

HILO ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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Malia Puka O Kalani
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Office Hours:
8:00 am - 12:00 Noon



Papal visit to USA
this week!

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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
Spanish Mass:
7:00 pm

Sunday:
St. Joseph Church
7:00 am, 9:00 am,
11:30 am & 6:00 pm

Malia Puka O Kalani Church
Sunday: 9:00 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.



Sister Stephen Marie Serrao, OSF

A grateful Hilo Catholic Community CONGRATULATES you
On your SIXTY YEARS as a Religious

Vatican Seeking Mothers to Become Spiritual Mothers for Priests and Seminarians

From Easter Almuena and Esther Gefroh, *Ministry of Mothers*

In response to the directive coming from the Vatican Congregation for the Clergy, Easter Almuena and Esther Gefroh, both Catholic mothers in our diocese, have formed a ministry of "mothers" to spiritually adopt priests and seminarians here in the Diocese of Honolulu. What that entails is a desire and commitment to pray daily for a priest or seminarian appointed to you. Please submit your name to Esther Gefroh at estherjoeysmom@gmail.com, or call her at 538-3158, or to Easter Almuena at easter4g@yahoo.com, or call her at 227-7309.

Pastor's Corner

Rev. Thomas Purayidathil Ph.D.

Over the past several months I have been evaluating our social ministry program. During that time I have enlisted the help of staff and a committee of volunteers headed by Linda Tolmie to analyze the program and make recommendations for my consideration. One of the biggest areas of concern has been the operation of the Thrift Shop. We are faced with increases in rent and utilities as well as an increased demand on the time required of our maintenance personnel. We were also recently informed by our insurance company that we should no longer sell or even give away "any items which use electricity to function," "children's items," and "equipment powered by gasoline, electricity, or other motor fuels."

Over the past 21 months our Thrift Shop has operated at a loss each and every month with the loss for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 nearing \$17,000 and our current year-to-date loss at nearly \$16,000.

A recommendation has been made to me by the committee that has been reviewing our Social Ministry program that we suspend operation of the Thrift Shop as soon as possible. After prayerful consideration of this recommendation I must agree that this is the best course of action at this time. We have sent a letter to Mr. Rick Barbatti, property manager for Sai Baba, LLC informing them of our decision to close at the end of this month and terminating our month-to-month lease agreement.

The committee continues to meet and develop a strategic plan for our Social Ministry program and we will be looking for a Social Ministry Coordinator in the near future to work with the committee and myself in implementing our Social Ministry program. I wish to thank all of you who have given time and treasures to help fulfill the mission of our Thrift Shop and a special thank you to our volunteers who have selflessly given hours each week and have assisted in its operation.

Fr. Tom



Sunday 9:00 am Mass at St. Joseph Church.

April 13 Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A

Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

In today's first reading Peter witnesses to the crowds to accept faith in Jesus the Risen Lord as Messiah. In response to that preaching, the people ask what they must do. Peter tells them that they must repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins. They will then receive the Holy Spirit who confirms the follower of Christ in the life and mission of the Christian community.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Psalm 23, though its origin is of later date, has been attributed to David who started as shepherd boy before his call and anointing as a warrior-king (1 Sam 16). Here the term "Shepherd" is applied to the Lord God. Response: "The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want."

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Peter's exhortation in this passage is not meant to condone unjust systems like the slavery of that time. Rather, he urges individuals living in such situations to follow the example of Christ, who suffered in order to free them from sin. Peter speaks about the paradox of Christ's suffering by whose wounds we have been healed. The bottom line is that the death and resurrection of Christ leads us, like lost sheep back to the Shepherd, who gives us the fullness of life.

Gospel: John 10:1-10

In the Gospel passage, Jesus responds to the objection of the Pharisees by challenging them on their self-importance. Referring to the role of the shepherd and Jesus gives three criteria for true authority: 1) his followers recognize him; 2) he gives his life for them and they are united to him; and 3) this recognition by faith is God's gift. In this passage, the true shepherd is contrasted to a thief and a stranger whose voice is unfamiliar to the sheep. Jesus also compares himself to the only one gate to the safe enclosed area where the sheep are protected. Therefore, it is easy to guard, and only legitimate shepherds can gain access. Jesus is the only one who can delegate others to care for his flock in his name. Thieves can get in only by violence, breaking down the walls.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, April 13

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
1 Pt 2:20b-25
Jn 10:1-10

Monday, April 14

Acts 11:1-18
Pss 42:2-3, 43:3, 4
Jn 10:11-18 (second choice)

Tuesday, April 15

Acts 11:19-26
Ps 87:1b-7
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 16

Acts 12:24-13:5a
Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, April 17

Acts 13:13-25
Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27
Jn 13:16-20

Friday, April 18

Acts 13:26-33
Ps 2:6-11b
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, April 19

Acts 13:44-52
Ps 98:1-4
Jn 14:7-14

Sunday, April 20

Acts 6:1-7
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
1 Pt 2:4-9
Jn 14:1-12

Hilo Roman Catholic Community - Mission Statement



We, the Hilo Roman Catholic Community of St. Joseph and Malia Puka O Kalani, guided by the Holy Spirit, Our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, gather as a family of believers in the celebration of the Eucharist. Blessed with many cultures, talents and inspired by the Hawaiian tradition of Aloha, we pledge to share our heritage, our gifts and the principles of our faith, and to commit ourselves to the educational, social and spiritual needs of all our brothers and sisters.



Big island Young Adult Connection

“Open your eyes and realize” was the theme for this year’s Big Island Young Adult Connection (BIYAC) hosted by St. John the Baptist, Kealahou. Young Adults from the island engaged in a spirit-filled retreat that focused on the *Power of God’s Love* and what we need to do to obtain *Salvation*. **The Hawaii Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services** presented the retreat that was designed with both teaching sessions and testimonies of faith. Praise and worship was the main component that uplifted the young adults’ spirits and gave an opportunity to encounter God.

One of the presenters quoted from the book of Romans, “If you speak with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and Believe in your heart that He is risen, then you will be saved.” Another presenter said, “God is asking for you to spend some time with Him. Go and seek Him out! Even if you just spend five minutes a day with God, He is happy and your life will never be the same.” These words were truly given as gifts from God because; as young adults grow in life their spirituality is not always nurtured. The quality of our relationships with God all depends on the amount of effort and willingness we give to Him.

The last presenter said, “Jesus Christ is the **foundation** of our house, the fellowship we have from our Brothers and Sisters in Christ are the **walls** that support us, prayer is the **roof** that covers our heads, the praise and worship that we engage in are the **windows**



because it give us a glimpse of God’s splendor and the **doors** that we travel in and out of are our continued service to spread the Good News to others.”

How will you build your house for God to dwell in?

Heavenly Father, we pray for all young people who may not know you and who may not recognize your love and kindness in this world of sin and death. Christ Jesus, our Savior, gather all young people to live in your light and protect them from darkness. Amen.



Three Minute Liturgical Catechesis

Article 23:

You Are What You Eat

Have you ever seen that poster that pictures a whole array of junk food with these words: “You are what you eat?” It’s intended to make us think a little more about what we put into our mouths.

Centuries ago St. Augustine had a similar goal and used similar language. “Receive what you are,” he wrote. “If you are his body and members of him, then you will find set on the Lord’s table your own mystery. Yes, you receive your own mystery” (*Sermo 272: PL*

38, 1247, cited in Pope John Paul II’s Encyclical Letter on the Eucharist, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* # 40)

This is a fundamental insight into the meaning of the Eucharist. There is an intimate connection between the body of Christ we receive from the altar and the body of Christ that comes to the altar. The core mystery of the Eucharist lies in this connection between the sacramental body and the mystical body of Christ that is the Church.

It is instructive to note that when Christians in the first thousand years of our history spoke of the mystical body, they meant the sacrament. The real body of Christ, they believed, was the community of believers. In the past thousand years we have reversed the language, so we talk about the sacramental body as real and call the Church the mystical body of Christ. One could defend either pattern. The point is that these two forms of Christ’s body are so closely linked that we can interchange their names.

This link also points us to the purpose of the Eucharist and the real meaning of Communion. St. Thomas Aquinas, in the thirteenth century, taught that

Religious Education Update for April!



Instructor Liberty Albano with her First Communion students in class on April 6, 2008.

Religious Education classes continue on Sundays from 10:15 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. We appreciate your assistance in making sure that your child is on time and prepared for class.

Our Wednesday Sacramental preparation classes continue to be held in the parish meeting room from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Our April classes will concentrate on preparation for Reconciliation. May classes will focus on preparing for First Communion.

Confirmation will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Mass. All candidates should receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, April 12, 2008 or Saturday, April 19, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church. Confirmation rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church. Candidates and their sponsors should attend the rehearsal.

As we prepare to finish this year's Religious Education classes, please continue to be conscientious about your child's attendance at class. Each week important

material is presented to our students. When your child misses a class, he/she misses the relevant subject matter which insures their preparation to receive the Sacraments. If your child is preparing to receive First Communion or Confirmation, they may only accumulate a total of four unexcused absences before they will be required to repeat the class.

Finally, thanks to all of our wonderful catechists, helpers, parents and students. You have made this year a spiritual, fun-filled experience for all us here in the Hilo Roman Catholic Community. As I begin to prepare for next year, I welcome your comments and suggestions as to how we can make our program more faith-filled and how we can spread the "Good News" to more families in our community.

Mahalo! Joyce Saenz,
R.E. Coordinator,
935-1202

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the goal of the Eucharist is the unity of the Church. Christ did not give us this sacrament to turn bread and wine into his body and blood. It does that, but the purpose of the Eucharist is to transform us into his body.

We became members of Christ's body when we were baptized. The Eucharist renews and strengthens the unity of the body of Christ. When we come to the table and share the body and blood of the Lord, we are committing ourselves to live as the body of Christ. St. Augustine put it this way: "You reply 'Amen' to that which you are, and by replying you consent. For you hear 'The Body of Christ' and you reply 'Amen...' Be what you see, and receive what you are."

In his apostolic letter titled *The Day of the Lord*, Pope John Paul II insists that it is important "to be ever mindful that communion with Christ is deeply tied to communion with our brothers and sisters. The Sunday Eucharist gathering is an experience of brother-

hood, which the celebration should demonstrate clearly, while ever respecting the nature of the liturgical action" (*Dies Domini*, # 44).



Receiving Communion brings us into an intimate union with Christ, but that intimacy can never exclude those around us. When we share the body and blood of the Lord, we are united not only with the head of the body but also with every member of the body of Christ. That's the purpose of the Eucharist, and that's why we call it Communion.

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Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions

Sister Stephen Marie Serrao, OSF Celebrates 60th Jubilee

Sister Stephen Marie Serrao, OSF, is a “Hilo girl” and proud of it. She can regale listeners with stories about growing up in the household of Joseph and Gloria Serrao, fleeing up Waianuenue Avenue to escape the 1946 tsunami, going from ten years at St. Joseph School to Hilo High for her junior year, and the manner in which she told her parents that she was going to enter the Sisters of St. Francis in Syracuse, NY. And then there are all the endless convent stories!

Marie Serrao entered the convent on September 8, 1947, much to the surprise of many people who knew her. At her Investiture on March 2, 1948, she received the Franciscan habit and her religious name, Sister Stephen Marie. It is for this occasion that she celebrates her Diamond (60th) Jubilee this year with fellow Hiloan Sister Helen Agnes Ignacio (who is visiting her sister, Marguerite Carvalho presently).

Over the past 61 years, Sister has taught, counseled and administered in schools in New York, Florida and Hawaii as well as served as founding Director of Volunteers in St. Francis Medical Center West in Ewa Beach. Wherever she has been missioned, she has won the hearts and trust of the people with whom and to whom she has ministered, and she continues to do so today in our elementary school and in her role as spiritual advisor to the Secular Franciscans. Although rarely at a loss for words, Sister exemplifies the message of St. Francis of Assisi, “Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words,” for she truly *lives* the spirit and charism of St. Francis each and every day.

Congratulations and many blessings, Sister Stephen Marie! Ad multos annos!

Submitted by Sr. Marion Kikukawa, OSF

Jr.-Sr. High Event Calendar

April 19

- Hilo’s Happening, Sangha Hall, 6:30

April 17,18,19

& 24,25,26

- Spring Drama production; ‘Buffalo Bill’s Hoedown Showdown’, East Hawai’i Cultural Center 7:30 p.m.



St. Patrick’s Day ‘Washboard’ Band

Students in Mr. Randy Skaggs elementary music class formed a ‘washboard’ band to serenade several offices and classrooms throughout the school with their recorders. (Shown above performing for Mr. Leroy Andrews and Mrs. Aileen Mattos in the high school office.) As more classes heard them, they invited them in to play for their class as well.



Career Day

Career Day for grades 7 thru 10 was held recently at St. Joseph Jr.-Sr. high school. Veterinarian and SJHS 1977 graduate Dr. Boyd Castro, DVM is shown speaking to 7th grade students, showing them a procedure and tools used to surgically insert into an animal’s broken leg. Other guest speakers included Dr. Kevin Hopkins, Aquaculture professor at UH Hilo; Emmerson Lantero, Attorney with Hawai’i County Prosecuting Attorney’s office; Dr. Lynda Dolan, physician; Petty Officer Hernan Senoren, U.S. Navy; Joshua Pacheco, Communications with Pacific Radio Group; Ms. Marie Roberts, St. Joseph Pre-school Director.



St. Joseph School students at the Feast Day Mass at St. Joseph Church.



Malia Puka O Kalani Church

OUR VOLUNTEERS

3rd Sunday:
April 20, 2008

Church Cleaning
Youth Group

Flowers
Maybelle / Shirley

Sacristan
Moke

Altar Servers
Kalauao / Namele

Lectors
Maybelle / Shirley

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Julia / Natalie

Eucharistic Ministers
Paulette / Ron

Bell Ringers
Pete / Melody



Please keep
in your prayers:

Aunty Irene Kondo

Kahele Ohana

Aunty Patty Grube

Aunty Becky Reis

Uncle Tony Moniz

Aunty Ginger Moniz

Aunty Minnie Alidon

Bret Hoffman

Aunty Dorothy Gouveia

Uncle Tommy Gouveia

Aunty Dora Costa

Aunty Mamo Otineru

Aunty Nita Kua

John Farias

and all those who are sick.

Alu Like Schedule at Malia Puka O Kalani Church

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
CLOSED WEDNESDAY

Financial Notes:

April 6 2008:

Attendance: 50 Adults 7 Children

Koa Bowl - \$ 1436.00
Rice Bowl - \$ 33.35



A hug for a good friend



"That's the remote control he's holding.
He could never rest in peace without it."

The Lord is my Shepherd there is nothing I shall want.
Psalm 23:1



Fr. Thomas greets parishioners following the Sunday Mass at Malia Puka O Kalani Church.



WELCOME
TO OUR NEW
PARISHIONERS!

A J Duarte

Richard Read

Weekly Collection	
5:00 pm	\$ 1,707.00
7:00 pm Spanish Mass	\$ 41.00
7:00 am	\$ 2,305.00
9:00 am	\$ 1,911.00
11:30 am	\$ 1,730.00
6:00 pm	\$ 1,416.00
Sunday Total Collection	\$ 9,110.00
Candles	\$ 357.00
Donations/Others	\$ 1,144.00
Thrift Shop	\$ 679.99
Total Operating Rev.	\$ 2,180.99
RESTRICTED DONATIONS	
Apartment Rent	\$ 3,500.00
Convent Rent	\$ 12,499.92
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$ 449.00
Parish Hall Fund	\$ 3,799.00
School Fund	\$ 416.00
Others	\$ 187.00
Total Rest. Donations	\$ 20,850.92
Total Weekly Deposit	\$ 32,141.91
Parish Hall Fund to Date	\$ 63,572.50

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

+Michael & Ruby
Madden

+Julia Cruz

+Agustin Agno

+Isabelo Labis



This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY, April 13 "World Day of Prayer"

10:15 am •Religious Ed Classes/St. Joseph High School

MONDAY, April 14

10:00 am •Aloha Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church

1:00 pm •Spiritual Support Group/St. Joseph Church Breezeway

5:30 pm •PPAC Meeting/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room

6:00 pm •RCIA Class/St. Joseph Rectory Library

6:00 pm •Youth Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church

6:00 pm •U H Campus Ministry/U H Campus

TUESDAY, April 15

8:30 am •AARP Tax Aide/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room

6:30 pm •Small Christian Community/St. Joseph Rectory Library

7:00 pm •Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/St. Joseph Church

7:00 pm •Basic Christian Community/YMI

WEDNESDAY, April 16

1:30 pm •Sacramental Prep Class/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room

5:00 pm •St. Joseph Finance Council Meeting/St. Joseph Rectory Library

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

7:00 pm •Young Adult Ministry/YMI

THURSDAY, April 17

5:30 pm •Cursillo Meeting/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room

7:00 pm •SJ Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church

FRIDAY, April 18

5:00 pm •Holy Hour/St. Joseph Church

6:00 pm •Benediction/St. Joseph Church

SATURDAY, April 19

7:45 am •Church Cleaners #7/St. Joseph Church

10:00 am •Adult Scripture Study/St. Joseph Rectory Library

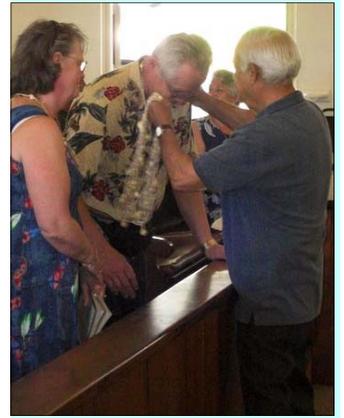
5:00 pm •High School Youth Group/St. Joseph Rectory Library

7:00 pm •Spanish Mass & Fellowship/St. Joseph Church & Rectory Meeting Room

SUNDAY, April 20

10:15 am •Religious Ed Classes/St. Joseph High School

2:00 pm •Baptism/St. Joseph Church



Hospitality Minister greets visitors to Mass at St. Joseph Church.



**Calling all
Eucharistic
Ministers!**

We are appealing to our Eucharistic Ministers for your help in bring communion to our home bound parishioners. If you could help with this please contact Joanne Kahaloa at 961-2726.



**Church Cleaners
Needed**

Our church cleaners are asking for your help. They are seeking individuals who are willing and able to assist them on Saturday mornings. Please contact Rose Marie Callo or Thelma Farin by calling 935-5928 for more information.



Children receive a blessing at the 9:00 am Mass on their way to Children's Liturgy.

Directory

Emergency after-hours number: 899-9453

Clergy

Pastor/ Administrator:

Rev. Thomas Purayidathil Ph.D.

Associate Priest:

Rev. John M. Mbinda

Hispanic Ministry:

Rev. John Fredy Quintero

Deacons:

Rev. Don Aanavi

Rev. Jerry Nunogawa

St. Joseph School Principal:

Sr. Marion Kikukawa, OSF

935-4936

Office Staff & Ministries

Business Manager:

David Watson

Secretary/ Bookkeeper:

Teodora "Theo" Chandler

Receptionist: Robyn Whittington

Housekeeping: "Cres" Castillo

Maintenance: Robert Balga

Religious Education:

Joyce C. Saenz 935-1202

Youth Ministry:

Christyn Villena 935-1465

Young Adult / 25+ Ministry:

Mario Miguel 990-9137

Liturgy Coordinator : Cecil Farin

Music Ministry: Gloria Mendoza-Watson

Alabare Choir: Godfrey Nachor

Aloha Choir: Sylvia Young

Engaged Encounter: 961-2442

Fred & Patti Basilio

Marriage Encounter: 935-8464

Deacon Jerry & Rose Nunogawa

Rite of Christian Initiation

of Adults: Carol Denis

Adult Scripture Study:

Deacon Don Aanavi

Prison Ministry: John Aguiar 935-

8392

Parish Pastoral Advisory

Council: John Tolmie

Finance Council: Susan Lee

Bulletin Coordinator:

Karen Hotniansky

Prayer Network: Kathy Choi

Call rectory: 935-1465

with your prayer request

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the rectory office for arrangements
Baptisms Infant (under 7) Preparation sessions for parents available 9 times a year. Call the rectory office to register at 935-1465.

(over 7-adult) Baptisms/ First Communion / Confirmation

Contact Joyce C. Saenz 935-1202

Hospital Communion: Donna Saiki 935-7801

Home Communion: Joanne Kahaloa 961-2726

Marriages: Contact rectory office at least 6 months in advance

Funerals: Contact rectory office before meeting with funeral director



Cantor at the 9:00 am Mass, Lei Shinoda.



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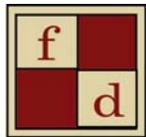
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NEED HELP?

- Do you need someone to care for your loved one, a friend or a family member?
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