



Holy Trinity Catholic Church
A Stewardship Parish

December 25, 2022
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)



Pastor: Fr. Michel Dalton, OFM Capuchin
Deacon: Steve Kula

Reconciliation/Confession Saturday 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Mass Schedule

Saturdays:	4:30 pm	Sundays:	8:00 am / 10:30 am
Mondays:	5:00 pm	Tuesdays:	9:00 am
Wednesdays:	5:00 pm	Fridays:	10:00 am

Our vision: To be a welcoming parish committed to serving others.

Our mission: To make Christ known to the world through Word, Sacrament, Prayer and Service

Dec 24-25, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, Cycle A

Scripture Readings ([Click for readings](#))

Dec 24 4:30 pm Mass

Isaiah 62:1-5 A word breaks into the world: light, hope, good news, and new possibility.

Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 It's time to talk of always and everywhere, because the world is changed for good.

Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25 The grace of God has come to us: Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy.

Matthew 1:1-25 Through history and humanity, the saving power of God makes its journey to us.

Dec 24 7:00 pm

Isaiah 9:1-6
Psalm 96:1-3,11-13
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14

Dec 25 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98:1-6
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-18



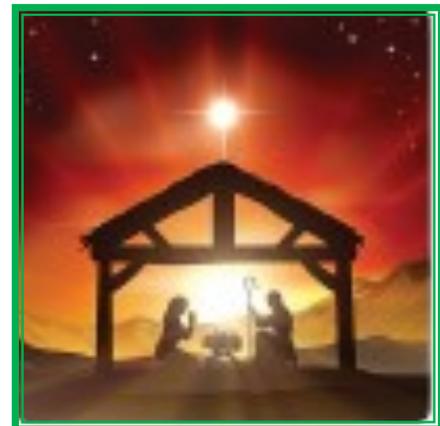
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Health and Healing

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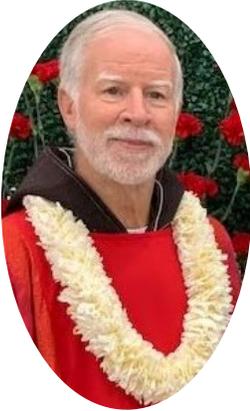


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Christmas Blessings and Wishes



Dear Parishioners,

"Peace and all good things." With these few lines we wish to extend a heartfelt message of blessings for Christmas and the New Year. As we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord, and a New Year, we want to extend our prayers and blessings to each of you and your families. We have so much to be thankful for...especially the gift of our faith and a wonderful parish community in which to share it.

Mahalo for worshipping with us, and our prayer is that the Lord continue to bless each of us with strong faith, good health, a supportive community, and peace in our lives and world.

Aloha with blessings,

Fr. Mike & Deacon Steve

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Vigil Saturday, December 24

4:30 pm and 7:00 pm

Christmas Day Sunday, December 25

8:00 am and 10:30 am

**Our choir will begin singing Christmas music
45 minutes before the start of each Mass**



New Years Mass Schedule (usual weekend schedule)

New Years Eve Saturday Dec 31 4:30 pm

New Years Day Sunday Jan 1 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Holiday Schedule Notice

Dec 26 and Jan 2 are holidays.

Daily Mass on Monday, Dec 26 and Monday, Jan 2 will be at 9 am.

The Parish Office will be closed on the following days:

Friday, Dec 23,
Monday, Dec 26
Friday, Dec 30
Monday, Jan 2

The Thrift Shop will be closed on Thursday, Dec 29.



The Christmas Story

You probably already know that I love to read short stories and that is just what I was doing when I ran across one that hit home for me this Christmas. It's from one of Wayne Rice's books, *More Hot Illustrations for Youth Talks*, titled "[A Stranger at the Door](#)"

It was a snowy Christmas Eve. Inside the warm house, the Christmas tree was cheerfully ablaze with lights and surrounded by dozens of presents. The man's wife and children were dressed and ready to leave for church. "Come with us," they urged, for they loved him. "Not me," he snapped. "I don't believe all that religion garbage." For many years the man's wife had been trying to tell him about Jesus Christ and the salvation he offers. How God's Son had become a human being in order to show us the way to heaven. "Nonsense," the man always said. The family left for church and the man was all alone in his cozy country home.

He glanced out the window at the cold snowy scene outside. He turned to warm himself by the fire. But as he turned, his eyes caught a movement in the snow outside. He looked. Cats! Three young cats walking slowly past his window. "The fools," he thought. "They'll freeze for sure!" The man put on his hat and coat and opened the door. A blast of wintery air sent a shiver through his body. "Come here, cats! Come inside where there's warmth and food. You'll die out there." But the cats ran away, frightened by the stranger at the door.

He walked outside. "Come back! Don't be afraid, I want to save you." But the cats were gone. It was too late. "Well, I did everything I could for them," the man muttered to himself. "What more could I do? I'd have to become a cat myself in order to reach them and save them. If I became a cat, I could tell them and show them. They would have to believe me then, unless they were fools." Just as he reached the door, the church bells rang in the distance. The man paused for a second and listened. Then he went in by the fire, got down on his knees, and wept.

Where have we heard this story before? Isn't it what [the Christmas story](#) is all about. God the Creator of the universe loved us so much that he came to earth to show us how to be saved. And if we listen to him and follow him, we will not perish, but instead will be given everlasting life (John 3:16).

Peace and Blessings

Deacon Steve

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I JUST LOVE HOW SHEEP AND SHEPHERDS ARE PART OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY!



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IT'S THE CITY OF DAVID, THE SHEPHERD KING!



AND IT'S LIKELY THAT DAVID WAS SHEPHERDING IN THE SAME FIELDS WHEN HE SET OFF TO CONFRONT GOLIATH CENTURIES BEFORE.



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WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY, "LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!"



LUKE 2:1-14



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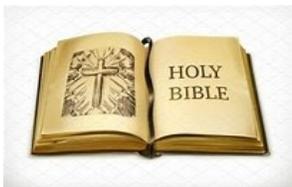
Stewardship at Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Making Room For Jesus

"...there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:7)

We know the Gospel readings and the story of the birth of Christ. We know all the hymns...but ever thought about the Innkeeper? Who? The Innkeeper...the one who had to tell Joseph that "...there was no room for them in the Inn (Luke 2:7). Today, Joseph might drive up in a pickup truck...with tools, lumber and perhaps a wheelbarrow. Along with him would be a very pregnant Mary. He'd knock on the door...do we let him in? Or is there 'no room' for them? But do we recall that new sofa... perfect for a Sunday afternoon nap; the garage or our home office (once a bedroom for one of our adult children living on the mainland)? Well, we are the Innkeepers at Holy Trinity Church, and we are a stewardship parish. We welcome all who come to adore the newborn Savior. Now that we are back in our newly renovated, clean, comfortable, and air-conditioned church for the second Christmas since Covid, let's offer a smile and a warm aloha. Let's be welcoming...let's make room in church...and our parking lot. Let's let the spirit of Christmas guide our stewardship...now and throughout 2023. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

"You Can't Out Do God's Generosity!"



Good News to the Parishioners of Holy Trinity Church

December 25, 2022

1. **TODAY IN THE TOWN OF DAVID A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN TO YOU; HE IS THE MESSIAH, THE LORD.** (Luke 2:11)
2. A California hotel owner, Shiraz Deayal witnessed a CHP patrol officer rendered unconscious in a traffic accident. "I pried open the car door, grabbed the radio and announced, officer down." Rescue teams arrived and the officer was treated at a local hospital. A true Good Samaritan.
3. Employees in a Home Depot in Bellevue, TN were able to locate a customer who lost \$700 in their store. While making rounds...a bank envelope was found on the floor containing 7 \$100 bills. The envelope and contents were placed in secure storage...but not claimed. The employees posted a notice on social media and Mark came to claim the loss. He was able to ID the bank, the amount and the initials of his business partner on the envelope. Good job by employees.
4. Billy Romp is "the spirit of Christmas" in Greenwich Village, NYC when he and his family roll into 8th Ave and Jane St to sell Christmas trees. Since 1988 he and his family have lived in their camper from Thanksgiving to Christmas Eve selling Christmas trees (no permit required). "I've found that...for customers...spirit matters."
5. Think hard. Did something good happen this week? I'm sure it did. Then cherish that memory. Hold it in your heart/or in your mind; then when, things are challenging...recall that memory.
6. Remember our gifts from God...continue to serve one another.
7. When it comes to coronavirus...common sense is not so common...choose common sense anyway.
8. Wearing your mask is now optional, but ushers will continue to offer hand sanitation upon entry to Holy Trinity Church.
9. Keeping current with Holy Trinity...**easy**. Check our website for the latest news and updates at www.holytrinitychurchhi.org.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church Christmas 1988



Thanks to Rita and Deacon Dan Guinaugh for the picture

HOLY TRINITY PARISH MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

January, 2023

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Special Masses

- Jan 2nd New Years Holiday, Mass @ 9:00am (no 5:00pm Mass)
- Jan 16th Martin Luther King Junior Day, Mass @ 9:00am (no 5:00pm Mass)

Regular Mass Schedule

Mon: 5:00pm Tues: 9:00am
Wed: 5:00pm Fri: 10:00am
Saturdays: 4:30pm
Sundays: 8:00am & 10:30am

Pick up the Parish Monthly Highlights for January at the entrance to the church starting Christmas Eve.



Office Closure Holidays

- Jan 2 - New Years Day
- Jan 16 - Martin Luther King Jr.



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A Shepherding Parish
December 25, 2022
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Parish Fr. Mark Dehn, OFM Capuchin
Deacon Steve Kala

Remembrance of the Nativity - Sunday 8:00am - 10:00am

Mass Schedule	
Schedule	8:00pm / 10:00am
Monday	8:00pm
Wednesday	8:00pm
Schedule	8:00am / 10:00am
Tuesday	8:00am
Friday	10:00am

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Respect Life Corner – Weekend of December 24

Christ is born!

“The world might have expected the Son of God to be born—if He was to be born at all—in an inn. A stable would be the last place in the world where one would have looked for Him. Divinity is always where one least expects to find it.”

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen



“ I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy!”
(Anonymous, Hymn)

May your hearts and the hearts of those you love be filled with joy.

Continue to take the time to be attentive to God revealing himself to you in your life.

May you and your family receive the living God in little and unexpected ways.

At Holy Trinity we support and sustain a culture of LIFE. Joins us on each First Friday, after the 10:00 AM Mass as we pray the rosary while in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We appreciate the support of your prayers. If you have ideas and suggestions to share about activities or topics to pursue, please contact Debbie at dkula@rcchawaii.org

Sunday, Dec 25, 2022

Jubilee, every day!

Christmas is the only day of the year designated as "merry." While most birthdays are declared "happy" in the celebration of life, the birth of God among us recommends merriment: a festival of delight, high spirits, good fellowship, and feasting. Yet Saint Théophane Vénard observed that our faith asks even more of us: "Try to fulfill each day's tasks steadily and cheerfully. Be merry, really merry. The life of a true Christian should be a perpetual jubilee, a prelude to the festivals of eternity." Capture the spirit of Christmas in your being. Resolve to bring joy to the world, every day of the year.

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

TODAY'S READINGS: Night: Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (14); Day: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18 (16). *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."*

Monday, Dec 26, 2022

A day for renewed commitment

Advent is full of anticipation that finally culminates on Christmas. But once the Savior is here, there's no time to wait to start Christianity's mission. So today we honor the first martyr of the faith, Saint Stephen, who was stoned to death. One of the first followers of the apostles, chosen by them to serve as a deacon, Stephen preached and performed miracles and forgave his attackers (Saul, later Saint Paul, among them) before dying. As we get ready to start a new year, let Stephen inspire you to reflect on your baptismal call to spread the gospel and how you might renew your efforts in word and witness.

FEAST OF STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22 (696). *"You will be hated by all because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved."*

Tuesday, Dec 27, 2022

Love remains

What should your true love gift you on the third day of Christmas? How about the reminder that Saint John was the "beloved disciple" of Jesus? So beloved that Jesus—even as he was dying on the cross—entrusted his own mother to John's tender care: "'Woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother'" (John 19:26). As the dust settles on our often hectic celebrations of Christmas, remember that "faith, hope, and love remain . . . but the greatest of these is love." So don't fret if your holiday feast doesn't include a Martha Stewart masterpiece; simple love should be the main course—and makes for the best leftovers.

FEAST OF JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8 (697). *"Beloved: What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen . . . and touched with our hands concerns the Word of life."*

Wednesday, Dec 28, 2022

Dry every tear

In the midst of celebrating the great octave of Christmas we are reminded that Jesus was born into a world much like our own: filled with violence and terror, impacting especially the most vulnerable. Pope Francis stated in his 2016 address for the Feast of the Holy Innocents: "Christmas is . . . accompanied, whether we

like it or not, by tears. . . . It is the sobbing of mothers bewailing the death of their children in the face of Herod's tyranny and unbridled thirst for power. Today too, we hear this heart-rending cry of pain, which we neither desire nor are able to ignore or to silence." How shall we respond, to bring some comfort to those who grieve?

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18 (698). *"Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you."*

Thursday, Dec 29, 2022

No disposable lives

"Will no one rid me of this turbulent priest?" Those words are attributed to King Henry II. This provocative question signaled to Henry's armed forces that Bishop Thomas [Becket] of Canterbury should be killed. And so he was. Catholic teaching tells us that every single life is precious, whether a bishop or a pauper. On this memorial of Saint Thomas Becket, consider ways our community can reject the notion of ridding ourselves of turbulent human beings—be they convicts, the bedridden, or other troublesome or inconvenient lives.

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35 (202). *"Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel."*

Friday, Dec 30, 2022

All in the family

Families come in all sorts of shapes and sizes. One thing they all share, however, is that they are not perfect. "Perfect families do not exist," said Pope Francis in a 2015 address. "This must not discourage us. Quite the opposite. Love is something we learn; love is something we live; love grows as it is 'forged' by the concrete situations which each particular family experiences. Love is born and constantly develops amid lights and shadows." As we remember the Holy Family, let us also recommit ourselves to this kind of love within all our family experiences.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 (17). *"And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection."*

Saturday, Dec 31, 2022

Slow down to celebrate

Part of the wisdom coming to us from our long church tradition is found in the realization that some mysteries take a while to unfold. That is why during the Christmas season we celebrate the great mystery of God in the world for an entire octave, the eight days between Christmas and the solemnity tomorrow of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. As we approach the end of this great celebration, ponder for a few moments how the mystery of this event has unfolded for you this year. And take a moment to feel the joy of Christmas once again.

SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18 (204). *"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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