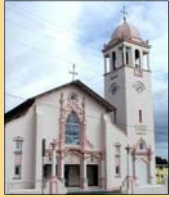


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Hilo Roman Catholic Community



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326 Desha Ave., Hilo, HI 96720
Office Hours: 8:00 am - 12:00 Noon
Phone: (808) 935-9338



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:

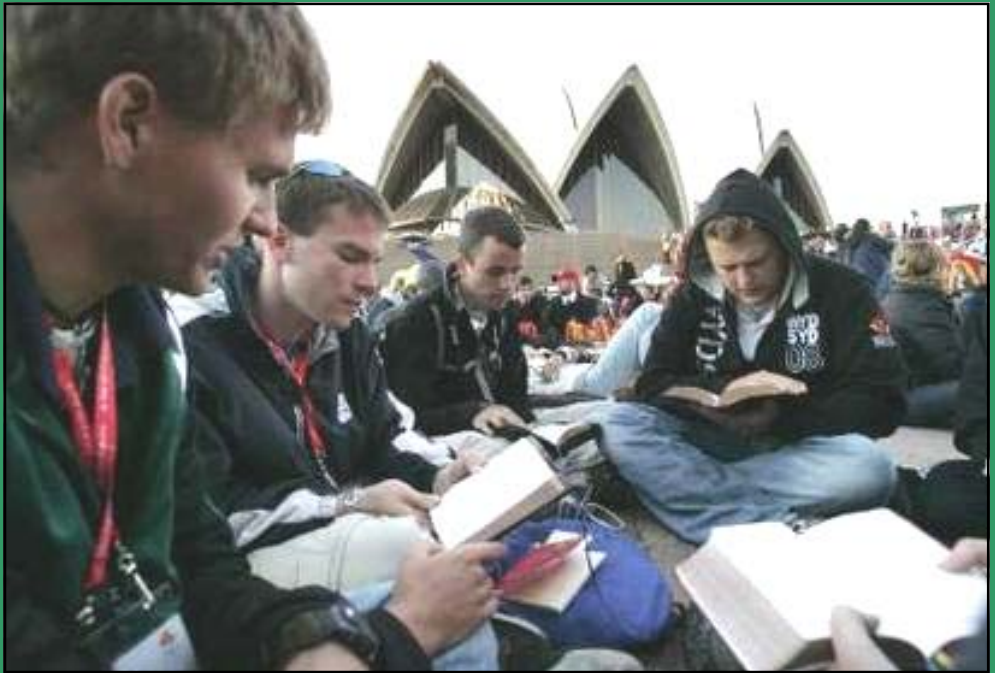
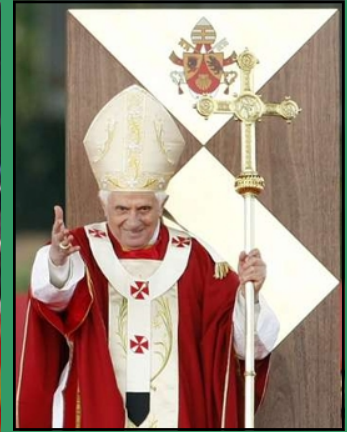
Saturday

10:00 am - 11:00 am

St. Joseph Church

or by appointment

*Please note:
confession schedule
does not apply during
some liturgical seasons.



World Youth Day

pilgrims read bibles and pray on the Sydney Opera House forecourt after watching a performance of "Stations of the Cross" July 18, 2008. The production, which portrays the last days of the life of Jesus, was played out at seven locations in central Sydney.

..... REUTERS/Will Burgess (AUSTRALIA)

Important Dates:

YOUTH (High School) & YOUNG ADULTS (18-30 yrs.)

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

July

25-26 Young Adults
Camping Trip
(Mauna Kea)

August

- Youth Weekly Meeting
(Rectory Library Satur-
days 5-8 pm)
- Young Adults Weekly
Meeting (Rectory Li-
brary Sundays 7-9 pm)
- Youth Day-Retreat
"Love Your Neighbor"
Details will follow



St. Joseph School Dates to Remember

July 30

School begins for pre-school
thru grade 7 and all new stu-
dents, dismissal at 12 noon.

July 31

School begins for grades 1 thru
12, dismissal at 2:30.
Pre-school and Kindergarten,
early dismissal, (TBA).

Aug. 7

High School Fall Sports
(Bowling, Cross Country,
Girls Volleyball, Cheerleading)
Parents meeting, 6:00 p.m.,
Rm. 409; Attendance is man-
datory for parents of all Fall
season athletes. Returning
athletes please bring your ath-
letic handbook from the '07-'08
school year.

Aug. 14-16

9th Annual SJHS Girls Volley-
ball Classic, Afook-Chinen
Civic Auditorium

Aug. 15

Admission Day holiday,
No School

Aug. 29

Teacher-Staff In service Day,
No School

Pastor's Corner

Rev. Thomas Purayidathil, Ph.D.

Seek The Living God: Initiating New Members *An Overview of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*

Mary Ann was a beautiful and enthusiastic young woman of twenty-four, who had just one year before married George, a life-long Catholic. Never a member of any church, she had received no formal religious training. Yet her family had always prayed together, and she deeply believed in God. She yearned to share her faith with others, and especially with her husband George. Her longing led Mary Ann to the local Catholic parish, where she asked to be baptized and confirmed, and to be welcomed to the Eucharistic table.

Rick had just graduated from a Midwestern college and moved to a new city in the East to begin his first job. As an infant Rick was baptized in his father's Catholic faith. Rick's parents were divorced, however, when he was very young, and he lived with his mother until he left for college. Because his mother was not active in any church, Rick was never catechized in the faith, and never received any of the other sacraments. As he began a new life in a new city, he was eager to find some guidance for his life and to enjoy the support of a community of Christians who shared his values.

Patricia, a twenty-nine year old single woman, grew up in a strongly Lutheran family. She was baptized as an infant, attended Sunday school, and received confirmation and communion in her parent's Lutheran church. However, during her college years she began to drift away from God and from the Church. Although she had very little interest in religion as a college student, many of her friends were Catholics, and occasionally she attended Sunday Mass with them. After eight years as a social worker, she began to feel the need to be part of a Church community where she could once again nurture, celebrate and share her faith in God.

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph Church

**Come pray a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament,
plenty of seating available! Fridays between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm.**

July 27: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Readings: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

From its beginnings, Solomon's reign from 961 to 922 B.C. was the peaceful organization and development of a settled people. In this passage, the young king, recognizing his major responsibility, seeks the Lord's wisdom, for he knows that the people he governs are the Lord's. Therefore Solomon humbly asks the Lord for understanding and the practical judgment needed to govern the people well.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

Psalm 119 is the longest psalm in the Book of Psalms. The verses selected here underline the value of keeping the Law of God as the source of wisdom. Response: "Lord, I love your commands."

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

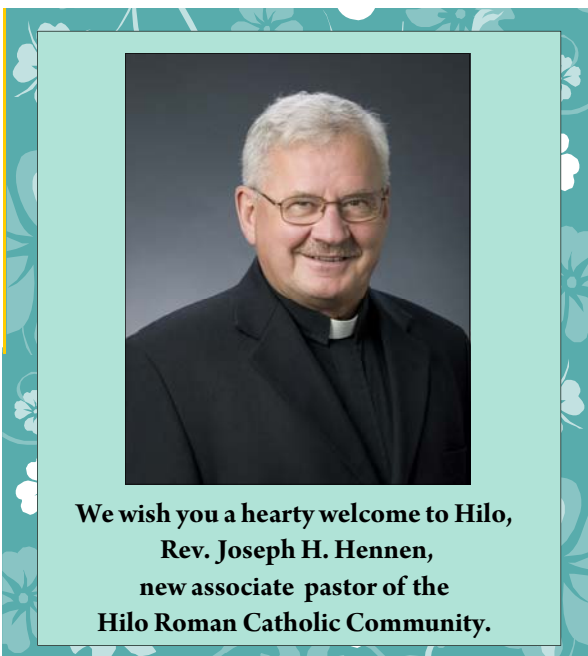
Paul in this passage outlines the Christian vocation as designed by God. In his divine plan of salvation, God does not create anybody for the purpose of damnation. He has given us all an eternal destiny with him. This is God's initiative, not ours. Yet, God leaves us free to choose him or to reject him. All we need to do is to open ourselves to God's work in us.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52


The Gospel passage from Matthew contains three short parables that are closely related in their message about the kingdom, yet each has a distinct point to contribute. In the first parable, the kingdom is a treasure, and the person is a seeker. Upon recognizing the value of the treasure, he decides to risk selling all his property to buy the field where the treasure is. In the second parable the image of the "merchant" has two meanings here. On the vertical level it is God who finds our response to him so valuable that he gives up all (divinity "humiliated" in the Incarnation and Paschal mystery of his Son) to purchase us, the pearl of great value. On the horizontal level it is the faithful disciple who finds the pearl of great price and sells all he or she has in order to possess the kingdom. The third parable contains its own interpretation. It compares Judgment Day to a net thrown into the sea, which, when hauled ashore contains all kinds of fish. The good are used; the bad are thrown away.



Scripture Readings	
<u>Sunday, July 27</u>	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
<u>Monday, July 28</u>	Jer 13:1-11 (Ps) Dt 32:18-21 Mt 13:31-35
<u>Tuesday, July 29</u>	Jer 14:17-22 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
<u>Wednesday, July 30</u>	Jer 15:10, 16-21 Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18 Mt 13:44-46
<u>Thursday, July 31</u>	Jer 18:1-6 Ps 146:1b-6b Mt 13:47-53
<u>Friday, Aug. 1</u>	Jer 26:1-9 Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 Mt 13:54-58
<u>Saturday, Aug. 2</u>	Jer 26:11-16, 24 Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 14:1-12
<u>Sunday, Aug. 3</u>	Is 55:1-3 Ps 145:8-9, 15-18 Rom 8:35, 37-39 Mt 14:13-21



Hospital Ministry
Two weeks ago you were informed of the Hospital Ministry Program where volunteers take Holy communion to the sick in the hospital. I hope you have really thought about it and given it your prayerful consideration. If you would like to know more or if you feel the call to participate please give me a call at 935-7801. Early morning or evening hours are best for me.



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Hilo Roman Catholic Community is grateful to the inspiring and helpful presence of our Seminarian Tony Rapozo among us for the past seven weeks. We remember him in our prayers as he continues with his Priestly studies.

Dear parishioners,

I would like to thank Saint Joseph's and Malia Puka O Kalani parishes for allowing me the opportunity of spending my summer with you. I had a wonderful time here on the Big Island, and I have made many new friends and have learned many new concepts about parish life. Mahalo and thank you very much for all of your generosity, love and aloha during my seven weeks here in Hilo. May Our Blessed Mother Mary continue to bless Saint Joseph's and Malia Puka O Kalani parishes and its parishioners' many endeavors of Christian charity and love. May Our Lord Jesus Christ guide and strengthen all of your families with his love and grace.

Sincerely, your brother in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior,

Anthony Rapozo.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) provides a process for people like Mary Ann, Rick, and Patricia, people who are searching, people who wish “consciously and freely [to] seek *the living God* and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit enters their hearts” (RCIA 1). The reasons why people are initially attracted to the Church are as varied as the inquirers themselves, and yet all those who enter the RCIA share a desire to come to a living faith in God as members of the Christian community.

The initiation of adults is “a gradual process that takes place within the community of the faithful” (RCIA 4). In fact, there are four periods in the initiation process, each of which corresponds to a person’s growth in faith and entry into the life of the Christian community. Catechumens’ growth in faith and their gradual conversion and incorporation into the Christian community are marked by liturgical celebrations as they move from one period to the next. The role of the whole community in the initiation of new members is most evident in the celebration of the important rituals in these four periods of initiation:

Evangelization and Precatechumenate

In the period of *evangelization and precatechumenate*, newcomers are given the opportunity to reflect on the experience of God in their lives and to ask their questions. The community in turn shares with them the good news of Jesus Christ. The purpose of this period is to guide inquirers to an initial conversion to Christ.

Catechumenate

The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens marks the beginning of the period of the *catechumenate*, a substantial period of formation in the Christian life. During the catechumenate a person’s initial conversion is deepened by embracing the Christian community’s way of life; by participating in worship, especially the Sunday liturgy of the word; by catechesis based on the word of God; and by taking up a share in the Church’s mission.

Purification and Enlightenment

The Church sets aside a time of immediate and intensive preparation for the celebration of the sacraments of initiation. This period, known as *purification and enlightenment*, coincides with the season of Lent, the forty days before Easter. Through the liturgies and the reflection of this period, the whole community joins candidates in focusing on the transformation of one’s whole person to the way of Christ, to a life based on the gospel.

Mystagogy

The sacraments of initiation (baptism, confirmation, eucharist) are celebrated with great festivity and solemnity at the Easter Vigil. During the subsequent period of *mystagogy*, the fifty days of the Easter season, the newly initiated and the whole Christian community savor the experience of the Easter sacraments, reflect on their meaning for their lives, and once again embrace their share of the Church’s mission in the world.

For Whom is the RCIA Intended?

The RCIA is intended primarily for unbaptized adults, who like Mary Ann, seek to enter the Church through the three sacraments of initiation: baptism, confirmation, and eucharist. These persons are referred to as *catechumens*.

In the United States, the RCIA also includes liturgical rites and provides guidelines for the formation of baptized but uncatechized Catholics who seek to complete their initiation through the sacraments of confirmation and the eucharist. Similar rites and guidelines are also provided for adults baptized in other Christian churches who seek to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. In the formation of baptized persons, the Church acknowledges that they are already part of the body of Christ through baptism. Therefore, those like Rick and Patricia who are already baptized are never referred to as catechumens, but as *candidates*.

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The RCIA is the concern not only of the catechumens and candidates themselves, but of the whole Christian community, which is itself renewed in the celebration of initiation: “By joining the catechumens in reflecting on the value of the paschal mystery and by renewing their own conversion, the faithful provide an example that will help the catechumens to obey the Holy Spirit more generously” (RCIA 4).

Seek The Living God: Part 1 of 6
Author: J. Michael McMahon

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Did You Know? Internet Spammers Target Kids, Too



Does your child know what to do when he or she gets an e-mail from an unknown person? If you are allowing your children to communicate with others online, be aware that they will be exposed to spam. The easiest way to avoid spam is to make sure that your children do not give out their personal information or e-mail address to anyone they do not know. Adjust the security settings on their e-mail account to filter or block unwanted messages. Encourage your children to delete any messages they get from anyone they don't know. Even when your children get e-mail or instant messages from people they know, make sure that they scan everything they are downloading for viruses first. You can do this by making sure that you have your antivirus software up to date.

Source: www.netSMART.org/safety/safetytips.htm



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008 Sydney, Australia

When young people gather to get excited about their faith, it is a moment to celebrate. Not many young people embrace their faith as easily as they embrace Myspace, text messaging and MTV. They sit and wait for others to energize them in their faith instead of getting up and jumping in on their own.



**When the Holy Spirit
comes upon you
You will be
My Witness**

This past week has been an historic occasion for young people all over the world as they gathered to stimulate and activate their faith. The Holy Father generously gave time and encouragement to pilgrims who came from many different countries during the World Youth Day event in Sydney. His message was “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.” The Holy Father added that this power is not just any kind of power but the power of God's life. “This is the power of the same Spirit who hovered over the waters at the dawn of creation and who, in the fullness of time, raised Jesus from the dead. It is the power which points us, and our world, towards the coming of the Kingdom of God.” His Holiness also sent words of inspiration to people of all ages during the week's festivities and were reiterated in the final mass at Randwick.

The Holy Father also text messaged the World Youth Day participants daily with messages like, “The Holy Spirit gave the Apostles and gives you the power boldly to proclaim that Christ is risen!” People throughout the world were encouraged to get active in their spiritual journey. Benedict XVI spoke to the youth on how to become witnesses and of the importance of such a task. “You are already well aware that our Christian witness is offered to a world which in many ways is very fragile...unity is the key that will change the world.” The week's festivities also include a dramatization of the stations of the cross at the Sydney Opera House, Catechesis sessions that were held at different locations in Sydney, and an Evening Vigil with the Pope at Southern Cross Precinct where pilgrims camped out under the stars.

The message of building our community, our church, in the same manner that was bestowed to the Apostles in that dark upper room at Pentecost is the challenge we are faced with today. The challenge of receiving that power to grow in our faith will be burned in the hearts of all who took part in World Youth Day, Sydney. This momentous event will forever motivate the young people of this generation to live in service to God's message and to joyfully await the coming of God's Kingdom.

Submitted by Chrislyn Villena

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008 - SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA



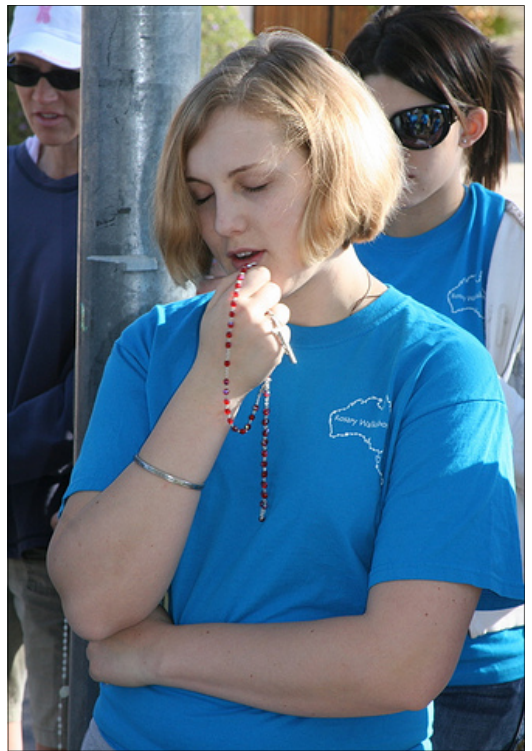
Actors re-enact the crucifixion of Jesus during the Stations of the Cross, for World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney.



Pope Benedict greets the 2008 World Youth Day pilgrims at the final Mass of World Youth Day 2008 held at Randwick.



Surfers pray before the World Youth Day Cross as it arrives in Melbourne.



Youth raising World Youth Day cross in Sydney park.



World Youth day Concert



Next World Youth Day: 2011 Madrid, Spain



Joyce Saenz reads the word at Malia Puka O Kalani.



Malia Puka O Kalani Church



Mary, Gate of Heaven, pray for us.

Aunty Irene Kondo
 Kahele Ohana
 Aunty Patty Grube
 Aunty Becky Reis
 Uncle Tony Moniz
 Aunty Ginger Moniz
 Aunty Minnie Alidon

Bret Hoffman
 Uncle Tommy Gouveia
 Aunty Dora Costa
 Aunty Mamo Olineru
 Aunty Nita Kua
 Aunty Shirly Tripp
 Aunty and Uncle Dulatre
 Eleanor Birne



Shirley Tripp is prayed over and anointed by Fr. John Mbinda at Malia Puka O Kalani Church.



Our Volunteers for Sunday August 3, 2008

Church Cleaning

Youth Group

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Sacristan

Moke

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Kalauao / Namele /

Kekona / Kayla

Lectors

Laverne / Moke

Money Counters

Julia / Natalie

Eucharistic Ministers

Patty / Kathy

Bell Ringers

Pete / Melody

Financial Notes: July 20, 2008

Attendance: Adults: 51 Children: 1

Koa Bowl: \$ 962.00

Rectory Rental: \$ 25.00



"Some men see things as they are and say, why? I dream things that never were and say, why not?"

Robert Kennedy quoting George Bernard Shaw.

Religious Education News

Religious Education Class Registration 2008-2009

► It's time to think about registration for Religious Education classes for the 2008-2009 school year! Registration for our program will be held on Sunday, August 17, 2008, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Registration will take place at the St. Joseph Jr./Sr. High school. We would like to encourage all parents with children in grades Kindergarten through High School to consider enrolling your child in our parish program. Children preparing for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation must complete a two year preparation program before receiving the Sacraments. Parents are encouraged to enroll children in our classes every year and not merely in preparation for receiving the Sacraments, as each year of Religious Education contains important catechism that your child needs in order to receive a strong foundation in his/her faith.

Interested in becoming Catholic?

► The RCIA program is the process by which adults are instructed in the Doctrine of the Church and are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic please call Joyce Saenz at the R.E. office at 935-1202. We will have an organizational meeting soon! We will have an informational meeting regarding the RCIA process on August 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the church library.



Christ is counting on you
to find out more about Cursillo.
Contact Joyce Berrios
966-6763



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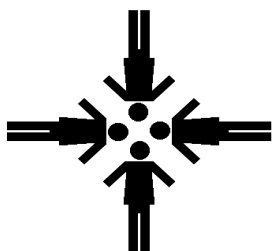
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933-4357 (HELP)
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Cars for Catholic Charities

You can donate your car to help support programs serving youth, families, immigrants, and seniors. Cars Donation Program: 961-7122
www.CatholicCharitiesHawaii.org



WEEKLY COLLECTION	
5:00 pm	\$ 1,745.00
Spanish Mass	\$ 43.00
7:00 am	\$ 2,387.00
9:00 am	\$ 1,663.50
11:30 am	\$ 1,404.00
6:00 pm	\$ 1,216.00
Sunday Total Collection	\$ 8,458.50
Candles	\$ 408.50
Donations/ Others	\$ 1,769.00
Total Other Rev.	\$ 2,177.50
RESTRICTED DONATIONS	
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$ 566.50
Parish Hall Fund	\$ 1,270.00
School Fund	\$ 299.00
Others	\$ 1,078.00
Total Rest. Donations	\$ 3,213.50
Total Weekly Deposit	\$ 13,849.50
Parish Hall Fund to Date	\$ 82,590.50

This Week's Calendar

MONDAY, July 28

- 12:00 pm •Food Pantry/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room
- 1:00 pm •Spiritual Support Group/St. Joseph Church Breezeway
- 5:45 pm •Youth Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church

TUESDAY, July 29

- 6:30 pm •Small Christian Community/St. Joseph Rectory Library
- 6:30 pm •Parish Planning w/Mark Lively/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room
- 7:00 pm •Basic Christian Community/YMI
- 7:00 pm •Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/St. Joseph Church

WEDNESDAY, July 30

- 12:00 pm •Food Pantry/Malia Puka O Kalani Church
- 6:30 pm •Alabare Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church
- 7:00 pm •Finance Council Meeting/St. Joseph Rectory Library

THURSDAY, July 31

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

FRIDAY, August 1 "First Friday"

- 1:00 pm •Adoration/St. Joseph Church
- 6:00 pm •Benediction/St. Joseph Church

SATURDAY, August 2

- 7:45 am •Church Cleaners #1/St. Joseph Church
- 10:00 am •Adult Scripture Study/St. Joseph Rectory Library
- 10:30 am •Memorial Mass (+ Anson Chong)/Malia Puka O Kalani Church
- 5:00 pm •High School Youth Group/Malia Puka O Kalani Church
- 7:00 pm •Spanish Mass & Fellowship/St. Joseph Church & Rectory Meeting Room

Youth Mass Announcement

The next Youth Mass will be held on **August 10 at 11:30 am.** All youth (ages 14-18) or young adults (ages 18-35) who play an instrument or sing are invited to join our youth and young adult choir.

For more information please call the Youth and Young Adult Minister at 935-1465.

Scheduled Rehearsals: 6-8 pm (choir members are encouraged to meet 15 minutes prior and remain 15 minutes after to help with the setup and cleanup of equipment).

Date	Location
July 28 (Monday)	St. Joseph Church
August 4 (Monday)	St. Joseph Church
August 9 (Saturday)	St. Joseph Library



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Hispanic Ministry:	Alabare Choir: Godfrey Nachor
Rev. John Fredy Quintero	Aloha Choir: Sylvia Young
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Rev. Don Aanavi	Fred & Patti Basilio
Rev. Jerry Nunogawa	Marriage Encounter: 935-8464
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935-4936	of Adults: Carol Denis
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Joyce C. Saenz 935-1202	Bulletin Coordinator:
Youth Ministry &	Karen Hotniansky
Young Adult / 25+ Ministry:	Prayer Network: Kathy Choi
Chrislyn Villena 935-1465	Call rectory: 935-1465
Food Pantry Coordinator:	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.
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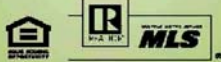


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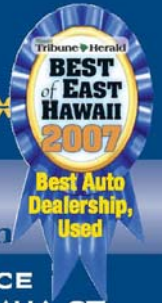
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