



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Dec. 25, 2011

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 **MASS SCHEDULE**  
**St. Joseph Church**

**Weekdays:**  
Mon.-Fri.  
6:00 am & 12:15 pm  
Saturday: 7:00 am  
Legal Holidays: 7:00 am

**Vigil Mass:** 5:00 pm

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

## Youth Mass

Dec. 25  
11:45 am



## 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 PRAYER SERVICE AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

There will be a parish potluck Christmas party on Friday, December 30. The evening will begin with a prayer service at 6 pm in the Church followed by the potluck and entertainment in the Rectory meeting room and carport.

All are invited to celebrate this joyous season together! Please bring the following food items. If your last name begins with the letter:

A — K main dish; L — R salad; S — Z dessert. Rice and juice will be provided by the parish.

## **COME ONE, COME ALL! LET'S CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON TOGETHER!**

### **Christmas & New Years**

#### **Schedule:**

#### **Christmas Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, Dec. 24	5 pm
	8 pm
	11 pm
Sunday, Dec. 25	7 am
	9 am
(Youth Mass)	11:45 am
	6 pm

### **Parish Prayer Service and Christmas Potluck**

Friday, Dec. 30      6 pm

#### **New Year's Mass Schedule**

Saturday, Dec. 31	5 pm
Sunday, Jan. 1	7 am
	9 am
	11:45 am
	6 pm

**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,

Merry Christmas!

We are given three images: the child, the swaddling clothes, and the manger.

The child. The angels tell the shepherds, "You will find an infant." The gospel does not give a specific name to this child so that we may look for him in every infant born or in every unborn and aborted child. This image reminds us to always consider that every child is precious and every child needs to be protected and defended.

Swaddling clothes. This reminds us that God could have chosen a better situation for his Son. But He wraps him in simplicity. God identifies himself with the least, the last and the lost of this world. May we also remember in our celebration our needy and less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Manger. It is a feeding trough for animals. This reminds us that this Child will be food for the hungry. This Child will later offer himself as the Bread come down from Heaven. He is the living Bread that leads us to the Fullness of Life.

May you have a blessed celebration of Christmas by seeking its true meaning in these three images.

God bless you,

In Jesus, our Fullness of Life,

Fr. Samuel E. Loterte, SSS

Due to the early printing of the bulletins for Christmas and New Years the stewardship reports will appear in the January 8th issue.  
Happy Holidays!



### 2012 COLLECTION ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE

The 2012 collection envelopes are now available. You may pick yours up either at the entrance to the Church at the weekend Masses or from the Rectory office during the week (Mon—Fri 8 to 4) .

Your envelopes will look a bit different this year. We have chosen a stock printing rather than the specialized printing that was used in the past. This option was chosen to help keep the cost of the envelopes as low as possible.

If you wish to have envelopes but currently do not please call or stop by the rectory office so that we may assign them to you.

Mahalo for your continued support of our parish. May God bless you for your generosity.

Fr. Sam

## Scripture Readings

### Sunday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)

Is 52:7-10

Ps 98:1-6

Heb 1:1-6

Jn 1:1-18

### Monday, Dec. 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59

Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc-17

Mt 10:17-22

### Tuesday, Dec. 27

1 Jn 1:1-4

Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12

Jn 20:1a, 2-8

### Wednesday, Dec. 28

1 Jn 1:5-2:2

Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8

Mt 2:13-18

### Thursday, Dec. 29

1 Jn 2:3-11

Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6

Lk 2:22-35

### Friday, Dec. 30

Sir 3:2-6

Ps 128:1-5

Lk 2:22-40

### Saturday, Dec. 31

1 Jn 2:18-21

Ps 96:1-2, 11-13

Jn 1:1-18

### Sunday, Jan. 01, 2012

Nm 6:22-27

Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **MONDAY, December 26 "Christmas Holiday"**

**-Rectory office closed**

- 7:00 am •Mass/Church—NO 12:15 pm Mass
- 5:15 pm •Bible Study w/Dale Waltjen/Conf. Room
- 6:00 pm •RCIA Classes/Library

### **TUESDAY, December 27**

- 4:30 pm •Life Teen Core Team Meeting/Conf. Room
- 7:00 pm •Mother of Perpetual Help Novena  
(Rosary 6:30 pm)/Church

### **WEDNESDAY, December 28**

- 6:30 pm •Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Church

### **THURSDAY, December 29**

- 6:30 pm •SJ Choir Rehearsal/Church

### **FRIDAY, December 30 "New Year Holiday"**

**Rectory office closed**

- 7:00 am •Mass/Church—NO 12:15 pm Mass
- 6:00 pm •Holy Family Prayer Service/Church—Christmas  
Party follows/Mtg. Room

### **SATURDAY, December 31 "New Year's Eve"**

- 7:00 am •Mass/Church
- 8:15 am •Church Cleaners #3/Church
- 5:00 pm •New Year's Eve Vigil Mass/Church

### **SUNDAY, January 01, 2012 "Happy New Year!"**

- 7:00 am •Mass/Church
- 9:00 am •Mass/Church
- 11:45 am •Mass/Church
- 6:00 pm •Mass/Church

### **MONDAY, January 02, 2012 "New Year Holiday"**

**Rectory office closed**

- 7:00 am •Mass/Church—NO 12:15 pm Mass
- 6:00 pm •RCIA Classes/Library

### **Christmas Prayer**

Almighty God and Father of light, a child is born for us and a son is given to us. Your eternal Word leaped down from heaven in the silent watches of the night, and now your Church is filled with wonder at the nearness of her God. Open our hearts to receive his life and increase our vision with the rising of dawn, that our lives may be filled with his glory and his peace, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

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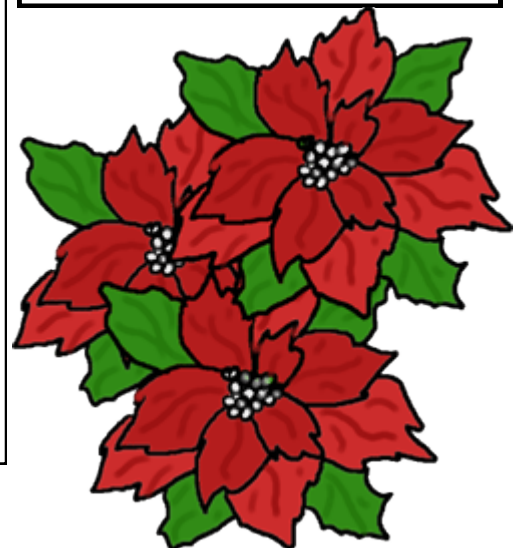
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