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December 2 & 3 2017-Advent Season

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

FOR THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH THE DOGMA OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GAINED ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANCE FROM THE REPUTED APPARITIONS OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES IN 1858. AT LOURDES A 14- YEAR OLD GIRL, BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS, CLAIMED THAT A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN APPEARED TO HER AND SAID "I AM THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION." MANY BELIEVE THE WOMAN TO HAVE BEEN THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND PRAY TO HER AS SUCH." MARY WHO WOULD BE ETERNALLY AT ENMITY WITH THE EVIL SERPENT AND COMPLETELY TRIUMPHING OVER HIM. IT SAID THAT IT WAS SEEN FORESHADOWINGS OF MARY'S "WONDROUS ABUNDANCE OF DIVINE GIFTS AND ORIGINAL INNOCENCE

IN THAT ARK OF NOAH, WHICH WAS BUILT BY DIVINE COMMAND AND ESCAPED ENTIRELY SAFE AND SOUND FROM THE COMMON SHIPWRECK OF THE WHOLE WORLD; IN THE LADDER WHICH JACOB SAW REACHING FROM THE EARTH TO HEAVEN, BY WHOSE RUNGS THE ANGELS OF GOD ASCENDED AND DESCENDED, AND ON WHOSE TOP THE LORD HIMSELF LEANED; IN THAT BUSH MOSES SAW IN THE HOLY PLACE BURNING ON ALL SIDES, WHICH WAS NOT CONSUMED OR INJURED IN ANY WAY BUT GREW GREEN AND BLOSSOMED BEAUTIFULLY; AND IN VERY MANY OTHER BIBLICAL TYPES OF THIS KIND. MARY, "HIGHLY FAVOURED ONE" OR "FULL OF GRACE", AS INDICATING THAT "SHE WAS NEVER SUBJECT TO THE CURSE AND WAS TOGETHER WITH HER SON, THE ONLY PARTAKER OF THE PERPETUAL BENEDICTION". SHE IS FREQUENTLY COMPARED TO EVE WHILE YET A VIRGIN, WHILE YET INNOCENCE, WHILE YET INCORRUPT, WHILE NOT YET DECEIVED BY THE DEADLY SNARES OF THE MOST TREACHEROUS SERPENT.

MASS SCHEDULE & CONFESSION

Weekdays: 7 a.m., Mondays to Fridays
Weekends: Saturdays: 5 p.m.
Sundays: 7:30 a.m.
Confession: Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

PARISH MINISTRIES

Building & Maintenance

Ernie Ribucan
(269-3573)

Finance

Cheryl Tabaco
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Fundraising

John Costales
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John Costales

Religious Education

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(264-4582)

Youth & Young Adults

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ISAIAH: 63:16b-17, 19b; 64: 2-7 (2B)

Psalm: 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Corinthians 1:3-9

Mathew 13:33-37

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

ADVENT: A SEASON OF DISCIPLINE

Advent comes from the Latin

word *advenire*, which means coming or arrival. The season is a time of intense preparation for Jesus' coming. We first understand this coming as his birth in Bethlehem, which calls for joyous celebration. Since it is a spiritual event, Christ's coming demands of us spiritual preparation that includes prayer and self-discipline.

The First Reading is the Israelites' urgent prayer for God's return. Has God gone away? Yes, in a way, God has left them because of their transgressions. God's prolonged absence makes them feel that their life has become meaningless. The Israelites are invoking God to come back and remove their shame. Realizing their poverty and helplessness, they now desire

for God's return to support and affirm them.

The Gospel exhorts us to be watchful and alert. His second coming, at the end of the world, no one knows. We will be judged according to our deeds, and so we must be ready. Preparation means doing good deeds.

In the Second Reading, Paul expresses his joy for the Christians in Corinth. They have received the gospel message he has preached to them. They have lived disciplined and moral lives. Paul considers them well prepared for the day of the Lord.

How do we prepare for the Lord's coming? We respond to God's words and practice discipline. Let us not squander this time of preparation by engaging in activities that distract us from our heavenly goal. Let us return to God and show how God is in full control of our life, and that we can say "no" to the world that lures us away from God.

As Christmas time draws near, we are again being enticed by consumerism and commercialism. We are tempted to satisfy our appetites at different Christmas parties. Consumer goods will be dangled at very low prices, and we will be tempted to spend beyond our means. If we are not vigilant, we may end up feeling exhausted and shortchanged by the stressful season, we may not have the experience of the baby Jesus drawing close to us on Christmas and receiving the salvation he brings.

Let us prepare rigorously, exercise discipline and pray. To welcome Christ in our midst, let us make Advent a season of discipline and prayer. Let us prepare to take a new way of life. Let us prepare for new season of our life, our family, and our parish community. May the Blessed Mother, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, intercede, pray and guide us in our first step of our preparation to our new beginnings of our advent life.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Mon Dec 4	Pastoral Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall
Tue Dec 5	Penance Service 6:30 p.m.
Fri Dec 8	Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation Mass 7:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Dec 15-23	Simbang Gabi - Misa Del Gallo Mass 6:30 p.m. Except Saturday at 5:00 p.m.: Sunday regular Mass at 7:30 a.m.
	We are asking for Floral Donations for Christmas

INCOME SUMMARY

November 25-26, 2017

Source Of Income

Weekend Collection	762.00
CANDLES.....	231.00
Debt Reduction.....	390.00
Thanksgiving Mass.....	291.00
Miscellaneous (Anniversary Mass \$209.00)	209.00
Total	\$1883.00

FOR YOUR PRAYER TIME: Pray for healing of the following parishioners, friends, and relatives:

Chad Andrade, Tanya Barbero, Michael Burns, Loretta Navarro Baza, Carmen Navarro Brinkley, Gorgonio Cagasan & Ohana, Barbara Cambra, Halona Carbonel, Jason Carpio, Ceballos Ohana, Jeffrey & Gay Chang, Frank & Mildred Chargalauf & Ohana, Mary DeCosta, Brittney Dinson, Lillian Dolnak & Daughters, Kenneth Duarte, Kailey Duarte, Kathie Edelson, Jo & Manny Fernandez, Marisa Fernandez, Lawrence Ferreira, Josephine & Sam Fisk, Bena Flores & Ohana, Patrick Flores, Marvin Funes, Emiliana Garcia, Natie Genobia & Ohana, Lily Gutierrez & Ohana, John Hanson, Leland Jerome Jacintho, Loke Kaahaaina, Elena Kaiwi, Suzie Lacuesta, Kerry Larocque, Clarice Lee, Jaden Lewis, Stanalynne M., Louise Martelles, Jody Martins & Ohana, Marty, Rona Nacnac, Rodney Navarro, Selah Omo, Editha Pachico, Dorothy Pellazar & Ohana, Desiree Phillips, Kerry Franco Phillips, Audrey Rocha Reed, Linda Reeves, Grace Ribao, Jody Ribao & Ohana, Cy Ribucan, Shaunte Ribucan, Rebecca Ribucan, Julia Rodrigues, Martin & Cindy Roman, Gregory Ross, Cathy Ross, Esther Sablan, Becky Serrato, Cru & Rusty Silva; Silva Ohana; Kelsey & Noah Sim, Larry Soliben, Maile Sombelon, Nita Navarro Soto, Lillian Navarro Spragan, Tristan, Lupeni Sombelon Talamai, Bill Tavares, Diane Victor, Britney Vincent, Jaycie

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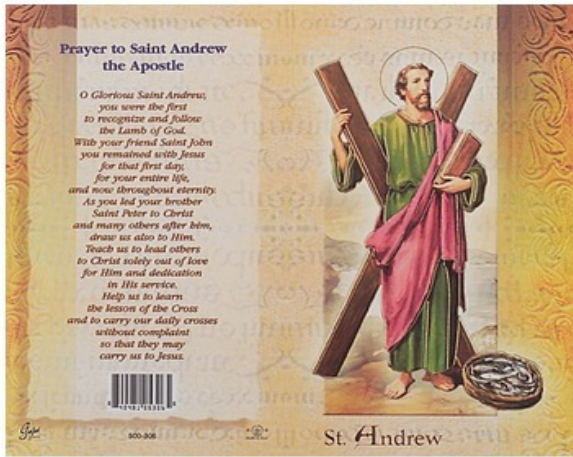
† FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF: Victor Bantilan Jr.-(2/3/17), Keoni Barcai-(2/19/17), Regino Cabacungan-(12/19/16), Rosita Navarro Cabotaje-(7/30/17), Herman Calasa Sr.-(2/18/17) Ricky Carpio-(1/9/17), Manuel DeCosta Jr.-(7/1/17), Trucker Dukes-(3/3/17), Joseph Flores Jr.-(7/10/17), Philip A. Genobia-(5/12/17), Ronald Gouveia-(12/25/16), Jonathan Hart-(4/27/17), Mary Ann Franco Joy-(8/26/17), Jonathan Kaialilili-(2/20/17), Virginia Nacnac-(7/23/17), Robert Raymond-(3/1/17), Royce Rodrigues-(1/2/17), Erma Santana-(9/25/17), Thomas Soliben-(3/27/17), Gil Supnet-(1/29/17), Kenneth "Blanc" Tavares-(8/5/17), Bernadette DeCambra Watson-(8/17), Michael Zalsos-(1/17)

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**Holy Rosary Gift Shop-Open on Saturdays before the evening mass from 4:30 -5:00 p.m.
Also Sunday after mass.**

***Holy Rosary Church Prayer Group
Meets Every Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
Come Join u***





St. Andrew's day November 30th marks the beginning of the traditional advent devotion of the Saint Andrew Christmas Novena.

With so many different connections to our country, it's worth considering how he came to be so important to Scotland. The answer is surprisingly simple, and sums up some of the most prominent characteristics that you can find in Scots both at home and abroad. Despite his relatively humble upbringing, St Andrew was known throughout his life for being a generous man. When we talk of him today we specifically look at these traits that made him so saintly (figuratively and, later, literally). St Andrew's philosophy was incredibly simple: take what you have and share it with those less fortunate! He became known as a strong and fair man who took every opportunity to help others whenever he could.

DID YOU KNOW....THIS PARISH WILL SOON OFFER THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PRIOR TO FIRST HOLY COMMUNION??

Indeed, all parishes within the Diocese of Honolulu are restoring the Original Order of the Sacraments of Initiation between 2018-2020.



Our Holy Father Pope Francis Says:



Go to www.catholicahawaii.org learn how the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion were celebrated in the early church, how it changed over time and why we are called to restore these sacraments to their.

"Stop Complaining and take steps to improve your life."

" *Thou shalt not Whine.*"

He warns that people who violate the "NO WHINING" policy are "Subject to a syndrome of always feeling like a Victim and the consequent reduction of your sense of humor and capacity to solve problems."

He also says: "The penalty is double for people who gripe in the presence of Children. ***To get the best out of yourself, concentrate on your potential and not your limitation.***"

