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Hilo Roman Catholic Community



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WELCOME
to our Visitors!



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.



Happy New Year!



Feast of the Holy Family

Dec. 28

New Year's Masses

Dec 31 (Wed)

Vigil **5 pm Malia**

7 pm St Joseph

New Year's Day Masses

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God

Jan 1 (Thurs)

9:00 am St. Joseph

11:30 am St. Joseph

NOTE: The rectory office
will be closed on December
31 & January 1

Year of St. Paul Celebration
Jan. 25, 2009

Memorial Mass
Jan. 31 (Saturday) 1pm



Please join me in saying
a big "Thank You" to
Gerard Callo and his
crew who have installed
new lights in the sanctu-
ary and choir area.
They also installed new
timers so we once again
have lights on our large
stained glass window and
on the crucifix at the
front of the church.

Fr. Tom

The Feast of the Holy Family

Fr. Joe Hennen

The Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day is designated by the Church as "Holy Family Sunday". Devotion to the Holy Family is a rather recent development but one that naturally grows out of a love for Jesus. The first historical mention of any devotion to the Holy Family is in the 17th century. We know of regional devotions to the Holy Family starting sixteen hundred years after the birth of Christ but the devotion did not become part of the universal church until 1893 when Pope Leo XIII integrated it into the Church calendar. From 1893 until 1969 the feast was celebrated on various dates and without much splendor. It was in 1969 that Pope Paul VI gave the Feast of the Holy Family great significance by mandating that it be celebrated throughout the universal church on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day.

It was very intentional on the part of Pope Paul VI to move the feast to a time when families get together and celebrate as a family. This is a very good example of the church being aware of what people are naturally doing. (Think of the 1988 heartwarming movie and the Bing Crosby Christmas carol by the same name, "I'll be home for Christmas"). Being aware of this wonderful natural happening, the church under Pope Paul VI sanctified the family being home for Christmas by blessing it with a feast. The Feast of the Holy Family is about Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. But, as our attention is drawn to them, we also look to our own families. We celebrate and we look to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as mentors of our family unit. The Feast of the Holy Family is both the family of Jesus and also each of our families where God lives in love. The Second Vatican Council called each of our families "the domestic church" and "the church in miniature". Our family unit is holy when we eat together, when we worship together, when we pray, laugh, cry, and sacrifice together. In our family unit we learn to value each other, to help each other, to forgive each other. This makes our family unit a Holy Family.

When instituting the Feast of the Holy Family as a universal feast to be celebrated the Sunday after Christmas, Pope Paul VI stated that we not only want to celebrate the holiness of our family unit but we want to counter the breakdown of family in our society. There is no hope for society if "the domestic church" falls into ruin. We look to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as our mentors. We also look to our grandmothers, grandfathers, parents and all those loving people on whose shoulders we stand, those who are the foundation of our families. We look to all of them when we celebrate "**The Feast of the Holy Family**" and we try to follow in their footsteps.



John Raposa receives his
first Holy Communion—
Congratulations John!

December 28: The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph

Readings: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19; Luke 2:22-40

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

In this passage, God promises to Abraham that his descendants would become a numerous nation despite the seemingly unlikely situation. Abraham and Sarah his wife are childless and well passed childbearing age. So in this situation, Abraham is given assurances. If God is the creator of all the stars of heaven, God can certainly make Abraham's descendants just as many in number. The important point here is that Abraham takes God's promises by faith. The second part of the reading is the fulfillment of God's promise in Sarah becoming pregnant, bearing a son to Abraham and naming him Isaac.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 105:1-2,3-4,5-6,8-9

Psalm 105 highlights both a theme of thanksgiving (first two verses) and the fulfillment of God's covenant (last two verses). Response, "The Lord remembers his covenant forever."

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12,17-19

Paul in this text gives us, as it were, the great figures of salvation history from Abraham to the prophets and the martyrs of the Old Covenant, precisely because of their faith. This faith is closely linked to hope. These Old Testament figures are examples of faith and hope in God for the new Israel. They are the new wandering people of God, who sometimes have to do in faith what God asks of them even without knowing why.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

This Gospel passage from Luke shows us that God has become human. Salvation is not some distant gift to be hoped for in an uncertain future, but the real presence of God with us in the flesh. Luke, a non-Jew, in this text shows Jesus as both rooted in the Jewish history and tradition, and yet transcending it as its fulfillment. The reason why Luke includes the presentation story here is because any pious Jewish family would fulfill the laws regarding childbirth (cf. Lv 12:1) and the consecration of the first-born (cf. Ex 13:1-16). To underline the point of the Christ-child being fully human, Luke says that Jesus grows not only physically, but also mentally and spiritually. This growth into maturity takes place in the context of a human family. Luke intends to teach us that Jesus accepted fully the limitations of human nature as he developed and matured just as one of us. In the presentation scene, both Simeon and Anna underline that Jesus is the fulfillment of Israel's prophetic hopes. They both bear witness to the full reality of Jesus as Savior.

Fr. John M. Mbinda



Scripture Readings

Sunday, Dec. 28

Sir 3:2-7, 12-14

Ps 128:1-5

Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday, Dec. 29

1 Jn 2:3-11

Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6

Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday, Dec. 30

1 Jn 2:12-17

Ps 96:7-10

Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday, Dec. 31

1 Jn 2:18-21

Ps 96:1-2, 11-13

Jn 1:1-18

Thursday, Jan. 1

Nm 6:22-27

Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

Friday, Jan. 2

1 Jn 2:22-28

Ps 98:1-4

Jn 1:19-28

Saturday, Jan. 3

1 Jn 2:29-3:6

Ps 98:1-3, 6

Jn 1:29-34

Sunday, Jan. 4

Is 60:1-6

Ps 72:2, 7-8, 10-13

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12



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.

Installation of Fr. Thomas as Pastor



Deacon Jerry reads the Gospel.



Bishop Silva receives the gifts.



Alabare' Choir provides music for our Mass

A heart-felt thank you to each and everyone of you who worked so hard to make this occasion special. (Fr. Tom)



Aunty Vivian & Aunty Pearl



Sister Marykuty & Sister Ruth prepare to offer a musical blessing.

Mike Tulang presides as the emcee for the evening.



Portuguese Culture Club members perform a traditional dance.



Fr. Tom attempts the tinikling.



Visayan Dance Club provided very special entertainment.





Misa de Gallo is celebrated at St. Joseph

Members of the Filipino Community celebrated the Misa de Gallo on Wednesday, December 17th. Mass was held at 4:30 am followed by fellowship.

ALTAR SERVER UPDATE

Happy New Year to all of our altar servers and their families. These students do a wonderful job of assisting our priests at Mass. The new schedules for the months of January through June 2009 have been handed out or mailed to you. If you failed to receive one, please call Joyce Saenz at 935-1202 for a copy.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

Sunday, December 28, 2008-NO CLASSES
 Sunday, January 4, 2009-NO CLASSES
 Sunday, January 11, 2009-Classes at St. Joseph Jr/Sr High School
 Sunday, January 18, 2009-NO CLASSES
 Sunday, January 25, 2009-Classes at St. Joseph Jr/Sr High School



Christopher and his seventh grade R.E. class deliver gifts to the third grade class.



Kylie shows off her prize she won in the R.E. library drawing. Mary Ann Leite is the librarian



The Youth group carols at the R.E. classes on Sunday, December, 21



'Ahuhui Hale O Na Ali'i O Hawai'i

Each year, on January 1st, the 'Ahahui Hale O Na Ali'i O Hawai'i celebrate the Anniversary of the birth of HRH Princess Abigail Wahiika'ahu'ula Campbell Kawanakoa of O'ahu, while sister chapters honor heart their respective churches. The Hilo Lodge, Halau O Kalakaua, would like to extend its sincere MAHALO A NUI LOA to St. Joseph Church for allowing us to celebrate her anniversary on this island of Hawai'i at the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, January 4, 2009. The Princess' mother church from birth through her passing on April 12, 1945 was Our Lady of Peace Cathedral in downtown Honolulu.

The 'Ahuhui Hale O Na Ali'i O Hawai'i is a benevolent organization of Hawaiian men and women. The organization was founded by the Princess Abigail Wahiika'ahu'ula Kawanakoa in 1918. Princess Kawanakoa was the daughter of James Campbell and HRH Abigail Kaihelani Maipinepine of Lahaina, Maui. She married Prince David Kahalepouli Kawanakoa Pi'ikoi. Princess Kawanakoa's profound desire was to reach out through the islands and organize a unique society of Hawaiian men and women; to unite and uphold the morale of her people; and to gain deeper respect for each other. Its goals and objectives reflect the Princess' most important desire; "to unite her people into one cause...Perpetuality of the Hawaiian Culture", while at the same time helping each other in sickness and in the loss of a loved one.

There are seven [7] lodges in the State Benevolent Society governed by a State Board of Governors of the 'Ahahui Hale O Na Ali'i O Hawai'i; on the Big Island we have a chapter in Hilo and Waimea; two chapters on O'ahu and a chapter on each of the islands of Maui, Kaua'i and Moloka'i. Submitted by Roberta Cartwright

Members of the Make a Difference group along with volunteers were out on Saturday afternoon, December 20 visiting with and caroling for members of our parish.



A very special **Thank You** to Susan Lee and Kathleen Yamamoto for seeing that this year's giving tree project was such a success!



Youth & Young Adult Leadership Conference



These members attend the Leadership Conference held at St. Stephens Center on the 5th and 6th of December



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

+Stanley Feliciano

+Mary Ann Mattos

+Rachel Kailiawa

+Allan M. Perreira

+Augusta V. Morgado



Malia Puka O Kalani Church

From Fr. Joe:

Before the Christmas Season ends, please make sure you have renewed your registration in the parish. We sent out over 250 Christmas Cards with a stamped return postcard which indicates whether the sender still wishes to be registered in the parish. To date, we have received about 50 or 60 back. If you did not receive a Christmas card, this means that your name is not on the parish registry. Please fill out the registration form in this bulletin.

(Even if you have been coming to Malia every Sunday for 60 years and everyone knows you, please renew your parish registration)

We end 2008 with a New Year's Eve Mass for Peace. God knows our world so desperately needs peace. Please join us at 5:00 pm on Wednesday evening for this most important end of the year Mass that looks to the New Year with a prayer and hope.

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Epiphany, the end of Christmas Season. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who worked with spirit and dedication in making our liturgies and service projects so very meaningful. Mahalo to those who handled the Giving Tree and all of you who gave gifts as part of this project; mahalo to those who decorated the church for Advent and Christmas; mahalo to those who donated poinsettias; mahalo to our wonderful musicians, lectors, servers, Eucharistic Ministers; mahalo to those in the Christmas pageant and the sacred gesture; mahalo to those who gave so generously in the Christmas offering and those who counted and protected the offering. Most of all, mahalo to all of you. Your participation made it a celebration of "God with us" for all of us. Fr. Joe

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Mary,
Gate of Heaven,
pray for us.

*Aunty Irene Kondo
Kahele Ohana
Aunty Patty Grube
Uncle Tony Moniz
Aunty Minnie Alidon
Aunty Dora Costa
Aunty Mamo Otineru
Aunty Nita Kua
Aunty Dulatre
Eleanor Birney
Aunty Mabel Silva
Rita Cusick
Hale Pekelo*

Please keep the following ohana families in your prayers.

Thomas Gouveia
Dorothy Costa
Valeriano Andaya
Aunty Helen Arsiga



Ha'ouli Makahiki Hou!



Fr. Joe delivers his homily.



Members of the Malia Finance Council along with St. Joseph Finance Council, PPAC representatives and staff members are addressed during the Installation of Fr. Thomas as our Pastor.



Aunty Gennie & Uncle Sonny light the 4th advent candle & receive communion.



Our Volunteers for December 31, 2008

Sacristan

Hale / Moke

Altar Servers

Kayla

Kekono

Lectors

TBA

Eucharistic Ministers

TBA

Bell Ringers

Pete / Melody

Money Counters

12/31 Laverne / Pete / Nat

Our Volunteers for Sunday, January 4, 2009

Church Cleaning

Natalie

Flowers

Maybelle / Shirley

Sacristan

Moke

Altar Servers

TBA

Lectors

TBA

Eucharistic Ministers

TBA

Bell Ringers

Pete / Melody

Money Counters

Moke / Kathy/ Natalie



Financial Notes: December 21, 2008

ATTENDANCE Adults 56 Children 15

Koa Bowl \$ 1,080.35

Funeral \$ 500.00

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

Directory

Emergency after-hours number: 899-9453

Pastor:

Rev. Thomas Purayidathil, Ph.D.

Associate Priests:

Rev. John M. Mbinda

Rev. Joseph Hennen

Hispanic Ministry:

Rev. John Fredy Quintero

Deacons:

Rev. Don Aanavi

Rev. Jerry Nunogawa

St. Joseph School Principal:

Sr. Marion Kikukawa, OSF

935-4936

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Chrislyn Villena 935-1465

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Farin

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Alabare Choir: Godfrey

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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: Anna Texeira

Finance Council: Don Kouchi

Bulletin Coordinator:

Karen Hotniansky

Prayer Network: Kathy Choi



This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY, Dec. 28 "The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph"

7:00 pm •Young Adults Ministry/St. Joseph School Gym

MONDAY, Dec. 29

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

10:00 am •Prayer Service (+Mary Ann Mattos)/Dodo Mortuary Chapel

10:00 am •Mass/Life Care Center-3rd floor

10:45 am •Mass/Life Care Center-2nd floor

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

TUESDAY, Dec. 30

9:00-12:00 pm •Food Pantry/Malia Puka O Kalani Church

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

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 31 "New Year's Eve"—Rectory Office closed

6:00 am •Mass/St. Joseph Church

12:15 pm •Mass/St. Joseph Church

5:00 pm New Year's Eve Mass/Malia Puka O Kalani Church

7:00 pm •New Year's Eve Mass/St. Joseph Church

THURSDAY, Jan. 1 "New Year's Day"—Rectory Office closed

9:00 am •New Year's Day Mass/St. Joseph Church

11:30 am •New Year's Day Mass/St. Joseph Church

FRIDAY, Jan. 2 "First Friday"

1:00 pm •Adoration/St. Joseph Church

6:00 pm •Benediction/St. Joseph Church

SATURDAY, Jan. 3

7:45 am •Church Cleaners #2/St. Joseph Church

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

11:00 am •Prayer Service (+Rachel Kailiawa)/Dodo Mortuary Chapel

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

SUNDAY, Jan. 4

2:00 pm •Baptism/St. Joseph Church

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.

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

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.



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH WEEKLY COLLECTION	
5:00 pm	\$ 1,486.00
Filipino Mass	\$ 222.00
Spanish Mass	\$ 26.00
7:00 am	\$ 2,460.00
9:00 am	\$ 2,935.00
11:30 am	\$ 1,237.00
6:00 pm	\$ 1,451.00
Sunday Total Collection	\$ 9,817.00
Candles	\$ 236.50
Donations/Others	\$ 1,649.00
Total Other Revenue	\$ 1,885.50
RESTRICTED DONATIONS	
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$ 728.00
Parish Hall Fund	\$ 5,760.00
School Fund	\$ 298.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 65.00
Misc.	\$ 980.00
Total Restricted Donations	\$ 7,831.00
Total Weekly Deposit	\$ 19,533.50
Parish Hall Fund to Date	\$ 120,081.50

THE GIVING TREE

Our 3rd annual Christmas Giving Tree project was a huge success, thanks to your overwhelming generosity. One hundred and fifty-six gifts were collected and distributed to children and adults, providing them a Merry Christmas and demonstrating to them the love and friendship of the parishioners at St. Joseph Church.



Submitted by Susan Lee
PPAC member



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