



### THOUGHTS ON GIVING

*"It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on watch." Mark 13:34*

God has left us as His servants in charge here on earth. Each of us has our own special work that we can do for God. If we do not do it, who will?

Taken from <http://www.archstl.org/stewardship>

**NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
 1st Reading: *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*  
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14  
 2nd Reading: *2 Peter 3:8-14*  
 Gospel Reading: **Mark 1:1-8**

**Stewardship**

**Upcoming Events**  
**December 1-7, 2008**

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**  
**For the Weekend of November 22/23, 2008**  
*You can gift wrap your tithe in a personalized envelope!*  
*Please contact our secretary at the Parish Office for your envelopes.*

Tithe:	\$11,573.74
Others:	1,751.50
Candle:	353.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development:	2,546.80
Capuchin Donation:	30.00
Money Leaving Parish:	(2,576.80)
<b>Total Parish Income:</b>	<b>\$13,678.24</b>

**Monday, December 1, 2008**

6:30 AM	Daily Mass—Church
9:30 AM-1:00 PM	Funeral—Charles Vierra—Church
10:00 AM	Pearl City Nursing Home Mass—Offsite
7:00 PM	Baptism Class—Youth Room
8:00-10:00 PM	CPREP—Youth Room

**Tuesday, December 2, 2008**

6:30 AM	Daily Mass—Church
6:30-7:30 PM	Tai Chi Class—Carport
6:30-8:30 PM	Drum Classes—Meeting Room #2
6:30-8:30 PM	Youth Bible Study—Youth Room
7:00-9:00 PM	Neocatechumenal—OLGC School

**Wednesday, December 3, 2008, St. Francis Xavier**

6:30 AM	Daily Mass—Church
8:00 AM	Epic Ohana Conferencing—Meeting Room #1
6:30-9:00 PM	MBCB Board Meeting—Parish Center
6:30-9:00 PM	Charismatic Prayer Group—Church

**Thursday, December 4, 2008, St. John Damascene**

6:30 AM	Daily Mass—Church
8:15 AM	School Mass—Church
9:30-10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study—Youth Room
10:30 AM-12:00 PM	Senior Social—Youth Room
6:00-7:30 PM	Blessed Mother's Prayer Group—Church
6:00-9:00 PM	Cub Scouts—Parish Center/OLGC School
6:30-7:30 PM	Tai Chi Class—Carport

**Friday, December 5, 2008**

6:30 AM	Daily Mass—Church
10:45 AM	School Rosary—Church
7:00-9:00 PM	Samoan Choir—Church
7:30-9:30 PM	Reflections Choir—Youth Room

**Saturday, December 6, 2008, St. Nicholas**

7:00 AM	Samoan Choir—Church
3:00-5:00 PM	A.R.M.S. of God—Youth Room
4:00-5:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation—Church
5:30 PM	Saturday Vigil Mass—Church
6:00 PM	On Fire!—Offsite

**Sunday, December 7, 2008, 2nd Sunday of Advent**

6:30 AM	Sunday Mass—Church
8:30 AM	Sunday Mass—Church
8:30-11:00 AM	RCIA—Church/Parish Center
9:45-10:45 AM	Sunday School—OLGC School
11:00 AM	Sunday Mass—Church
1:30-3:00 PM	Samoan Community Meeting—Parish Center
3:30-4:45 PM	Confirmation I—Parish Center
5:30 PM	Confirmation II—Youth Room
	Sunday Mass—Church

**November 22/23, 2008**  
*Building Fund*

*Please consider prayerfully in donating to our Building Fund. We need everyone's help in order to have our new facilities. There are Building Fund envelopes located at various areas around the Church, as well as the Parish Office. For any inquiries, please contact our parish office.*

PLEDGES AND DONATIONS					
Gift	Donors	Gift	Donors	Gift	Donors
\$1.00	1	20.00	4	65.25	1
2.00	2	25.00	4	100.00	8
5.00	5	30.00	9	185.00	1
8.00	1	40.00	2	450.00	1
10.00	2	50.00	8	550.00	1
15.00	1	58.00	1		
<b>Total:</b>					<b>\$3,111.25</b>

**BUILDING FUND FUNDRAISERS**

Cook Books:	\$12.00
Entertainment Books:	30.00

**2 NEW PLEDGES**

## *From the Desk of Fr. Pascual Abaya IV*

### ADVENT SEASON

We are once again in the Season of Advent. A season set for us to start anew in our praise and worship. It is a time to reflect and prepare ourselves for Christmas when our Lord was born into this world. It is also a time to prepare ourselves for his second coming as we continue to express our faith, Christ has died, Christ is risen and Christ will come again. We prepare this event in the spirit of joyful expectation until we meet Christ when that day and time comes. We express it in the words, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Let us remember that Advent is not Christmas. Even though we see Christmas decors around us and hear songs for the holidays, it is not yet Christmas. We oftentimes get too excited to think of Christmas but we can only feel and know the meaning of the celebration if we take the journey. We prepare for the celebration. In our liturgical celebrations, we listen to God's word. In our daily lives, we do good works. In that way, we have a better preparation of what we are expecting to celebrate.

We reflect deeply what would be the best gift that we can offer to the Lord on Christmas Day. It will eventually make us aware what we really need to do in this life with our families, our lives and work so that when Christ will come again, we are prepared to share his gift of everlasting life. We then cry out with gladness in our hearts, "Come, Lord Jesus Come".

### DECEMBER PARISH ACTIVITIES

Reserve the dates to accommodate these schedules.

**December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.** It is a **holy day of obligation**. Masses will be celebrated at **6:30 A.M., 8:15 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.**

**December 9, Parish Advent Penance Service at 7:00 P.M.**

**December 16-24, the Misa de Gallo.** Masses will be celebrated at **5:30 A.M.**

**December 24, Christmas Eve Masses at 5:30 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.**

**December 25, Christmas Masses at 12:00 A.M., 6:30 A.M., 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.**

## *Eternity's Clock and Crown*



What is this Advent wreath whose four candles help us mark the passing of the weeks before Christmas? It is eternity's clock—a circle that says "In our ending is our beginning." It is the wheel of time—a circle of evergreen branches—cut and left to wither—revealing that death and life are both of a piece. It is also a crown, the victor's laurel garland, the sign that the race is done, the prize won. It is the crown of us as a people, a chosen race, a royal priesthood. It is the crown of each of us as individuals—baptized individuals (all of a piece) whose heads were smeared with that royal oil, chrism. We are marked for eternity. With four candles lit, the Advent wreath is the fiery crown that we give to Christ the King, the Savior who returns in the growing gloom to gather us into our eternal home, the new and heavenly Jerusalem.

***Outreach Ministry***  
***A Time to Share Our Blessings***

**OUR CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

Our Christmas Giving Tree is up and decorated with pink (for girls) and blue (for boys) ribbons. Each card bears the name of a child and his or her Christmas wish. There is a Christmas Wish #1 and a Christmas Wish #2. If Christmas Wish #1 is difficult to find perhaps you may be able to fill Christmas Wish #2.



This year you will find a few **gold** ribbons for some “seasoned citizens” in need of a small gift.

There is a book on the chair next to the Christmas tree. Please sign your name and telephone number in the book next to the number that correspond to the number on the card you select. The deadline for delivery of all the gifts to the Parish Center for all children is **December 17** because we will give gifts out on December 22.

Let us be sure that each child will awaken on Christmas morning with a gift and the joy of Christmas to celebrate our Saviour’s birth!

Last year we opened our hearts to the children. Let us do so again in the love of our blessed Lord.

***Announcements***

**NURSING HOME MASS**

We would like to remind all Nursing Home Volunteers to please be at the Pearl City Nursing Home at **9:30 AM**. Thank you for contributing your time and talent and God Bless!

**A FRIENDLY REMINDER**

As we begin a new liturgical year, please take care of the new Breaking Bread Books. Let us also do our part as responsible stewards in fixing up the hymnals neatly for the next Mass. Mahalo for your cooperation.

***Mass Intentions***

Mass intentions that you wish to offer for the upcoming weekday and weekend Masses should be called in by **Monday 4:00 PM** in order for your Mass Intentions to be printed in the bulletin.

**Saturday, November 29, 1st Sunday of Advent**

**5:30 PM:** Birthday blessings for Brittney Cabico, Healing for Leticia Moody, +George, Faustino & Rosalina Respicio, All Souls

**Sunday, November 30, 1st Sunday of Advent**

**6:30 AM:** Recovery of Roselyn Ferreira, Birthday blessings for Edward Aranaydo and for Demetria Gallarde, For the Aranaydo, Banaay, & Roylo families both living and deceased, +May Chun, +Sandy Kodama, All Souls

**8:30 AM:** Thanksgiving & blessings for Renato & Maria Etrata, and for Harry Ramos, +Marta Calma, All Souls

**11:00 AM:** Healing for Edgar Luna, +Emanuel Evans Newton, +Cloriana Ramos-Anosa, All Souls

**5:30 PM:** Good health and safety for Aidan & Andie Shimizu, +Flora Arrouna Agpaoa, +Rose Yap & Family, All Souls

**Monday, December 1**

**6:30 AM:**

**Tuesday, December 2**

**6:30 AM:**

**Wednesday, December 3, St. Francis Xavier**

**6:30 AM:**

**Thursday, December 4, St. John Damascene**

**6:30 AM:** +Sandy Kodama

**8:15 AM:**

**Friday, December 5**

**6:30 AM:**

***Death Anniversaries***

**November 30**

Ernest Souza 1973  
Larry Bolevar 1995

**December 1**

Theresa Chong Moniz 1966  
Theodore Baumann 1969

Victorina Ventura 1975  
Rene Renfrow 1983

Jennifer Nicole Stender 1987  
Antonio Palaroan Sr. 2002

Aurelio Tumacder 2002

**December 2**  
Adam James Moniz 1977  
Shirley Marie Silva 1979

Elsie Medeiros 1981  
Stanley Sojot 1996

Judith Miguel 1999  
Conchita Socalit 2006

**December 3**  
Enos Fernandez Jr. 1979  
Shirley Ramirez 2002

Ellen Liau Carroll 2006  
Gimena Pascua 2007

**December 4**

Jason Imanil 1984  
Francisco Gedorio 1996

Webster Paulo 1999  
Paul Miller 2000

**December 5**

Jacob Watanabe 1965  
Marla Kantner 1967

Kenneth Sato 1973  
Guillermo Valdez 1997

Taliloa Fuata 2006

**December 6**  
Luis Dulay 1969  
Alfredo Daguio 1999



## *Around the Diocese...*

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT PARISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Lisa Gomes, *Safe Environment Coordinator*

#### **Did You Know?**

#### **Five Ways to Help Prevent Child Abuse**

1. **Be a nurturing parent.** *Children need to know that they are special, loved and capable of following their dreams.*
2. **Help a friend, neighbor or relative.** *Being a parent isn't easy. Offer a helping hand—take care of the children, so the parent(s) can rest or spend time together.*
3. **Help yourself.** *When the big and little problems of your everyday life pile up to the point you feel overwhelmed and out of control—take time out. Don't take it out on your kid.*
4. **If your baby cries...***If can be frustrating to hear your baby cry. Learn what to do if your baby won't stop crying. Never shake a baby—shaking a child may result in severe injury or death*
5. **Get involved.** *Ask your community leaders, clergy, library and schools to develop services to meet the needs of healthy children and families.*

Source: Prevent Child Abuse America, [www.preventchildabuse.org](http://www.preventchildabuse.org)

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#### **FROM BISHOP LARRY SILVA**

I have received reports in recent months that certain clergy are representing themselves as Catholic and are offering their services for weddings, blessings, and other ceremonies. They belong to the Celtic Catholic Church, the Old Catholic Church or some other group that uses the name Catholic in its title. They have nothing whatsoever to do with the Roman Catholic Church and do not validly act in its name. If you have any doubt about the legitimacy of a clergyman, please call the Office of Clergy.

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