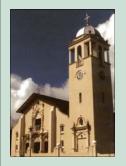
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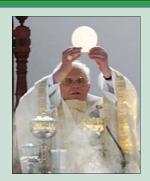
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Solemnity of the Holy Body and Blood of Christ







Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus!

Conclusion of May Devotion Saturday May 31, 2008

We will be concluding our May devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary with a solemn Mass at 7:00 am. All are encouraged to attend.



FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM:

Saturday, May 31, 2008

 First Communion Rehearsal

Please note time change: 11:00 am

St. Joseph Church

Sunday, June 1 & 8

 First Communion Mass

11:30 am St. Joseph Church

MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Pastor's Corner

This Sunday (May 25) we keep the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. "The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the Blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself...." Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1324. In the beginning we had only the feast of the Body of Christ (Corpus Christi), instituted by Pope Urban 1V in 1264. On August 10, 1849 Pope Pius IX decreed that on the first Sunday in



July the feast of the Most Precious Blood would be celebrated by the universal Church. In the recent past the two feasts were combined and now we have it celebrated on the Sunday following the Trinity Sunday.

The Gospel of John makes it very clear that Jesus taught that His body is real food and His blood is real drink. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you." Some Christian denominations believe that Jesus was only speaking symbolically. But it is the tradition and faith of the Catholic Church that Jesus meant exactly what he said. He wanted his followers to eat his body and drink his blood. The Jewish people had never allowed the drinking of blood of any animal. They believed that whatever gave life was contained in the blood. To drink blood, would be a way of getting around God who only can give life. To drink blood which contains the essence of life would be a way of saying I can possess life without God. They sprinkled people with blood but never drank blood. To them Jesus gave the command to drink his blood. In other words by drinking the blood of Christ and eating his flesh we partake of the very life of Christ.

Belief in the Eucharist and the real presence of Christ in the form of bread and wine is central to our faith. All other sacraments and the very life of the Church are centered on the Eucharist. Jesus remains with us through his sacramental presence and let us be grateful for this great gift. Let us approach the sacrament with respect and reverence and always receive it with faith. Partaking of the Eucharist with serious sin on our conscious would be counterproductive. Let us prepare ourselves for it through a good confession. The Eucharistic Lord will bless us abundantly and we will be able to grow in our faith nourished by this heavenly food. May the celebration of this feast bring us ever closer to Christ and one another!

Fr. Tom

NEW PARISH HALL

We have wanted to start building our Parish Hall for the past several years. I have asked George Madden to put together a Building Committee and he has graciously accepted the responsibility. He may be contacting some of you for help. Please help us to start our project as soon as possible.

Fr. Tom

Sunday Reflection

Rev. John M. Mbinda

Solemnity of the Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A

Readings: Deut. 82-3;14b-16a; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; John 6:51-58

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

In the first reading, Moses reminds the Israelites of how God has cared for them during their pilgrimage through the desert. But the Lord also let them endure suffering in order to test their faithfulness to his commandments. In the midst of all the trials, the Lord sustained them with manna because of their faithfulness to him. That is why the reading ends with a plea from Moses urging the people not to forget the Lord who brought them from Egypt and cared for them in every way.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

These verses from psalm 147 are a song of praise to God for his goodness to his people. Response: "Praise the Lord, Jerusalem."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Paul in these two verses highlights the fact that sharing the one loaf and the one cup of the Eucharist makes us one with Jesus Christ. The communion signified and brought about in the Eucharist must permeate every aspect of our lives.

Gospel: John 6:51-58

This passage from the Gospel of John is part of the teaching of Jesus about himself as "living bread of life." The bread that Jesus gives is his flesh. The word "flesh" is unmistakable in its concrete meaning. Jesus in these verses is no longer speaking metaphorically of "food" as in earlier verses: "I am the bread of life" (vv 35, 48). He now calls his disciples to participate intimately in the incarnation itself. The word "incarnation" means "becoming flesh," and Jesus' words here recall the beginning of John's Gospel: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (1:14). Therefore these words are not "merely symbolic," but neither are they merely literal. They are symbolic in the fullest sense of the word. To eat his body and to drink his blood is a sign of intimacy of the union with the humanity and divinity of Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist. It is also the means to that union. That is the meaning of what Jesus teaches when he says that, "whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." Just as Christ is in communion with the Father who sent him so too the one who feeds on Christ will have life because of him.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

Lawrence, Angela & Koa Baptista

Paul & Faye Ingledew

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.



Scripture Readings

Sunday, May 25

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 1 Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58

Monday, May 26

1 Pt 1:3-9 Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10 Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday, May 27

1 Pt 1:10-16 Ps 98:1-4 Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday, May 28

1 Pt 1:18-25 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Mk 10:32-45

Thursday, May 29

1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12 Ps 100:2-5 Mk 10:46-52

Friday, May 30

Dt 7:6-11 Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10 1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 11:25-30

Saturday, May 31

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4b-6 Lk 1:39-56

Sunday, June 1

Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32 Ps 31:2-4, 17, 25 Rom 3:21-25, 28 Mt 7:21-27



Full Conscious Active Participation

Part 6 Eucharist: It is right to give God thanks and praise

Now the center and summit of the entire celebration begins: the Eucharistic prayer, a prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. The priest invites the people to lift up their hearts to the Lord in prayer and thanks; he unites them with himself in the prayer he addresses in their name to the Father through Jesus Christ. The meaning of this prayer is that the entire congregation joins itself to Christ in acknowledging the great things God has done and in offering the sacrifice.

General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 54

Recently, the adult children of an aging mother decided, in order to spare her the stress and excitement of the day, to relocate the traditional Thanksgiving dinner from the family home to a fine restaurant. They were seduced by glossy advertising, showing a beaming family, attentive server, and a photogenic centerpiece turkey with all the trimmings.

Their meal was an unrelieved disaster. Their mother cried and said she missed her wedding china; the customary grace was interrupted by the officious captain who wanted to know if everything was "all right" when he noticed everyone silently peering down at their plates. The *traditional* menu did not connect with memories of family recipes. Everyone missed something, everyone agreed never to come back. The sterile meal, done *for* them, was amazingly different from the family production done *by* them.

These aspects of participation weave throughout the action of the assembly on Sunday morning, but they reach their highpoint at the heart of Sunday prayer: the Eucharistic prayer. *Eucharist*, which derives from a Greek word meaning *thanksgiving* and is an ancient title for the Mass, refers to the prayer over our gifts of bread and wine, changed for us into the Body and Blood of Christ.

Curiously, it sometimes seems that at this part of the Mass attention moves from the active prayer of the people to the actions of the priest. This common misunderstanding can be dispelled first by careful attention to the words of our prayers which always refer to the prayer of all believers. This is *our* prayer.

Secondly, we see clearly in the structure of the Eucharistic prayers that there are frequent interventions by the people to sing responses and acclamations to enter into the prayer and make it our own.

Thirdly, we see in the design of many Catholic churches today a retrieval of the ancient understanding of the people's role in the Eucharistic prayer: the people surround the altar rather than face it as an audience does a stage.

Finally, posture and gesture gives us clues as to our role in the prayer. We stand as the priest says or sings *The Lord be with you*, as he introduces the *Preface*, which will hymn some of the reasons we have for giving God thanks and praise. We may kneel for a time during the prayer, or stand attentively and bow in reverence as the Body and Blood of Christ are raised above the table.

From time to time, we may be called on to carry the gifts in procession, carefully holding the plate of bread and carafe of wine high and moving in reverence toward the altar, or to help collect the money for the support of the community and the poor.

All of these actions express our understanding that Eucharist is not something done *for us* by the priest, but done *by us* as a community of faith. The priest is ordained by the Church to speak and act in the name of Christ and in dialogue with the assembly.

As presider at prayer he exercises special care for the quality of the community's worship, but he by no means acts in isolation from the people he serves.

In the last hundred years, Christians have retrieved an understanding of the Eucharist as an action faithful to the actions of the Lord Jesus on the night before he died: namely, he took, he blessed, he broke, he gave. This basic pattern holds true every Sunday as we take our gifts of bread and wine, bless God for all the gifts given us, we break the bread of Christ's body and pour out the wine of Christ's blood, and receive that life for nourishment, strength, and transformation.

The Eucharistic Prayer which is molded on this framework in thanksgiving for all of God's creation and the saving deeds of Christ, and it opens our eyes to see a sign of the world that is coming to birth. Eucharistic prayer always moves from the memory of what God has already done to an alignment of our hearts with the tasks remaining: a sharing of the abundant life of God with all believers, with all the nations of the world, and with all who have gone before us in the love and service of Christ. The Eucharist reveals to us the deepest meaning of our lives.

Over the course of a lifetime, weekly entry into the community's Eucharistic prayer can shape our lives. It may take many years for its rhythms and patterns to be implanted in the heart. In time, for those who respond faithfully to the call to the Sunday assembly, daily life will be filled with an awareness of Christ's abiding love, empowering us for forgiveness as the pattern of our lives, and enabling us to bring God's justice and mercy to the light of day.

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Catechists join with Fr. Tom and Fr. John at 11:30 am Mass on Sunday May 18, 2008

Religious Education News Update

Sunday morning Religious Education classes have now concluded for this school year. Our final class was held on Sunday, May 18, 2008. I would like to thank all of our participating families who have entrusted their children to us this year. It has been a wonderful and challenging first year for me and it has been a privilege to have your children in our Religious Education classes. I hope your child has learned more about his/her Catholic faith while attending our Sunday classes. Remember, we are here to supplement what your child learns at home about their faith. You are their primary teacher.

I would like to thank all of our catechists and classroom assistants. Your professionalism, patience and dedication to spreading the "Good News" is inspirational and contagious. Many thanks to Mary Ann Leite for her wonderful Children's Library, which is available on Sunday's during Religious Education time. Many children enjoy checking out religious books and taking them home to read throughout the week. Thanks to David Wilson who helps as my program assistant every Sunday that we have class.

Please remember that Children's Liturgy continues year round at the 7:00, 9:00 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. This program helps the children to interpret the Gospel readings on their level. The Summer months provide a good opportunity for your child to attend if they haven't as of yet.

The R.C.I.A. classes officially concluded on Monday, May 19, 2008. Our next classes will begin August of 2008. Anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith is encouraged to call me for more information about this program.



Catechists receive a special blessing at the 11:30 am Mass on 5/18/08



Joy Panem, Don and Merci Manalili and Pat Carvalho enjoy a Catechist Luncheon on 5/18/08

Once again, I thank you for your participation in our Religious Education program and I encourage you to evangelize to others about what educational classes are offered in our Hilo Roman Catholic Community and about what is going on in our churches. I look forward to seeing you all over the Summer months at Mass and at Religious Education registration in August. Mahalo!

Yours in Christ, Joyce C. Saenz Religious Education Coordinator

St. Joseph School News











Elementary May Day St. Joseph Elementary held a May Day celebration on May 9. A fantastic program was held in the Walter Victor gymnasium followed by a Fun Fair on the elementary campus.





St. Joseph's of the 1860's

Dr. Stephen Woo

Blessed Damien at St. Joseph Church

Did you know that Blessed Damien was one of the Concelebrating priests at the Corpus Christi Celebrations in June 1865. Read from the journal of Fr. Charles Pouzot . . .

"On the 1st of January 1863 Mr. W. Conway has made present to the church of a melodeon for the instruction of the children." (There is a melodeon, a small, keyboard piano-like instrument in the Lyman House. It was a gift to Sarah Lyman.)

"On the 28 of August 1863 R. P. Modeste came to Hilo. He remained 9 days. He left on the 5 of Sept." There was no further elaboration on who R. P. Modeste was, what he did while in Hilo or why Father thought this visit worthy of mention.

The next entry dealt with events of the following year:

"The way of the Cross erected in St. Joseph's chapel has been blessed by Rev. F. Charles on Feb. 13, 1864 with

the permission of His Lordship Mgr. Maigret. On the 15 of July 1864 His Lordship Mgr. Maigret come to Hilo. He remained until the 25. He has given Confirmation to 35 persons."

A most interesting note was recorded nearly a year later:

"In the month of June, 1865 there was held at Hilo the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. It was pretty good. Fine weather. No trouble. Frs. Celestin, Clement et Damien."

The list of the priests assisting Father Charles documents that Blessed Damien had graced our parish well before he set foot on Molokai. His special relationship to Father Charles and St. Joseph Parish gives us "bragging rights" indeed!

Blessed Damien de Veuster, SS.CC. **Apostle of the Eucharist**

Father Damien, known the world over as the priest of the lepers on the island of Molokai, was truly an apostle of the Eucharist. This love he had for the Eucharist was transmitted to the lepers. He brought them to closer union with their Maker through the beautiful liturgies he organized, frequent Benediction, and Eucharistic Processions.

It was when he set up numerous adoration chapels that he experienced the depth of the lepers' faith and devotion. Related to the establishment of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration on the island, Father Damien wrote to his provincial in 1888, "This is the fifteenth year we observe night adoration..., all of us lepers."

Father Damien lived for the Eucharist. It was this strong apostleship that filled the lives of the lepers. Their Eucharistic adoration was an edifying homage to the Lord. He wrote to his brother, "Without the constant presence of our Divine Master, I would never be able to cast my lot with that of the lepers." http://www.therealpresence.org

St. Joseph School News Continued



3rd Grade Play

Under the direction of Mrs. Carmen Stack, 3rd graders delighted audiences with a play titled "The Dancing Princesses." The play is a story about 8 princesses who sneak off into the night to dance, unbeknownst to the king, who believes that "all work and no play" is best. All works out for the princesses in the end who are allowed to dance and live happily ever after!





Malia Puka O Kalani Church



Mary gate of Heaven Pray for Us.

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Aunty Mamo Otineru



Paulette Pang-Ching holding her daughter has her picture taken with Fr. Tom Purayidathil and her Mom Linda Farias.



Friendly smiles from Mildred Vereze and Vivian Araujo.

Financial Notes: May 18, 2008

Attendance: 61 Adults: 55 Children: 6 Koa Bowl— \$ 578.50

Our Volunteers for Sunday June 1, 2008

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Mass at Malia Puka O Kalani on Pentecost Sunday also Mother's Day. The mothers are wearing leis presented to them as they arrived at church. The leis were donated by Hospitality Minister Mary Alice Matsumoto.



Laverne Costa arranges flowers for the church.



Mahalo to all those who gifted us with their time, talents and treasure in their preparations for our Mothers Day Celebration at Malia Puka O Kalani Church.



Frieda Lee and her sisters tie ribbons on long stem roses for our Mother Day Celebration.



St. Joseph Lector Maureen Saturnio

St. Joseph Church

6:00 am & 12:15 pm

Saturday: 7:00 am Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

St. Joseph Church

7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:30 am & 6:00 pm

Malia Puka O Kalani

10:00 am - 11:00 am St. Joseph Church

confession schedule does not apply during some

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liturgical seasons.

*Please note:

Sunday: 9:00 am

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Saturday

Legal Holidays:

Spanish Mass:

Weekdays: Mon. - Fri.

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7:00 pm

Sunday:

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Mass

Schedule

This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY, May 25 "The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ"

10:00 am •SJ Filipino Catholic Club Coffee & Donut Hour/Under Parking Canopy

11:30 am •Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

& Benediction/St. Joseph Church

4:00 pm •SJHS Graduation Ceremony/Afook Chinen Civic Auditorium

•Young Adults Ministry/St. Joseph Rectory Library 7:00 pm

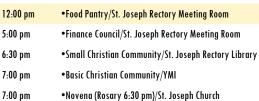
MONDAY, May 26 "Memorial Day Holiday" Rectory Office Closed

7:00 am •Mass/St. Joseph Church—NO 12:15 pm Mass

12:00 pm •Food Pantry at St. Joseph Church will be closed for the Holiday

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

TUESDAY, May 27



WEDNESDAY, May 28

12:00 pm •Food Pantry/Malia Puka O Kalani Church 1:30 pm •Sacramental Prep Class/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room

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

THURSDAY, May 29

5:30 pm •Cursillo Meeting/St. Joseph Rectory Library 6:30 pm •SJ Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church

FRIDAY, May 30

10:00 am Funeral Mass (+George Perreira)/St. Joseph Church

5:00 pm • Holy Hour/St. Joseph Church 6:00 pm •Benediction/St. Joseph Church

SATURDAY, May 31

7:45 am •Church Cleaners #6/St. Joseph Church 10:00 am •Adult Scripture Study/St. Joseph Rectory Library

11:00 am •First Holy Communion Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church

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

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

SUNDAY, June 1

11:30 am	•First Holy Communion Mass/St. Joseph Church
2:00 pm	•Baptism/St. Joseph Church

•Young Adults Ministry/St. Joseph Rectory Library 7:00 pm



Our bookkeeper, Theo Chandler has resigned in anticipation of the opening of her new business tentatively scheduled to open around June 1, 2008. A small luncheon was held in her honor on Thursday, May 15, 2008 with the staff. Theo had worked for the St. Joseph Parish for 16 years. We will all miss her but we wish her well in her new endeavor. Thank you Theo for your many years of service—we wish you well!

5/25/08 St. Joseph School Graduation. 4:00 p.m., Afook-Chinen Civic Auditorium

Food Pantry Closed Memorial Day Monday, May 26

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

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- +Vivian Aguiar
- +George Tavares Perreira



Tabernacle Blessing The refurbished tabernacle was blessed on May 16 at the 6:00 am Friday Mass.



PPAC Workshop given by Brother Lauglan Solfield on May 15, 2008.

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