

St. Joseph Church

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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



Parish Congress Meeting to feature Very Reverend Marc Alexander

Members of St. Joseph Parish will gather at 1:30 pm on Sunday, December 5 for the second Parish Congress. The featured speaker will be the Very Reverend Marc Alexander, Vicar General for the Diocese of Honolulu, who will be speaking on the theme of "Achieving Fullness of Life in Jesus Christ". Fr. Marc will also be the homelist at the 5 pm, 7 am, 9 am, and 11:45 am Masses.

MSMHC Sisters to renew vows

"We the Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians cordially invite you all to the renewal of our religious vows during the Holy Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at St. Joseph Church.

Fr. Samuel Loterte SSS will preside over the Mass at 7:00 PM which will be followed by a potluck. We look forward to your kind presence"

Mahalo! Sr. Lisa Chettri, Sr. Marykutty Mathew, Sr. Ruth Zonunthari msmhc

Malia Craft Fair

There will be a craft fair at Malia Puka O Kalani Parish the craft fair is each weekend during Advent after each 5:15 Mass on Saturday evening(6:15 - 6:45) and after each 9:00 Mass on Sunday morning (10:00 - 11:00). Proceeds will go towards the general fund raising efforts of the Parish. Hope to see you there...

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,

We are now on the second week of our preparation for the coming of the Lord this Christmas. Saint John the Baptist is our guide this week. Like him, may we walk now and always in a straight path to God.

Part of our parish preparation is our Second Parish Congress this December 5 at 1:30 to 4 PM. Fr. Mark Alexander will speak on our theme: "ACHIEVING FULLNESS OF LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST." I encourage all parishioners to attend. This is also our way of participating in the Diocesan Road map.

On November 23 we celebrated an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service here at Saint Joseph Church. It was an occasion to appreciate our giftedness and respect our differences. The night was spent in prayer, songs, dance, music, and fellowship. Fr. Joe Hennen gave us the last blessing. I would like to share with you his prayer.

"As we come to the end of this Inter-Faith Thanksgiving Celebration, we look to Abraham, recognized by most religions as our common Father of Faith.

We ask that the God of Abraham will bestow on all of us the same blessing promised to Abraham.

As we continue our faith, bless each of us with faith, wisdom, integrity of spirit, and perseverance.

May we build a community freed of division and intrigue and parochialism. Multiply the seeds of faith and trust that we have in you, O Lord, so that we and our descendants in East Hawaii will live in a land where there is concern for those who depend on others for their well-being and survival, where the common good rather that selfish vested interest is the desired goal, and where our differences are celebrated rather than hated.

Make us united in our common commitment to you and our respect for each other.

We ask that the God of Abraham, the Father of us all, will give this blessing to all of us and to our congregations.

We ask this, in His name. Amen."

In Jesus, our Fullness of Life, Fr. Samuel Espinas Loterte, SSS

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Christmas Wish list:

\$10 gift card from any food store for our homeless brethren (please specify in the gift cards— no liquor, no tobacco)

Hygiene products for the Christmas package: Soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, Floss, Mouth-wash, Shampoo, conditioner

Scripture Readings

Sunday, Dec. 05

Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12

Monday, Dec. 06

Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, Dec. 07

Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 5:17-26

Wednesday, Dec. 08

Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3, 10-13 Mt 18:12-14

Thursday, Dec. 09

Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Friday, Dec. 10

Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1, 9-13ab Mt 11:11-15

Saturday, Dec. 11

Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mt 11:16-19

Sunday, Dec. 12

Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

> Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord and Let perpetual light shine upon them

+Gilbert Aguiar



School News

From October 30 – November 13, 15 St. Joseph Junior-Senior High School Japanese class students visited their sister school Uruawa Jitsugyo Gakuen Junior-Senior High School in Uruwa City, Saitama,

Japan (1 hour outside of Tokyo).

The students took PE, calligraphy, communication skills class, Kendo class (Japanese Martial Arts using sticks) and played the Koto (a Japanese Harp) in music class. They also visited Sakitama Park, Tokyo Disneyland, and an additional one day tour of the city of Tokyo.

St. Joseph Jr.-Sr. High School and Uruawa Jitsugyo Gakuen Jr.-Sr. High School have been sister schools for the past 10 years.





Mahalo to everyone who helped to make the 2010 Interfaith Celebration such a huge success!

Important Dates:

Youth Masses

Dec. 12 & 26 11:45am

Parish Congress

December 5 1:30 - 4:00 pm Fr. Marc Alexander will be our featured speaker

Parish Recollection and **Penance Service**

is scheduled for Friday, December 10 at 7:00 pm

Food Pantry Wish list:

Cereal, Spam, pork and beans and fruit.

This Week's Calendar

MONDAY, December 06

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

TUESDAY, December 07

7:00 pm •Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/Mtg. Room

WEDNESDAY, December 08 "Immaculate Conception" Holy Day of Obligation

•St. Joseph School Mass/Church 9:30 am

12:30 pm •Food Pantry/Malia Puka O Kalani Church

6:00 pm •Basic Christian Community/Social Ministry Center

7:00 pm •Mass (Immaculate Conception)/Church-

fellowship follows/Mtg Room

THURSDAY, December 09

5:30 am •Grateful Hearts Committee/Mtg. Room

6:30 pm •St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/Church

FRIDAY, December 10

10:00 am •Funeral Mass (+Joseph Barrozo Jr.)/Church

5:00 pm •Life Teen Core Team Meeting/Church & Library

7:00 pm •Parish Recollection & Advent Penance Svc/Church

SATURDAY, December 11

8:15 am •Church Cleaners #5/Church

10:00 am •Bible Study w/Dcn. Don Aanavi/Library

10:00 am •Reconciliation/Church

10:00 am •East/West Hawaii Youth & Young Adults Vicariate Meeting/Mtg. Room

11:30 am • Prayer Service (+Valerie Raniada)/Dodo Chapel

5:00 pm •High School Youth Ministry/Library

7:00 pm • Mass (Our Lady of Guadalupe)/Church

SUNDAY, December 12 "Third Sunday of Advent"

11:45 am •Youth Mass/Church

7:00 pm •Young Adult Ministry/Library

Please Support the SJHS Basketball Team

Car wash Fundraiser: Tickets will be available after Masses on Dec. 11 and 12. The car wash will be held at the St. Joseph Church parking lot on Dec. 18 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Pre-sale price: \$5 (car) \$6 (truck)

Please contact Margaret Lucas if you have

questions at 961-0128



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