



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 22, 2019
FOURTH 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 - 7:00am
(Communion Service Only)
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

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APOSTOLIC LETTER
ADMIRABLE SIGNUM
OF THE HOLY FATHER **FRANCIS**
MEANING AND IMPORTANCE
OF THE NATIVITY SCENE
***(Continuation from
last week's article)***

Children – but adults too! – often love to add to the nativity scene other figures that have no apparent connection with the Gospel accounts. Yet, each in its own way, these fanciful additions show that in the new world inaugurated by Jesus there is room for whatever is truly human and for all God's creatures. From the shepherd to the blacksmith, from the baker to the musicians, from the women carrying jugs of water to the children at play: all this speaks of the everyday holiness, the joy of doing ordinary things in an extraordinary way, born whenever Jesus shares his divine life with us.

7. Gradually, we come to the cave, where we find the figures of Mary and Joseph. Mary is a mother who contemplates her child and shows him to every visitor. The figure of Mary makes us reflect on the great mystery that surrounded this young woman when God knocked on the door of her immaculate heart. Mary responded in complete obedience to the message of the angel who asked her to become the Mother of God. Her words, "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (*Lk 1:38*), show all of us how to abandon ourselves in faith to

God's will. By her "fiat", Mary became the mother of God's Son, not losing but, thanks to him, consecrating her virginity. In her, we see the Mother of God who does not keep her Son only to herself, but invites everyone to obey his word and to put it into practice (cf. *Jn 2:5*).

At Mary's side, shown protecting the Child and his Mother, stands Saint Joseph. He is usually depicted with staff in hand, or holding up a lamp. Saint Joseph plays an important role in the life of Jesus and Mary. He is the guardian who tirelessly protects his family. When God warned him of Herod's threat, he did not hesitate to set out and flee to Egypt (cf. *Mt 2:13-15*). And once the danger had passed, he brought the family back to Nazareth, where he was to be the first teacher of Jesus as a boy and then as a young man. Joseph treasured in his heart the great mystery surrounding Jesus and Mary his spouse; as a just man, he entrusted himself always to God's will, and put it into practice.

8. When, at Christmas, we place the statue of the Infant Jesus in the manger, the nativity scene suddenly comes alive. God appears as a child, for us to take into our arms. Beneath weakness and frailty, he conceals his power that creates and transforms all things. It seems impossible, yet it is true: in Jesus, God was a child, and in this way he wished to reveal the greatness of his love: by smiling and opening his arms to all. ***(continued on page 3)***



Come and join us in the early morning novena Mass to prepare for the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Sponsored by the Filipino Catholic Club ... Special novena envelopes will be accepted by the sponsors of the day and breakfast will be served in St. Damien Hall.

NOTE

There will be no Morning Prayers and 7:00AM Masses during this time period.



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
December 31
 7pm Vigil Mass
St. Michael Church

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday, December 22

- 5:00a MISA DE GALLO
- 8:00a Religious Education Classes SPP
- 9:00a Religious Education Classes SM

Monday, December 23

- 5:00a MISA DE GALLO
- 8:30a Community Outreach
- 7:00p EPIC

Tuesday, December 24

- 5:00a MISA DE GALLO (Final Day)
- 5:00p Christmas Children's Mass at SPP
- 7:00p Christmas Children's Mass at SM
- 11:30p Christmas Caroling at St. Michael
- 12:00p MIDNIGHT MASS at St. Michael

Wednesday, December 25

- 7:00a Christmas Day Mass—SM
- 9:00a Christmas Day Mass—SPP

Thursday, December 26

- 6:35a Liturgy of the Hour
- 7:00a Daily Mass
- 5:00p Hula Class
- 6:30p Scripture Reading/Sharing

Friday, December 27

- 6:35a Liturgy of the Hour
- 7:00a Daily Mass
- 10:00a Choir Practice (SPP)
- 6:30p Choir Practice (SM)

Tuesday, December 31

- 6:35a Liturgy of the Hour
- 7:00a Daily Mass
- 7:00p MASS—SOLEMNITY OF MARY AT ST. MICHAEL CHURCH**

St. Michael School will be on Christmas break December 23, 2019, to January 3, 2020.

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24TH & 25TH (CHRISTMAS) AND DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND JANUARY 1, 2020 (NEW YEAR) SEE SCHEDULE FOR MASS TIMES

Parish Registration

If you are interested in registering or would like more information, please contact the parish office or visit our website.

Sacrament of Baptism

Preparation is required. Please call the parish office to attend a class.

Funerals

It is customary to contact the parish office before making arrangements with the mortuary.

Final arrangements are made with the cooperation of the mortuary and priest.

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

Facilities Scheduling

Rental of St. Damien Hall must be scheduled through the Parish Office.

REMINDER

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

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

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

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The birth of a child awakens joy and wonder; it sets before us the great mystery of life. Seeing the bright eyes of a young couple gazing at their newborn child, we can understand the feelings of Mary and Joseph who, as they looked at the Infant Jesus, sensed God's presence in their lives.

"Life was made manifest" (1 Jn 1:2). In these words, the Apostle John sums up the mystery of the Incarnation. The crèche allows us to see and touch this unique and unparalleled event that changed the course of history, so that time would thereafter be reckoned either before or after the birth of Christ.

God's ways are astonishing, for it seems impossible that he should forsake his glory to become a man like us. To our astonishment, we see God acting exactly as we do: he sleeps, takes milk from his mother, cries and plays like every other child! As always, God baffles us. He is unpredictable, constantly doing what we least expect. The nativity scene shows God as he came into our world, but it also makes us reflect on how our life is part of God's own life. It invites us to become his disciples if we want to attain ultimate meaning in life.

9. As the feast of Epiphany approaches, we place the statues of the Three Kings in the Christmas crèche. Observing the star, those wise men from the East set out for Bethlehem, in order to find Jesus and to offer him their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These costly gifts have an allegorical meaning: gold honors Jesus' kingship, incense his divinity, myrrh his sacred humanity that was to experience death and burial.

As we contemplate this aspect of the nativity scene, we are called to reflect on the responsibility of every Christian to spread the Gospel. Each of us is called to bear glad tidings to all, testifying by our practical works of mercy to the joy of knowing Jesus and his love.

The Magi teach us that people can come to Christ by a very long route. Men of wealth, sages from afar, athirst for the infinite, they set out on the long and perilous journey that

would lead them to Bethlehem (cf. Mt 2:1-12). Great joy comes over them in the presence of the Infant King. They are not scandalized by the poor surroundings, but immediately fall to their knees to worship him. Kneeling before him, they understand that the God who with sovereign wisdom guides the course of the stars also guides the course of history, casting down the mighty and raising up the lowly. Upon their return home, they would certainly have told others of this amazing encounter with the Messiah, thus initiating the spread of the Gospel among the nations.

10. Standing before the Christmas crèche, we are reminded of the time when we were children, eagerly waiting to set it up. These memories make us all the more conscious of the precious gift received from those who passed on the faith to us. At the same time, they remind us of our duty to share this same experience with our children and our grandchildren. It does not matter how the nativity scene is arranged: it can always be the same or it can change from year to year. What matters is that it speaks to our lives. Wherever it is, and whatever form it takes, the Christmas crèche speaks to us of the love of God, the God who became a child in order to make us know how close he is to every man, woman and child, regardless of their condition.

Dear brothers and sisters, the Christmas crèche is part of the precious yet demanding process of passing on the faith. Beginning in childhood, and at every stage of our lives, it teaches us to contemplate Jesus, to experience God's love for us, to feel and believe that God is with us and that we are with him, his children, brothers and sisters all, thanks to that Child who is the Son of God and the Son of the Virgin Mary. And to realize that in that knowledge we find true happiness. Like Saint Francis, may we open our hearts to this simple grace, so that from our wonderment a humble prayer may arise: a prayer of thanksgiving to God, who wished to share with us his all, and thus never to leave us alone.



**SPECIAL COLLECTION
DECEMBER 25, 2019
CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

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

COLLECTIONS for Dec. 14 & 15, 2019 \$4,583.00

Sunday Collection Envelopes \$3,421.00
Sunday Collection Loose \$1,162.00

Number of Envelopes Received 135

**!! NO MASS INTENTIONS !!
Sunday, December 22—7:00AM
Sunday, December 29—11:00AM
Saturday, January 4—5:00PM
Sunday, January 12—7:00AM
Sunday, January 19—11:00AM
Please comply with mass intentions
request instructions printed earlier.
Thank you for your cooperation.**

MANY BLESSINGS TO ALL WHO GIVE!

CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS

In the spirit of Christmas the Outreach Ministry would like to present Christmas gift bags to the clients on Monday, December 23rd and is asking for your **KOKUA**.

If able to help, please gift wrap or gift bag small personal items like soap, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste/toothbrush, lotions, small towels, brush/comb, Qtips, dental floss, razor, etc.

Please bring to the church office or drop off at the Outreach on Monday morning when we are open.

Mahalo and God Bless You!!!!

ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE

St. Michael Parish is excited to offer online giving to easily offer one-time or recurring gifts with just a few clicks of a button. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check or debit/credit using the form on this page.

Go to our website:

www.stsmichaelpeterpaul.org

Click on **GENEROSITY** and you are on your way to online giving!

+ FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT +

+Margie Leilani Eguchi

January 7, Mililani Mauka

10:00am Visitation

11:30am Funeral Service

12:30pm Burial at Mililani Memorial Park



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

CHILDREN'S MASS

5:00pm at Mission of Sts. Peter & Paul

7:00pm at St. Michael Church

MIDNIGHT MASS

11:30pm Caroling at St. Michael Church

12:00pm Mass at St. Michael Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

Christmas Day Mass

7:00am St. Michael Church

9:00am Mission of Sts. Peter & Paul

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

7:00pm - St. Michael Church



BE READY—BINGO IS BACK!!

FRIDAY, January 10, 2020

6:00—8:00 PM

St. Damien Hall

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, **Lawrence Guigui, Sr.**, 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