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*Congratulations Chris Ribucan  
To the order of Deacon  
Diaconate Ordination January 27, 2018*



January 6-7, 2018

## The Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany, also known as "Three Kings Day" and "Twelfth Day". The feast celebrates the manifestation of God to the world in the form of human flesh through Jesus Christ, his Son. The word Epiphany means "appearance," "manifestation," or "revelation" and is commonly linked with the visit of the wise men (Magi) to the Christ child (Matthew 2:1-12). Through the Magi Jesus Christ revealed himself to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ; the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11). In Matthew 2:11 it is written: "and on entering the house they (the wise men) saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." The wise men were not kings, they were men of intellectual renown and considerable means, most likely from the Orient. Their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar, they represented Arabia, Europe and Africa. Whether such wealth was their own or it was bestowed by royalty is subject of debate. To some, the nature of the gifts is significant. Gold is the only gift of the three that endures. The other two frankincense and myrrh, are spices that are kingdom is eternal nature. Gold is the gift given to Kings, Jesus Christ is King of the Universe and His Kingdom will have no end. Frankincense to offer owns Deity nigh Prayer and praising, all men raising Worship Him, God must high. It acknowledges Jesus' divinity. Myrrh is mine, it's bitter perfume Breathes of life gathering gloom Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying Sealed in the Stone-cold tomb. Myrrh was the oil with which the dead were anointed prior to internment. It prefigures the sacrificial death of Christ as the Lamb of God. The three offerings may also pay homage to the three divine offices of Jesus' Ministry as Priest, Prophet and King. It was worth noting that Jesus as a child, had little use for such extravagant gifts. It was Mary who receives them and presumably keeps them on behalf of her son. The gifts also correspond to the contents of the Ark of the Covenant as listed in Hebrews 9. Here again, gold symbolizes Christ's kingship, frankincense symbolizes his priesthood and myrrh stands for his prophecy.



### MASS SCHEDULE & CONFESSION

Weekdays: 7 a.m., Mondays to Fridays  
Weekends: Saturdays: 5 p.m.  
Sundays: 7:30 a.m.  
1st Friday Divine Mercy  
7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
4th Sunday Filipino Mass  
5:00 p.m.  
Rosary Prayer Group Every Wednesday  
6:00 p.m.  
Confession: Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. or by  
appointment

### PARISH MINISTRIES

Building & Maintenance  
*Ernie Ribucan*  
(269-3573)  
Finance  
*Cheryl Tabaco*  
(283-9911)  
Fundraising  
*John Costales*  
(868-1103)  
Liturgy & Worship  
*Almie Lonzaga*  
(385-1504)  
Parish Council Chair  
*John Costales*  
Religious Education  
*Cyrilla Pascual*  
(264-4582)  
Youth & Young Adults  
*Chris & Dawn Ribucan*  
(344-6882 or 344-6969)

### SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6 (20ABC)  
Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13  
Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### FOLLOW THE STAR

What prompted the magi to leave their land in the east and travel to faraway Jerusalem? They had to put everything aside and devote all their resources to this long journey and naturally entailed a huge expense and involve a number of people. The magi were supposed to be "wise men" that observe the movement of celestial bodies (like-modern-day astronomers) and drew insights from such movement. They believed that an unusual manifestation in the sky signaled the birth of a great power or the beginning of something big in the world. When the magi saw the unusual brightness of the star in the horizon, they were compelled to follow the star.

"Where is the new born king of the Jews?" the magi ask. "We saw his star at

its rising and have come to do him homage." The star followed by the magi brings them to Jerusalem and in their audience with King Herod, the magi are told by an assembly of the chief priests and the scribes of the people that the newborn king of the Jews is to be born in Bethlehem, a nondescript town where nothing truly grand every happens. In this little town (also called the "House Of Bread") the magi again see the star and they are overjoyed as the star points out the newborn baby to them. In this moment of exhilaration and excitement, the magi open their gifts for Jesus-gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The gospel describes King Herod, together with the hold Jerusalem as greatly troubled after learning the birth of the newborn king. Who could be this pretender to the throne? Questions fill Herod's mind. Will he wage war against me? Am I going to be booted out of power?

Herod and the magi are a study of contrast. The king remained ensconced in his place, surrounded by his court. After obtaining information regarding the newborn king, he feigns devotion and asks the magi to report their findings to him because, he says, he wants to pay homage to the child. But, of course, his intentions are far from noble.

On their part, the magi search for the Savior in a most transparent manner. They employ no secret or any deceitful technique. They do not fortify themselves in a palace but always take the road because they long to see where the star will bring them. There is a great distress in Herod's palace and in all Jerusalem, but in the company of the magi, there is only mirthful joy.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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| Jan 27th Sat | <b>Diaconate Ordination for Chris Ribucan 10:00 a.m.</b> |
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**INCOME SUMMARY**

**December 30-31, 2017**

**Source Of Income**

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| Weekend Collection .....  | 1,377.00          |
| CANDLES.....  | 319.00            |
| Debt Reduction.....   | 455.00            |
| Miscellaneous (Deacon-Vestment \$400.00; Deacon-Ordination \$250.00 ) | 650.00            |
| <b>Total .....</b>  | <b>\$2,801.00</b> |

***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, Jerry Kaiama, Elena Kaiwi, Suzie Lacuesta, Kerry Larocque, Clarice Lee, Jaden Lewis, Stanalynne M., Louise Martelles, Jody Martins & Ohana, Marty, Edgar & 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

*(Please note that names will be deleted periodically. Please call the rectory if you want a name added or deleted.)*

**† FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:** Victor Bantilan Jr.-(2/3/17), Keoni Barcai-(2/19/17), 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), Jonathan Hart-(4/27/17), Mary Ann Franco Joy-(8/26/17), Jonathan Kaialiiiii-(2/20/17), Joseph Mendez, Jr. (11/24/2017) Virginia Nacnac-(7/23/17), Robert Raymond-(3/1/17), 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)

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

***Reflections on the Original Order Questions? Diocese of Honolulu [kdeneve@rcchawaii.org](mailto:kdeneve@rcchawaii.org)***

Did you know that children baptized as infants usually receive the sacraments out of sequence, out of order? To be fully initiated as Christians, as followers of Jesus Christ, we receive three sacraments, namely Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. When Confirmation comes last, perhaps even years after First Communion, we can get the impression that Confirmation is the "final" sacrament, that Confirmation is what brings us fully into the Body of Christ.

This is not true. Our faith tells us that Eucharist, not Confirmation, is the source and summit of our faith. Our faith tells us that First Communion is what completes our initiation into the life of Christ.

In 1971, Blessed Pope Paul VI issued the revised Rite of Confirmation saying "The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and finally are sustained by the food of eternal life in the Eucharist. .... the faithful, after being signed by holy Baptism and Confirmation, are incorporated fully into the body of Christ by participation in the Eucharist" (Apostolic Constitutio Over the coming weeks, we'll more fully explore these three sacraments as well as the upcoming changes our diocese is making to establish the original order of the three sacraments of initiation.



## ***God's call to become a Deacon***



From the earliest days of the Christian Church the deacon has been intimately associated with the ministry of the Bishop and Priest. The deacon was described as a minister in the liturgical assembly and preacher of the word. The deacon prepared catechumens for entrance into the Church and was a dispenser of aid and food to the poor and distressed. The very term "Diakonia" announces the central characteristic of this Order, the deacon is called to service. At the lower end of the hierarchy are deacons, upon whom hands are imposed 'not unto the priesthood, but unto a ministry of service'. For strengthened by sacramental grace, in communion with the bishop and his group of priests, they serve the People of God in the ministry of the liturgy, of the Word, and of charity. It is the duty of the deacon, to the extent that he has been authorized by competent authority, to administer baptism solemnly, to be custodian and dispenser of the Eucharist, to assist at and bless marriages in the name of the Church, to bring viaticum to the dying, to read the Sacred Scriptures to the faithful, to instruct, and exhort the people, to preside at the worship and prayer of the faithful, to administer sacramentals, and to officiate at funeral and burial services. Dedicated to duties of charity and of administration, let deacons be mindful of the admonition of Blessed Polycarp; 'Be merciful, diligent, walking according to the truth of the Lord, who became the servant of all'.

### ***Prayer for Deacons***

***Lord Jesus, you came to serve, not to be served, form within us your generous spirit; fill us with your love, that we may love the Father as you love him.***

***Fill us with your compassion, that we may see our brothers and sisters as you see them.***

***Fill us with your courage, that we may give our lives in service to the church, as you gave your life for her.***

***Fill us with that spirit which will make us preachers of your Word, ministers of your Sacrifice, servants of your Bride, friends of the poor, and the voice of the forgotten.***

***Transform us through your Holy Spirit so that we may transform the world into your Kingdom of justice and faith. AMEN***







