

# PARISH CALENDAR

Solemnity of Mary  
Holy Mother Of God

January 1, 2017

Rejoice in Christ,  
the Prince of Peace!

Saturday, December 31	..... 5:00 p.m.	MASS
Sunday, January 1	..... <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>MASS</b>
	..... <b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>MASS</b>
	<b>NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS</b>	
Monday, January 2	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY</b>	
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
Tuesday, January 3	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, January 4	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
Thursday, January 5	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, January 6	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
Saturday, January 7	..... 4:00-4:45 pm	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



### NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Isaiah:60:1-6: Nations shall walk by your light.**  
**Ephesians: 3:2-3a, 5-6: All are co-heirs and co-partners.**  
**Matthew:2:1-2: Jesus is made known to the powerful.**

### **Living Catholic in the 808! A Mother's Love**

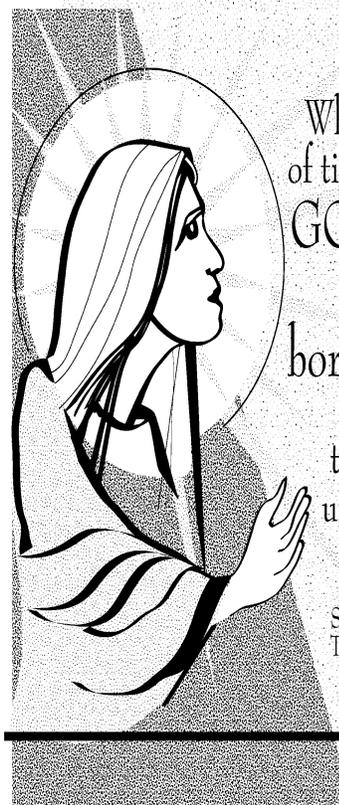
*(How does a parent survive the unthinkable? Breanna Fujimoto, the beautiful daughter of Edwina Fujimoto was fatally injured in an automobile accident last September. In the midst of her great sorrow, Edwina offers us her reflection on our Blessed Mother.)*

***“Mary, Mother of God, was told a sword will pierce her heart and I think about how she had to watch her son be scourged, ridiculed throughout the streets carrying his cross and then crucified...and I think of the pain in my heart...nothing compared to hers. That sword must have stabbed, twisted, shaken, pulled out and stabbed again.***

***The pain in the hearts of moms and dads when they lose a child just doesn't go away -- at least this is what other moms and dads have shared. I don't like it but I don't want to lose it either. My pain is like nothing I've ever felt before and I've lost loved ones.***

***God would never hurt us so deeply if for nothing. Mary hurt, but without her sorrow we would not have our salvation. I am thankful to have been blessed with Breanna for 21 year; the pain is worth it. The love and joy she filled me with is more than I can measure, even greater joy than the heart-wrenching pain I feel now.”***

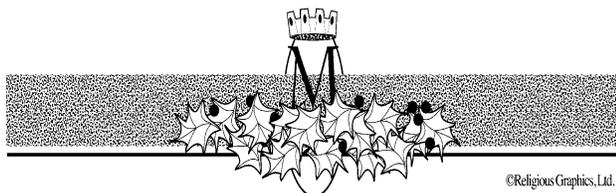
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When the fullness  
of time had come  
**GOD** sent  
his **SON**  
born of a woman  
born under the law  
to ransom those  
under the law

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** If you know a husband and wife who have been married for long, long time, please consider nominating them for the Hawaii's Longest Married Couple recognition from Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Nominations are due on January 10, 2017, to Jose and Mary Elizabeth Alvior at (808)391-2045 or e-mail: [jluvsme@gmail.com](mailto:jluvsme@gmail.com).

**POVERTY AWARENESS:** January is Poverty Awareness Month in America; Today, on the World Day of Peace, Pope Francis calls us to reflect on the theme "Non-Violence: A Style of Politics for Peace." (Jan 2 - 43 million people live in poverty in the United States. Make two commitments this month to help address poverty in your community)

**"MAKING ALL THINGS NEW" " STEWARDSHIP AND NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS: Stewardship of Prayer:** Resolve to strengthen your relationship with the Lord, Notice how often you pray and what hinders you from praying. Commit to short, daily prayer times. **Stewardship of Family:** Resolve to set aside more time to stay connected with your family. Eat dinner together, schedule regular dates with your spouse, plan family outing, and go to Mass together.. (International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin)

**WORD OF LIFE:** "Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. . . . Your support might be the only support she receives. Even if we never know how, the smallest things we do can change someone's life." –"10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting" USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities ([www.goo.gl/e60H2Z](http://www.goo.gl/e60H2Z))

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Jan 1 Sun: Mary Mother of God**

Num:6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal:4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Jan 2 Mon: 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: Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious**

1 Jn:3:7-10; Ps: 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn:1:35-42

**Jan 5 Thur: John Neuman, bishop**

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

**Jan 6 Fri: Christmas Weekday**

1 Jn: 5:1; Ps:147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11

**Jan 7 Sat: Christmas Weekday**

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

## SO MUCH LOVE

Today, like my dad, my aunt, and my uncle, we come before God to ask for blessings upon this new year. We do this not only for ourselves, but for our families and for a world in dire need of blessing. We, like the shepherds, make haste to visit the Lord, made present in our churches through the celebration of word and sacrament. Saint Paul reminds us today that when the Spirit of the Lord Jesus was sent into our hearts we became God's children. This is a great way to begin this new year, reveling in the fact that we are the adopted children of a loving God. We also have a loving mother in the Blessed Virgin Mary, who, as she did with the events surrounding her Son's birth, reflects on our own lives in her heart. Let us drink of the comfort and blessing that are God's free gifts as this new year unfolds.

Hail Mary  
Mother of God

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## NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

The encounter between God and Moses in today's first reading is awe-inspiring. God bestows three blessings upon Moses and directs him to extend those blessing to others: The Lord blesses you and keeps you. The Lord lets his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord looks upon you kindly and gives you peace. Good stewards realize these blessings are showered upon them in a unique and special way each time they receive the Eucharist, and exercising good stewardship of the Lord's blessings in this sacrament begins by receiving these gifts with profound gratitude. Perhaps it would be a good idea this week to memorize these marvelous blessings and repeat them to your self frequently. Make them part of your morning prayer each day. (International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin)

## A STRANGE BLESSING

When I was growing up there was a custom that my dad's family observed on New Year's Day. Each of the three children in his family would kneel before my grandfather and ask for his blessing for the year. I remember as a little child watching my big strong father kneel before his own father and bow his head. My grandfather, of French-Canadian descent, would say a prayer in French and touch the head of each of his children in a gesture of blessing. This all seemed so strange and wonderful to me. The only catch was that the last of three to ask for the blessing had to suck on a dirty wet rag as a kind of punishment for being the last to ask for the blessing. As I now reflect back on this strange custom, it dawns on me that this little punishment was a signal that this blessing was not to be taken lightly.



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