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February 26, 2023

A LENTEN REFLECTION FROM SAINT AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

(Sermon 205,1)

As we begin our annual Lenten observance with its solemn call to conversion...it is more than ever my pastoral duty to nourish your minds with the word of God when you are about to mortify your bodies by fasting. We are soon to celebrate the Passion of our crucified Lord. It is therefore in keeping with our commitment to him that we should crucify ourselves by restraining the desires of the flesh. As St Paul says: You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all your self-indulgent passions and desires. Such is the Cross upon which we Christians must continually hang since our whole lives are beset by trials and temptations. Not for us, as long as we live, to be rid of those nails we read of in the psalm: Pierce my flesh with the nails of your fear. Flesh means the desires of our lower nature; nails, the demands of God's justice and holiness.

With these, the fear of the Lord pierces our flesh and fastens us to the Cross as an acceptable sacrifice to him. In a similar passage, the apostle Paul appeals to us by the mercy of God to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. To hang on such a Cross brings no shame to the servants of God; it is something in which they glory, as Saint Paul does when he says: Far be it from me to glory in anything except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. This crucifixion, I repeat, is something that must continue throughout our life, not for forty days only.

It is true that Moses, Elijah, and our Lord himself fasted for forty days; but in Moses,

Elijah, and Christ we are meant to see the Law, the Prophets, and the Gospel, and to learn from them not to cling to this present world or imitate its ways, but to nail our unregenerate selves to the Cross. Christians must always live in this way, without any wish to come down from their Cross, otherwise, they will sink beneath the world's mire.

But if we have to do so all our lives, we must make an even greater effort during these days of Lent. It is not a simple matter of living through forty days; Lent is the epitome of our whole life.

Mass Attendance:

February 18-19, Sunday

4pm = 70 Adults / 4 Children * 8:30 am = 48Adults / 3 Children * 11:30am = 35 Adults / 5 Children

Religious Education Class

Religious Education and for all Children's Class in preparation of the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism for children, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion after Sunday 8:30am mass. Parents wanting their children to receive the sacraments of Christian initiations can register at the parish office during office hours. You may also download the registration form on our parish website:

https://stpiusxmanoa.com/pdf-Forms.php

We Now Have A New Parish Secretary!

Lorna-Louise Silva Andrade

Our Parish office:

Tuesdays and Fridays only:

9:30am-12 noon

Mission Statement:

"Pascendi Dominici Gregis!" (To feed the Lord's flock!)

Vision:

In the spirit of our Patron St. Pius X, we, the Catholic community of St. Pius X Manoa aspire to live the happy and good witnessing of the Gospel through our Faith, Service, and Praise.



Fr. Norlito Concepcion, OSA

Administrator

CHURCH SCHEDULE

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Friday
9:30 a.m.—12:00 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 5:00 PM mass)

1st Wednesday After 7:30 am Mass

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

First Friday 8:00 a.m.

FOOD PANTRY

Wednesday, Friday

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

First Friday Devotion 7:30a.m.

First Saturday Devotion 7:30a.m.

First Wednesday devotion 7:30a.m.

Saturday For the Virgin Mary 7:30a.m.

February 19, 2023 St. Pius-X Church Manoa

Upcoming Events

February 2023 27th- Monday

9:30 AM Outreach—Hall 7:30 AM Mass—Church

28ht—TUESDAY

9:30 AM Outreach—Hall 7:30 AM Mass—Church Joseph Oh (B)

(March)

1st -WEDNESDAY

7:30 AM Mass—Church Joseph and Rita OH (SI) 10:00 AM Food Pantry (Hall)

6 PM Mass—Church

2nd—THURSDAY

9AM Outreach—Hall 7:30 AM Mass—Church

3rd—FRIDAY

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

4th—SATURDAY

7:30 AM Mass

Fr. William Araña, OSA (†) 8:00 AM Church Cleaning

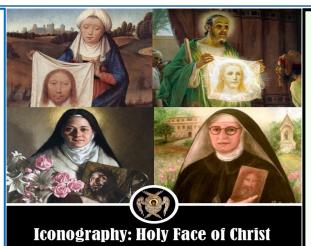
> 4 PM Mass 2nd SUNDAY OF Lent

> > 8:30 AM MASS

11:30 AM Midday MASS

(Church) Live-Stream

(†) Eternal Repose/(SI) Special Intentions/(B) Birthdays/(H) Health



Today, we honor the Most Holy Face of Christ. Several saints are depicted holding or carrying an image of the Holy Face. Examples are St. Veronica, St. Jude Thaddaeus, St. Therese of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face, and Bl. Maria Pierina de Micheli.

https://www.facebook.com/hagiografaith

On line Giving: 02/13/23 - 02/17/23: \$1490.00

FEBRUARY 18 - 19 Weekly Collections \$ 1761.00 **Building Fund** 81.00 Candles 34.00 Mass Intentions 95.00 Augustine Edu. Foundation 30.00 Black & Indian Missions 5.00 Ash Wednesday 25.00 Initial Offering 5.00 Donation 25.00 Total \$ 2061.00

Thank you for your Support!!





to Holiness



March 25, 2023 at St. Stephen Diocesan Center (6301 Pali Hwy.) Time: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Questions? Contact the OYYAM at oyyam@rcchawaii.org

'Ohana in Christ FAOs

THE ANNUAL APPEAL for the CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII

1. What is 'Ohana in Christ ('OIC)?

Vollate to Utable at the Catholic Church in Hawaii. In fiscal year 2021/2022, 'OIC replaced the former Bishop's Circle Appeal to help provide needed funding for diocesan ministries, programs, and services formerly funded by the With Grateful Hearts (WGH) Capital Campaign - and other efforts that individual parishes cannot sustain on their own.

2. Parishes already pay a hefty annual assessment - isn't that enough?

Parish assessment fees provide significant funding for the diocesan mission - covering many expenses, but not all. In addition to the end of WGH funding, it is also important to note that during the first year of the COVID pandemic parish assessments were significantly reduced - and that the overall rate has been held steady in the years to follow. In turn, 'OIC helps close the gap in the

3. How is 'Ohana in Christ different from the Bishop's Circle Appeal?

Along with an enhanced effort to raise awareness of the diocesan mission and financial needs - parishes were initially assigned a "target goal" based on 25% of their annual assessment. For the current fiscal year, the basis remains the same - although each parish is now required to raise a minimum of 50% of their target goal. Parishes that fall short of the minimum will be responsible for the difference at the end of the fiscal year.

- 4. Is there consideration for parishes facing significant financial challenges? Prior to the current fiscal year, parishes had the opportunity to appeal the minimum 50% goal requirement by submitting a written request to Bishop Larry. Two did so; one was granted reliefthe other made its target goal again this year.
- 5. What are some specific examples of what my donation will help support? Along with many ministries, programs, and services for our faith communities, your donations help support the diocesan offices and affiliated entities responsible for providing them.

6. Where does my gift go and how is it managed?

Donations given directly to 'OlC are received, processed, and acknowledged by the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF). Donations given at the parish level are forwarded to HCCF and credited accordingly. In turn, HCCF also oversees management of the funds and their allocations to the diocese in support of the diocesan mission

7. Are donations to 'Ohana in Christ tax deductible?

Yes, to the extent allowable by law. For specific information, please consult your financial advisor. To make a gift today, please visit: CatholicHawaii.Org or mail your check to 'Ohana in Christ, PO Box 380019, Honolulu, HI 96838-0019. For gifts by credit card or otherwise, call the HCCF Gifts Office at (808) 372-3472



MAHALO for your Generous Support - All Gifts are Important a