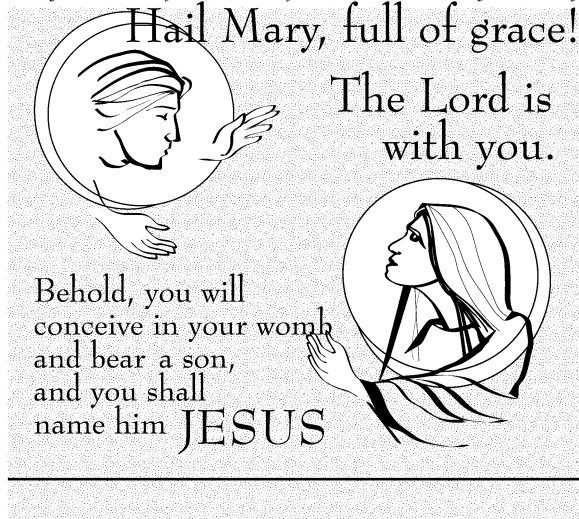


**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2017**

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth to a virgin named Mary



Reflection on the Scriptures

"I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance." —2 Samuel 7:10
The Lord promised David rest from his enemies (2 Samuel 7:11). This promise of peace was surprising since violence was David's "claim to fame" (see 1 Samuel 18:7). From cutting off Goliath's head to setting up Uriah's murder, David lived an extremely violent life. People must have laughed when they heard David was promised peace. Nevertheless, the promise at first seemed fulfilled because David's son Solomon (Solomon means "peace") had a peaceful reign. Yet David's grandson Rehoboam started a civil war. One war led to more wars. Israel had no peace. It seemed as if God's promise of peace to David's house was not kept.

After almost a thousand years, the archangel Gabriel announced to Mary: "You shall conceive and bear a Son and give Him the name Jesus. Great will be His dignity and He will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of David His father" (Luke 1:31-32). When this Child was born on the first Christmas, the angels sang: "Glory to God in high heaven, peace on earth" (Luke 2:14). It seemed as if God's ancient promise of peace was finally fulfilled, for Jesus talked about loving enemies, turning the other cheek, making peace (Mt 5:9, 39, 44) and giving peace (John 14:27). However, we eventually killed Jesus, our Peace (Ephesians 2:14), and continue warring to the present day.

God's promise of peace to David's house has been fulfilled in Jesus. All who live totally for Jesus have peace beyond understanding (Philippians 4:7). This peace is not something imposed on us, but Someone proposing to us. Accept Jesus our Peace.

Reflection by Presentation Ministries

Next Sunday's Readings

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 105:1-6, 8-9
 Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
 Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sat., 5:00 am +Victoria Carlos
 5:15 pm +Arthur Reinhold
 Sun., 5:00 am
 7:30 am +Jose Espano
 9:30 am Pro Populo
 Mon., Midnight +Mel Europa
 +Maria Baguio
 8:00 am
 10:00 am
 Tue., 5:00 am
 Wed., 5:00 am +All Souls
 Thu., 5:00 am +Keali'i Auwae-Takasugi
 Marvin & Joyce Uehara,
 Anniversary
 Fri., 5:00 am

Remember in Prayer

Purisima Agbanglo	Ashley Nawahine
Lawrence Alejado	Eufrosina Olaso
Benjamin Alonzo	Geoffrey Padilla
Char Ancheta	Gloria R. Padilla
Aiden Ancheta	Grant Padilla
Anna Buenventura	Sky Racoma
Marty Burke	Patricia Ramos
Gilbert Ching	Earl Santimer
Bill Curtis	Bernie Serrano
Bridida Dizon	Liz Shippen
Janice Eldredge	Jovina Tabangcura
Juan Ferrer	Fani Tedios
Christine Fontanilla	Marie Tedios
Flora Franco	Doriann Theodore
Jeff Kwock	Ida Villamor
Cathy Llanos	

Please call or email the Parish Office if you would like us to pray for someone.

Weekly Stewardship

General Offering	\$	6,611.41
New Building Fund	\$	5,624.00
Others: Christmas Appeal	\$	1,380.00
Other: Christmas	\$	530.00
Other: Misa de Gallo	\$	1,812.00
Other: Misc	\$	5,166.00
Online:	\$	
General	\$	3,210.00
Building	\$	193.00
Other: Christmas	\$	200.00
Other:	\$	90.00
TOTAL:	\$	24,816.41

Please remember Resurrection of the Lord Church in your will or trust!

This Week @ Resurrection

<p>Monday (December 25): Christmas Dawn Mass, 8:00am Christmas Day Mass, 10:00am</p>
<p>Tuesday (December 26): Office closed in observance of Christmas</p>
<p>Wednesday (December 27): Morning Mass 6:30am Rosary, Worship Area, 7 am EPIC, Lanai, 7pm</p>
<p>Thursday (December 28): Morning Mass 6:30am Rosary, Worship Area, 7 am</p>
<p>Friday (December 29): Morning Mass 6:30am Rosary, Worship Area, 7 am</p>
<p>Saturday (December 30): Solemnity of the Holy Family Mass, 5:15pm</p>
<p>Sunday (December 31): Solemnity of the Holy Family Mass, 7:30am & 9:30am NO 6:00 PM MASS</p>

Announcements

<p>CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: December 24: 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Children's Mass *There is no 6:00 PM Mass this evening. December 25: 12:00 AM Christmas Midnight Mass *Carols in the church begin at 11:30 PM December 25: 8:00 AM Christmas Dawn Mass December 25: 10:00 AM Solemn Mass for Christmas Day</p>
<p>NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE: December 31: 7:30 AM & 9:30 AM Holy Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family *No 6:00 PM Mass January 1: 9:00 AM Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</p>
<p>CHRISTMAS BANQUET 2017: A JAZZY GOLDEN CHRISTMAS EPIC Ministry presents an event for all ages! Come to celebrate "A Jazzy Golden Christmas" at the Hawaii Okinawan Center Ballroom this December 28 from 6 pm - 10 pm. There will be food, entertainment, games, a silent auction, and much more! For tickets and details, please visit www.epicministry.net.</p>
<p>ONLINE GIVING: Consider giving online. It only takes a few minutes to set up your account and you can schedule your gifts to be made using a credit or debit card. It is an easy and secure way to give. At the end of the year, you will also have an accurate record of your charitable contributions to the parish. Visit our website www.resurrectionhawaii.org and look for the icon to be connected to Our Sunday Visitor's online giving portal.</p>

PRAYER PARTNERS: Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be open to you. Our Prayer Partners are available after each Mass in the front of the church for those who desire someone to pray with them.

COLD & FLU SEASON NOTICE: As cold and flu season is upon us, and with the ongoing concern about mumps in Hawaii, please remember that if you have a contagious illness, you should refrain from attending Mass until you are not contagious. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply if you are ill. Also, everyone is reminded to wash their hands frequently, cough into their arm, and avoid drinking from the chalice if you are not sure you have a contagious illness.

FINANCIAL FITNESS: Are you upside down on your mortgage? Deep in debt? Struggling to make ends meet? You are not alone! Poor money management is an American epidemic, claiming millions of households. There IS a way out. Discover what the Bible says about money, including godly tips on how to give, save, invest, and spend. In this 5-session video study, learn the biblical principles of money management. Learn how to align your finances with God's teachings. Classes will be on Wednesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, and Thursday, February 1 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room. The cost of the program is \$10.00 for materials. Please RSVP at the Aloha Kiosk or by calling the Parish Office at 676-4700.

TRY ALPHA: This January ROL will introduce ALPHA, an introductory course in the Christian faith. It is meant to guide people to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. The format includes supper, a video presentation, and sharing in a non-judgmental environment. ALPHA seeks to answer some of life's basic questions: Why am I here? How can I know God exists? Who is Jesus? How does prayer work? What does it mean to be part of the Church? We invite you to check it out! Bring a friend who maybe searching for more in life. Sessions will start on Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00 PM in the worship area. You can register outside on the lanai after Masses at the Aloha Kiosk. For more information, contact Molly Anguay at 678-1657.

