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December 19, 2010

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MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph Church
Weekdays: Mon. - Fri.
6:00 am & 12:15 pm
Legal Holidays:
7:00 am
Saturday: 7:00 am
Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm
Sunday:

St. Joseph Church
7:00 am, 9:00 am,
11:45 am & 6:00 pm

Confession:
Saturday:
10:00 am - 11:00 am
St. Joseph Church
or by appointment
*Please note:
confession schedule
does not apply during
some liturgical seasons.

Prayer Times

Adoration:
M-F 4-5:00 pm
Sat 3-3:30 pm
Sun 4-4:30 pm

Evening Prayer & Benediction

M-F 5:00 pm
Sat 3:30 pm
Sun 4:30 pm



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Cocoa & Carols

There will be a **Parish Christmas Concert** entitled "Cocoa & Carols" on Thursday, December 23 at 7:00 pm. The concert will be held in the Church and will feature music presented by each of the Parish Choirs as well as community singing and even a song or two by our Priests and Religious.

There will be a simple fellowship of hot chocolate and cookies after the concert in the downstairs meeting room.

Hope to see you there!

Christmas Mass Schedule (there will be no evening prayer & benediction on these days)

Thurs. 12/23	4 am Mass of the Roosters 7 am Mass	Sat. 12/25	7 am Mass
		Christmas Day	9 am Mass 11:45 am Mass
Fri. 12/24	4 am Mass of the Roosters 7 am Mass 6 pm Mass 9pm Mass Midnight Mass	Sun. 12/26	7 am Mass 9 am Mass 11:45 am Mass
Christmas Eve			

Pre-Christmas Sweet Bread Sale

The Alumni and Friends of St. Joseph Schools will hold a pre-Christmas sale of sweet bread buns and cinnamon rolls on Thursday, December 23 as a fundraiser for the tuition assistance program at the schools. The price for each package of buns and rolls is still only \$6, and the deadline for orders is Sunday, December 19. Pick-up will be at the rectory meeting room on Thursday, December 23 from 2—5 pm.

Please call any of the following to place your order: Agnes Crivello at 935-7753, Anthony Phillips at 959-8303, or Celia Shinoda at 961-3939.
HO! HO! HO! See you at the sale!

Mission Statement:

Centered on the Word of God and the Eucharist we gather as a community of disciples of Jesus Christ as we seek fullness of life.

Blessed with many cultures and gifted with the Hawaiian spirit of Aloha we pledge to share our heritage and our faith, and commit ourselves to the full development of our people.

With Saint Joseph as our patron we offer our gift of self for the greater glory of God.

Pastor's Corner

Dear brothers and sisters,

Peace in the Lord Jesus Christ!

Christmas is about God "gift-ing" us with his Son Jesus Christ. As we get closer to the birth of the Son of God let us contemplate on three gifts that we could ask the Lord to bestow on us: the gift of faith, the gift of doing God's will, and the gift of joy and rejoicing.

The gift of faith is inspired by Elizabeth's words to Mary: "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Elizabeth praises Mary for accepting the invitation to be the Mother of God; for believing that, despite not knowing what is in store for her, she would be in God's protection. Let us ask God for the gift of faith that Mary has.

The gift of doing God's will is inspired by the letter to the Hebrews. When Christ comes into the world, he speaks the words of the psalmist: "Sacrifice and offering you do not want; but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts and sin offerings you do not require; so I said, 'Here I am; your commands for me are written in the scroll. To do your will is my delight; my God, your law is in my heart'" (Ps 40: 7-9).

Jesus follows the will of the Father who sent him into the world. In the end, when he is asked to pay the price for being just, for staying in the truth, for serving the needy and the poor, for insisting on the primacy of love, he accepts death, death on the cross. The same holds true for us. We need to follow Jesus who said, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me." Let us ask God for the gift of doing his will.

The gift of rejoicing is inspired by Elizabeth. When Mary comes to visit her, she exclaims: "For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." Let us indeed spend some time to be connected to the very source of our joy, that is Jesus Christ. Let us ask God for the gift genuine rejoicing.

On this last Sunday of Advent, we beg the Child to be born in the manger to bestow on us these three gifts: the gift of faith like that of Mary; the gift of doing God's will, like that of Jesus Christ; the gift of joy and rejoicing, like that of Elizabeth.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A GRACE-FILLED NEW YEAR

God bless you,

Fr. Samuel Espinas Loterte, SSS

Parish Hall Fund	\$ 1,066.00
School Fund	\$ 343.50
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$ 540.00
Social Ministry	\$ 150.00
Food Pantry	\$ 235.00
Mass Collections	\$ 7,967.70
Other Collections	\$ 17,102.42
Total Deposit	\$ 27,404.62
Parish Hall Collection to date	\$ 462,710.83



•Barbara Bliss & John-Paul Pacheaco

•Lizette Martinez

Scripture Readings

Sunday, Dec. 19

Is 7:10-14
Ps 24:1-6
Rom 1:1-7
Mt 1:18-24

Monday, Dec. 20

Is 7:10-14
Ps 24:1-6
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, Dec. 21

Sg 2:8-14
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday, Dec. 22

1 Sm 1:24-28
(Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8
Lk 1:46-56

Thursday, Dec. 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14
Lk 1:57-66

Friday, Dec. 24

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Lk 1:67-79

Friday, Dec. 24 (Vigil)

Is 62:1-5
Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Mt 1:1-25

Saturday, Dec. 25

(Midnight)

Is 9:1-6
Ps 96:1-3, 11-13
Ti 2:11-14
Lk 2:1-14

Saturday, Dec. 25 (Day)

Is 52:7-10
Ps 98:1-6
Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18

Sunday, Dec. 26

Sir 3:2-7, 12-14
Ps 128:1-5
Col 3:12-21
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Youth & Young Adults

PLEASE JOIN US!

For more information please call our parish youth & young adult minister:
935-1465



High School Youth Ministry: Saturday 5-8pm @ SJC LIB

As our teens complete the semester entitled "Person of Christ" they will have experienced the Mystery of Jesus Christ, the Living Word of God-the second person of the blessed Trinity. They will come to understand that Jesus Christ is the ultimate revelation to us from God. The next semester is called "Paschal Mystery". February 19th will kick off that semester. Look for upcoming dates in the next month.

Jan. 8th - NO YOUTH GATHERING

Jan. 15th - "Sticks & Stones"

The goal of this Life Night is to recognize various forms of bullying today as well as reaffirming of the transcendent dignity of every person. Plus, practical tools will be given to teens on how to respond to bullying

Jan. 22th - "Called to Action"

The goal of this Life Night is to explain that our belief in God demands that we respond in faith. The teens will answer the question "how does my faith change me?" and commit to practical ways they can live their discipleship.

Jan. 29th - "A-Priest-iation"

The goal of this Life Night is to affirm, support and pray for our parish priests. This night will also allow the teens to get to know our parish priests outside of the celebration of the Sacraments.

Feb. 5th - "The Anti-Graduation"

The goal for this Life Night is to help teens understand that God is revealed through our faith, reason, and experience. This night will also show teens that faith is a LIFE-LONG-JOURNEY that does not end after high school (or CONFIRMATION).

Feb. 12th - "Be My Valentine"

The goal of this Life Night is to have a Valentine's Day social to build community and fellowship. The teens will also hear a brief overview about St. Valentine and the virtue of charity.

Young Adult Ministry: Sunday 7-9pm @ SJC LIB

Jan. 7-9th BIG ISLAND YOUNG ADULT RETREAT (SOUTH KONA)

Jan. 16th - Faith sharing

Jan. 23rd - Sports Night @ SJS Gym

Jan. 30th - Fellowship- Café Night

Youth & Young Adult Choir: Rehearsals Monday 5:30-8:00pm @ SJ Church

Youth Masses: 23rd 11:45 am Mass (No Youth Mass on January 9th)

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED OUR HOLIDAY GOODIE BAG FUNDRAISER!
WE WISH YOU ALL A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Parish Christmas Party

There will be a Parish Christmas Party potluck on Sunday, Dec. 26 beginning at 5:30 pm in the school gymnasium. Please use the chart at the right as a guide.

Hope to see you there!

A - F	Desserts
H - M	Main Dish
N - S	Starch
T - Z	Fruits & Vegetables



News from St. Joseph School

LEARNERS TODAY, LEADERS TOMORROW

As part of the STEM program, which promotes learning through hands on experiences and problem solving in real life situations, St. Joseph School arranged a two day field trip, on November 19 and 20, to the island of Oahu for the eighth grade class. The purpose of the trip was to give students the advantage they deserve and the opportunity to broaden their horizons.

On Day One, students visited Challenger Center of Hawaii, which featured a realistic Mission Control, modeled after NASA's Johnson Space Center, where the students were assigned actual jobs that astronauts perform, both in mission control and on space shuttles.

Later that day, students went to Bishop Museum. Docents immersed them in the Museum's most sacred and beloved artifacts, culminating with a private showing in the planetarium.

Day Two began at Pearl Harbor, with a boat trip to the USS Arizona Memorial. The afternoon was spent at the Waikiki Aquarium; students were divided into skill building teams, taking notes and learning about various fish and sea creatures.

We'd like to thank the parents and students who spent countless hours fundraising, and give a special mahalo to Hawaiian Airlines for all of their assistance.



COLLEGE TOUR OF THE WEST COAST

St. Joseph Jr/Sr High School just concluded their first ever College Tour of the West Coast. On November 19-28, ten Big Island students started the nine day road trip in Seattle, Washington and finished in San Diego, California. Among the colleges toured were Washington University, Portland University, Oregon State, University of San Francisco, Stanford, Santa Clara University, University of California Irvine, and University of San Diego.



"A trip like this is a great way for Big Island students to see what Mainland universities have to offer," said Dr. Nathan Yocum, the trip organizer. "It's important that our students know how accessible higher education is."

"It gave me a great insight to what kind of college I will go to," said Kapua Jacunski, one of the students.

"This was a once in a lifetime experience that I'll never forget," said Malia Nemeth, another of the students.

Important Dates:

Youth Masses

Dec. 26
11:45am

Parish Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 26
5:30 pm
St. Joseph School
Gymnasium

*Eternal Rest
Grant unto them
O Lord and
Let perpetual light
shine upon them*
+Manuel Pacheco, Jr.
+Homer Pachecano



Simbang Gabi continues

- Dec. 19 Joseph: "Guardian of the Redeemer"
Wish List: Doing voluntary work in the Church/Community before Christmas
- Dec. 20 Mary: "Let it happen to me!"
Wish List: Choosing one virtue that you wish to grow deeply (honesty, courage, patience, understanding, etc.)
- Dec. 21 Elizabeth: "The joy of presence and companionship"
Wish List: Visiting a friend, a sick person, or the elderly.
- Dec. 22 Mary: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord"
Wish List: Offering used clothing, blankets, canned goods, noodles, etc.
- Dec. 23 John the Baptist: "A joyful heart that ponders God's graciousness"
Wish List: Availing of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Dec. 24 Zechariah: "God visits his people"
Wish List: Gifting yourself with something (small tokens like t-shirt, perfume, etc) for doing good this Advent

This Week's Calendar

MONDAY, December 20

- 10:00 am •Aloha Choir Rehearsal/Church
12:30 pm •Food Pantry/Mtg. Room
5:15 pm •Bible Study w/Sr. Marykutty/Conf. Room
5:30 pm •Youth & Young Adults Choir Rehearsal/
Church
6:00 pm •RCIA Classes/Library
7:15 pm •Simbang Gabi/Church

TUESDAY, December 21

- 10:00 am •Funeral Mass(Pachecano)/Church
7:00 pm •Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/Mtg. Room
7:15 pm •Simbang Gabi/Church

WEDNESDAY, December 22

- 12:30 pm •Food Pantry/Malia Puka O Kalani Church
6:00 pm •Basic Christian Community/Social Ministry
Center
7:15 pm •Simbang Gabi/Church

THURSDAY, December 23

- 4:00 am •Mass of the Roosters/Church
7:00 am •Mass/Church—NO 12:15 pm Mass—
Holiday-Rectory office closed
2:00 pm •SJS Alumni & Friends Sweetbread Pick-up/
Mtg. Room & Under canopy
7:00 pm •Parish Christmas Concert/Church

FRIDAY, December 24 "Christmas Eve"

- 4:00 am •Mass of the Roosters/Church
7:00 am •Mass/Church—NO 12:15 pm Mass—
Holiday-Rectory office closed
6:00 pm •Mass/Church
9:00 pm •Mass/Church
12:00 am •Midnight Mass/Church

SATURDAY, December 25 "Christmas Day"

- 7:00 am •Mass/Church
9:00 am •Mass/Church
11:45 am •Mass/Church

SUNDAY, December 26 "The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph"

- 7:00 am •Mass/Church
9:00 am •Mass/Church
11:45 am •Youth Mass/Church
2:30 pm •Chuukese Mass (fellowship follows)/Church
& Mtg.Room
5:30 pm •Parish Christmas Party/
SJS Gym

(No reconciliation on Christmas
Day)





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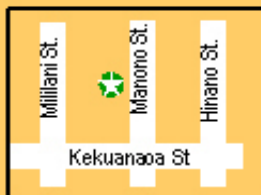
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