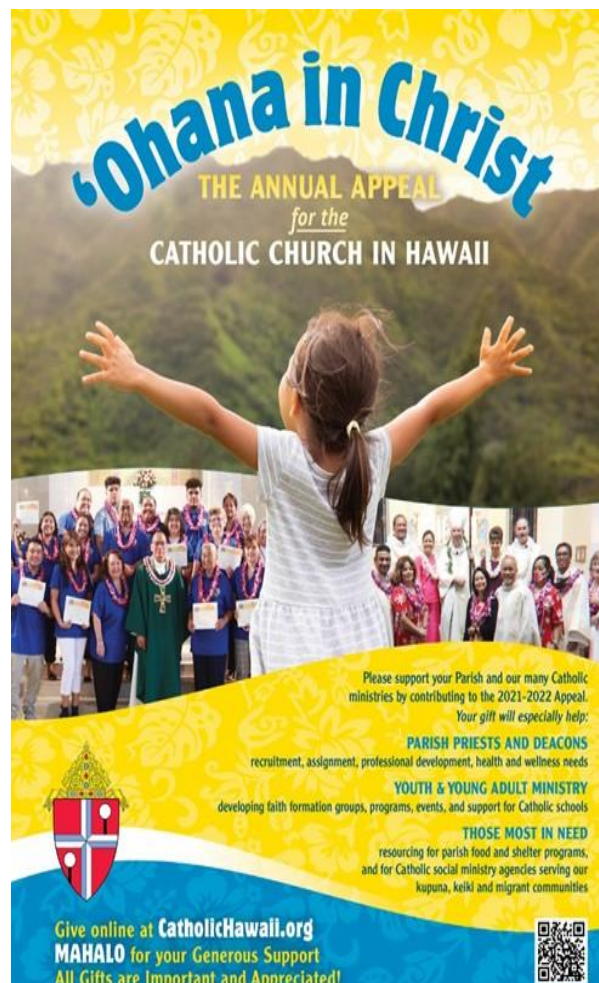


Support Your Parish and Those Most in Need
'Ohana in Christ (formerly the Bishop's Circle)

The 'OHANA IN CHRIST appeal is asking for your generous support. Our Catholic Church in Hawaii has many dimensions and continues to make significant impact in the communities we serve. Your generous gift will especially help our Parish Priests and Deacons, Youth and Young Adult Ministry and those most in need. Mahalo.

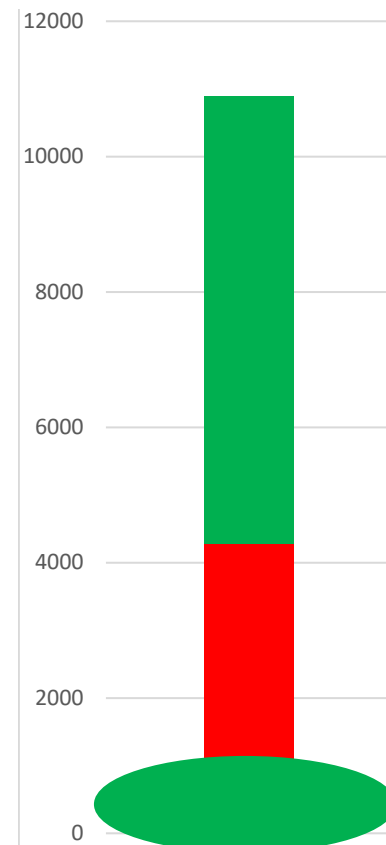
Please consider joining one of the special Donor Societies with a generous gift today.

OHANA IN CHRIST envelopes are available at the entrance of the New Church. Please help us reach our goal. Mahalo for your donations.



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GOAL - \$10,892
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SYNODALITY IN THE CHURCH
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Scriptures for Reflection:
Matthew 25:31-40

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see your hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’ And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’”

KEY QUESTION:

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

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Rizal Pedro Acosta, MS – Pastor
Office Secretary – Rose Dela Cruz

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Marina Pascua

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Allison Carveiro

Food Pantry:
Benymar Tapucol

Filipino Catholic Club:
Lydia Rebugio

Pastoral Council:
Paul Roberts - Chairperson

Finance Council:
Steve Moclilnikar - Chairperson

Baptism: Submit application form and required papers to the Parish Office. Baptism class will be scheduled upon receipt of completed applications. Baptism are usually held on Sunday after the 9:30AM Mass.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation: Contact the Office for more information.

Marriage: Contact the Parish Office for more information at least six months before wedding.

RCIA: Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office for scheduling the visit.

Funerals: Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.



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January 2, 2022



The Epiphany
OF THE LORD

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”
 Matthew 2:1-2

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday – Friday: 7:00 AM (Old Church) Wednesday: 7:00 AM (Old Church) followed by Novena

Saturday: 5:00 PM (New Church) Sunday: 7:00 AM (New Church)* 9:30 AM (New Church) *Temporary

Confession & Sacrament of the Sick:

Call the Parish Office at (808) 742-1955 to schedule an appointment



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January

- Herbert Miyazaki 02
- Cynthia Corona 04
- Niko Laborte 04
- Florentino Caoagas 06
- James Hadwin 08



May God richly bless you and grant the wishes of your heart!



*We will have a second collection on January 8 & 9 for Philippine Typhoon Recovery. Typhoon Rai has devastated a vast area in the Philippines. Funds are needed for humanitarian, rebuilding and recovery. Please make your checks payable to St. Raphael Church. Thank you.

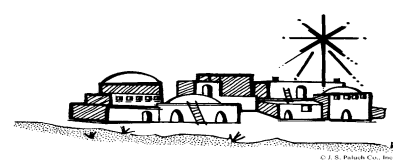
*2022 Cleaning Schedule for the Old Church is ready for pickup on the bulletin board outside the New Church. St. Raphael Church is looking for stewards to help clean the Old and New Church. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested. Thank you.

*First Quarter Lector schedule is ready for pickup on the bulletin board outside the New Church.

*January schedule for Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is ready for pickup on the bulletin board outside the New Church.

*2022 Offertory envelopes for registered parishioners are available in the Gift Shop on weekends after mass and in the Parish Office on weekdays.

*The Gift Shop is open after mass on the weekends. Weekday hours are from Monday to Friday, 8 AM to 2 PM. Please observe social distancing if not of the same household.



Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
— Isaiah 60:1



**Stewards of Treasure
Weekly Collections Dec. 26, 2021**

Collection	\$ 3,092.00
Collection – Christmas	\$ 6,050.00
Votive Candles	\$ 430.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 40.00
Gift Shop	\$ 288.00
Food Pantry	\$ 20.00
Second Collection for Retirement Fund	\$ 100.00
Misa De Gallo	\$ 931.00
Online Giving Church Offering	\$ 756.35
Online Giving Laulima Campaign	\$ 520.00

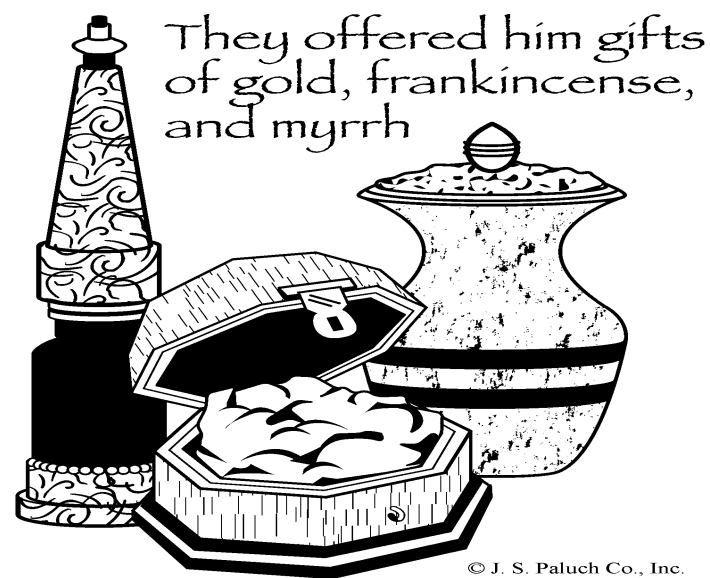
MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

Reflection question:

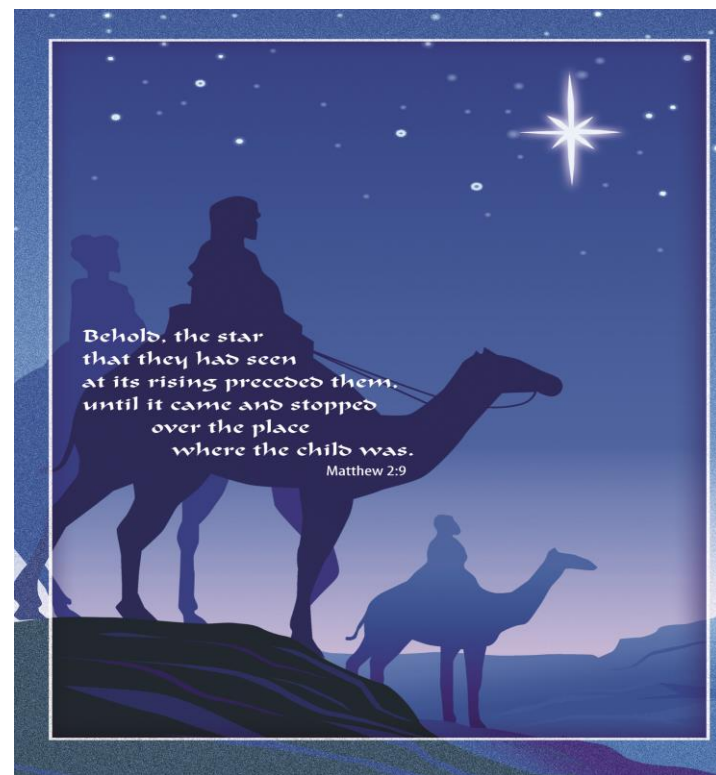
What can I do this week to come to know God better?

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We have come to consider the gifts the Magi bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.



JOURNEY TOWARD GOD

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God's bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God's grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today's readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God's work.

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TODAY'S READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

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**Prayer for the Covid-19 Corona Virus Pandemic
[By Bishop Larry Silva]**

Dear God of all the living, you sent your Son Jesus to heal us from illness and sin. We turn to his healing power in this time of anxiety over the pandemic of this potentially deadly virus. St. Damien and St. Marianne Cope dedicated their lives to the service of those who had an infectious disease. St. Marianne Cope said, "I am not afraid of any disease," because she was confident in your power to save. At the same time, she took prudent precautions of hygiene to assure that she and her Sisters would not be infected.

Let us learn from this example to put our trust in you to save us from the ravages of disease and to take prudent measures to prevent its spread. Guide us to know when to isolate ourselves from the possibility of infection, but never let anyone be left without the care and concern of others in the community.

As our Diocese of Honolulu has been dedicated to the Divine Mercy, we pray with confidence,
"Jesus, I trust in you."
Saint Damien, pray for us!
Saint Marianne, pray for us!
St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us!
Our Lady of La Salette, pray for us!