

December 20, 2020  
Fourth – Sunday of  
Advent

Happy 4th week of Advent!



## Important Announcement

Dear Parishioners,

**St. John the Baptist Church  
resumes for public worship  
to Public Weekdays and  
Weekend Masses.**

**\* Saturday 5PM**

**\* Sundays 6AM/ 8AM/  
10AM/ 12:30PM  
(Spanish).**

**Weekend Mass requires a  
reservation;**

**\*You can visit**

[http://saintjohnthebaptistkalihi.  
eventbrite.com](http://saintjohnthebaptistkalihi.eventbrite.com)

**and register.**

**Daily Masses will begin**

**Tuesday, June 2** with the  
following schedule (No  
reservations required;  
attendance will be filled as  
“First -come, First-served”)



**Register  
for Mass**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

As any harried parent or excited child can tell you, there are just five days left until the celebration of Christmas begins. As Christian stewards let's live these last days of Advent well.

Our First Reading, from 2 Samuel, features King David, who has resolved to do God a favor by building Him a house in which to dwell. But God reminds David Who is truly in charge. “It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed your enemies before you.” What is true of David's position before God is true for all of us. Our God is mighty, all-powerful and Love itself. The only proper response is to worship Him and live our lives as a grateful gift for all His goodness to us.

How can we possibly live up to this task? Only by relying on God, as St. Paul tells us in the Second Reading, from his letter to the Romans. Paul instructs us to go to “him who can strengthen you... Jesus Christ.” The truth is, once we recognize that all we have is gift from God, the next step is to acknowledge that we need God's strength and wisdom to guide us in the best use of those gifts for the building of His Kingdom. Hopefully, we are making time during Advent to go to God in prayer and through the sacraments to obtain the strength we need to live as His disciples and the guidance to know we are indeed following His will with the gifts He has entrusted to us.

In fact, our aim should be to make the words of our Blessed Mother our own. We read in today's Gospel passage from Luke the wonderful words of her “fiat,” her “yes” to God's plan. “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” These are among the most beloved words in the Gospel. But the next sentence is also important for the Christian steward.

After Mary's fiat, we read, “Then the angel departed from her.” Our Blessed Mother was left with a lot of unexplained details about God's plan for her! Yet, she followed God's will perfectly. She gave herself and her life fully to God as a gift. She trusted in her Heavenly Father to guide her at each step, and He did. She was the first disciple. We are called to follow her example as disciples today.

This Christmas, let us resolve to make our whole life a gift to the One Who has given us every-thing. It is the work of a lifetime. But He will give us all the help and strength we need to do it.

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## Stewardship Collection

Total Weekly Collection 12/13/2020	\$2, 953.50
Other Offerings (Mass Offering, Funerals, NCW, Marriages, Donations)	\$2, 533.00
Immaculate Conception Envelope	\$212.00
Christmas Day Offering Envelope	\$25.00
Christmas Flower Envelope Offering	\$40.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Mass	\$517.00
Misa de Gallo / Dawn Mass 12/15-12/18	\$740.00
Solemnity of Mary Envelope	\$25.00
<b>TOTAL OFFERINGS</b>	<b>\$7, 045.50</b>
Weekly Offering needed for Operations	** \$6,743.00
*Unplanned expenses in our budget for This Year (Increase) Parish Assessment and Property & Liability Insurance	\$46,699.00
Collection <u>not retained</u> by the Parish	\$150.00

**\*\*December 15<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> Misa De Gallo/ Dawn Mass**

- \* Dawn Mass/ Simbang Gabi at 5AM & 6:30PM
- \* You need to register for Misa de Gallo at 5am.
- \* REGISTRATION for all this special Mass & Weekend Mass is available on Eventbrite on our church facebook page or website.

**Rev. Diego Restrepo Serna**  
 Parish Administrator  
**Deacon Peter Soumwei**  
**Deacon Ricardo Burgos**  
 Bertha Guerrero  
 Secretary & Business  
 Manager  
 Renier Torres  
 Pastoral Council Chair  
 Ping Blas  
 Finance Council Chair  
 Danielle Burgos  
 Religious Education Director

### MASS INTENTIONS

**For the Repose of the Souls:**

(+)Jeffrey Cuaresma  
 (+)Lourdes & Eligio Machacon  
 (+)Feliza Tadeo Reyes  
 (+)Pedro M Domingo

**Blessings & Birthday:**

- Carlina B Ramos  
 -Mary Joy Cantorna

**Thanksgiving:**

- Leota Family

### West Honolulu Vicariate Advent & Christmas Confession Schedule:

Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace	Saturdays @ 10am-11am & Wednesdays by appointment
Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa Church	Tuesday, Thursdays, Friday @5:30pm-6:30pm. Wednesdays @6:15pm-7p
St. Stephen Church	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesdays whole day after 8am. Saturdays @3pm-3:30pm
Blessed Sacrament Church	Wednesdays@5:30pm-6:30pm. Saturdays @4pm-4:30pm. Sundays @9:15am-9:50
Our Lady of the Mount Church	Saturdays @5pm-6pm. December 13 @ 10:30am
St. Philomena Church, Salt Lake	Saturdays 8:30am-9:30am. December 10 @ 6pm
St. Anthony Church, Kalihi	Saturdays 5:30pm-6pm or call for appointment.
St. John the Baptist Church, Kalihi	Saturdays @4pm-5pm. December 15-23 @ 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Holy Family Church	Saturdays @3:30pm-4:30pm or call for appointment.
Korean Community @ Holy Family	Daily @ 11am