

As far as I am concerned, the greatest suffering is to feel alone, unwanted, unloved.

The greatest

suffering is also having no one, forgetting what an intimate, truly human relationship is, not knowing what it means to be loved, not having a family or friends.

St. Teresa of Calcutta
Be God's Beacon of Hope

## The SPX Social Justice & Outreach Ministry



## Christmas Baskets Shopping List 🛞

Mahalo to all who donated Gift Cards and Thanksgiving Food Baskets to our SPX Food Panty. Twenty parishioners supplied 106 gift cards and 12 baskets. Distributions were made in the past two weeks and will continue thru Christmas. To donate gift cards for Christmas, please drop them in the collection basket. Christmas baskets can be dropped off at the Parish office Mon thru Fri 8:00am - 1:00pm or before/after mass (leave with the ushers). Thank you for your generosity. Christmas Basket suggestions are listed here.

k Gift cards to Times, Foodland or Safeway (\$10 or \$20 amounts) j Canned Veggies & Fruits j Soups k Oatmeal Vienna Sausage j Tuna j Cookie or Cake Mix j Peanut Butter & Jelly j Saimin j Rice - 5lbs.
Toiletries - Bath soap, disposable razors, shampoo/conditioner, toilet tissue

### Third Sunday of Advent

Our Catholic faith reveals to us the reality of Purgatory after we die. Purgatory is said to be a place of much spiritual pain, but again, in a sweet sort of way. It's painful in the sense that we are stripped of all that we hold on to that God wants us to let go of. It's painful in the sense that we endure a complete transformation of who we are and what we love. We learn to love God and God alone. And in the embrace of our love of God, we come to love all people.

It's also sweet because, as we are purified, we grow infinitely closer to God and grow in holiness. This lifts the burden of sin and frees us to love as we ought.

But our purification ought not start only in Purgatory. We are all called to enter into that process of purification here and now. We are called to heed the words of John the Baptist today and repent of all that keeps us from holiness of life.

Reflect, today, upon the purification to which God may be calling you. What is it that you hold on to that He wants you free of? Commit yourself to the purifying fire of God's love and let that love cleanse you in this Advent season.

Lord, I do long to have my soul purified by You. I do desire holiness of life. Help me to begin this process here and now so that I can begin to experience the joy and freedom You have in store for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

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## Our Stewardship Prayer

Generous and Loving Creator, you have called us to

Maalama i ka Makana (*Cherish the Gift*). As disciples of your Son, we ask that your Spirit open our minds and hearts to more deeply appreciate your countless blessings. Increase your transforming spirit within us, so as to nurture our call to stewardship as a way of life marked always by faith-filled prayer, service to others and generous giving. With the kokua of St. Marianne and St. Damien, teach us to be good stewards so we may return a hundred-fold the makana entrusted to us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord.



## **Mission Statement:**

Living the Gospel of Our Lord as a Community of Faith.

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### **CHURCH SCHEDULE**

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closed all State &

Closed all State & Federal Holidays

WEEKDAY MASS Monday to Saturday 7:30 a.m.

## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Weekdays (by appointment only) Saturdays (after 4:00 p.m. Mass)

# ADORATION & BENEDICTION First Friday

8:00 a.m.

#### <u>FOOD PANTRY</u> Monday, Wednesday, Friday

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

## PADRE PIO DEVOTION

Third Saturday After 4:00 p.m. mass

# WEBSITE: St Pius X Church

www.stpiusxmanoa.com

## The Lord Is Near!

This Sunday we rejoice. Although the world is beset with the pandemic and its consequences, much suffering, violence, and hatred, the prophet Zephaniah and the apostle St. Paul encourage us to not lose our hope, but rather, to rejoice even more for the coming of the Lord. The Lord is near! The Lord is with us! The Lord is our mighty savior! He is our loving friend who comes to share our burden of sorrows. And in order that we may share in His inheritance of eternal happiness, He has revealed to us the will of the Father. We are also invited by John the Baptist to live up to the friendship we have with Jesus by: being generous toward our needy neighbors; being fair and just with others; and like Him (who is the God of the living), being a living inspiration to others.

Fr. Norlito



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## Upcoming Events DEC. 13—DEC. 19

7:30 AM Mass—Church 10:00 AM Food Pantry (Hall)

### 14—TUESDAY 6:30 AM Outreach - Hall 7:30 AM Mass—Church

15—WEDNESDAY 7:30 AM Mass—Church 10:00 AM Food Pantry - Hall

### 16—THURSDAY 6:30 AM Outreach - Hall 7:30 AM Mass—Church

17—FRIDAY
7:30 AM Mass—Church
10:00 AM Food Pantry - Hall

# 18— SATURDAY

7:30 AM Mass—Church 8:00 AM Church Cleaning 10:00 Crafty Ladies/Men— Conference Room—Hall 4:00 PM MASS (Church) Confession (after Mass)

19—SUNDAY 8:30 AM MASS (Church) 11:30 AM PRAISE AND WORSHIP MASS (Church) Live-Stream

This Weekend Second Collection December 11 and 12 Retirement Fund for Religious. Thank you.

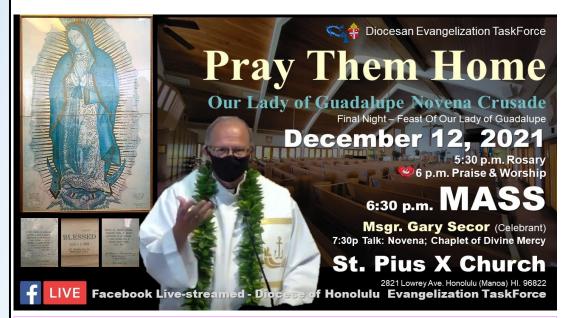


## **Diocesan Prayer for Vocations**

Heavenly Father, your divine Son taught us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His vineyard. We earnestly beg you to bless our Diocese and our world with many priests, deacons and religious who will love you fervently and gladly and courageously spend their lives in service to your Son's Church, especially the poor and the needy. Bless our families and our children, and choose from our homes those whom you desire for this holy work. Teach them to respond generously and keep them ever faithful in following your Son Jesus Christ,

that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and with the Inspiration of Saint Damien and Saint Marianne the Good News of redemption may be brought to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen





St. Lucy, Feast Day December 13
St. Lucy, your name means *light*. You lived your faith, knowing the importance of sharing the light of Christ with others, even when it meant persecution and hardship. Please help us to be light in darkness, to know we are called to carry the light of Christ to a world in need, to our families, our places of work and ministry, and our Church. Help us to see the many opportunities given us each day to be a light in darkness. Amen.



St. John of the Cross Feast Day December 14
O Blessed Jesus, grant me stillness of soul in Thee. Let
Thy mighty calmness reign in me. Rule me, O thou
King of gentleness, King of peace. Give me control,
control over my words, thoughts and actions. From all
irritability, want of meekness, want of gentleness, O
dear Lord, deliver me. By thine own deep patience give
me patience, stillness of soul in Thee. Make me in this,
and in all, more and more like Thee. Amen.

## **Christmas Mass Schedule**

December 24. Fridav—

Eve of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Holy Mass—4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

December 25, Saturday—
Solemnity of Nativity of the Lord
Dawn Mass—6:00 a.m.
Day time Masses—8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

**NO Evening Mass on December 25, Saturday** 

December 26, Sunday—Holy Family Sunday Liturgy of the Hours at 7:00 a.m. Holy Masses 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

## **Blessing of Nativity Set**

Starting from December 12 (Gaudete Sunday) to December 23 Fr. Norlito will bless your nativity set **for homes**. Blessing of the Nativity Set will be done after every mass.



### OFFERING December 4 and 5

Weekly Collection	1,975.50
<b>Building Fund</b>	473.00
Candles	36.00
Retirement Fund Religious	87.00
Christmas	30.00
Immaculate Conception	55.00
Donation in Memory of	300.00
Edna Loo	

Total: 2,956.50

On line Giving: 11/29—12/3 \$ 545.00

Mass Attendance for 12/4 & 12/5

4:00 pm = 78 Adult 3 = Children 8:30 am = 60 Adult 4 = Children 11:30 am = 37 Adult 1 = Children

Mass Attendance for Dec. 7 - 6:00 pm = 56

Dec. 8—7:30 am = 30 Dec. 8—6:00 pm = 48

# Mass Intentions for

8:30 am—Sunday, December 12
Juliet Afaga Shimabukuro+
Ness Mendoza-HH

11:30 am—Sunday, December 12
Pro Populo
Lori Kim and Andy Liu—SI

7:30 am—Monday, December 13 Fr. Tom– H

7:30 am—Tuesday, December 14

Fr. Tom— H

7:30 am—Wednesday, December 15 **Fr. Tom–** H

7:30 am—Thursday. December 16

Fr. Tom— H

4:00 pm—Saturday, December 18

Fr. Tom– H



Readings for the Week

Sunday, December 12 Third Sunday of Advent Zephaniah 3:14-18a Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18

St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a Matthew 21:23-27 Or 2 Corinthians 10:17-11:2

**Matthew 25:1-13** 

Monday, December 13

Tuesday, December 14
St. John of the Cross, Priest,
Doctor of the Church
Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13
Matthew 21:28-32
Or

1 Corinthians 2:1-10a Luke 14:25-33

Wednesday, December 15 Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25 Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 16
Isaiah 54:1-10
Luke 7:24-30

Friday, December 17 Genesis 49:2, 8-10 Matthew 1:1-17

Saturday, December 18 Jeremiah 23:5-8 Matthew 1:18-25

Sunday, December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent Micah 5:1-4a Hebrew 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45

