



## December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Third Sunday of Advent



### Reflection on the Readings

The disciples of John the Baptist only heard of what Jesus has done. Though John fully believes in his cousin, there is certain doubt when one of John's disciples bluntly asks, "Are you the one John is talking about or should we find another?" (Matthew 11:3) Jesus invites them to tell John what they see and hear, to tell him of their experiences. Notice that Jesus invites them to tell of their experiences, not to report word for word what came from Jesus' own mouth. Here it is Jesus giving us the choice to believe.

Let us recall the Baptist's role with this Sunday's scripture, he was a messenger sent before Jesus himself (Matthew 11:10). Not only that, Jesus calls him the greatest man a woman could give birth to, but still would the least in the kingdom of heaven (11:11). The reason why Jesus said these things to the Baptist's disciples, was to simply provide them with the Truth that is presently standing in front of them. Not only he gave us a choice to believe, but along with the Truth. What John has done, is only the beginning of salvation history.

Who do we seek or who are we looking for? The same question that Jesus poses to the disciples of John the Baptist, can be asked of us. In the present day, there are still disciples of John the Baptist, those who did not choose to believe in Jesus. They are still seeking the savior that the Baptist was preparing for. Jesus invites us to use our experiences, not blind faith, in order to believe. In often times with when we are seeking the Truth of all things, for some of us, it could be right in front of us and we don't realize it.

This being the third week of Advent, we have heard of John the Baptist preparing the way of the Lord. We are over half way towards to the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. As the year ends, we tend to be busier, sometimes off putting what the Truth we seek. Or perhaps a inner reflection needs to be done, as other times we fulfilled what we were looking for, without realizing it. As such we need to *rejoice*, as the Lord is coming near.

*-From the desk of Bro. Emmanuelle*

### Vision Statement

We are a loving community witnessing and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### Mission Statement

We the members of Saint Patrick Parish, are called by Baptism in Jesus Christ to: celebrate our faith as a community of believers through worship, prayer and community action, to participate in opportunities and experiences that strengthen our knowledge and love of Jesus and his Church; to foster a welcoming environment which serves our 'Ohana and reaches out to the community at large.

-Reaffirmed 2018

### Donation of Poinsettias

"As we prepare our church for the joy of Christmas, we warmly welcome you to donate poinsettia flowers in honor or memory of your beloved family member. Please feel free to bring them to the church between December 22-24. Thank you for sharing in the spirit of the season and for your generosity"



### New Year's Day Mass

*Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Vigil Mass  
6:00 PM

January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

Morning Mass  
8:30 AM



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

#### Prayer for Joy

O God of joy and nearness, on this Gaudete Sunday, fill our hearts with the rejoicing of the desert blooming and the lame leaping, as Isaiah foretold your coming. Grant us the patience of James to endure trials steadfastly, trusting in your harvest of salvation. Like John the Baptist's disciples, may we recognize Jesus as the one who brings good news to the poor and sight to the blind. Through the intercession of Mary, help us rejoice always in your presence, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Congregation of the Sacred Hearts

**Church est. 1929**  
**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

**School est. 1930**  
**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  
Registrar/Admissions: Karen Nobuji  
Dean of Students: Tiani Ma'afala-Autagavaia

**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

2nd Collection: December 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>



## Retirement Fund for Religious

**Please give to those who  
have given a lifetime.**

This second collection is for the women and men of religious communities who have served us so well in our schools, parishes, and charitable organizations.  
Your generosity is appreciated.

### The Nativity of the Lord Mass Times

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Christmas Eve

7:00 PM  
9:00 PM



December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Christmas Day

6:30 AM  
8:30 AM  
11:00 AM

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>



Alternatively with a smart phone, you can sign up with this QR Code.

### Ave Maria!

We welcome you to join the Saint Patrick Family Rosary on Sunday, December 14, 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."

## Saint Patrick Church Upcoming Events

December 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup>	Second Collection Retirement Fund for Religious
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Family Rosary At St. Patrick School Cafeteria. After 11 AM Mass
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 PM, 9:00PM
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day Mass 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM 11:00 AM
December 31 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Eve Mass 6:00 PM
January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2026	New Year's Day Mass 8:30 AM

*Events will be updated weekly.  
St. Patrick School events can be seen here:  
<https://school.saintpatrickhawaii.org/news-events/>*

Thank you for your support for  
St. Patrick School Choir

