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December 27, 2009

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Feast of the Holy Family

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The Feast of the Holy Family is also the feast of all families. Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family. We all have families. We are all called to be holy. More to the point, we are all God's children. We can all become more of a family whether we're married, single, parent or child.

The Octave of Christmas

December 25 – January 1

Because of the importance of *Christmas*, the Church extends the celebration of this solemnity to cover a period of eight days. This period is an octave, a term which comes from the Latin *octavus*, which means "eighth." Therefore, Christmas Day and the seven days that follow are part of the Octave of Christmas.

Traditionally, we celebrate the *Epiphany of the Lord* on the second Sunday after Christmas. This year,

Epiphany falls on **Sunday, January 3rd**, it is the manifestation of Jesus as the Messiah of Israel, the Son of God, and the Savior of the world. The visit of the wise men from the East who come to pay homage to Jesus illustrates this universality. The New Testament reading addresses the call of all people to salvation.

On **Sunday, January 10th**, we celebrate the *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*, thus ending the season of Christmas.

Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Feast of The Holy Family



Today's Reflection:

The full context of this story about Jesus staying at the Temple in Jerusalem suggests the virtue of courtesy, taking account of others' feelings. Courtesy is the love of neighbor applied to everyday life. For three days Jesus teaches, astounding all. He is obeying his Father. When Mary and Joseph fail to understand, he takes into account their feelings and obediently returns with them to Nazareth. Mary ponders her glimpse of God's courtesy to those seeking Him in the temple, which later takes the form of inviting all into the kingdom of Heaven.

What opportunities can you find for showing courtesy and loving family and neighbor in daily life?

Next Sunday's Reading – January 3, 2010

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

This passage is in the so-called "Third Isaiah" (chapters 56-60). It discusses ritual, Sabbath, and the Torah. Chapters 60-62 stand out with their optimism. Many scholars say these chapters are from fifth century B.C. when the zeal of the returned exiles has declined. They live under a foreign power and rebuilding the Temple and city is tedious. They need a pep talk. In such a dark world a light will shine. The light of the Lord among his people will show the way. With the rising of the people, renewed reputation and wealth will come.

These optimistic verses have messianic overtones for they speak of an idyllic time in the future. Matthew in his Gospel uses these verses in writing about the arrival of the Magi who see the glory of the Lord rise in Judea. This passage challenges us to look beyond the tedium and the mundane and see what the Lord is doing, to see His glory shine.

How can you help others to know the glory of the Lord?

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

At the time of this letter, Ephesus is a major seaport on the west coast of Asia Minor and controlled by the Romans. Chapter 3 focuses upon Paul's role as the herald for God's revelation. God reveals a divine mystery of his plan of salvation to Paul and gives him a mission to share that mystery with others. He then shares with others his mission to evangelize. The power that drives these apostles and Christian prophets is God's very Spirit. As a result, Gentiles share in the promises of God to the Jews. They sit as equals at the table of the Lord and share the same hope in the coming of the Messiah. The Good News is the means for faith.

Like St. Paul, our words and actions present the face of Christ to others. They reveal God's activity in the world. They invite others to join us in the Christian life.

How will your words and actions present Christ to others this week?

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The feast of Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Christ to the pagan nations. It acknowledges Israel's place as God's chosen people and the source of God's revelation. The Magi come to seek the newly born King who will be a light to the nations. Their encounter foreshadows the evangelization success Christianity will have among pagan people who hunger for God's truth. In this feast we rejoice in the worship of the first seekers and honor God's people who have given us Jesus, our Lord.

Let us remember God calls us, just as He does the Magi, from the surface of our daily living to seek Him. As we grow in understanding, we will give our hearts, minds and lives to our Lord.

How has God kept you on track in your search for Him?

www.word-sunday.com -Larry Broding, 1999 - 2009
World Library Publications, Jerry Galipeau, AUG -NOV 2009

Please pray for:

Our Deployed Military Personnel: Joey Adams, Michael Alau, Michael Bennett, Scott Bode, Kale Akui Cabanilla, Heather Charecky, David Clemons, Brian Patrick Emerson, Rachel V. Fire, Donald Froning, Christopher Frost, Blake Homer, Matthew Ingold, Brandon W. Josue, Justin Kaihenui, William King, Steven P. Middlecamp, Joseph O'Brien III, Jacob A. Wruck

Please continue to pray for all our military and their families and help us be current in our listing by letting us know when they return.

Our Sick members and friends: Cecilia Akim, Arthur "Alex" Alexander, Josanne Arriaga, Judy Cabe, George Calizar, Ella Chai, Kuuipo Chai, Lowell Carreiro, Dolly Creighton, Margaret Ferreira, Watkins Fugate, Betty Funayama, Judy & Tom Giacobello, Sean Groeneveld, Tom Hinderleider, Ignatius Hipa, Norman Inouye, Mildred Ishimoto, Norma Ishimoto, Caitlyn Mapanao, George McCumber Sr., Moana Medeiros, Steve Moniz, Leonard Olivera, Fr. Joseph Priestly, Marie Pukini, Annette Rinnell, Lei & Daryl Jean Salima, Joe Santos, Andres Saplad, Bill Sarino, Jr., Vickie Solidum, Judi Spencer, Rosemary Tin, Chris Treacle, Bernard Vierra

Our Deceased members & friends: Joseph & Margaret Carreira, Speckman Chang, Thomas Chang, Sr., Bryan Costa, Ezekiel Estocado, Minoru Inouye, Cheryl Kam, Carl & Helen Langben, Robert Ledward, Alice Mateo, Cleghorn McKee, Charla Jane Reeves-McGuire, Rev. Anthony V. Rodrigues, Glenn Saito, Fred Siders, Agnes Simao, William & Olive Simao, Adeline Spinola, Stanley Souza, Tammy Souza, Valentine O. Wong, Jr., Robert H.N. Yee

Anniversary of Death: Antholy C. Yusi (13th), Judy Mello (18th), Waldemar F. Christian (31st)

Special Intentions: John Akana, Tilly & Manuel DeMello, Lanny Fong, Ekolu Miller, Francis Mundon, Halas Ohana, Zayeon Pasion, Ella Streckow, Tejada Family, Bill Trammell



Cleaners: Week of 12/20/2009

Jerry Abalos, Daisy Lum-Akana, Don Barton, Bill Clark, Billie Corpuz, Maleko Fagasa, Suzann Filleul, Nancy Fukushima, Don Hee, Ed McInerny, Angela Jocson, Barbara Kaina, John & Betty Kaniaupio, Frank & Carmen Kiyabu, Agnes Leong, Raynette & Jake Lum, Aileen & Judy Ma, Sylvia & Sarah Makainai, Matt & Kim McDaniel, Ronald & Juanita Mills, Nani, John Quisano, Bill & Arlene Rodenhurst, Curly Rodrigues, Gary Sakamoto, Celia Simon, Robert Tabaniag, Roy & Thuy Tachino, Carl Wild, Brian & Eloise Yano, Bev & Patrick Yearian

Floral Donations: Susie Hipolito & St. Ann's Gardens

Advent Wreath: Mervin & Renae Chun

Income Tax Reporting for 2009 Contributions

Rule #1: The General Rule.

The income tax regulations specify, "ordinarily, a contribution is made at the time delivery is effected. The unconditional delivery or mailing of a check, which subsequently clears in due course will constitute an effective contribution on the date of delivery or mailing." According to this language, a check dated December 31, 2009, but physically delivered in January 2010 is deductible only on the donor's 2010 federal tax return. This is so even though a donor backdates a check to read "December 31, 2009" during church services conducted in January 2010, or in fact completed and dated the check on December 31, 2009, but deposited it on or after January 1, 2010.

Rule #2: The Exception.

The only exception to the general rule is a check that is dated and mailed (and postmarked) in December 2009. The fact that the church does not receive or cash the check until January 2010 does not prevent the donor from deducting it on his or her 2009 federal tax return. These rules are summarized in the following table.

Contribution Guidelines

Type of Contribution	Reports as a 2009 Contribution	Reports as a 2010 Contribution
Checks written in 12/09 & deposited in church offering in 1/10		X
Checks written & deposited in church offering in 1/10 but "back-dated" to 12/09		X
Checks written & deposited in church offering in 12/09 but "post-dated" to 1/10		X
Checks written in 12/09 & deposited in the mail & post-marked in 12/09 but not received by the church until 1/10	X	
Checks written in 12/09 & deposited in the mail in 12/09 but not post-marked until 1/10, & not received by the church until 1/10		X

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration is an act of love to God. It is a quiet, reflective time of personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Due to the New Year Holiday, there is a schedule change.

Adoration will be on Friday, January 1, 2010 from 7:30A to 9:30A in the Queen of Peace Chapel.



Mary, Mother of God - January 1, 2010

Friday 8:00A Mass

We base *Mary's Divine motherhood* on the teaching of the Gospels, on the writings of the Fathers, and on the express definition of the Church. Jesus is the Word made flesh (John 1:15.) As Mary is truly the mother of Jesus, and as Jesus is truly God from



the first moment of His conception, Mary is truly the Mother of God. The teaching of the Council of Ephesus proclaims Mary to be *Theotokos*, God-bearer, the one who gives birth to God. www.newadvent.org

Christmas Mahalo!

We the priests, Fathers Herman, Benny & John and Deacon Billy, thank all of you who remembered us personally with special gifts this Christmas. We appreciate your care, generosity and thoughtfulness. May God continue to bless you.

United In Christ,

Rev. Herman Gomes, ss. cc.

John Keenan, ss. cc.

Benny

Advent & Christmas Mahalo!

Many thanks to all who helped to make Advent & Christmas a prayerful and peace-filled experience.

CELEBRANTS

Fr. Herman Gomes, ss.cc.
Fr. Benny Kosasih, ss.cc.
Fr. John Keenan, s.s.s.
Deacon Billy Whitfield

ALTAR SERVERS

Michelle McLaren

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIANS

John Kaniaupio

CHURCH DECORATORS

Sharon Mattos
Kenny Parker
And their MANY ELVES

ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS

Mervin & Renae Chun
Nancy Fukushima
Frank & Carmen Kiyabu
John Murray

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Julie Freeman
Nettie Lou Peiler

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

Rodney Kato
Linda Ross

LECTORS

Elizabeth Lau
Berna Yim

MUSIC MINISTERS

Noel Jaderstrom
Jim Hoban
Bill & Pat Pimental
Leslie & Lindsey Tolentino
Adult & Children's Choirs
Cantors & Musicians

A Special Thanks

- *To the men at the 5:00P Mass who moved the sanctuary furnishings in preparation for the School & ELC Christmas program.*
- *To all who so generously gave their time and energy to clean and polish our worship space in preparation for Christmas.*
- *To those who were behind-the-scenes providing assistance whenever needed.*

Stewardship

Ask How to Help

St. Ann's Knights of Columbus indeed fulfill their mission to be involved in the community and to support the local Catholic Church. They approached Father Herman recently, asking for service projects St. Ann's Church/schools might need.

In short order, they cleaned and refurbished the entrance area of the church. Father Herman provided the painting supplies and they did the job. Then, they had a booth at the Christmas Festival, making and selling Deacon Billy's Portuguese beef stew, helping to make our festival a success. The following week they had their first annual car wash, again donating their profits.

Earlier in the year they learned the church could use a sound mixer and purchased one, which primarily accommodates the 8:45 AM musicians and youth masses. The sound quality is now much easier to manage for our musicians. Additionally, every year they sell chicken, donating the proceeds to the Pearson Problem Pregnancy Center.

They sent us an e-mail thanking all of us for supporting their efforts—and we are thanking them for their commitment and service. They are a model of stewardship for us all. They always welcome new members who are also asking "How Can I Help?"



Knights get ready to serve up some of Deacon Billy's Portuguese beef stew at this year's Christmas Festival, "yum!" – SA Photo 2009

Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life. Here at St. Ann's, the Knights of Columbus meet each month on the first and third Thursdays at the Parish Center at 7:00PM.

For more information, please call Grand Knight, Jim Lotko at 262-0066 or Loren Rocheford at 235-2367. Visit their website at: www.kofc.org

FINANCIAL PROFILE FOR WEEK OF December 20, 2009

Regular Collection	20,082.97
Special Collection	
Children's Weekly	58.78
TOTAL COLLECTION	20,141.75

Gift-wrap your Sunday donation by using the church numbered envelopes. For more information, please call the Rectory at 247-3092, ext.244

How Do I Share God's Gifts With Others?

I helped a lady pick up her things when she dropped them. – Emma I.

I helped decorate the Christmas tree. – Taylor S.

I helped my mom feed the pets. – Laynee S.

I gave a meal ticket to my friend for lunch. – Keila M.

St. Ann's 5th Annual Scholarship Dinner



Tables are already available for purchase, especially if you are interested in a tax deduction for this year. Tables may be purchased at the \$1,250 level (Diamond), \$3000 level (Ruby), or \$5,000 level (Platinum). Individual tickets are \$125. 50% of this amount is tax deductible. Some are joining other alumnae, friends and/or family to purchase tables together.

Each year this event gets bigger and better and we'd love for you to be a part of the excitement. A favorite event of the evening is our Silent Auction. This year promises to be spectacular!

Our theme, *An Affair of the Heart*, is appropriate as we join together to support St. Ann's Model Schools, making Catholic Education a reality for all children. **Mark your 2010 calendars for:**

Saturday, February 6, 2010 - Ko'olau Golf Club

5:30P – Silent Auction

6:30P – Dinner & Dance

For reservations or more information, please call 247-3092, ext. 221.

2010 Envelopes Ready for Pick Up

Just a reminder for our envelope users, your 2010 envelope box is ready for pick up. If you are not currently registered for the envelope program and would like to participate, please call the Business Office at 247-3092 ext. 248. If you are new to our parish, please complete and return the church registration form and mark the box "send us envelopes."

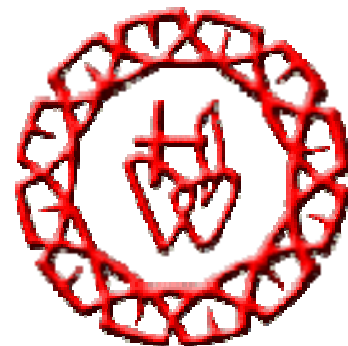
Stewardship Envelopes for Children

Parents, we encourage you to teach your children about stewardship—giving of one's time, treasure, and talent to serve God and His people. Please consider ordering envelopes for your child/teen for the 2010 year. To sign up, contact the Religious Education Office at 247-3092 ext. 225.

Position Available

St. Ann's Early Learning Center is looking for a long-term, full-time substitute Teacher's Aide beginning in January. Experience is preferred. Must meet Department of Human Services (DHS) requirements. For more information and/or to apply, please call 247-3092, ext. 250

*We dedicate this year of service and good works
to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.*



**To the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and
Mary, Honor and Glory!**