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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

“Today a Savior has been born to you, He is Christ the Lord.”

Merry Christmas to all of you, friends and parishioners of St. Joseph Church.

But what is the true essence of Christmas? Why celebrate it year after year. It is a recurring question. It is a question posed every Christmas season.

True we can right away respond that Christmas commemorates the birth of Jesus. But so what? What difference does this celebration of the birth of a child make in our life and in the life of a church like ours if not for the whole humanity.

I believe the answer lies in the heart of the Christmas narrative itself. Both in the gospel of Matthew and Luke is a simple verity. That there is a people who for long period of time has awaited the fulfillment of God’s promise that one day He will come and put an end to all their sufferings and fill their longings. But contrary to their expectations and just when they did not expect it, God came and become human like us and dwelt in our midst.

I believe that the true essence of Christ becoming human is about possibility in the midst of the impossible. Nothing will stop Him from taking every opportunity even how seemingly impossible to reveal His love for His creatures. It is likewise a possibility that humanity, itself, is caught unprepared for the simplicity of its manifestation that man is wondering how could it be. How is it that God will come as a helpless child when the world is expecting a warrior king that brings with him riches and power? If only to invite us time and again to remember that man’s way is certainly not God’s way. Thus leading us to hold on to Him even when everything seems bleak and cold. There is hope for He is hope.

What is born therefore is not just hope, which is just a mere wishful thinking that things will get better when they cannot. Rather it is hope that has taken on a human flesh and born amongst men, a hope that has assumed a human face and held in a mother’s arms, a hope that endures and will endure suffering and death itself. It is the hope, the possibility, that arises from trivial and impossible beginnings, infused with the power of God through the Holy Spirit, that has become into a light to all nations.

It is this possibility, this God, that we celebrate at Christmas. Christmas therefore, awakens that profound memory within us of the God who became a child that gave the world the hope that it longed for. A memory that continues to inspire us to believe in that hope and to make that hope alive in our midst.

A blessed and hope-filled Christmas to all.

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 stjoehilo.com

Pastor's Corner

Christmas Greetings to you all,
Rejoice! For unto to us, a Child is Born!
Every year we celebrate the nativity of our Savior, Jesus Christ to remind us that the incarnate Son of God is with us (Emmanuel). God has fulfilled his promise to send a Messiah a Savior of the world. Hence let us rejoice and join the choirs of angels singing, "*Gloria In Excelsis Deo.*"

Christmas is a time with family and loved ones. It is a time to rejoice, put away all our worries and sorrows. A time to reconcile and make peace to one another, and a time of loving and giving. For some reasons, such joyful celebration may not be possible for some. You may be in some difficult situations, even in this joyous occasion. Rest assured that St. Joseph's community will always be with you. As a parish community, we do care whatever trials and difficulties you have at this moment. We will continue to pray that Christmas will bring you joy and peace to your hearts.

This year, you may have noticed some minor changes in our Sacred Liturgy. We have tried our best to make you more comfortable in the Celebration of the Eucharist, as we emphasized the solemnity of the Sacred Liturgy. At the mass, we dispose ourselves to the great Mystery of God in the Eucharist through our introductory prayer. The Altar Servers took a time to go over their manual on how to properly serve the Sacred Eucharist. The Lectors were trained to be more effective and confident in proclaiming the Word of God. The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion were also trained to serve the Eucharist with utmost reverence. Everything we do leads to enhancing the solemnity of our Sacred Liturgy that you may have a wonderful encounter with the incarnate Son of God.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of our lay leaders and parishioners who have been involved in bringing these initiatives to fulfillment. I see the spirit of Christmas is touching the hearts of every individual to share their time, talent and treasure. I do truly appreciate your overwhelming support for our parish. Indeed, you have affirmed true stewards of the Gospel. I will always remember you when I raise the cup of blessings at the Lord's table.

On behalf of St. Joseph's community and the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, thank you so much. May you be blessed with peace and joy this Christmas and grace-filled New Year.

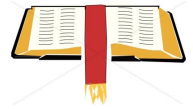


Fr. Will, SSS



Pillar of Prayer:

Scripture Readings



Sun., Dec. 25

Dawn:

Is 62:11-12
Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12
Ti 3:4-7
Lk 2:15-20

Day:

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

Night:

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

Mon., Dec. 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6-8b, 16bc, 17
Mt 10:17-22

Tues., Dec. 27

1 Jn 1:1-4
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wed., Dec. 28

1 Jn 1:5-2:2
Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8
Mt 2:13-18

Thurs., Dec. 29

1 Jn 2:3-11
Ps 96:1-3, 5-6
Lk 2:22-35

Fri., Dec. 30

Sir 3:3-6, 12-14
Ps 128:1-5
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Sat., Dec. 31

1 Jn 2:18-21
Ps 96:1-2, 11-13
Jn 1:1-18

Sun., Jan. 1, 2017

Nm 6:22-27
Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:			
	November 28, 2016	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Collections	7,286.50	197,019.34	213,755.46
Other	3,362.13	136,488.42	138,955.20
Deposit	10,648.63	333,507.76	352,710.66
Parish Hall			
	128.00	Parish Savings	
		Designated	514,039.66
		Restricted	400,989.65
			915,029.31

*Eternal rest grant unto them
O Lord
and let perpetual light shine
upon them.*

+Aileen Rosario
+Carol Kalaau



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, Dec. 26 "Christmas Holiday"—*Rectory office closed*

7:00 am •Mass/Church—NO 12:15 pm Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 27

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

Wednesday, Dec. 28

6:30 pm •Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday, Dec. 29

Friday, Dec. 30 "New Year Holiday"—*Rectory office closed*

7:00 am •Mass/Church—NO 12:15 pm Mass

Saturday, Dec. 31

8:15 am •Church Cleaner's #1 (F. Veriato)/Church

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

10:00 am •Reconciliation/Church

7:45 pm •San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal/Church

Sunday, Jan. 01, 2017 "Happy New Year"

10:15 am •**NO** RE Classes (Christmas break)



The parish 2017 calendar is now available for parishioners. Please see a hospitality minister for a complimentary calendar or visit the rectory office during the week.

Limit one calendar per household so that all households may have one

Infant Baptism

Next Class:

January 9, 2017

from 7-9 pm in the rectory meeting room.

Pre-registration is required.

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.

Pillar of Hospitality:



Pictured above is Fr. Poli assisting with the nativity scene.

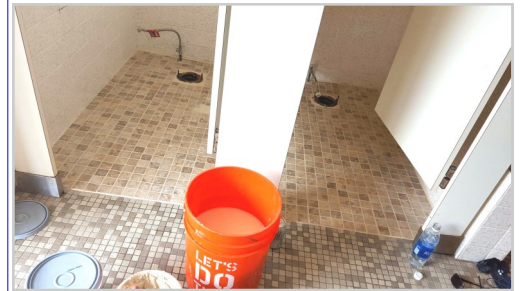


Fr. Wilbert, our pastor, spearheaded the church decorations for Christmas along with volunteers of the Environment Committees. Thank you to all who donated decorations and to those who shared hours of their creative talents.



Repaired and retiled stalls in the women's public restroom.

Thank you to all who donate regularly to our maintenance fund. Also, thank you to the staff and volunteers who completed this project.



Next project for Maintenance:
Ceiling and lights for women's restroom



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Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Hilo

Monday, January, 30, 2017

**Mark Your
Calendars!**

Major Events

**Tell your
friends!**

- 10:30 am - Motorcade = junction of Saddle Road and Komohana Street, down Mohouli Street, onto Kapiolani Street pass our St. Joseph School and to our Church
- 11:50 am - Incense of Statue at entrance of church and procession
- 12 noon - Talk by Custodian of the Statue
- 12:15 pm - Mass and Exposition to follow
- 1 pm - Living Rosary
- 1:30 – 5 pm - Adoration and Statue Veneration and Confessions
- 5 pm - Vespers/Evening Prayer
- 5:45 – 6:30 pm - Talk by Fr. Apolinario Ty, SSS on Blessed Virgin Mary and Eucharist
- 6:45 pm - Benediction - Salve Regina and Incense
- 7:00 pm - Closing
- 4 - 7 pm - Complimentary refreshments downstairs meeting room

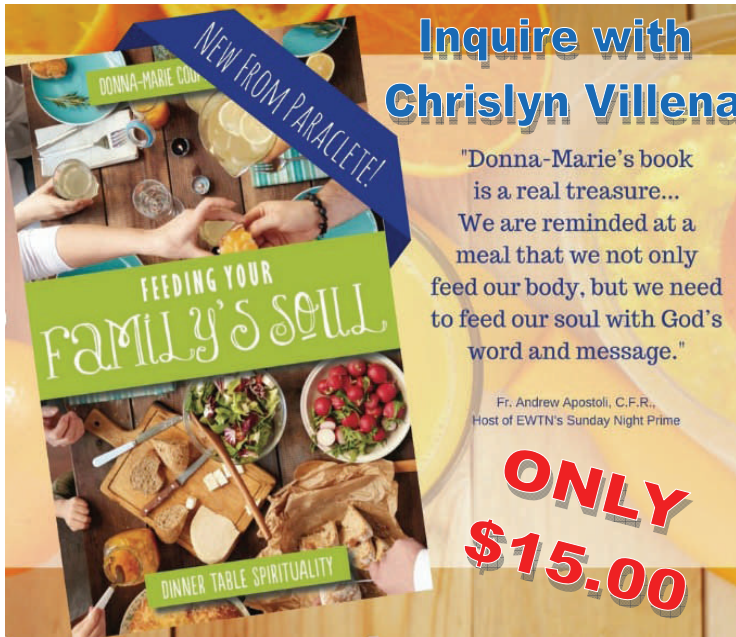
Religious Education Family Ministries:

The families of the Religious Education Sunday Classes gathered on December 18 for their Advent Parent Fellowship. They began with a meditative prayer around the labyrinth and shared with one another their experiences. Then the parents and grandparents had a chance to discover family style catechesis with a book titled ***"Feeding Your Family's Soul"*** by Donna Marie Cooper O'Boyle. This book is designed to bring about deep rich discussions for families during meal time. Packed with topics from Sacraments to Virtues to Lives of Saints, this book helped the families reenact how easy it is to share their faith with members of their own family while enjoying a bowl of soup made by one of the fellow RE families. The soup recipe could be found in the book as well.

Available until Jan. 8, 2017, parishioners may purchase a copy for \$15.00 with Chrislyn Villena at the rectory office.

Get your book today and begin spending meal times by "feeding your family's soul".

The next parent gathering will be in Lent or Easter of 2017, so mark your calendars!



Office of Worship | Diocese of Honolulu

Memorandum

To: All Parishes

From: Deacon Modesto Cordero, Director

Liturgical Notes for the Diocese of Honolulu 2017



As many of you know, many years ago an indult was granted by the Holy See to the Diocese of Honolulu to reduce the number of Holy Days of Obligation to two: the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8-Patroness of the USA) and Christmas (December 25). After a discussion of the Presbyteral Council in the Fall of 2016, it was decided to leave the current practice in place, but to encourage the faithful to attend mass on the other Holy Days of Obligation celebrated in the United States of America. Pastors and Liturgical leaders are asked to provide practical opportunities for more people to attend mass on these days by celebrating what is convenient for the faithful.

The parish will provide a schedule of masses for particular Holy Days of Obligation for the 2017 based on the Liturgical calendar and the preference of the pastor.