

Saint John Bosco, Priest 1815–1888

January 31—Memorial
Patron Saint of editors, publishers, schoolchildren
and juvenile delinquents

St. John Bosco was, to put it in the simplest terms, a winner. His heart was like a furnace radiating immense warmth, fraternal concern, and affectionate love of God to every person in the room. His personality seemed to operate like a powerful magnet that pulled everyone closer and closer in toward his overflowing, priestly, and fatherly love. His country boy simplicity, street smarts, genuine concern for the poor, and love of God, Mary and the Church made him irresistible. Don Bosco ('Don' being a title of honor for priests, teachers, etc...) had charm. What he asked for, he received. From everyone. He built, during his own lifetime, an international empire of charity and education so massive and so successful that it is impossible to explain his accomplishments in merely human terms.

Like many great saints, Don Bosco's external, observable, charisms were not the whole story. Behind his engaging personality was a will like a rod of iron. He exercised strict self discipline and firmness of purpose in driving toward his goals. His gift of self, or self dedication, was remarkable. Morning, noon, and night. Weekday or weekend. Rain or shine. He was always there. Unhurried. Available. Ready to talk. His life was one big generous act from beginning to end.

Don Bosco was not concerned with the remote causes of poverty. He did not challenge class structures or economic systems. He saw what was in front of him and went "straight to the poor," as he put it. He did his work from the inside out. It was for

others to figure out long term solutions, but not for him. Don Bosco did not know what rest was and wore himself out by being all things to all men. His reputation for holiness endured well beyond his death. A young priest who had met him in northern Italy in 1883, Fr. Achille Ratti, later became Pope Pius XI and, on Easter Sunday 1934, canonized the great priest he had known so many years before.

St. John Bosco, you dedicated your life to the education and care of poor youth. Aid us in reaching out to those who need our assistance today, not tomorrow, and here, not somewhere else. Through your intercession may we carry out a fraction of the good that you achieved in your life.

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Saint Blase, Bishop and Martyr February 3—Optional Memorial

Patron Saint of wool combers and sufferers of throat diseases

The memory of Saint Blaise, a man of obscure origins, stands behind one of the most enduring healing traditions in all of Christianity. In the holy name of Blaise, two candles are crossed, X-shaped, and pressed against the neck to ward off and cure diseases of the throat. Oil and ashes, candles and flames, bread and wine, words and blessings. God's face does not appear in the ash cloud of a volcanic eruption or in a golden pile at the end of a rainbow. The Christian believes that God's salvation and healing power come through His Holy Mother, through His saints, and through the creation He molded in His own hands.

A believer doesn't believe in belief, any more than a soldier loves patriotism. A soldier loves his country, and a believer loves God. And because the believer loves God, he loves a someone, not a something, and waits in line and shuffles forward, step by step, to the priest holding those X -shaped candles on today's feast. Saint Blaise is primarily a "northern" saint called upon to remedy mostly cold climate ills. Because it is usually winter, then, the believer adjusts his jacket collar, feels the milky wax candle against his tender throat, closes his eyes, and prays that the cough disappear, that his voice remain strong, or that the faintest lump turn out to be nothing at all.

The life of Saint Blaise and the tradition of throat healing that still surrounds him tell us that holy lives have power. His life tells us that holy people intercede for less holy people, and that the less powerful, the less wise, and the less good depend on the strong, the intelligent, and the good in order to leave their state of dependence, ignorance, and sin. In the same way that salvation is mediated, healing is as well. Whether through the skilled hands of a surgeon, the chemicals of a drug, or the intercession of a saint, healing comes. The many channels branch out from the one source who is God. We, the faithful, when fragile and afraid, patiently sit in the doctor's office for our name to be called, wait at the pharmacy counter for the prescription to be filled, or line up in church for the candles to rest softly on our clavicles. Healing is an offer, we are ripe to be cured, and any sacred intervention is welcome, no matter whence it comes.

Saint Blaise, many centuries ago you suffered for the same faith we now share with you. May we be ever united to you in our common Church, and may we be healed of all infirmities of the throat through your heavenly intercession.

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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. Amen

St. Pius X

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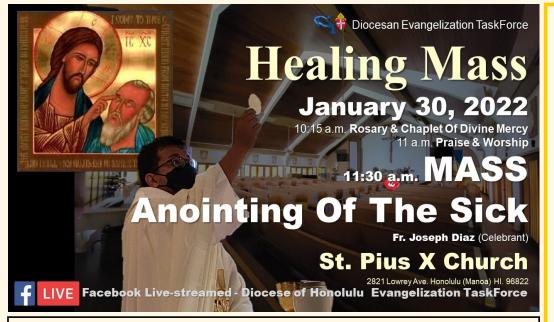
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Faithful Until the End

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time is an invitation to reflect on the courage of Jesus in the fulfillment of His apostolic ministry – not

forgetting the efforts and sacrifices of the prophet Elijah, Jesus fulfilled his words. In His native town of Nazareth, Jesus' audience was very unfriendly. And when Jesus, to the audience's displeasure, spoke the Truth, the audience became furious and attempted to take Jesus' life. Jesus was not a practical man when it came to His

proclamation, and instead of courting popularity and praises, Jesus remained faithful to His mission throughout His life, even if it cost Him His life. We, too, should be faithful to God's call, even as we are constantly challenged by an environment and a culture that seek the spectacular and exalt pleasure in all its forms. The payment of the blood from Jesus is the foundation of our Christian culture. Are we faithful also to our calling as members of the supreme culture of the Gospel, even if it is often inconvenient? The waters of baptism gave us the unassailable faith, and the sacrament of confirmation gave us the courage of Jesus. As Jesus lived a heroic virtue, He demands also from His followers, the unpopular heroic virtue.



Mission Statement:
Living the Gospel of Our
Lord as a
Community of Faith.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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.

FOOD PANTRY
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



Upcoming Events JAN. 31-FEB. 6, 2022

31—MONDAY

6:30 AM Outreach - Hall 7:30 AM Mass—Church 10:00 AM Food Pantry (Hall)

1—TUESDAY

6:30 AM Outreach - Hall 7:30 AM Mass—Church

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

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

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

5— SATURDAY

7:30 AM Mass—Church 8:00 AM Church Cleaning 4:00 PM MASS (Church) **Confession** (after Mass)

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



Aloha and Mahalo

Fr. Norlito, the short 6 months you were here, you helped SPX to get organized and focused on important matters that were not applied or we were not aware of such as the activity calendar, history of the Saints and the relics, etc. Thank you for driving us toward goals and to the mission of SPX. Now, the ground work is

done and in the hands of the next administrator and parishioners. We certainly live in a very different and challenging times. But we have God that has not changed and is the same God 2,000 years ago, the same God today and tomorrow. We now focused on what lies ahead of us and we trust and have faith in

Him. Thank you, Fr. Norlito for your guidance, your endless energy and sharing your love for the Augustian Family. We wish you the best in the future and wherever you go. God bless you, keep focus and we pray that whatever you hold dear in your heart will come true and His Will be done! Take care and God bless.

REQUEST FOR INPUT REGARDING THE SYNODAL NATURE OF THE CHURCH

Our diocese, with Bishop Larry Silva encourages us to participate in this dialogue together with all Christian Catholics around the world.



ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH, MANOA

Key question: How can all members of the Catholic Church be more effective in proclaiming the living **Jesus Christ to the world?**

You may also submit your answers to our parish of-

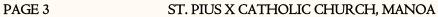
Address to: Synod of Synodality/ St. Pius-X Catholic For a synodal Church / 2821 Lowrey Ave. Honolulu Hawaii, 96822

To share your thoughts, please view the video on the Synod on Synodality to be played before the Sunday masses and type the link to the website of diocesan synod on synodality on your computer or mobile device.

Respond in a brief summary and submit them to https://bit.ly/SnodResponses

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.





Feast of the Presentation of the Lord February 2

The Story of the Presentation of the Lord

At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her "purification." Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship. This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification.

The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25. the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

Reflection

In Luke's account, Jesus was welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow Anna. They embody Israel in their patient expectation; they acknowledge the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. Early references to the Roman feast dub it the feast of Saint Simeon, the old man who burst into a song of joy which the Church still sings at day's end.

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Mass Attendance:

January 22 4:00 pm = 72 Adults / 4 Children

January 23

8:30 am = 50 Adults / 4 Children

11:30 am = 45 Adults / 2 Children

Mass Intentions:

11:30 AM—Sunday, January 30 Pro Populo

7:30 AM-Monday, February 1 August Camacho+



JANUARY 30, 2022

Sunday, January 30 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 or

> Lk 4: 21-30 Monday, January 31

13:4-13

St. John Bosco, Priest 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30: 16:5-13 Mk. 5:1-20 Philippians 4:4-9 **Matthew 18:1-5**

Tuesday, February 1 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 2 Presentation of the Lord Malachi 3:1-4 **Hebrews 2:14-18** Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Thursday, February 3 St. Blaise, Bishop, Martyr 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 Mark 6:7-13

Friday, February 4 Sirach 47:2-11 Mark 6:14-29

Saturday, February 5 St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr 1 Kings 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Luke 9:23-26

Sunday, February 6 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11 Luke 5:1-11