

Sunday Bulletin

# St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish

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December 8, 2024

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with

**JOY**

## Father's Message



The tradition of the Christmas tree is often traced back to St. Boniface. Born in 675 in Wessex, St. Boniface became a Benedictine monk and traveled to what is now Germany to help convert pagans to Christianity. At that time, many people worshiped an oak tree dedicated to the Norse god Thor. With boldness and zeal, St. Boniface approached the oak tree and chopped it down with an axe. The pagans expected Thor to strike St. Boniface down, but nothing happened.

As the oak tree fell, the local tribes were astonished and scandalized. St. Boniface is said to have pointed to a small evergreen tree—perhaps a spruce or a fir—and explained its Christian symbolism. The tree's triangular shape represented the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Its green, ever-present life during the cold winter months symbolized the eternal life of Christ. Finally, the tree's upward point reminded the people of Heaven and the One true God. Through his faith and courage, St. Boniface helped bring many souls in Germany to Christianity.

While the Christmas tree has become largely secularized and its religious meaning somewhat lost over time, it still remains a significant symbol of the Christmas season, reminding us of the eternal life offered to us through Christ.

*Father Arrion Rosales-Clantos*  
Parochial Vicar



**A D V E N T**





**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*Holy Day of Obligation*

**Monday, December 9**

Our Mass schedule will be as follows:

- 7am
- 8:30am (with our School Ohana)
- 12pm and 6:30pm

*The above change was decreed by Bishop Larry Silva.*



**Calendar of Events**

**DECEMBER 9-15, 2024**

**9th - MONDAY (Holy Day of Obligation)**

- 7:00 AM MASS
- 8:30 AM SES Mass
- 12:00 PM MASS
- 3:30-5 PM Hula (Teens) - Hall
- 5:00 PM Bible Study (Sr. Stella) - Room 8
- 6:30 PM MASS

**10th- TUESDAY**

- 7:00 AM MASS
- 3:00 PM Hula (Beg/Int) - Hall
- 6:00 PM Samoan Choir Practice - Room 1-2
- 6:30 PM Rosary - Church
- 6:30 PM School Board Mtg - Room 1-2

**11th - WEDNESDAY**

- 7:00 AM MASS
- 8:15 AM SE School Rosary
- 11:30 AM Funeral Mass (+Gloria Pongasi)
- 3:00 PM Hula (Adv) - Hall
- 5:15 PM Zumba Fitness Class - Hall
- 6:00 PM 8am Choir Practice - Church
- 6:00 PM Bible Study (Den Gary/Val)-Rm 1-2
- 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus - Room 8
- 7:00 PM Dance - Hall

**12th - THURSDAY**

- 7:00 AM MASS
- 6:00 PM Samoan Choir Practice - Room 1-2

**13th- FRIDAY**

- 7:00 AM MASS
- 6:30 PM Advent Penance Service

**14th- SATURDAY**

- 7:00 AM MASS
- 8:30 AM RE Classes (K-5)
- 5:00 PM MASS

**15th - SUNDAY**

- 6am • 8am • 10am • 12pm • 5pm
- 9:30 AM OCIA Class - Room 1-2
- 5:00 PM EDGE (begins w/Mass) - Hall
- 5:00 PM LifeTeen (begins w/Mass) Rm 8

**Chuukese Community**

**Sunday, Dec. 8 & 15, 2:00pm Mass**



**Christmas Day Mass:**  
2:30pm

**The Little Bethlehem Christian Group**

The *Little Bethlehem Christian Group* is a community of 200 Christian families residing in Bethlehem, the holy land, who earn their livelihood through wood carving.

They are here in the islands and will be at our parish next weekend: **December 14-15**. After the Saturday and Sunday Masses, the Alshouri family, representatives for the group, will showcase a selection of beautifully hand-carved olive wood religious items, which are also available for purchase. The proceeds will help support Christianity in the land of Christ. We invite you to visit this stunning collection of items under the tent fronting the parish office.



**Winter Wonderland**

Saint Elizabeth Church Parish Hall  
99-312 Moanalua Road, Aiea HI 96701

**Saturday, December 14, 2024**

**8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Contests:**

- Christmas Carol (Song) Challenge
- Gingerbread House
- Ugly Holiday Shirt



**Booths:**

- Food & Beverage
- Specialty Vendors
- Games

For more information, contact Soane or Margaret at 808.342.5545

**\$10 Donation**

includes:  
Special drawing ticket  
Participant entry for all contests

A fundraiser to support  
**St. Elizabeth Church's LifeTeen Program**



It's that time of year again! As we gear up for the Christmas season, we're excited to set up a **Christmas tree filled with angel ornaments donated by parishioners**. Whether you make them yourself or pick them up from the store, we'd love to have your contributions (*no paper ornaments please*). Ornaments may be brought to the parish office during regular business hours or you may hand them directly to our Decoration Coordinator, Mollye Kaiser. Thank you for your consideration.



**SUNDAY COLLECTION**  
**November 23-24, 2024**

<b>Total Collection</b> .....	<b>\$17,352.50</b>
CMF .....	\$ 100.00
Candles .....	\$ 272.00
Gift Shop .....	\$ 1,226.29
Good Samaritan .....	\$ 1,140.00
St. Damien .....	\$ 90.00
Thanksgiving .....	\$ 285.00
TMIY .....	\$ 289.00
<b>Total Other Revenue</b> .....	<b>\$ 3,402.29</b>
<b>Total Weekly Deposit</b> .....	<b>\$20,754.79</b>
<b>Donations to Other Organizations</b>	
Ohana in Christ .....	\$ 158.00
<b>On-Line Giving</b>	
October 2024 .....	\$ 7,988.21

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**  
**Nov 30-Dec 1, 2024**

<b>Total Collection</b> .....	<b>\$11,619.50</b>
<b>Thanksgiving</b> .....	<b>\$ 6,107.50</b>
Building Fund .....	\$ 228.00
Candles .....	\$ 379.00
Christmas Flower.....	\$ 362.00
Energy.....	\$ 59.00
Good Samaritan .....	\$ 220.00
<b>Total Other Revenue</b> .....	<b>\$ 7,355.50</b>
<b>Total Weekly Deposit</b> .....	<b>\$18,975.00</b>
<b>On-Line Giving</b>	
November 2024.....	\$ 5,152.52

*Thank You for your Support!!*

The Annual Parish Finance Report is on the parish website.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**TODAY**

**Religious Retirement Fund Dec 7/8**

With your assistance, we can ensure our senior religious are provided with critical support for their essential care, medicine, and daily needs. Let us give back to those who have given a lifetime.

**Christmas Flowers & Decorations Dec 14/15**



On-line Giving Available through VANCO  
Use the following hyperlink:  
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZK22>



**INVITATION**

*We, the Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians, cordially invite you to join us for the Holy Mass of the Immaculate Conception, the Anniversary of our Profession.*

*Sisters will renew their vows, and the Women Apostles for Catechesis (WAC) will take their promise.*

**Monday, December 9, 2024**  
**6:30pm Holy Mass**  
**St. Stephen Church**  
**2747 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96817**

*Thank you all for your help & support!*

**Sr. Stella, Sr. Marykutty, Sr. Philisita, Sr. Lucy, Sr. Rachel & Sr. Wansuk**

**A win for our SES Girl's Volleyball Team**



**IMPORTANT EVENTS**

Advent Penance Service

*Friday, Dec. 13*  
*6:30pm*

Christmas Eve  
*Tuesday, Dec. 24*  
*5pm • 8pm*

Christmas Day  
*Wed., Dec. 25*  
*Midnight*  
*6am • 8am*  
*10am • 12pm*

Chuukese Mass  
*2:30pm*

No 5pm Mass



The number of people looking for food assistance is growing. We're trying hard to serve our clients, but find **our pantry shelves need some help**... donations of any of the following items would be very much appreciated:

**Canned Meats:** Spam, Treat, Corn Beef, Vienna Sausage, Tuna, Chicken, Sardines, etc.

**Miscellaneous:** Chili, Spaghetti-O, Ravioli, Soup, Canned Fruits, Fruit cups, Peanut Butter, etc.

★ **With Christmas right around the corner, we would love to make gift boxes for the Poor and Needy. With your generosity, we are hoping you will donate extra items such as the following:**

**Toiletries:** Toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, body lotion, shampoo, body wash, razors, shaving cream, brush & comb

*All items may be left in the bins near the front door of the church or brought to the parish office. Mahalo for your support.*



# Family Apostolate



We continue to pray the rosary with our families. We thank Dita and Francisco for inviting us into their home recently to pray with them. If you would like us to visit and pray with you, please contact Sr. Stella.



## READINGS THIS WEEK

<p><i>Sunday, Dec. 8</i> 2nd Sunday of Advent Baruch 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6</p> <p><i>Monday, Dec. 9</i> Immac Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38</p> <p><i>Tuesday, Dec. 10</i> Isaiah 40:1-11 Matthew 18:12-14</p> <p><i>Wednesday, Dec. 11</i> Isaiah 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30</p>	<p><i>Thursday, Dec. 12</i> Our Lady of Guadalupe Zechariah 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a, 12:1-6a Luke 1:39-47 or Luke 1:26-38</p> <p><i>Friday, Dec. 13</i> St. Lucy, Virgin &amp; Martyr Isaiah 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19</p> <p><i>Saturday, Dec. 14</i> St. John of the Cross, Priest &amp; Doctor Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13</p> <p><i>Sunday, Dec. 15</i> 3rd Sunday of Advent Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18</p>
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## Mass Intentions

<i>Sat., 12/7</i> 7am	<i>In Honor of St. Anthony</i> <i>Agnes Fujii (Healing)</i> <i>+Orlando Bucuo</i>
5pm	<i>Roy &amp; Nancy Heu (Healing)</i> <i>Linda Mones Family (Spc Intention)</i> <i>Myrna Ramirez (Good Health)</i> <i>+Mary N. E. Png</i>
<i>Sun., 12/8</i> 6am	<i>Thomas Comages (Healing)</i> <i>+Nieves V. Adolfo</i> <i>+Maximino Corpuz</i> <i>+Karen Fischer</i>
8am	<i>+Oscar, Marijane, Josefina,</i> <i>Efraino Damo</i> <i>+Joe Enright</i> <i>+Carlina &amp; Sosimo Valencia</i>
10am	<i>+Romeo Baylosis</i> <i>+Masa Niko</i> <i>+Luke Tyler A. Valentin</i>
12pm	<i>+Orlando Bucuo</i> <i>+Maria &amp; Joachim</i>
5pm	<i>St. Elizabeth Parishioners</i>
<i>Mon., Dec. 9</i>	
<i>Tues., Dec. 10</i> 7am	<i>Romano &amp; Laarni Carlos</i> <i>(48th Anniv Blessings)</i> <i>Cyndi Knudson (Birthday Blessings)</i> <i>+Antonio Naguiat (Death Anniv)</i> <i>+Arnold Madriaga</i>
<i>Wed., Dec. 11</i> 7am	<i>Linda Mones Family (Spec Intention)</i> <i>Myrna Ramire (Good Health)</i> <i>+Gloria Pongasi</i>
<i>Thurs., Dec. 12</i> 7am	<i>+RV Pasua</i> <i>+William Desmarais</i> <i>+Laticia Timmons-Desmarais</i>
<i>Fri., Dec. 13</i> 7am	<i>Dorna Magsayo (Birthday Blessings)</i> <i>Jimlord Arucan Family (Thanksgiving)</i>



## OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9am - 5pm  
Saturday, Sunday, Holidays: Closed

## MEET OUR STAFF

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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)

Sunday - November 10, 2024  
Class: Fri., November 8, 2024  
Must register with the parish office.

**WEDDINGS** - Schedule with parish office six months ahead.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** "Our mission as good stewards of St. Elizabeth Parish in Aiea, a Roman Catholic faith community in the Diocese of Honolulu, is to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by protecting and supporting the sanctity of human life, being committed to ongoing faith formation and evangelization, and the steadfast devotion to the Sacraments of the Church."