of ministering to those who struggle to find joy, especially after experiencing the loss of a loved one. In these moments, I encourage you to seek solace in God's presence. Take time to immerse yourself in the Christmas story, allowing yourself to be transported back to the miraculous birth of our Savior.

Recapture the joy that filled the hearts of those who believed that this baby was the long-awaited Messiah, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, and the Savior of all who would believe in Him and seek forgiveness.

Without truly knowing Christ, the joy and happiness of this season remain in vain. Christmas is a day to remember God's merciful love. Through Jesus, we encounter the true nature of God—Love. His love extends to everyone, especially the marginalized, the poor, and the homeless. Let us be mindful of those in need, whether they are family members, friends, coworkers, or fellow parishioners. May our hearts be open to forgiveness and love as we reach out to those who long for them.

Merry Christmas! May the remembrance of Christ's birth bring you profound peace and hope. I want to express my deepest gratitude for your presence and prayers within our St. Rita and St. Gabriel parish family.

May God's blessings be upon you and your loved ones as we rejoice in the birth of our Savior.

