

PARISH CALENDAR

Solemnity of Mary
Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2023

Rejoice in Christ,
the Prince of Peace!

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| Saturday, December 31 | 5:00 p.m. | Mass |
| Sunday, January 1 | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Mass (Live Stream) |
| | 5:00 p.m. | NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS |
| Monday, January 2 | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | | PARISH OFFICE CLOSED |
| | 9:30-11:00 a.m. | Food Pantry Closed |
| Tuesday, January 3 | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | | PARISH OFFICE CLOSED |
| Wednesday, January 4 | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | 9:30-11:00 a.m. | Food Pantry Closed |
| Thursday, January 5 | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| Friday, January 6 | 8:00 a.m. | Communion Service |
| Saturday, January 7 | 10:00-12 pm | Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St. |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Mass |

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Isa:60:1-6: Darkness covers the earth, and heavy clouds hang over the people. But the light has come, and the glory of the Lord shines bright.

Eph:3:2-3a, 5-6: In Christ Jesus, Gentiles and Jews are co-heirs of the family fortune and co-shares in the saving promise.

Mt:2:1-12: The magi from the east followed the star until it stopped still over the house.

We continue to Live Stream the Sunday Mass @ 9:00 a.m. @ <https://www.stritananakuli.org/livestream>

A Blessed New Year!

We begin the new year with hope. It is filled with possibility. Our calendars look empty, but they will soon be filled with activity and events. We have plans for some of them. Other events will surprise us. We realize this year will bring its measure of sorrow, but we trust it to bring its measure of joy.

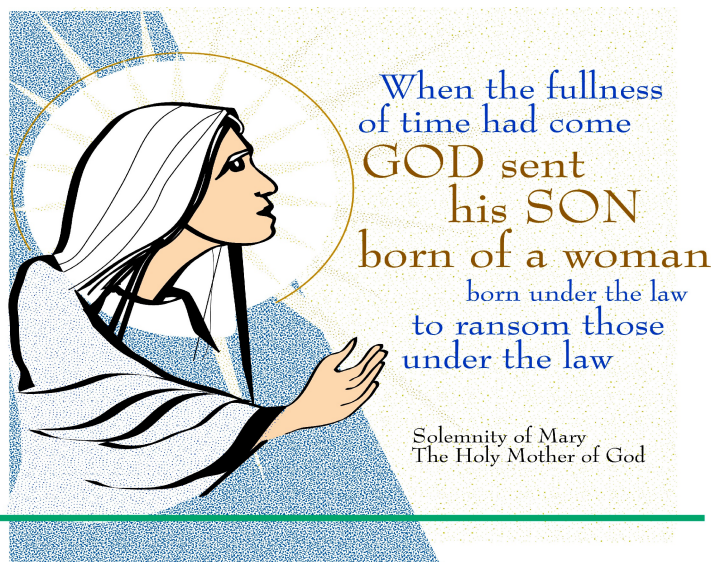
Let this day and this year be a blessing!

Today we hear the words of blessing spoken by God to Moses. "The Lord bless you and keep you!" They are words of protection. "The Lord be gracious to you!" They are words of favor. "The Lord give you peace!" They are words that wish the finest blessing, the gift of peace.

This new year, with all its promise, gives us the possibility of blessing. Perhaps you have withheld blessing from someone you know. Perhaps you especially need God's gift of peace. Perhaps you fear the absence of God's protection. Let this blessing calm your heart. Let it inspire you to breathe God's gift of peace to all you meet this day and this new year.

Let the blessing of God, first spoken to Moses, echoing throughout the ages, enter your home and warm your hearth.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY IS KALAUPAPA MONTH! Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa invites everyone to save the date for their first webinar of 2023: "Kalaupapa Month: A Time To Remember" on **Saturday, January 14, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. (Hawai'i Standard Time)**

This webinar of historical and modern-day photographs will look at how January became designated annually as Kalaupapa Month. We will talk about the people connected to the significant dates that occurred during January throughout the history of Kalaupapa -- and discuss ways each of you can observe this time to remember the people and history of Kalaupapa. There is no charge.

Information on how to register for the webinar will be sent out in early January. We look forward to you joining us! For more information, please visit: www.kalaupapaohana.org/webinars

ANNUAL RED MASS: TUESDAY, JANUARY 17TH **CATHEDRAL OF THE BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF PEACE @ 9:00 A. M.:**

The Red Mass has been a tradition since 1955 for government officials and the community to gather at the beginning of the Legislative Session to pray together. Bishop Larry Silva will be the principal celebrant and this year will feature guest speaker Robert Van Tassel, President and CEO of Catholic Charities Hawaii, on "75 years of hope that transforms, action that heals and charity that brings justice." The Red Mass will be livestreamed at <https://honolulu cathedral.org/live-stream/>

WORD OF LIFE: "O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"

WEEKLY READINGS

Jan 1 Sun: May Mother of God

Num 6:22-27; Ps:66; Gal:4:4-7; Lk:2:16-21

Jan 2 Mon: Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn:2:22-28; Ps:98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn:1:19-28

Jan 3 Tue: Christmas Weekday

1 Jn:2:29-3:6; Ps:98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn:1:29-34

Jan 4 Wed: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn:1:35-42; Ps:98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn:1:35-42

Jan 5 Thur: Saint John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn:3:11-21; Ps:100: 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn:1:43-51

Jan 6 Fri: Christmas Weekday

1 Jn:5:5-13; Ps:147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk:1:7-11 or Lk:3:23-38

Jan 7 Sat: Christmas Weekday

1 Jn:5:14-21; Ps:149:1-2, 3-4, 5 & 6a & 9b; Jn:2:1-11

Hail Mary
Mother of God
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MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



Intercede

Loving God,
you gave us your Son through Mary,
who advocates for all of humanity.
At home, Mary nurtured the Son of God.
In our homes, she protects and cares for us.
Bless all who seek Mary's help.

Through the intercession of
the Blessed Mother,
may we receive the grace to face challenges
and setbacks,
and the wisdom to recognize our blessings.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Rich Blessings



Today's readings: Numbers 6:22–27; Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8; Galatians 4:4–7; Luke 2:16–21. Today's readings are filled with blessings. In the reading from Numbers, Moses is given a blessing for the Israelites; in the refrain for the responsorial psalm, we ask God to bless us; from Galatians, we hear that we are adopted children of God; and in the Gospel, the shepherds see the infant Jesus, certainly a blessing.

It is up to us to continue to carry the blessings we have received into the world, just as the shepherds “made known the message that had been told them.” Not only can you let others know of the good news that has been passed on to

you, but you can bless others. Write down the words of the first reading: “The LORD bless you and keep you! / The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! / The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!” Use this text to bless children, friends, and relatives during this last week of the Christmas season. Parents could use the blessing in the reading from Numbers to bless a child before bedtime. Teens could use these words to conclude their weekly youth ministry gatherings. Consider other people in your life who would appreciate being blessed.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, January 2

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzen

The first reading promises eternal life. Note that “antichrist” in the reading means “against Christ.” This week, think of a way that you can be for Christ, perhaps in a conversation, at a meeting, or simply while relaxing after a festive holiday event. Go gently into the new year: begin each day with the Morning Offering prayer. Much is written about the friendship of Sts. Basil and Gregory, as evident from historical manuscripts. Each made strong theological arguments for the orthodoxy of Christianity. In prayer, ask these saints to grant you the courage to persist in your faith. *Today’s readings:* 1 John 2: 22–28; Psalm 98: 1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 1:19–28.

Tuesday, January 3

Holy Name of Jesus

The Christmas season continues with the psalmist’s joyous reminder “All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.” Perhaps as a child, you were taught to bow your head when someone spoke Jesus’ name. You will notice that this pious practice is a habit for many Catholics. Children can be taught to do this out of respect for the name of Jesus. More important to remember is to always speak Jesus’ name with love and kindness. *Today’s readings:* 1 John 2:29–3:6; Psalm 98:1, 3cd–4, 5–6; John 1:29–34.

Wednesday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

In 1975, Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton was the first native-born American to become an official saint of the Church. She was born into a wealthy family and married at age twenty. After becoming a widow, she became Catholic in 1805 and established the first free Catholic school in the United States and then founded an order of vowed religious women. *Today’s readings:* 1 John 3:7–10; Psalm 98:1, 7–8, 9; John 1:35–42.

Thursday, January 5

St. John Neumann

St. John Neumann was born in Bohemia, which had an overabundance of priests during the time he expected to be ordained. With ordinations in the country paused, he set his sights on becoming a missionary in the United States. He was ordained in New York soon after his arrival in 1836. Several years later, he joined the Redemptorist congregation of priests and dedicated his life to education and to the poor. As a bishop, he founded the first Catholic diocesan school system in the United States. *Today’s readings:* John 3:11–21; Psalm 100:1b–2, 3, 4, 5; John 1:43–51.

Friday, January 6

Family Tree

The long form of St. Luke’s Gospel today tells the genealogy of Jesus. The challenge for today is to diagram or draw Jesus’ family tree. If possible, work with a younger child on this project, helping with the pronunciation of the biblical names of Jesus’ relatives. Talk about your family and where your relatives were born. *Today’s readings:* 1 John 5:5–13; Psalm 147:12–13, 14–15, 19–20; Mark 1:7–11 or Luke 3:23–28 or Luke 3:23, 31–34, 36, 38.

Saturday, January 7

Festivities

“They have no wine,” Mary comments to Jesus, encouraging him to begin his ministry. This account in the Gospel of John portrays Jesus as reluctant to show God’s glory in this gathering of friends and family. Jesus replies to Mary, “My hour has not yet come.” Still, he instructs the waiters, “Fill the jars with water.” In your prayer today, examine whether you are holding back from doing God’s will. Is there someone trying to encourage you to use your talents for the glory of God? *Today’s readings:* John 5:14–21; Psalm 149:1–2, 3–4, 5, 6a and 9b; John 2:1–11.

