

December 13, 2020
Third – Sunday 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**

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" is a Latin word, meaning "rejoice." The Christian steward should be characterized by a spirit of rejoicing. The more we embrace the stewardship way of life, the more we will be filled with joy.

Today as Advent winds down and Christmas approaches, we should ask ourselves who and what we rejoice in.

Our First Reading, from Isaiah, expresses a fitting motto for the Christian steward. "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul." It is God Who is the source of our joy and contentment — not things or achievements or comfort, but our relationship with God. This is why stewards can share so freely of their time, talents, and material possessions — because ultimately, we are not attached to these things. We recognize them as good gifts from our loving Father, but we are attached to the Giver of the gifts, not the gifts themselves. This allows for great freedom in life and the capacity for great joy in the Lord.

This freedom in the Lord is also the reason we can do as St. Paul instructs in his letter to the Thessalonians, in today's Second Reading. He tells us to, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God." As Christian stewards, we know that no matter what the ups and downs of life bring, our life is not our own — it is a gift from the Lord, and we can rest in full confidence that He will take care of us. When we offer every aspect of our life back to Him in grateful trust, every action we take, no matter how small, becomes a prayer. Our very lives become a testimony to the goodness of God.

We can become like John the Baptist, in today's Gospel passage from the Book of John. We read this description of the prophet: "A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light... He was not the light but came to testify to the light." This is our calling, too, to testify to the Light, our wonderful Savior by the way we make use of the time, talent, and treasure He has entrusted to our care. Our actions and our priorities themselves give testimony to all that God has done in our lives. What a privilege!

When God Himself is the source of our joy, it cannot be taken away from us. There is still time, this Advent season, to clear away any "clutter" in our lives that may take our focus away from Him. Let us strive to detach from any of these things so that we can be free to truly rejoice in God on Christmas Day.

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Stewardship Collection

Total Weekly Collection 12/06/2020	\$3, 830.18
Other Offerings (Mass Offering, Funerals, NCW, Marriages, Donations)	\$1, 745.00
Immaculate Conception Mass Offering	\$625.25
Christmas Day Offering Envelope	\$5.00
Christmas Flower Envelope Offering	\$35.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$6, 240.43
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	\$0



****December 15th to Dec. 23rd Misa De Gallo/ Dawn Mass**

- Dawn Mass at 5am & 6:30pm
- Need to register for Mass at 5am / No registration needed for 6:30pm Mass
*****Registration for all this special Mass is available on Eventbrite & Weekend Mass too.**

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
 (+)Siliga Siliga
 (+)Evarista Agag
 (+)Lucila Lorenza Pacheco
 (+)Lucia Camino

Blessings:
 - Philomena Leota

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 st 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