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MASS SCHEDULE

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



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

Weekly Reflection from Fr. Poli

2nd Sunday of Advent:

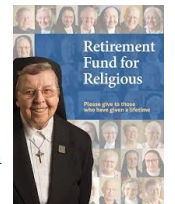
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”

Today’s gospel opens with a stern reminder from John the Baptist, who will be our guide during this advent season, for the need to “repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”. But why repent?

The Greek word for “repent” is *Metanoia*, which means a complete change of mind and heart. We need to open our mind, our heart, in fact our whole life for the Kingdom. The Kingdom does not appear out of the blue. It will not come automatically. God will bring about the realization of this via people. This will unfold for us only when certain conditions are met – when we are converted to a new style of life and are willing to commit ourselves to banish injustice either personal or societal and ready to welcome each other as brothers and sisters. In this, Kingdom is imminent. Thus, whether the Kingdom will indeed be a living reality depends on each one of us, that is, whether we are willing to be transformed and experience transformation by the love and presence of God in our lives.

And this is what advent teaches and helps us prepare. Advent invites us to enter the sacred space of encounter with God so that if we are quiet in our hearts long enough, we will discover the God still carves out highways and turns the desert places of our lives into oases of wonder, life, beauty, even though nothing will be as we expected. “Joy to the World. *Let every heart prepare Him room.*” is what we shall be singing come Christmas but meantime we have to ask ourselves: Are we really seriously preparing a room for Him in our hearts – in our lives?

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Parish Mission Statement:

Centered on the Word of God and the Eucharist we gather as a Parish and School community. Together as disciples of Jesus Christ we seek fullness of life. Blessed with diversity of cultures and gifted with the spirit of Aloha, we pledge to become stewards of our time, talent and treasure by sharing our heritage and our faith and commit ourselves to the full development of all people. With Saint Joseph as our patron we offer our gift of self for the greater glory of God.

Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will

Please check our website calendar for the most up-to-date
information at stjoe hilo.com

Pastor's Corner

Simbang Gabi or Misa de Gallo-Part 1 of 3

<https://www.catholicsandcultures.org/philippines/christmas-epiphany/simbang-gabi>

For Filipino Catholics, the tradition of Simbang Gabi is the nine-days of novena Masses celebrated before Christmas. The Simbang Gabi tradition grew out of a practice brought by the Spaniards, who held Masses known as Misas de Aguinaldo or Misas de Gallo in December in the pre-dawn hours for field laborers in honor of the Annunciation. The tradition was discontinued in Spain and most of the rest of the world but is a vibrant practice among Filipino Catholics. Hence, this celebration is also known by its popular Spanish name as the *misa de gallo*, or "mass of the rooster". Catholic churches throughout the Philippines will be ringing their bells around 3:00 or 3:30 in the morning long before the roosters crow.

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	November 7, 2016	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Collections	7,434.00	169,854.84	181,438.78
Other	13,263.25	127,036.89	119,239.22
Deposit	20,697.25	296,891.73	300,678.00
Parish Hall	390.00	Parish Savings	
		Designated	514,039.66
		Restricted	399,725.65
			913,765.31

We are a welcoming parish. Be a family member, today!

Parish registration forms are located in the rear of the church or at the rectory office.

Visit our parish website at www.stjoehilo.com.

For more information to join one of the many parish ministries, call 935-1465 and ask for one of the coordinators or email us at stjosephchurch@stjoehilo.com

Pillar of Prayer:

Scripture Readings



Sunday, Dec. 4

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

Monday, Dec. 5

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

Tuesday, Dec. 6

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

Wednesday, Dec. 7

Is 40:25-31
Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, Dec. 8

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

Friday, Dec. 9

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

Saturday, Dec. 10

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, Dec. 11

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.*

+Catalina Gamayo
+Lorrin Henry
+Lolita Eugenio



Pillar of Faith Formation:

PRAYER FOR ADVENT WITH YOUR FAMILY



SECOND WEEK

Two candles are lighted on the second Sunday by the oldest child and allowed to burn as before. The prayer for the second week is:

Leader: Let us pray. O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for your only begotten Son, that through his coming we may be made worthy to serve you with pure souls. Through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Leave one candle burning during the evening meal, at family prayers, or before bedtime.

Pillar of Hospitality:

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, Dec. 05

6:00 pm ●Adult Faith Formation (RCIA)/Library

Tuesday, Dec. 06

6:00 pm ●PPAC Meeting/Mtg. Room

7:00 pm ●Mother of Perpetual Help Novena (Rosary 6:30)/Church

Wednesday, Dec. 07

6:30 pm ●Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday, Dec. 08 "Immaculate Conception"

9:30 am ●SJS Mass of the Immaculate Conception/SJS Gym

6:00 pm ●Wake Service (+Lorrin Henry)/Dodo Chapel

7:00 pm ●Mass/Church

Friday, Dec. 09

9:00 am ●Viewing (+Lorrin Henry)/Church

10:30 am ●Funeral Mass (+Lorrin Henry)/Church

7:00 pm ●Parish Advent Recollection/Church

Saturday, Dec. 10

8:15 am ●Church Cleaner's #4 (V. Coloma)/Church

9:30 am ●Bible Sharing (Fr. Poli & M. Leite)/Library

10:00 am ●Reconciliation/Church

5:00 pm ●High School Youth Ministry/Library

7:45 pm ●San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal/Church

Sunday, Dec. 11

10:15 am ●Religious Ed Classes/SJHS

Pillar of Service:



Thanksgiving
Hot Meal for the
Hungry,
Wednesday,
November 23,
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