



January 4th, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord

Reflection on the Readings

In today's readings, let us focused on the radiance of Jesus' birth. The radiance from the event was great that foreigners from a distant land had traveled to Israel to see this newborn king. That begs the question, who were these magi?

Traditionally, we know their names to be Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. The number of kings corresponded with the number of gifts that were brought to the newborn king. It is important to note here that these figures are not of the Jewish faith. Some sources say that these people were astrologers and/ or came from a place that used natural sciences. Other sources say they were of a different faith, Zoroastrianism. The point of the gospel's author was trying to make here is that even Gentiles paid homage and acknowledged that Jesus is the King of the Jews.

There is a great use of irony used in the gospel passage; Herod, a Jewish King (though part of a Roman government), wanted to know where this newborn king was so that he could kill his future rival. On the other hand, Gentile rulers saw a star, traveled a great distance, and paid homage to the newborn Jesus. The gifts they brought to him have meanings. Gold symbolizes Jesus' being king. Frankincense symbolizes Jesus' divinity. Lastly, myrrh symbolizes Jesus' humanity. Gifting of myrrh is also ironic to give to a newborn as it is used for embalming the dead, meaning it can be symbolizing Jesus' passion and death.

When looking at the second reading, the Gentiles are coheirs with Jewish converts. We have to remember the Nativity narrative along with this Sunday's gospel passage that both Jews and Gentiles have paid homage to the newborn king. The first ones to pay homage were shepherds whose profession, although necessary, was one that was mostly disliked in communities. One of the reasons was shepherds letting their animals graze on other people's property. We have one of the lowest of Jewish society and the highest from the East paying homage to an infant.

Filled with joy when finding the star that will lead them to Jesus, the magi left on a different route. It is safe to say that this group left joyful, seeing the source of their radiance. So should also us be joyful, as Jesus' radiance never waned as salvation is here, and we pray to Jesus for the joy and peace we need in our lives.

-From the desk of Bro. Emmanuelle



You're invited to our annual

Christmas

Celebration

Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus and the Christmas Season with food, music, games, and our St. Patrick Parish 'ohana.

**January 10, 2026 at
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
at the St. Patrick School
Auditorium**

Doors will open at 10:00 AM.

The program & lunch will start promptly at 11:00 AM

- If you want to be a part of the planning, contact Bella at (808) 492-3580.
- Donations and prizes are welcome and can be dropped off at the Parish office.
- Potluck Sign-Up <https://forms.gle/SpB6o4QrtnPe9Se36>



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Congregation of the Sacred Hearts

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Sunday Liturgy of the Eucharist

Saturday: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 6:30am, 8:30 am, 11:00 am

Weekday Liturgy of the Eucharist

Monday to Saturday: 7:00 am

SACRAMENTS

Contact the Parish Office for further information regarding the sacraments.

Baptism – Parent Sessions

Marriage—One year notice before marriage date.

Anointing of the Sick– Before hospitalization. This Sacrament is celebrated with family and friends.

Homebound—Eucharist is available for the sick

Penance Service—Advent and Lent

Reconciliation (Confession) Saturdays: 4:30pm to 5:00pm

Church Directory

Rev. Lusius Nimu, ss.cc. - Pastor

Rev. Bertram Lock, ss.cc. - Parochial Vicar

Dr. Fernando Ona - Deacon

Sherry Shimoda – Rectory Receptionist

Bro. Emmanuelle del Castillo, ss.cc. - Parish & School Associate

Faith Formation Ministries:

Music Ministry: Leslie Segundo – Call rectory

RCIA: Stella Christopher

Social Ministry:

Baptism: Bert Nakamura

Karen Nakamura

Eucharistic Ministry: Karen Nakamura

Lector: David Tom

Rosemarie Tom

Hospitality: Garrett Miura, Tammy Miller, Gene Vosberg

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Congregation of the Sacred Hearts

President: Rev. Lusius Nimu, ss.cc.

Vice President/ Principal: Shireen Santiago

Finance Officer: Hong Li Luo

Vice Principal: Gavin Kim

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Contact Numbers:

Parish Office: 732-5565 Fax: 737-2477

School Office: 734-8979 Fax: 732-2851

Religious Ed. Office: (Call the Parish Office)

Parish Office hours:

Monday-Friday: 8:00am to 4:00pm

Closed 12noon to 1:00pm daily; and all day on Holidays

School Office hours:

Monday – Friday: 7:00am to 3:00pm

After School Care: 2:30pm to 5:30pm

Readings for the Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading

-Isaiah 60:1-6

“The glory of the Lord shines upon you.”

Responsorial Psalm

-Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10,11,12-13

“Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.”

Second Reading

-Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

“Now it has been revealed that the Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.”

Gospel Reading

-Matthew 2:1-12

“We saw his star at its raising and have come to do him homage.”

Ave Maria!

We welcome you to join the Saint Patrick Family Rosary on Sunday, January 4th, 2026 after the 11:00 am mass in the Saint Patrick School Cafeteria.

We invite all: families, empty nesters, singles, and every one to join us. A short teaching and the Family Rosary will precede the potluck lunch and fellowship. “The family that prays together, stays together.”

Religious Education

Religious Education Classes will resume next week, January 11th, 2026.



January’s Intention from Pope Leo

For the prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

St. Marianne Cope
Pray for us!



Celebrate our beloved saint’s feast day and birthday!

Friday, January 23, 2026

7 p.m. Mass

Celebrant: Bishop Larry Silva

Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

712 N. School St., Honolulu

(Attendees will receive a special gift and delicious treats.)

Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities



Saint Patrick Church

Upcoming Events

January 4th, 2026

Family Rosary

At St. Patrick School

Cafeteria. After 11 AM

Mass

January 10th, 2026

2nd Annual Saint Patrick

Church Party

At St. Patrick School

Auditorium. 10 AM- 2 PM

Events will be updated weekly.

St. Patrick School events can be seen here:

<https://school.saintpatrickhawaii.org/news-events/>

Saint Patrick School

Classes will resume January 5th, 2026.

Please pray for another successful semester.



January 5th, 2026

Saint John Neumann

Memorial

Saint John Neumann was a dedicated bishop who cared deeply for immigrants and the poor in the United States. He worked tirelessly to build schools and parishes, helping Catholic education grow and making sure people felt welcomed in the Church. Saint John Neumann is remembered for his humility, strong faith, and loving service to others.