



# *Holy Family Catholic Church*

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**THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

**January 7-8, 2012**

## *Mass Schedule*

Monday-Saturday: 7:15 AM

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

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

7:00 PM

1st 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 2012*

## *“Our Family”*

*“The family that prays  
together stays together.”*

By Fr. Patrick Peyton

*“If we ever forget that we  
are one nation under  
God, then we will be a  
nation gone under.”*

By President Ronald Reagan

**PASTOR**

Fr. Sebastian Chacko

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**PRESIDENT**

Jerome Andrade

**PARISH WEBSITE:**

**HolyFamilyHonolulu.Org**

## **PASTOR’S CORNER**

**This week-end we celebrate the Epiphany. The Three wise men or Magi from the East came to bring Jesus their gifts of Gold, frankincense and myrrh.**

**The word Epiphany means, ‘manifestation’. Jesus was manifested or proclaimed to the whole world, through these three Kings from the East. They represent the non-Jews. They came to pay their homage to the King of Kings.**

**The Scriptures are full of this message of glory and hope for the whole world, beginning in Jerusalem to the rest of the World. As Christians, we are all privileged to be part of God’s PLAN OF SALVATUION for the whole mankind.**

**You and I know, that in spite of the Peace and Joy that Christ brought about, we people are still engaged in wars and division. The Holy City of Jerusalem is so badly divided. Peace is maintained only through fear and the barrel of the gun. The hearts and minds of the people are not at peace with one another.**

**Herod, the King of the Jews was supposed to live a life of exemplary dedication. He was supposed to prepare the way of the Lord, as the successor of the line of David. He did not. He lived a life of debauchery. And today, in the Gospel we hear that he was ready to kill the infant Jesus. Instead of welcoming the plan of God, he was out to destroy the one chosen by God to lead the people of Israel and the rest of mankind.**

**This is happening now not only in Jerusalem, but all over the world. Wars and battles are being fought now not in battle fields, but on the air, the news media, in the streets and places of worship. Somehow, like Herod, we are becoming blind to realities and think that we can ‘play’ God.**

**Let us pray that through our example and life, we can bear witness to Christ and manifest His Love to our brothers and sisters. Fr Sebastian**

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD—JANUARY 9, 2012

**HISTORY:** The Baptism of the Lord has historically been associated with the celebration of Epiphany. Even today, the Eastern Christian feast of Theophany, celebrated on January 6 as a counterpart to the Western feast of Epiphany, focuses primarily on the Baptism of the Lord as the revelation of God to man. After the Nativity of Christ (Christmas) was separated out from Epiphany, the Church in the West continued the process and dedicated a celebration to each of the major epiphanies (revelations) or theophanies (the revelation of God to man): the Birth of Christ at Christmas, which revealed Christ to Israel; the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles, in the visit of the Wise Men at Epiphany; the Baptism of the Lord, which revealed the Trinity; and the miracle at the wedding at Cana, which revealed Christ's transformation of the world. Thus, the Baptism of the Lord began to be celebrated on the octave (eighth day) of Epiphany, with the miracle at Cana celebrated on the Sunday after that. In the current liturgical calendar, the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Sunday after January 6, and, a week later, on the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, we hear the Gospel of the Wedding at Cana.



**ALL PATORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS** are asked to mark their calendars and attend the Seminar to be conducted by our Bishop at our Holy family Church. Representatives from all Parishes of the Diocese will be here. The Parish will foot the bill for any fees that may be expected of us. So please make sure that you can come and participate. The date : Saturday, January 21. Time 8.30 AM to 12.00 Noon.

### PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY.

In the month of February, we will be taking family photos. One good way to celebrate the Year of the Family is to promote activities that will bind us together as a Parish Family. I think that this is one good idea. I hope and pray that all of us will cooperate in making this program a success. More details will be available by the end of the month.

We thank Father Marvin Samiano for all his help, during the absence of Father Sebastian, who is on home-leave. Fr Sebastian will return on the 19th of January.

**Our Weekly Offerings**  
**January 1, 2012**  
**Thank you for your generous**  
**contribution for the past weekend.**

**All the Offerings for January will be**  
**published together on the last Sunday of**  
**January.**

## HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Today is Hospitality Sunday after the 8:30 and 11:00 am Masses. Please join your fellow parishioners after these Masses for coffee, refreshments, and fellowship. Donations of cookies, cakes, other baked goods, or fresh fruit are always welcome. If you can help in any way or desire to be added to the donor contact list, please contact Chet Malins at [malins001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:malins001@hawaii.rr.com).

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Jan. 9**-Monday-7:00pm-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—7:00 pm-Bible Sharing Hour  
**Jan. 25**-Wednesday  
6:30 pm-Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion  
**Jan. 30**-Monday-7:00pm-Bible Sharing Hour  
**Feb. 1**-Wednesday  
6:30 pm-Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

### *Prayer for Families*

*Almighty God and Father,  
help all families to live  
like the Holy Family,  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
united in respect and love.*

*Teach us through them  
the sanctity of human love,  
the value of family life  
and the way to live at peace with all,  
that we may share your love  
and your life forever.*

## FAITH-FILLED FAMILY

### *Have You Seen God Lately*

By Susan Hines-Brigger

I saw God Today. I saw him yesterday, too. In fact, I see him almost every day. Now, before you stop reading because you think I'm crazy, let me explain. It's not actually God that I'm seeing, but rather everyday examples of God. I'm not always sure when it was that I first started noticing these everyday miracles—maybe it was when I had my first child—but now that I do, I see them everywhere. Sometimes they're as common as hearing my one-year old daughter, Riley, say a new word or watching my older daughter, Maddie, learn to read. The other night it was when I sat and watched my kids sleeping. But it's not always positive and happy. Sometimes the messages I find can be a real wake-up call. One morning after I lost my temper with my kids, I was sitting in traffic in front of the local grade school. I looked up and saw the sign in front of the school bearing the message "Use self-control." Point taken.

**Where faith comes in:** I like to think that I'm not the only person who has these brief encounters with God. After all, God came to Moses in a burning bush. And don't we all have an encounter with Jesus each time we receive Communion? So maybe it's just that we're not looking hard enough. That's where our faith comes in. We know that God is always there for us. Our faith is very much a living, breathing and changing thing. God is there; it's up to us to keep looking for ways God shows up in our lives.

**Searching for God:** Here some suggestions to help in the search for God in your everyday life. **Stop and look around.** Take five minutes out of your busy day and look for God. You might be surprised at all the things you'll notice. **Talk to your kids.** Ask them to tell you how they think God looks. You might get some interesting replies. **Be open.** As adults, we tend to think we have a lot of the answers. Try to be open to new things. Pray, meditate or just sit quietly. Seek out insight from someone you would not normally turn to.

**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.