

January 8, 2017

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation

Church dedicated in 1919

Pastor:

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Mon.-Fri.

6:00 am & 12:15 pm

Saturday: 7:00 am

Legal Holidays: 7:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00 pm

Sunday

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

January 8, 2017 - Epiphany of the Lord

We have seen his star in the East and have come to adore Him.

What can we expect from the God of surprises if not precisely that – a surprise! This is what unfolds for us in this Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord or what we traditionally called the Feast of the Three Kings. The surprise from the gospel is there is never a mention of these visitors from the East, that they were kings or that there are three of them. But this what we know for sure – these wise men from the east were seeking the Lord because they saw the star which revealed his coming. It was not because of their own wisdom that they came, it was because God surprised them with a Star! Now they come with one purpose: To adore Him. And they did so by presenting him with their gifts.

Using a star or any ordinary event to speak to man simply shows God's abundant grace when He seeks us sinners though we are. He would be ready to stoop to our level and meet us there. He shines His light on us in ways that we can understand and respond to.

But hopefully like the Magi, when we encounter Jesus, at any point in our journey, we are moved to respond by offering him a gift – our gift of adoration. They need not be gold, frankincense or myrrh. They can very well be the resources and talents that we have to be put in the service of the poor and those in need. They can be the time that we have to spend for those who need a listening ear or companionship. They can be our offer of forgiveness for those who are longing for peace of heart or mind.

And after the wise offered their gifts, "they departed for their own country". They quietly returned home and went on with their lives and nothing more was spoken about them. But we can be sure that they were different men, men who by faith had seen the Lord and worshiped Him.

That's what the Lord would have us do this Christmas and the whole of our lives: respond to His initiative in sending His Son by seeking Jesus as our King. Having found Him and worshiped Him return to our homes, and travel thru life by a different route as the Magi did. We will not be afraid to put away the worldly attitudes and attachments which we might have held dear and instead take on those values of Christ and be his witness in our world today.

Having followed that star once in our life we just might become a light, like the star, that will guide people in their own search for Christ in order to adore Him.

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.

Happy Three Kings!

Today's feast is called Epiphany when the magi visited the infant Jesus in Bethlehem to pay homage to the King of the Universe. In the Christian tradition, we are still in the season of Christmas as we celebrate the great feast of God's manifestations to humanity. The magi from the east found that revelation and offered the most precious treasures of the earth, gold, frankincense and myrrh.

I was just wondering if you bothered yourselves to find Jesus in your entire life and offered a precious gift to the incarnate Son of God. He does not need our precious jewels, He has everything for He is God. All that He wants is you to come to him and pay homage, just like the magi who came from the different corners of the Earth. Never say too late. This is the time to make a difference, go out from your comfort zones and offer your gifts to him. Our church needs your time and talent. We have so many programs that need your help. Right now, we are inviting volunteers for the bereavement ministry. We have so many funerals in our parish and we need to console and assist the bereaved families. Assisting paper work in the front desk is not enough. As one ohana here in St. Joseph, our sympathy is to accompany them so they will find solace in their moments of sorrow.

Should you be interested to also serve in our homeless ministry and/or in our least privileged brothers and sisters, you are welcome to volunteer for the Hot meal and Food pantry ministry under the Pillar of Service. This ministry will serve meals once a month for our homeless sisters and brothers.

There are other ministries that need to be filled up. For those who are interested to join whatever ministry you are comfortable with, please feel free to visit or call the Parish office (808) 935-1465. We would be glad to hear your interest to serve the Lord.

Lastly, I would like to appeal in your prayers to please include our parish programs and activities. Just a heads up, we will be launching our centennial celebration in March on the feast day of our Patron St. Joseph. We will solicit your marvelous ideas on how can we make a grander celebration in 2019. Thank you very much and may the light of Christ's will guide you to witness the revelation of God.

Fr. Will, SSS



If you discern to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EOM), please call:

Fr. Zaldy Norba, SSS or Linda Villena
Prayer Pillar Chairperson Overall EOM
Coordinator

Call the Rectory Office at 935-1465 during office hours and leave a message.

RECRUITING FOR MORE ALTAR SERVERS:

To All Parents: Please encourage your children to serve as altar servers.
Your children are very important part of our liturgy.
Please call **Fr. Zaldy Norba at 935-1465**.



Members of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5 PM

Mass Saturday:

BJ Pang Ching (Coordinator), Clyde Eborn, Estrella Alleman, Rosaline Gajeton, Georgiana Woo, Joette Tanigawa, Mercedes Manalili, Patricia Kamau, Tudie Williams, Kathie Kouchi, Marie Kaya

7 AM Mass Sunday:

Don Coloma (Coordinator), Walter Lucas, Frank & Claudine Lawrence, Chrystine Arbles, Gwen Decoito, Laureen Salboro, Margaret Lucas, Mary Correa, Vivian Coloma, Linda Embernate, Kuulei Kanuha

9 AM Mass Sunday:

Yvonne Rezendes (Coordinator), Avelina Espina, Carl N. Sobrado Sr., Elsa Agno, Hyesun Kong, Joseph Andrews, Kathleen D. Querobin, Rose Callo, Sandra Nuha, Shirley La Forge, Theresa Shanahan

11:45 AM Mass Sunday:

Fern Madrona (Coordinator), Carol Dennis, Cecil and Thelma Farin, Claire Andrews, Craig Habab, Dr. Steve Woo, Janice & Willie Waiau, Jennifer Caro, Joyce Cabalse, Linden Villena, Lyka Raza, Madelyn Troelstrup, Margie Ignacio, Marian Paras, Myrna Caro, Reinard Andres, Stephanie Ham, Taylor Ignacio, Vanessa Ignacio, Rose Vierra, Sam Nathan, Danie Villena Sr.

6 PM Mass Sunday:

Josie Balingit (Coordinator), Christina Ranan, David Wilson, Florentina Malicdem, Leah Ogden,

Marie Costales, Nancy Capellas, Nick Balingit, Phyllis Pitoy, Victoria Kai, Filipina Andres

Note: Dr. Llewellyn Young
(substitute when available).

Week Day masses:

Nancy Capellas (Coordinator for 1215 PM), Mercedes Manalili (Coordinator for 6 AM or 7 AM mass)
Fred & Patti Basilio, Jim Steiber, Leah Ogden, David Wilson, Laureen Salboro, Dr. Steve Woo, Georgianna Woo

Note: Please utilize EOMs present during mass.

Homebound/Facility/Hospital:

Jose P. Paras
(Legacy Facility & Homebound Coordinator)
Joseph Andrews
(Hospital & Facility Coordinator)
Shirley La Forge
(Life Care Coordinator)

Margaret Lucas, Avelina Espina, Cyril Shimokawa, David Watson, David Wilson, Elsa Agno, Joan Toledo, Nancy Capellas, Stephanie Ham, Steve Woo, Mary Correa (as needed), Sam Nathan

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

** Eileene Waardenburg
* Odaia Pagan*



PRAYER

Stewardship Report – Dec. 2016
St. Joseph Church

St. Joseph Stewardship committee members want to extend best wishes to all of the St. Joseph Ohana for a hopeful, healthy and happy New Year 2017.

The work of the Stewardship committee continues since the approval of our Parish Pastoral Plan on August 15, 2015. We extend our appreciation to the Parish Pastoral Advisory Council and to all the ministry coordinators who are leading and guiding the work of the Stewardship Pillars of the Parish Pastoral Plan.

It is so heartwarming to see an increase in the activities of the ministries as well as increased interest and commitment from new volunteers. We encourage parishioners to volunteer and participate in the many ministries at our Church in the New Year 2017.

For the past two years, we have focused our efforts to plan, organize and build a foundation with faith formation and training to develop leadership skills with St. Joseph PPAC, stewardship, ministry coordinators, staff and volunteers.

Here is a report of the faith formation and leadership sessions held at St. Joseph Parish in 2015-2016: (Listed below according to 2 year timeline from January 2015 to December 2016)

Stewardship Committee members (6) were given Faith Formation sessions on the Principles of Stewardship by Pastor Rev. Samuel Loterte from Jan. – March 2015. Target audience: Stewardship Committee Members

Followed by Stewardship Study/Informational sessions presented by Stewardship Committee members and Rev. Samuel Loterte. Target Audience: All ministry coordinators and members (54) on April 1 and April 25, 2015.



Stewardship Members and Bishop Silva

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

Pastoral Leadership Sessions

Session #1 **Communications**

Lead by St. Joseph School Principal Dr. Llewellyn Young on April 29, 2015. The purpose was to identify what communication works at the Parish, concerns, resources and ideas for improvement.

Target Audience: Parish Pastoral Advisory Council (PPAC), Staff and Ministry Coordinators

Session #2 **Heroic Leadership**

Lead by Dr. Llewellyn Young on October 17, 2015. The purpose was to understand the four aspects of Heroic Leadership, to deepen one's awareness and reflect on what it means when you look at the goals of the Parish Paroral Plan.

Target Audience: PPAC and Ministry Coordinators



STEWARDSHIP

Session #3 **Learning, Living and Leading**

Lead by Mary Correa, Fr. Sam, Fr. Poli, Fr. Pat, and PPAC. The purpose was to know and understand the 4 stewardship pillars to one's self as Christian Steward, discern the individual's role and responsibility as a Christian Steward in helping others, model how our church leaders collaboratively present information

Target Audience: PPAC, all ministry coordinators, and open to parishioners

Session #4 **Values: Guides that Lead to Fullness of Life**

Lead by Fr. Sam, Fr. Poli, and Fr. Pat. The purpose was to develop stewards who collaboratively lead by fully living the core values of stewardship through the gifts of self. In what ways will we use our personal values to fully live the core values of Stewardship: Hospitality-value Identity, Prayer-value Trust, Formation-value Gratitude, Service-value Love?

Target audience: All parishioners

2015 Topics: Eucharist and Hospitality, Eucharist and Prayer, Eucharist and Formation, Eucharist and Service

2016 Topics: Theology and Spirituality of the Exodus event, Covenant, Sacrifice, Memorial, Blessing and Praise, Prophetic Service,

Synthesis: The Rite of the Passover meal and the Passover Celebration

“Our work continues with Fr. Wilbert, Fr. Poli, and Fr. Zaldy, guiding all of us and “Together as disciples of Jesus Christ we seek fullness of life” to help accomplish our parish mission.”

Keep our teens in prayer!



Teen Confirmation Retreat
Sunday, January 15 (4pm) to Monday, January 16 (6pm)
at St. Joseph School.

This is for all teens enrolled in the parish Confirmation prep on
Saturday Nights or Sunday Mornings.
Pre-registration is required.
Call or email Chrislyn Villena at the rectory office.

Religious Education Family Updates:

- ♦ Classes resume Jan. 8
- ♦ NO CLASS ON Jan. 16
- ♦ Just a reminder that all students in the Sacrament Preparation classes (First Communion & Confirmation) with our parish **must have regular attendance in classes** and communicate to their class teachers or to the RE director of any absences. **Each student must not exceed more than four days missed** in the RE year per the family handbook.
- ♦ Please call Chrislyn Villena with all your comments or concerns at 935-1465 or email at cvillena@stjoehilo.com

What is a Teen Retreat

"A Retreat is..."

A "TIME OUT"

To evaluate and deepen your relationship with God, others and yourself

A time to STOP

To reflect on my past; my present & make decisions about the rest of my life focusing on my future

A time to be CHALLENGED

To open yourself and check on your values & lifestyle

A time of intense LISTENING

To God speaking to you and showing you the special plan He has for you

A time of spiritual RENEWAL and CELEBRATION

To be reconciled with God & others through special opportunities

What a retreat is NOT...

It's not a course on church doctrine

It's not a break from school

It's not ONLY a time for socializing although there will be opportunities for fellowship

It's not a time for entertainment, the team is not here to perform for you

It's not something anyone is obliged to do anything they don't want to but we are all encouraged to participate

It's not an opportunity for religious debates

It's not a time to spend being "lovey-dovey" with your BF/GF (that is reserved for Engaged Encounter that leads to Marriage Encounter)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 9

9:30 am Viewing (+Bernadette Sobrado)
 10:30 am Funeral Mass
 6:00 pm Adult Faith Formation (RCIA)
 7:00 pm Baptismal Prep Class

Tuesday, January 10

10:00 am Graveside Service (+Edward & Edna Roby)
 5:00 pm R.E. Board Meeting
 6:30 pm Novena Rosary
 7:00 pm Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesday, January 11

10:00 am Memorial Mass (+Eileene Waardenburg)
 6:00 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting
 6:30 pm Alabare Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 12

6:30 pm St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 13

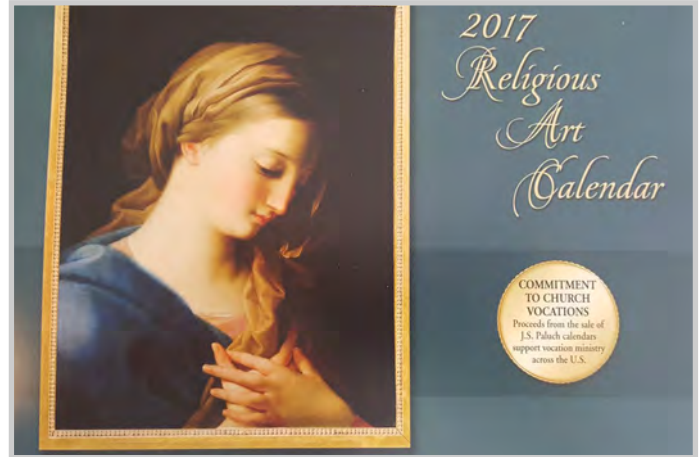
9:00 am Viewing (+Odaia Pagan)
 10:00 am Memorial Mass

Saturday, January 14

8:15 am Church Cleaner's #6
 9:30 am Bible Sharing
 10:00 am Reconciliation
 7:45 pm San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 15

10:15 am NO R E Classes
 (Martin Luther King Holiday)



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.



Are you a shutter bug? Do you enjoy taking pictures at church of activities? Please consider sending you pictures to the church bulletin. We are looking for any photos during events that occur at church from baptisms, weddings, to Holy Days of Obligation.

Send photos to:
sjchurchbulletin@gmail.com

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND!

This weekend we will be taking up a collection for the “**Repair & Maintenance**” of our parish. Your donations help with the upkeep of the grounds and structures on the property. We appreciate your generosity, thank you.



Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	January 3, 2017	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Collections	8,751.00	256,443.34	286,628.94
Other	1,096.00	178,069.46	171,725.49
Deposit	12,277.60	434,512.80	458,354.43
Parish Hall	465.00	Parish Savings	
		Designated	520,759.66
		Restricted	408,058.07
			928,817.73

Do you have any skill with construction or maintenance and repair? Are you willing to donate your time and talent for the betterment of the church? We are looking for a few talented individuals with the skills and know how to make necessary repairs to our beautiful church.

Please contact the Church Office (935-1465), leave a message and Evelyn Pachecho will contact you.



ST JOSEPH SCHOOL

BOYS BASKETBALL BIIF SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	SCHOOLS	LOCATION
WEDNESDAY	28-Dec	6:00 PM	SJS @ Kona	Konawaena HS Gym
TUESDAY	3-Jan	6:00 PM	Kohala @ SJS	UH-Hilo Gym
FRIDAY	6-Jan	6:00 PM	Pahoa @ SJS	UH-Hilo Gym
WEDNESDAY	11-Jan	6:00 PM	SJS @ Waiakea	Waiakea HS Gym
THURSDAY	12-Jan	6:00 PM	SJS @ Laupahoehoe	Laupahoehoe HS Gym
TUESDAY	17-Jan	6:00 PM	HPA @ SJS	Civic Auditorium
THURSDAY	19-Jan	6:00 PM	SJS @ Kea'au	Kea'au HS Gym
WEDNESDAY	25-Jan	6:00 PM	Hilo @ SJS	Civic Auditorium
SATURDAY	28-Jan	6:00 PM	SJS @ Kealakehe	Kealakehe HS Gym
MONDAY	30-Jan	6:00 PM	SJS @ Ka'u	Ka'u HS Gym
WEDNESDAY	1-Feb	6:00 PM	Honoka'a @ SJS	Civic Auditorium
SATURDAY	4-Feb	6:00 PM	Kamehameha @ SJS	Civic Auditorium SJS Homecoming/Sr. Nite

Tuition 2017-2018



St. Joseph School will be increasing tuition rates for the Elementary School and Junior/ Senior High School next school year 2017-2018 to help compensate our teachers with reasonable and competitive salaries. The increase is still significantly less than both our private school counterparts on Hawaii Island as well as other Catholic schools in the State. Tuition will also include a comprehensive fee which will cover things like books, student fees (i.e year-book, etc.), and some activity fees excluding field trips/excursions and special class projects. (Country Fair ticket obligations will remain a separate fee and part of the enrollment contract.) The School Board recently submitted the tuition proposal for Parish review and approval. We will announce the new figures in January once they are approved by the Pastor and the Parish Finance Council. A sibling discount is also part of the new tuition schedule. We are excited about these changes, but we wanted to ensure that these initiatives would not be a significant burden on our families. Financial Aid will be available to all qualifying families.



Santa's Breakfast

SJS Santa's Breakfast was held on Saturday December 10 and was a great success! Thank you to all the faculty/staff, and parents that came out to support this awesome event.

Over 300 pancake plates were sold, and over 600 pancakes served. "This was a significant increase over 2015's 178 plates" said PTG President Kimberly Ariano. The food was "ono" and the keiki enjoyed Santa's story time.