



Holy Family Catholic Church

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New Year's Day

December 31, 2011—January 1, 2012

Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday: 7:15 AM

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM
& 7:00 PM

2nd Sunday—Samoan Mass:
@ 2:00 PM

Confessions Saturday:

4:00—4:45 PM

and after daily Masses

First Friday of the Month

Benediction

After 7:15 am Mass

Theme For the Year 2012 "Our Family"

PASTOR

Fr. Sebastian Chacko

PASTORAL COUNCIL

PRESIDENT

Jerome Andrade

PARISH WEBSITE:

HolyFamilyHonolulu.Org

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Year 2012 begins on a week-end. How appropriate for us Catholics to the end the Year and begin the New Year by thanking God for all His Blessings. It is also the Feast of the Holy Family. However we shall celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the last Sunday of January. This is done for a few reasons. First of all, it is too close to Christmas. Secondly, it falls on January First and many of us are away visiting our parents and friends. Thirdly, I will be away to be with my Family as we recall my Mother's Death Anniversary.

I am sure, it will be easier for us to plan and participate better in the Feast of the Holy Family, celebrating it on January 28-29 week-end. It is also the Catholic Schools week-end. We shall plan together with HFCA, activities that will highlight our gratitude to God for the School and the Parish, as we work hand in hand with the Academy to implement all the Diocesan goals.

Our Readings this Sunday are about Parents and Children. Our theme for the entire Year is OUR FAMILY. We shall try through activities and Prayer to bring about a better climate of love, respect and commitment in our Family lives.

The Parish Council will be discussing plans and to get us all involved in our efforts to focus on Families.

In the Gospel, we hear the stories of Simeon and Anna. They are two old people, who had dedicated their lives to God. They are like our grand-parents. We have so many grand-parents in our Parish. We need to pay a little more attention to them as well.

With God's help and our cooperation, we shall make this Year an Year of Blessings for the whole Family.

Please do not forget to pray, for us to obtain the land from the Navy, at an affordable price.

God Bless us all. Have a wonderful celebration of the New Year. May the Year 2012 bring you and all of us, all God's Blessings. Fr Sebastian

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

On New Year's Day, the octave day of Christmas, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God. The divine and virginal motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a singular salvific event: for Our Lady it was the foretaste and cause of her extraordinary glory; for us it is a source of grace and salvation because "through her we have received the Author of life". The solemnity of the First of January, an eminently Marian feast, presents an excellent opportunity for liturgical piety to encounter popular piety: the first celebrates this event in a manner proper to it; the second, when duly catechised, lends joy and happiness to the various expressions of praise offered to Our Lady on the birth of her divine Son, to deepen our understanding of many prayers, beginning with that which says: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us, sinners".

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan. 2-Monday-7:00pm-Bible Sharing Hour
Jan. 4-Wednesday
6:30 pm-Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion
Jan. 6-Friday-**BENEDICTION** after 7:15 Mass
Jan. 9-Monday-7:00 pm-Bible Sharing Hour
Jan. 11-Wednesday
6:30 pm-Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion
Jan. 16- Monday—7:00 pm-Bible Sharing Hour
Jan. 18-Wednesday
6:30 pm-Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion
Jan. 23-Monday-7:00pm-Bible Sharing Hour
Jan. 25-Wednesday
6:30 pm-Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion
Jan. 30-Monday-7:00 pm-Bible Sharing Hour

1. As I will be away, the Parish bulletins that are going to be uploaded on the website before I leave, will not contain all the information about Our Offerings on a weekly basis. Jeff Fontanilla and Joe Padron will coordinate to have them ready for the Bulletins that will be printed for the Parish.
2. If you need any help for the Sacraments, please contact Joe Padron at 423-2439. he will try and help you find a Priest for your special needs.
3. ALL PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS are strongly recommended to attend the Seminar to be conducted by Our Bishop Larry Silva on January 21. This is for representatives from all the Parishes. The Parish will pay for individual participant's costs.
4. During this Year of the Family, we are planning a Parish Family PICTORIAL DIRECTORY. Your cooperation is needed to make this event a success.
5. WE THANK ALL who have helped in decorating and preparing our Church for the celebration of Christmas. Special thanks to all the Four Choirs for their wonderful performance in getting all of sing the praises of the New Born Baby Jesus Christ.

Our Weekly Offerings
December 24-25, 2011
Thank you for your generous
contribution for the past weekend.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Thanks to all who helped make the Christmas Mass Refreshments a BIG SUCCESS. We could not have done it without the help of many volunteers who helped set up, serve and clean up after each Mass. Our special thanks to those who prepared the refreshments. The next regular Hospitality Sunday will be on January 8, 2012. Please plan to bring a donation of baked goods, fruits and other items to share with your fellow parishioners. If you can help in anyway, please contact Chet Malins @ 456-3933 or malinsc001@hawaii.rr.com.

Stewardship Prayer

We thank you most loving and generous Creator, for the abundance you have bestowed on us, your servant people. May we use your gifts to build your kingdom; to help the poor, as you commanded; to bring light to the world in darkness. May we be faithful to your commandments. Bless the people in our lives that we may help each other grow in your love. We pray in union with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Love Your Neighbor: More Than Just Words

For kids and teens—big and little helpers. In our neighborhood, we have a lot of young families with kids. But we also have some elderly neighbors. Those neighbors at some time or another have needed a helping hand. That's where you come in. Gather all the neighborhood kids and try to find ways to help out your neighbors. Work as a team to help in a way that is best suited to your skills. For instance, the younger kids can't cut grass, but they could color or draw a picture, bring a neighbor a flower from their own garden or give someone a hug. As for the older kids, offer to do yard work, pet-sitting, babysitting, cleaning or any other tasks that may need to be done. Of Course, make sure you have permission from an adult before you go to visit anyone and that you tell the adult what you are doing.

When to Genuflect

When I was in grade school, the nuns taught us to double genuflect (both knees) when leaving church after Holy Thursday Mass.

I took my children to all of Holy Week services. On Good Friday the sanctuary did not have the consecrated hosts in the tabernacle. The altar, of course, was bare. Do we genuflect anyway out of love and reverence to our Lord? Some parishioners did nothing upon entering the pew. What is right?

A: The double genuflection at certain times of the pre-Vatican II liturgy is no longer required by the rubrics of the new liturgy. Some individuals or countries may continue it out of piety and devotion.

According to Msgr. Peter J. Elliot in Ceremonies of the Modern Roman Rite (Ignatius Press), genuflection on one knee is reserved for: 1) Our Lord present in the Eucharist on the altar, in the tabernacle, monstrance or pyx; 2) the cross during its veneration on Good Friday until the beginning of the Easter Vigil; 3) a relic of the true cross exposed for veneration. A bow of the body (deep bow from the waist) is made to the altar if the Blessed Sacrament is not on it or behind it. A bow of the head is to be made at the mention of the three Divine Persons, at the names of Jesus and Mary and the saint in whose honor the liturgy is being celebrated.

**“Jesus, I place
my hope in your words
and your ways.
Help me stay
close to you in
good times and
in bad times.”**

NEW PARISHIONERS: Newcomers are encouraged to register with the parish and are welcome to participate in all parish activities and ministries. Registration Forms are available in the church.