

Sunday Bulletin

# St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish

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December 15, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Father's Message



## Be Joyful and Happy In The Lord

Aloha! I pray that you and your family are enjoying good health and happiness every day. Now we enter the Third Sunday of Advent, popularly known as "*Gaudete Sunday*." The term *Gaudete* simply means "to rejoice." This Advent, we are preparing to live a new experience of love and faith in God.

As we come closer to the feast of Christmas, the church encourages us to rejoice because God is about to fulfill his promise to us. However, this does not mean we have come to the end of our preparation this season of Advent.

Instead, it is a way of urging us to be more focused and courageous. It is also a way of assuring us that our preparations shall soon be rewarded. This Sunday, all our readings exalt us to be happy, and joyful as we wait for the Lord's coming.

In the Gospel, after preaching the good news of repentance, John the Baptist provoked a great yearning for change in his listeners. We must ask the same question that the people asked John the Baptist: "What must we do?" This was the same question of the people to Peter after his preaching on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:39-41).

For our joy to be complete this season we must be charitable, forgiving, just, and be modest in our actions. Also, we must seek reconciliation and live in peace with one another. Above all, we must shun all acts that can make life difficult for others.

Finally, we need patience and constancy in prayer. These are very important spiritual virtues. These will lead us to sanctity and the fullness of joy.

Have a blessed week. God bless you and your family. I am praying for you.

With love and prayers,  
**Father Sebastian Gossai**  
Pastor





**Calendar of Events**

**DECEMBER 16-22, 2024**

**16th - MONDAY**  
 5:00 AM Misa de Gallo  
 7:00 AM MASS  
 3:30-5 PM Hula (Teens) - Hall  
 5:00 PM Bible Study (Sr. Stella) - Room 8  
 6:00 PM CMF Holy Hour/Fellowship Follows - Church/Room 1-2

**17th - TUESDAY**  
 5:00 AM Misa de Gallo  
 7:00 AM MASS  
 3:00 PM Hula (Beg/Int) - Hall  
 6:30 PM Rosary - Church  
 6:30 PM Parish Council Mtg - Room 1-2

**18th - WEDNESDAY**  
 5:00 AM Misa de Gallo  
 7:00 AM MASS  
 8:15 AM SE School Rosary  
 10:00 AM Funeral Mass (+Josephina Nies)  
 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 (Dcn Gary/Val)-Rm 1-2

**19th - THURSDAY**  
 5:00 AM Misa de Gallo  
 7:00 AM MASS  
 4:00 PM Good Samaritan Client Christmas Gathering - Hall  
 6:00 PM Samoan Choir Practice - Room 1-2  
 6:30 PM SES Christmas Program - Campus

**20th - FRIDAY**  
 5:00 AM Misa de Gallo  
 7:00 AM MASS  
 6:30 PM Bingo Night (Hosted by SES PTC) - Hall

**21st - SATURDAY**  
 5:00 AM Misa de Gallo  
 7:00 AM MASS  
 8:30 AM RE Classes (K-5) - Parish Campus  
 5:00 PM MASS

**22nd - 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**  
 Christmas Day Mass: 2:30pm

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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

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

**Chuukese Christmas Mass**  
 2:30pm

**No 5pm Mass**

**New Year's**  
 Eve: 7am  
 Day: 9am Only

**Holy Hour Mondays**  
 Adoration & Confession

*Could you not watch one hour with me?*  
 Mark 14:37

Feb 19 Mar 18 Apr 15 May 20 Jun 17 Jul 15  
 Aug 19 Sep 16 **Oct 21** Nov 18 **Dec 16**

6:00-7:00 pm **St. Elizabeth Church**  
 99-312 Moanalua Road, Aiea

7:00-8:00 pm **Men's Fellowship**

Contact Ron Gachenauer 808-306-7502

**'Ohana in Christ**  
 THE ANNUAL APPEAL for the CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII

*We have been blessed with your generosity and extend a heartfelt thank you to all for your support of this annual appeal.*

Our Goal: \$34,000  
 To-date: \$23,160 (70% of goal)

We, the **Good Samaritan Ministry**, are ever grateful to our parish and school community for the generous donations offered for the poor and the needy. May God bless you and reward you abundantly!

**Good Samaritan**  
 MINISTRY

*"Whatsoever you do to the least of my brethren, you do unto me."*





**SUNDAY COLLECTION**  
**Dec 7-8, 2024**

<b>Total Collection .....</b>	<b>\$12,624.50</b>
Building Fund.....	\$ 70.00
Candles.....	\$ 333.00
Christmas Flower.....	\$ 830.00
Energy.....	\$ 285.00
Gift Shop.....	\$ 531.41
Good Samaritan.....	\$ 70.00
<b>Immaculate Conception .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,483.00</b>
<b>Total Other Revenue .....</b>	<b>\$ 6,602.41</b>
<b>Total Weekly Deposit.....</b>	<b>\$19,226.91</b>
<b>Donations to Other Organizations</b>	
Rel Retirement Fund.....	\$ 2,699.00

*Thank You for your Support!!*

**SECOND COLLECTION**

**TODAY**

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

*MAHALO for your generous support of the Religious Retirement Fund. This will assist our senior religious with the critical support needed for their care, meds, and daily needs.*

The Annual Parish Finance Report is on the parish website.



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



*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 continued support.*

**Edge Issue Night on Peer Pressure**

This past Sunday, we invited a friend and favorite guest speaker from St. Ann’s parish in Kaneohe, Ms. Mary-Rose Timmons. Our lesson began with “Truth or Dare” game, we had some difficulties in the beginning as the girls earned their points dancing the hula. MaryRose’s presentation had several strong messages, first recognizing positive and negative influences from their friends. And second, social influences from the media, movies, music, books/magazines



they discern right from wrong. Lastly, she encourages them to pray to our Blessed Mother Mary and to her son, Jesus everyday. God loves us and created us in his image. Our youths are reminded to live out their faith and treat others with kindness. To choose a Patron Saint that will influence their daily lives. God is our greatest influence and we look forward to seeing him in heaven someday.

*Submitted by Bernie Manoa  
Photos submitted by Ms. Ulu and Jonathan*



It's not too late to bring in those angel ornaments...As we prepare for the Christmas season, we're excited to set up a Christmas tree filled with angel ornaments donated by YOU! 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.




**The Little Bethlehem Christian Group**

*Date Change* 

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 the weekend of **January 4-5, 2025**. 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.

**READINGS THIS WEEK**



<i>Wednesday, Dec. 18</i> Jer 23:5-8 Matt 1:18-25	<i>Thursday, Dec. 19</i> Judg 13:2-7,, 24-25a Luke 1:5-25
<i>Friday, Dec. 20</i> Isa 7:10-14 Luke 1:26-38	<i>Saturday, Dec. 21</i> Song 2:8-14 or Zeph 3:14-18a Luke 1:39-45
<i>Sunday, Dec. 15</i> 3rd Sunday of Advent Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18	<i>Sunday, Dec. 22</i> 4th Sunday of Advent Mic 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45
<i>Monday, Dec. 16</i> Num 24:2-7, 15-17a Matt 21:23-27	
<i>Tuesday, Dec. 17</i> Gen 49:2, 8-10 Matt 1:1-17	

**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 - January 12, 2025**  
**Class: Fri., January 10, 2025**  
Must register with the parish office.

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

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Sat., 12/14</b> 7am	+Roberto & Antoinette Fontana +Carlina Casil Ildefonso	<b>Mon., Dec. 16</b> 5am & 7am	<b>+Andres &amp; Filomena Feliz</b> Fe & Edwin Bocoboc (45th Annive Blessings) +Victorina & Remigio Artillaga +Teresa Azul +Oscar, Marijane, Josefina, Efraino Damo +Joe Enright +Carlina Casil Ildefonso +Carlina & Sosimo Valencia
5pm	+Steve Fong +Jose & Juana Abad +Lolito Abad	<b>Tues., Dec. 17</b> 7am	+Carlina Casil Ildefonso +Silvestra Lamarca +Daisy M. N. Lum-Akana +Magdaleno "Tom" Guinto +Randolph Christopher Guinto
<b>Sun., 12/15</b> 6am	Aata Devera (Special Intention) King, Tupua & Espiritu Families +Pete Espiritu, Jr. +Carlina Casil Ildefonso +Frank & Rose King +Charles & Frankie King +Silvestra Lamarca	<b>Wed., Dec. 18</b> 5am & 7am	<b>+Arnold Ines</b> +Carlina Casil Ildefonso +Helen Ebia +Silvestra Lamarca +Rafael Mauleon +Raul Quinonez +Jaime Tolentino
8am	Linda Mones Family (Spec Int) Myrna Ramire (Good Health) Rolando & Belen San Pedro (Blessings for 60th Anniversary) +Elena Camacho (Death Anniversary) +Concepcion Tolentino	<b>Thurs., Dec. 19</b> 7am	+Carlina Casil Ildefonso +Silvestra Lamarca +Magdaleno "Tom" Guinto +Randolph Christopher Guinto
10am	Lisa Agustin (Birthday Blessings) Elena & Richard (Safe Travel) +Buena D. Lacar +Masa Niko	<b>Fri., Dec. 20</b> 7am	Patrick Ambrose (Birthday Blessings) +Shereen Decker +Carlina Casil Ildefonso +Silvestra Lamarca
12pm	In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary +Maria & Joachim +Magdaleno "Tom" Guinto +Randolph Christopher Guinto		
5pm	St. Elizabeth Parishioners		

**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."