

Sunday Bulletin

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish

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December 3, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent



Dear Brothers and Sisters,



Dear brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

In this second week of Advent, we continue to prepare for the Lord's coming. Today, the Church calls us to reflect on the good news of this season. Thus, we are to reflect on the reason for Christ's coming and on what we ought to do this season.

This Sunday, our readings focus on the nearness of the Lord's coming and the need for repentance for the forgiveness of sins. So, one essential question today is, why is Christ coming? He is coming because he loves us. He is coming to save us. He is coming to make all things new. He has a mission, and that mission is for us and our salvation.

In our first reading, Isaiah implores us to: "prepare a way for the Lord... Here is the Lord, coming with power..." Today he sounds very optimistic. Last week, he made a petition, asking God to "tear down the heaven and come down." His prayer of hope is already bearing fruits soon. So, God says this week, "console my people, console them..."

In the gospel, like Isaiah, John the Baptist brings us the good news about the Lord's imminent coming. He makes a call to repent for the forgiveness of our sins. Through the readings and way of life, the prophets are guiding each of us, "preparing a way for the Lord" and "living holy and saintly lives." If we repent sincerely this season, then the salvation that Jesus brings will be ours. If we clean up ourselves properly, we need not be afraid of the Day of the Lord.

As we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord, please make a good confession this Thursday, December 14th at 6:30pm. God bless you all. Have a wonderful week.

With Love and prayers,
Father Sebastian Gossai
Pastor



Father's Message



With Christmas quickly approaching, we are planning a Christmas gathering for our clients on December 21, and are asking for donations of the following items:

- *toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body soap, body wash, dish soap and laundry soap (*frequently asked for*)
- *bath towels and face towels
- *new t-shirts for adult men & women sizes S, M, L, XL
- *new slippers for adult men & women sizes 6 to 10

Gift bags will be made from the donations and presented to our clients. Please search your heart and consider donating to those in need.

*Sister Lucy, Director
Good Samaritan Ministry*

1 *Calendar of Events*
DEC. 11-17, 2023

11th - MONDAY
7:00 AM MASS

2:00 PM Wedding - Church
3:30 PM Hula (Teens) - Hall
6:30 PM Hula (Women) - Hall

12th - TUESDAY
7:00 AM MASS

8:15 AM SES Advent Recollection (All Grades) - Church
3:00 PM Hula (Beg/Int) - Hall
5:00 PM Tahitian - Hall
6:00 PM Tahitian (Women) - Hall
6:00 PM Samoan Choir Practice - Room 1-2

13th - WEDNESDAY
7:00 AM MASS

8:30 AM SES Advent Confessions - Church
3:00 PM Hula (Adv) - Hall
5:15 PM Zumba Fitness Class - Hall
6:00 PM 8am Choir Practice - Church
6:30 PM Knights of Columbus - Room 8
7:00 PM Dance Class - Hall

14th - THURSDAY
7:00 AM MASS

7:30 Adoration
5:00 PM **FOOD PANTRY - Hall**
6:00 PM **NO** TMIY: Joyful Mysteries
6:30 PM **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

15th - FRIDAY
7:00 AM MASS

16th - SATURDAY

5:00 AM Misa de Gallo Mass - Church
7:00 AM MASS
8:30 AM RE Classes - Hall & Classrooms
9:00 AM Confessions - Church
11:30 AM Hula Showcase - Hall
5:00 PM MASS

17th - SUNDAY

6am • 8am • 10am • 12pm • 5pm
(Misa de Gallo will be celebrated at 6am Mass)
9:30 AM O.C.I.A. - Room 1-2
5:00 PM EDGE *(Begins with Mass)* - Room 1-2
5:00 PM Life Teen *(Begins with Mass)* - Room 8



Chuukese Mass 2 pm
Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month

December 2nd Mass with St. Elizabeth School Children



First Saturday Mass of the Month with our ES families.



Father Sebastian interacting with SES students.



Lighting the First Advent Candle

Holiday Schedule



Thursday, December 14
6:30pm

Several visiting priests will be present to hear confessions. Other Penance services in our vicariate can be found on the parish website.

Misa de Gallo Masses

- 12/16/23 at 5am - Rev. Arrion
- 12/17/23 at 6am - Bp Larry Silva
- 12/18/23 at 5am - Rev. Greg Honorio
- 12/19/23 at 5am - Rev. Peter Miti
- 12/20/23 at 5am - Rev. Santhosh
- 12/21/23 at 5am - Rev. Rample
- 12/22/23 at 5am - Rev. Herman
- 12/23/23 at 5am - Rev. Anthony
- 12/24/23 at 6am - Rev. Sebastian



Want to sponsor a Misa de Gallo Mass...let us know. Envelopes are on the Welcome Table or call Vi Pascua at 808-389-6699. Thank you!



Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24
Christmas Eve Masses

5pm, 8pm, Midnight

Monday, December 25
Christmas Day Masses

6am, 8am, 10am, 12pm
[NO 5pm Mass]

Chuukese Christmas Mass
2:30pm





SUNDAY COLLECTION
December 2-3, 2023

Total Collection	\$ 12,797.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 1,397.00
Candles	\$ 360.00
Christmas	\$ 130.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$ 483.00
Energy.....	\$ 43.00
Gift Shop	\$ 395.71
Good Samaritan.....	\$ 110.00
Thanksgiving.....	\$ 75.00
Total Other Revenue	\$ 2,993.71
Total Weekly Deposit.....	\$ 15,790.71

Donations to Other Organizations
SES Tuition Assistance \$ 4,090.00

Thank You for your Support!!

SECOND COLLECTION

SES Tuition Assistance: Our sincere thanks for your very generous support of our tuition assistance program. Your donations enable us to assist qualified families/students in our parish community to attend our parish school.

Dec 9/10 Retirement Fund for the Religious

On-line Giving Now Available
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Use the following hyperlink:
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZK22>
Or the following QR Code



INFORMATION IS ALSO ON THE WEBSITE.

LITTLE BETHLEHEM CHRISTIANS



Siham and Ghassan Al Sahouri of Little Bethlehem Christians, a small business and mission which regularly brings religious articles from the Holy Land to Hawaii parish-

es for sale, will be at St. Elizabeth parish next weekend, **December 16 & 17**. Items are made from olive wood and some include a sample of soil from the Holy Land. All items will be on display and available for purchase after all Masses on this weekend.

The Al Sahouris' reside in Maryland and help support a group of Christian families that work as woodcarvers in the place of Jesus' birth. Visit their website: www.little-bethlehem.org for additional information.

After listening to Fr. Arrion's profound homily directing us to "pay attention and be prepared," Life Teen Leader Grace Biddle shared with the Life Teens the significance of Advent and the themes for each of the weeks represented in the candles being: Hope, Peace and Preparation, Joy and Love.



Grace used her Life Teen Resources and shared videos with very simple explanations of Advent and how powerful silence can be while praying. Grace also shared calendars with the Life Teens to schedule their personal ways to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Her suggestions included prayer and activities like attending daily Mass; participating in Adoration; volunteering at Church (i.e. Good Samaritan Ministry); supporting an Angel Tree program; etc.

Sunday, December 10th, the Life Teens and EDGE students will participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after the 5 p.m. Mass. ALL are welcome - O come, let us adore Him!

(Submitted by Margaret & Soane Uiagalelei, Life Teen Coordinators)



Edge's Baby Shower: It's A Boy



Edge students celebrated the first Sunday of Advent with a baby shower. The goal of Edge Night was to bring to the students a greater understanding of the season of Advent and preparing for the birth of Christ. We had encouraged our families to bring in baby items to donate to our parish ministry. Our gather began with a game - "Guess The Baby Game" and without the students knowing we had asked their parents to send in their baby photos. As we rolled the slides, our Edge students' reaction was "priceless." Enjoy the photos of our adorable Edge students.



*(Submitted by Bernie Manoa)
(Photo Design by Jonathan Castro)*

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Applications are being accepted for the 2024-2025 School Year.

READINGS FOR THE

Sunday, December 10
Second Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Peter 3:8-14
Matthew 1:1-8

Monday, December 11
St. Damascus, Pope
Isaiah 35:1-10
Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zechariah 2:14-17 **or**
Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6a, 10ab
Luke 7:26-38 **or**
Luke 1:39-47

Wednesday, December 13
St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
Isaiah 40:25-31
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday, December 14
St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor
Isaiah 41:13-20
Matthew 11:11-15

Friday, December 15
Isaiah 48:17-19
Matthew 11:16-19

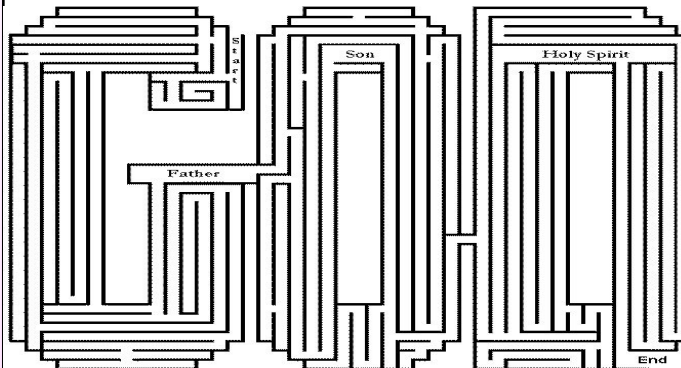
Saturday, December 16
Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11
Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 17
Third Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Advent Word Search

S T N J L C H X C R
L Z N O E P S H C J
E I V E E S R K Y A
G E C S V I U I V U
N R O C S D H S K C
A J H T E R A Z A N
M N M P R A Y E R S
Q A A G A X D O D T
S A G Y R A M O N A
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ADVENT
ANGELS
CHRISTMAS
GOD
JESUS
JOSEPH
LOVE
MARY
NAZARETH
PRAYER
STAR



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We are called to Love One Another. Our prayers and presence in the public square can change hearts and minds to believe in the Culture of Life!

Friday, January 19, 2024 3 - 6 p.m.
State Capitol
Thursday, January 18, 2024 6 p.m.
St. Theresa Co-Cathedral
Mass and Adoration with Bishop Larry Silva



OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9am - 5pm
Holidays: Closed

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MASS: Sat Vigil: 5pm

Sun: 6am, 8am, 10am, 12pm, 5pm

Weekdays: 7am, (Mon-Sat)

RECONCILIATION (Subj to change)

Saturday: 9am or by appt.

ADORATION

All Thursdays - 7:30 am to 12 pm
Healing Mass (anointing during Adoration) - 1st Thursday of each Month

BAPTISM SCHEDULE (Subj to Change)

Sun. - January 2024

Class: Fri., January 2024

Must register with the parish office.

WEDDINGS - Schedule with parish office six months ahead.