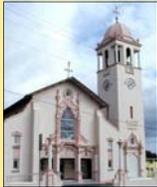


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Hilo Roman Catholic Community



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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

St. Joseph Elementary School Chapel

Tuesday & Friday
7:00 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.



Pope Benedict XVI has remarked, that Christ's Kingship is not based on "human power" but on loving and serving others. The perfect example of that acceptance, he pointed out, is the Virgin Mary. Her humble and unconditional acceptance of God's will in her life, the Pope noted, was the reason that "God exalted her over all other creatures, and Christ crowned her Queen of heaven and earth."

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.

YOUTH MASS

- Nov. 23, 11:30 am
- Dec. 14, 6:00 pm
- Dec. 25, 11:30 am



Thanksgiving Eve Mass

Nov. 26 (Wed.)
7:00 pm / Malia

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Nov. 27 (Thurs.)
8:00 am / St. Joseph



First Sunday of Advent
Nov. 30 (Sunday)

Mass Immaculate Conception

Dec. 8 (Mon.)
6:00 pm / Malia
6:00 am / 12:15 pm
/ 7:00 pm / St. Joseph
**Sr. Marykutty and Sr. Ruth will be renewing their vows at the 7:00 pm Mass.*

Jubilee Mass Fr. John / 40th Anniversary

Dec. 14 (Sun.)
6:00 pm / St. Joseph

Fr. Tom Installation w/ Bishop Larry Silva

Dec. 21 (Sunday)
6:00 pm Mass / St. Joseph

Advent Penance Service

Dec. 23 (Tues.)
7:00 pm / St. Joseph

The Solemnity of Christ the King

We live in an era where democracy is glorified as the ideal form of government. Hence the Solemnity of Christ the King seems to us a little 'obsolete'. But enlightened and reliable leadership is a great benefit to any society. Our founding fathers understood that very well when they established "one nation under God." So we expect our leaders to be conscientious people responsible to God. For us Christians, Jesus is our ideal leader who meets every standard we can set for a leader. The Hebrews had experienced the power, courage and dedication of their kings. They saw it in their founding father King David. They experienced it in the splendor of the reign of King Solomon. They watched with awe the might and power of the kings of Egypt and Persia. So it is natural for the early Christians to use this familiar image of a king to describe Jesus' relationship to the people "he consecrated by his own blood" (Hebrews 13:12).



It is Jesus who can save us from a warped kind of freedom that could result in chaos and disaster. As we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King let us submit to his leadership in our lives. Allow him to be the King of our hearts. In the opening prayer (alternative) of the feast we pray: "Father all powerful bring all mankind together in Jesus Christ your Son, whose kingdom is with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever."

Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat!

Fr. Tom



GIVING TREE PROJECT 2008

Once again we all have an opportunity to fulfill Christmas wishes and live out the social teachings of our faith through the Giving Tree Project that, through your kindness and generosity, has been so successful for the past two years. Next week parishioners at both St. Joseph and Malia Churches will find a Giving Tree at each church for the benefit of five special programs: Beyond Shelter Apartments, the Ponahawai Ola Program, Kihei Pua Homeless Shelter, the Faith Against Drugs residential program, and for the first time, the Acadia Healthcare project for troubled adolescent boys. These programs all serve adults and children who need our help. We hope you will visit the Giving Tree, select an ornament and purchase a gift for the designated person. Look in next week's bulletin for more information. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Submitted by: PPAC



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REMINDER
November 30 : NO R.E. CLASSES
HAPPY THANKSGIVING



"Blessings and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen"

Revelation 7:12

November 23, 2008: Solemnity of Christ the King, Year A

Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17; 1 Cor. 15:20-26,28; Matthew 25:31-46

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

In this text, Ezekiel writes after the return from exile in Babylon. From the context, it is apparent that neither the people nor their leaders had learned their lesson. As they became prosperous again, they also became corrupt and less concerned with justice and mercy. They were like sheep without a shepherd. That is why the Lord promises through the prophet that he will look after and tend his sheep himself.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

This familiar psalm is a prayer to the Lord who cares for his sheep. Response: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Paul in this passage intends to highlight the effect of the resurrection, which restores all things in Christ, in the order that God intended. The end will come, then Christ will hand over "the Kingdom to God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power." Christ himself has already accomplished this restoration, but it is brought to completion only after Christ and the Church has engaged and defeated the enemy at war. The last enemy to be defeated is death.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

In the Gospel passage of this Sunday, Jesus first exhorts his followers to vigilance, preparation, and attentive ministry during the period of uncertain delay before his second coming. He then speaks of the last judgment in terms derived from the daily life of a shepherd — the separation of sheep and goats into their own pens after a day of grazing together. The Jewish concept of the last judgment was the triumph of the Jewish people over all other nations. The early Church was also tempted to think in a similar way; membership in the Church, or mere profession of faith in Christ, as insuring a favorable judgment. Jesus however, teaches that the basic standard by which we will be judged is our recognition of one another as brothers and sisters in a genuine sense, and above all our response to the less fortunate. What we do or fail to do for them springs from our attitude toward them, and ultimately, our attitude toward Christ.



St. Joseph Choir member Piilani Chaves greets parishioner at St. Joseph Church.



**WELCOME
To Our Visitors!**



Scripture Readings

Sunday, Nov. 23

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17

Ps 23:1-3, 5-6

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Mt 25:31-46

Monday, Nov. 24

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5

Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6

Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, Nov. 25

Rv 14:14-19

Ps 96:10-13

Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, Nov. 26

Rv 15:1-4

Ps 98:1-3b, 7-9

Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, Nov. 27

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a

Ps 100:1b-5

Lk 21:20-28

Friday, Nov. 28

Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2

Ps 84:3-6a, 8a

Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, Nov. 29

Rv 22:1-7

Ps 95:1-7b

Lk 21:34-36

Sunday, Nov. 30

Is 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7

Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

1 Cor 1:3-9

Mk 13:33-37

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Tuesday, November 25th • 7:00 pm

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Malia Puka O Kalani Church

Financial Notes: *November 16, 2008*

Koa Bowl \$ 819.69

The estimated average Koa Bowl Collection needed each week to support ourselves is: \$1,500.00 - Fr. Joe

ATTENDANCE

**Adults 80
Children 15**



From Fr. Joe.....

There are a few items needing your attention:

1. We will have a THANKSGIVING MASS on Wednesday, Nov 26 at 7:00 pm. Please bring any item of food which you will use for your Thanksgiving Dinner for the blessing of food. Also, please bring an extra item of food to leave for the Food Pantry. While Thanksgiving is not a liturgical feast, it is a wonderful time to stop for a moment of thanksgiving to God. Please join us.
2. Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. Our Liturgy Committee has developed some wonderful Advent Liturgies and Advent events. I hope you will participate in Preparing the Way of the Lord.
3. As in the past, Malia will participate in the Giving Tree Project. This year Malia will take on the project of Acadia adolescent residential drug treatment Program. This is a project close to my heart because I spent 26 years working in drug treatment prior to coming to Malia. I hope everyone will take an ornament to secure a gift for a person trying to rid him/herself from the scourge of drugs.
4. I need to return to New York/New Jersey in December for another round of leukemia treatments. At the same time I will spend a couple days in Minnesota celebrating my mother's 95th birthday. I'll be gone from Dec 2 – Dec 18, absent for the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of Advent. God bless you.....Fr. Joe



Uncle Moke reviews server training.



Our Volunteers for Sunday, November 30, 2008

Church Cleaning

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Flowers

Maybelle / Shirley

Sacristan

Moke

Altar Servers

Namele / Alyah

Lectors

Ron/ Patty

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Shirley / Maybelle

Bell Ringers

Pete / Melody

Money Counters

Natalie / Laverne / Pete



Food Pantry: Please remember our brothers and sisters who need our help by bringing food donations every week with you to Mass.

Saint Joseph 11/10/08

Malia 11/12/08

60 persons served

17 persons served

**God our Father we give you thanks for the gift of this day!
Please help us use it wisely to bring you honor and Glory Amen**



Mary, Gate of Heaven pray for us.



*Aunty Irene Kondo
Kahele Ohana
Aunty Patty Grube
Uncle Tony Moniz
Aunty Minnie Alidon
Uncle Tommy Gouveia
Aunty Dora Costa
Aunty Mamo Olineru
Aunty Nita Kua
Aunty and Uncle Dulatre
Eleanor Birney
Aunty Mabel Silva
Dona Watson
Rita Cusick*

**Mass Intentions
Please pray for those
in the Book of Life.**



David Mendiola Construction
recently completed the screening of the parish hall.



Fr. Joe blessing the parishioners.



Preparing for Mass



The Tradition of

Thanksgiving

By Fr. Joe Hennen



The American Holiday of Thanksgiving is filled with as much myth as reality. The customary belief is that the first Thanksgiving was celebrated around 1620 when the early Pilgrims and the local Native Americans (the Indians) sat down to a common feast of wild turkey, venison, and Indian corn after giving thanks to God. We like to believe that a form of this celebration has continued ever since. Not true! The feast we reference in this mythical account seems was nothing more than a harvest festival which was part of both the English and Wampanoag Indian traditions. This festival was a three day affair of eating and merry-making. There is no historical reference to “giving Thanks.” The reality is that the first recorded Thanksgiving celebration in what would become the United States, happened in 1565 in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. Six Hundred Spanish settlers under the leadership of Pedro Menendez de Aviles declared a Day of Thanksgiving, celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving and had a feast. (There is no account of what they ate).

The Puritans held their first recorded Thanksgiving in 1623. It was a church day, a day of fasting, rather than an “eating and feasting” day. The custom of a day of fasting continued off-and-on for the next 150 years. The very first Proclamation of Thanksgiving was issued by the Continental Congress in 1777. This Proclamation called people to set aside the day (Dec. 18) for prayers. Feasting and “servile work and such recreation, as thought at other times innocent, should be omitted on so solemn an occasion.” President Washington continued this type of “Thanksgiving Proclamation” in 1789 and subsequent years. Future Presidents would declare a Day of Thanksgiving on a sporadic basis, always with the same theme of fasting, and always on different days in the late fall or early winter.

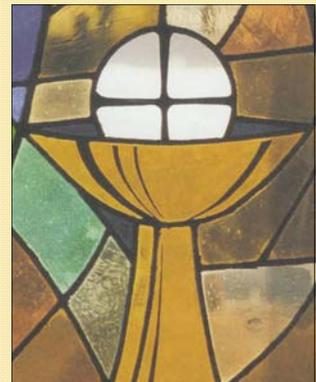
In 1863 President Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be celebrated on the final Thursday in November. In the middle of the Civil War he issued a proclamation that called on the American people to give thanks and “with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged.” Again, no reference to feasting or merry-making. Since 1863, Thanksgiving has been observed annually in the United States, on changing dates.

In 1941, the U.S. Congress passed a bill, signed into law by Franklin Roosevelt, that Thanksgiving would be observed annually on the fourth Thursday of November. In 1947, and every year since, the National Turkey Federation has presented the President with a live turkey and two dressed turkeys. (It was and is one of the best marketing ventures in recent history. For many people, modern day Thanksgiving is known as “Turkey Day”!)

In Hawaii the tradition of Thanksgiving also has a rather long history. In 1849 it is recorded that sometime toward the end of his reign, His Majesty, King Kamehameha, issued a proclamation “to appoint the Thirty-first Day of December, next, as a day of Thanksgiving to God, for his unnumbered mercies and blessing to this nation, and people of every class are respectfully requested to assemble in their homes of worship on that day, to render united praise to the Father of Nations, and to inspire His favor to come, upon all who dwell upon these shores, as families, and as a nation.” Different than the mainland tradition, the Hawaiian Thanksgiving tradition united prayer and feasting from the very beginning. The Hawaiian Thanksgiving was celebrated in the tradition of a luau.

In summary, the only common element in the tradition of Thanksgiving in the United States is “the tradition of giving Thanks to God.”

The Eucharist (which is a Greek word meaning, “To Give Thanks”) will be celebrated at Malia Puka O Kalani at 7:00 pm, the night before Thanksgiving and at St. Joseph’s at 8:00 am, the day of Thanksgiving. Please join in being faithful to a Thanksgiving tradition that dates back to 1565.





Japanese Sister School Visit

Students from the Urawa Jitsugyo Gakuen school (UJG), our sister school in Japan, wrapped up their visit to SJS recently, however, not before learning and sharing cultures and forming strong bonds with our students and their host families.

While staying with host families they attended school at SJS and shared their culture with students in pre-school through grade 6. They also learned about Hawaiian and local cultures. They went fishing for the first time in their lives with each catching at least 1 fish; made a trip around the island visiting Punalu'u Beach, Pu'u honua O Honaunau, lunch at Pine Tree Café in Kona, and swimming at Hapuna Beach.

They also learned Hawaiian chants, hula, how to play the ukulele and how to make ti leaf and haku lei.

They are missed terribly by our host students.

A hui hou 'UJG'!





The Sisters Have Arrived!

Sister Marykutty and Sister Ruth Zonunthari have arrived to assist us here in the Hilo Roman Catholic Community. The parish will be renting a house for them, however, we are in need of assistance with furnishing that home. If you are able to donate a new or gently used item from our wish list or would like to make a donation towards these items, please call David Watson, the Business Manager at 935-1465.



CONVENT Wish List

- Coffee maker
- New twin mattress pads (5 needed)
- 3 small desk lamps
- Wall mirrors
- Rice pot
- Serving dishes
- Mixer
- Placemats,
- Wine glasses
- Toaster
- Car—preferably a Toyota Sienna or Honda CRV

Thank you to those who have already made contributions!

A busy first week for Sister Marykutty and Sister Ruth!



Sister Marykutty, Sister Ruth and Fr. Tom visit the fifth grade R.E. Class on Sunday, November 16, 2008.

Sister Marykutty and Sister Ruth had a wonderful time meeting many parishioners at last Sunday's Masses.



Young Adult BBQ

The Parish young adult ministry are introduced to Sr. Marykutty the new Pastoral Assistant and Sr. Ruth Social Outreach coordinator at the Young Adult BBQ.



Diocesan Road Map

Very Reverend Fr. Marc Alexander and Dr. Colleen Sathre came to St. Joseph, Hilo on November 13. They gave a presentation to all the churches of east Hawaii laying out a step by step guide for the parishes to use to help insure the successful implementation of the Diocesan Road Map for pastoral, program and facility needs 2008-2013.

After the presentation the churches broke into groups for an exercise to discuss and identify their top parish priorities following the Diocesan Road Map Guidelines. They worked on formulating 3 action steps for the #1 priority. The evening concluded with each of the parishes sharing with the large group what they identified as their top three priorities and the 3 action steps they came up with for their #1 priority. The next step would be to “Do Something”. Working together parish communities will undertake one or more of the Road Map’s six major recommended actions.



Youth leader Alana records small group discussion’s notes during Diocesan Road Map Presentation.



The Very Reverend Fr. Marc Alexander presents the Diocesan Road Map to East Vicariate representatives on November 13.



Dr. Colleen Sathre explains the implementation process of Diocesan Road Map.



The lucky winner of the Diocesan Road Map was Malia Puka O Kalani Church.

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Rev. Joseph Hennen

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Eternal Rest

Grant unto them

O Lord and Let perpetual light shine upon them

† We remember in prayer all the departed and most especially our loved ones in this month of All Souls.

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We thank you and continue to ask for your help in collecting KTA receipts for turkey certificates and non-perishable food items that can be given out to our food pantry recipients. MAHALO!

This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY, Nov. 23

- 10:15 am • Religious Ed Classes/SJHS
- 11:30 am • Youth Mass/St. Joseph Church
- 7:00 pm • Young Adults Sports Night/SJS Gym

MONDAY, Nov. 24

- 10:00 am • Aloha Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church
- 12:00 pm • Food Pantry/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room
- 1:00 pm • Spiritual Support Group/St. Joseph Church Breezeway
- 6:00 pm • RCIA Classes/St. Joseph Rectory Library
- 6:00 pm • Youth & Young Adults Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church

TUESDAY, Nov. 25

- 7:00 am • St. Joseph School Mass/St. Joseph Elem. Chapel
- 3:00 pm • SJ Alumni & Friends Sweetbread Fundraiser/St. Joseph Meeting Room
- 6:30 pm • Small Christian Community/St. Joseph Rectory Library
- 7:00 pm • Basic Christian Community/YMI
- 7:00 pm • Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/St. Joseph Church
- 7:00 pm • Interfaith Annual Thanksgiving Service/First United Protestant Church
- 6:30 pm • Malia Finnace /Malia Puka O Kalani church

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 26

- 12:00 pm • Food Pantry/Malia Puka O Kalani Church
- 6:30 pm • Alabare Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church
- 7:00 pm • Thanksgiving Eve Mass/ Malia Puka O Kalani Church

**THURSDAY, Nov. 27 "Thanksgiving Day" Holiday—
Rectory Office Closed**

- 8:00 am • Thanksgiving Day Mass/St. Joseph Church
- 7:00 pm • Filipino Mass/St. Joseph Church

FRIDAY, Nov. 28 7:00 am

- 7:00 am • St. Joseph School Mass/St. Joseph Elementary Chapel
- 5:00 pm • Holy Hour/St. Joseph Church
- 6:00 pm • Benediction/St. Joseph Church

SATURDAY, Nov. 29

- 7:45 am • Church Cleaners #4/St. Joseph Church
- 10:00 am • Adult Scripture Study/St. Joseph Rectory Library
- 7:00 pm • Spanish Mass & Fellowship/St. Joseph Church & Rectory Meeting Room

SUNDAY, Nov. 30



*"I will praise God's name in song
and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30*



6 pm Music Ministry

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Philippians 4:8


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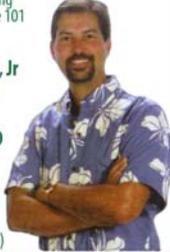
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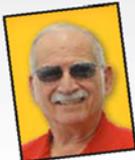
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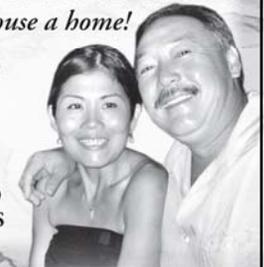
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