



**St. Michael Catholic Parish**  
Prayer . Service . Generosity



**St. Michael Church**  
Est. 1853

**St. Michael School**  
Est. 1944



**Sts. Peter and Paul Mission**  
Est. 1953

**DECEMBER 8, 2019**  
**SECOND SUNDAY**  
**OF ADVENT**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** *To live our baptismal promises by living our faith through prayer, service and generosity.*

**Mass Schedule**

**St. Michael Church**

Monday (Communion Svc. Only) - 7:00am  
Tuesday - Saturday - 7:00am  
Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:00pm  
Sunday - 7:00am & 11:00am

**Sts. Peter and Paul Mission**

Sunday - 9:00am

**Reconciliation at St. Michael**

Saturdays - 4:00pm - 4:30pm  
Or call for appointment

**Morning Prayers (St. Michael)**

Sunday Rosary - 6:15am  
Monday—Friday  
(Lauds – Morning Prayer) – 6:35am

**Parish Office**

Monday—Friday - 9:00am - 3:00pm  
Closed on Holidays  
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APOSTOLIC LETTER  
***ADMIRABLE SIGNUM***  
OF THE HOLY FATHER  
**FRANCIS**  
ON THE MEANING  
AND IMPORTANCE  
OF THE NATIVITY SCENE

1. The enchanting image of the Christmas crèche, so dear to the Christian people, never ceases to arouse amazement and wonder. The depiction of Jesus' birth is itself a simple and joyful proclamation of the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God. The nativity scene is like a living Gospel rising up from the pages of sacred Scripture. As we contemplate the Christmas story, we are invited to set out on a spiritual journey, drawn by the humility of the God who became man in order to encounter every man and woman. We come to realize that so great is his love for us that he became one of us, so that we in turn might become one with him.

With this Letter, I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas, but also the custom of setting it up

in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares. Great imagination and creativity is always shown in employing the most diverse materials to create small masterpieces of beauty. As children, we learn from our parents and grandparents to carry on this joyful tradition, which encapsulates a wealth of popular piety. It is my hope that this custom will never be lost and that, wherever it has fallen into disuse, it can be rediscovered and revived.

2. The origin of the Christmas crèche is found above all in certain details of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, as related in the Gospels. The evangelist Luke says simply that Mary "gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (2:7). Because Jesus was laid in a manger, the nativity scene is known in Italian as a *presepe*, from the Latin word *praesepeum*, meaning "manger".

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**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019**  
**and**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019**  
**7:00 PM - ST. MICHAEL CHURCH**  
**Light refreshments will be served.**

*Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion of St. Michael and Sts. Peter & Paul are required to attend in order to be recommissioned.*

All parishioners and friends are welcome to this Advent Mission.



The St. Michael Filipino Catholic Club is once again sponsoring this early morning annual event at St. Michael Church.

Come and join us for nine days of morning Mass

to prepare for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Breakfast will be served in St. Damien Hall.

**NOTE:** There will be no Liturgy of the Hour or Daily Morning Mass during this time period.

**Parish Calendar**

**Sunday, December 8**  
 8:00a Religious Education Classes SPP  
 8:00a Religious Education **BAKE SALE SM**  
 8:00a Sacred Heart Society Meeting in Hall  
 9:00a Religious Education Classes SM  
 12:00P Religious Education **BAKE SALE SM**

**Monday, December 9**  
 6:35a Liturgy of the Hour  
 7:00a Communion Service  
 7:00p EPIC  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION @ St. Michael**  
**6:30p Rosary & Floral Presentation**  
**7:00p Mass**

**Tuesday, December 10**  
 6:35a Liturgy of the Hour  
 7:00a Daily Mass

**Wednesday, December 11**  
 6:35a Liturgy of the Hour  
 7:00a Daily Mass  
 8:00a SM School Advent Penance Service  
 5:00p Hula Class  
 6:30p Choir Practice (SM)

**Thursday, December 12**  
 6:35a Liturgy of the Hour  
 7:00a Daily Mass  
 6:30p Scripture Reading/Sharing

**Friday, December 13**  
 6:35a Liturgy of the Hour  
 7:00a Daily Mass  
 10:00a Choir Practice (SPP)

**Saturday, December 14**  
 7:00a Daily Mass  
 6:00p Filipino Catholic Club Monthly Meeting

**Sunday, December 15**  
 9:00a Religious Education Classes SM  
 11:00a SM School Mass with Parish

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
**5:00AM MISA DE GALLO BEGINS**  
**7:00PM ADVENT MISSION (First Day)**

**SEE MASS SCHEDULE FOR MASS TIMES**

AA MEETINGS @ SPP  
 Open Group: (Nooners)  
 Meets Mon.-Sat. Noon to 1pm  
 Open Group: (Imua Waimea)  
 Meets Mondays 8pm-9:30pm  
 Women Only: (Waimea Wahine)  
 Meets Thursdays 6:45pm-8pm

AA MEETINGS @ SM  
 Adult Children of AA: Meets Tuesdays 6:30pm  
 Open Group: Meets Wednesdays 6:30pm

**PARISH REGISTRATION**  
 If you have not yet registered, please contact the parish office.

**Baptism**  
 Classes on 3rd Wednesday, 7:00pm at St. Michael. Contact church office for information.

**Funerals**  
 Final arrangements are made with the cooperation of the mortuary and priest. It is customary to contact the parish office **before completing arrangements.**

**Marriage**  
 Must contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date.

**Blessings & Anointing of the Sick**  
 Call parish office for appointments.

**Outreach (Food Pantry)**  
 Mondays .... 8:30 am - 11:00 am  
 Holidays.....Closed

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**  
 Father Ernesto A. Juarez, Jr.

**Parish Pastoral Assistant**  
 Mr. Joshua Kapika

**School Principal**  
 Mr. Kainoa Fukumoto

**REMINDER**  
*Mass intentions requests must be submitted to the church office by Thursday morning for Daily, Saturday or Sunday Prayer of the Faithful.*

**REMINDER:** *Any articles to be printed in the church bulletin must be submitted to the church office by Monday afternoon.*

Coming into this world, the Son of God was laid in the place where animals feed. Hay became the first bed of the One who would reveal himself as “the bread come down from heaven” (Jn 6:41). Saint Augustine, with other Church Fathers, was impressed by this symbolism: “Laid in a manger, he became our food” (Sermon 189, 4). Indeed, the nativity scene evokes a number of the mysteries of Jesus’ life and brings them close to our own daily lives.

But let us go back to the origins of the Christmas crèche so familiar to us. We need to imagine ourselves in the little Italian town of Greccio, near Rieti. Saint Francis stopped there, most likely on his way back from Rome where on 29 November 1223 he had received the confirmation of his Rule from Pope Honorius III. Francis had earlier visited the Holy Land, and the caves in Greccio reminded him of the countryside of Bethlehem. It may also be that the “Poor Man of Assisi” had been struck by the mosaics in the Roman Basilica of St. Mary Major depicting the birth of Jesus, close to the place where, according to an ancient tradition, the wooden panels of the manger are preserved.

The *Franciscan Sources* describe in detail what then took place in Greccio. Fifteen days before Christmas, Francis asked a local man named John to help him realize his desire “to bring to life the memory of that babe born in Bethlehem, to see as much as possible with my own bodily eyes the discomfort of his infant

needs, how he lay in a manger, and how, with an ox and an ass standing by, he was laid upon a bed of hay”.[1] At this, his faithful friend went immediately to prepare all that the Saint had asked. On 25 December, friars came to Greccio from various parts, together with people from the farmsteads in the area, who brought flowers and torches to light up that holy night. When Francis arrived, he found a manger full of hay, an ox and a donkey. All those present experienced a new and indescribable joy in the presence of the Christmas scene. The priest then solemnly celebrated the Eucharist over the manger, showing the bond between the Incarnation of the Son of God and the Eucharist. At Greccio there were no statues; the nativity scene was enacted and experienced by all who were present.[2]

This is how our tradition began: with everyone gathered in joy around the cave, with no distance between the original event and those sharing in its mystery.

Thomas of Celano, the first biographer of Saint Francis, notes that this simple and moving scene was accompanied by the gift of a marvelous vision: one of those present saw the Baby Jesus himself lying in the manger. From



the nativity scene of that Christmas in 1223, “everyone went home with joy”.[3]

**(To be continued next week)**

**SECOND COLLECTION  
T O D A Y  
RETIREMENT FUND  
FOR RELIGIOUS**

**!! NO MASS INTENTIONS !!**  
**Sunday, December 8 — 11:00AM**  
**Saturday, December 14 — 5:00PM**  
**Sunday, December 22 — 7:00AM**  
**Sunday, December 29 — 11:00AM**  
**Saturday, January 4 — 5:00PM**

**Please comply with mass intentions request instructions printed earlier. Thank you for your cooperation.**

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**GENERAL OPERATING FUND**

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 \$240,000.00  
 Weekly Goal \$4,800.00

**COLLECTIONS for Nov. 31 & 24, 2019 \$4,487.00**

Sunday Collection Envelopes \$3,715.00  
 Sunday Collection Loose \$772.00  
 Number of Envelopes Received 133

*Year to Date Budget* \$86,899.00  
*Year to Date Receipts* \$88,683.00  
*Difference* \$1,784.00

**MANY BLESSINGS TO ALL WHO GIVE!**

## 2ND COLLECTION NOTICE

Starting today the Ushers will collect *both First and Second* Collections in one basket. Please be sure to place your second collection offering into the specified envelope.

Starting in January, 2020, there will be a 2nd Collection at the *Monthly School Mass* for the School.

**SACRED HEARTS  
SOCIETY MEMBERS  
MEETING SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 8, 2019  
8:00AM  
ST. DAMIEN HALL  
Please be present.**

**BAKE SALE  
Sts. Peter & Paul  
Religion Education  
Sunday - 10:00AM  
December 15, 2019**

If you wish to donate any baked goods for our sale, please individually wrap it and drop off on the table before the 9AM Mass on Dec. 15th.  
Thank you & God Bless!

## SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

While this very important celebration is usually on December 8 (since that is a Sunday this year), all the Masses for December 7 & 8 will be for the Second Sunday of Advent. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9. Although the Paulist Press Ordo says it is not a holy day of obligation this year, and since the Diocese of Honolulu only celebrates two holy days of obligation throughout the year (Immaculate Conception and Christmas), the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception **WILL** be celebrated on **Monday, December 9, 2019, as a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION in the Diocese of Honolulu.**

A procession and Mass will be celebrated at St. Michael.....see schedule in Parish Calendar.

### + FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT +

+Gregorio Malinay  
December 16, Mililani Mauka  
8:30am Visitation  
9:30am Funeral Service  
11:00am Burial at Mililani Memorial Park

+Alfred Gabriel, Jr.  
December 18, St. Michael Church  
10:00am Visitation  
11:00am Funeral Mass  
w/luncheon to follow in St. Damien Hall  
Private Burial



+Margie Leilani Eguchi  
January 7, Mililani Mauka  
10:00am Visitation  
11:30am Funeral Service  
12:30pm Burial at Mililani Memorial Park



### REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Helen Abanes, Alan & Georgia Ann Abear, Glenda Aggasid, Oscar Agtina, Francisca Cabico, Aaron & Kekoa & Robert Bolosan, Carey Ibrao Burke, Anthony Cadiz, Petra Casimero, Jackie & Ronald Claunan, Charmaine & Eva Cuelho, Norma Dela Pena, Francesca de Vera, Henry Devinent, Larry Dixon, Federico Dicion, Janice Eldredge, Marina Erice, J.B. Excelcious, Andrea Fiegel, Jocelyn Balmoja Fukushima, Felix Galicinao, Joe Grilho, Virginia Guerrero, Julia Redira Haehn, Raynette Hamamoto, Caroline Kahawaii, Daniel Kapika, Brandon Kikuchi, Catherine Kula, Rosanda Lani, Juanita Manuel, Priscilla Robello Meek, Perlito Mingming, Lily Mito, Consorcia Morales, Roxanne Sumile Munoz, Kloe Nakai, Dennis Nolan, Ethan & Lois Pacolba, Mary Gloria Palalay, Alton Pao, Douglas & Susan Parrish, Mary Pascual, Joe PeBenito, Bonifacio & Rosario Pedro, Michael Pond Sr., Joan Pujol, Severo Raymundo, Patricia Reynolds, Chris Rolluda, Liam Sagucio, Bonnie Sales, Richard Sarno, Apolenario & Derek Suan, Kathleen Smith, Sheri Sumida, James Jr. & Joe Sumile, Priscilla Tampon, Tracy Walker, Velma & Shannon Warfield, June Teixeira, Beatrice Vierra, Alyssa & Carrie Ann & Malia Yamanouchi

**Death:** Margie Leilani Eguchi, Alfred Gabriel Jr., Gregorio Malinay