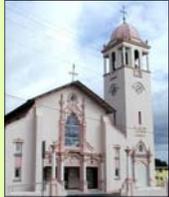


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Hilo Roman Catholic Community



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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.



Mr. Balberde receives a blessing of the throat on the feast of St. Blaise (Feb. 3).

Important Dates

Ash Wednesday

Feb. 25 (Wednesday)

Rite of Election

March 1 (Sunday)

6:00 pm St. Joseph Church

Chrism Mass

March 19 (Thursday)

6:30 pm St. Joseph Church

Up Coming

Youth Mass

Feb. 22 (Sunday)

11:30 am St. Joseph
Church

February

R.E. Schedule:

- **Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009:**
No R.E. classes
- **Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009:**
R.E. classes at St. Joseph Jr/Sr High School

Many thanks to all of the parents and guardians who ensure that students are punctual to class and attend classes on a regular basis.



**WELCOME TO OUR
NEW PARISHIONERS!**

•Eric Paul D'Almeida

RETRACTION

We mistakenly listed Charles Umamoto as a new parishioner last week. To Charles and our readers we offer our sincerest apologies for the misprint.

Pastor's Corner

Rev. Thomas Purayidathil, Ph.D.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

▶ ALTAR SERVER UPDATE:

The Lenten season will soon be upon us. A signup sheet for volunteers has been posted in the sacristy on the bulletin board. Please check with your parents or guardians before signing up to serve at any of the Lenten Masses. We will have a training session for those servers who sign up to assist with incense. Please call Joyce (935-1202) with any questions. **Also, remember to call Joyce for a substitute if you are unable to serve at your assigned Mass.**

▶ BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES:

The next Baptism preparation class will be held on Monday, February 23, 2009, at 7:00 pm in the church meeting room. This class is required for parents and godparents before a child is baptized. Please be sure to have all necessary paperwork completed and submitted to Robyn one week prior to attending this class. Mahalo.

▶ SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES:

Students in the Sacramental Preparation class are reminded that the mandatory classes for preparing to receive Reconciliation and First Communion are to take place on February 28 and March 7, 2009 at Malia Puka O Kalani Church. All families should have already received two notices sent home with important information. (These students are not those in Mrs. Albano's second year First Communion class) Please call Joyce at 935-1202 with questions.



Today's Special Collection: (Feb. 14 /15) AUGUSTINE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Our Catholic schools provide a quality education to students from all ethnic, religious and financial backgrounds. The Augustine Educational Foundation provides scholarships to financially needy students in our schools. Please take a moment today and help make a difference in a student's life — your gift goes directly to support tuition scholarships on our island/vicariate. MAHALO for helping the Foundation reach its goal of raising \$100,000!



**Happy Birthday
Fr. Tom!**

Thank you for your spiritual leadership and pastoral presence for our Hilo Roman Catholic Community.

*Our heart felt prayers and God's blessings be with you on your birthday and through out the year.
Your Parish Family*

February 15, 2009: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Readings: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor. 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

These four verses do not cover the complex Levitical law on skin diseases. Leviticus 13-14 gives detailed procedures for the evaluation and quarantine of those so afflicted, but shows little concern for suffering or interest in healing. The concern of the law was the common good, protecting society from infection, rather than the welfare of the individual. The priest's duty was to be a judge who would declare the leprous person unclean or verify such a person to be cured.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11

Psalm 32 is one of the seven penitential psalms. It is used as part of today's readings because leprosy serves as a symbol of human sin. The leper reports to the priest and so too the sinner comes to confess to the Lord. Response: "I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you will fill me with the joy of salvation."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

These few verses cannot be understood properly apart from their context. The background is Chapter 10:1-13 which offers an introduction and gives the key teaching: the Eucharist is the one body of Christ so that we may become one with the body of Christ. If we are united to Christ, we form an organic unity — one body — with all who share the Eucharist. Therefore we must celebrate the Eucharist (without giving offense to anyone) so that our unity in Christ's love is evident.

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Leprosy, as found in the Bible, is a generic term for a variety of skin diseases; it did not refer only to what we now call leprosy, or Hansen's disease. Leviticus 13-14 describes various forms of skin disease, and prescribes the precautions of isolation outside the city for those afflicted, and examination by the priests to verify healing. Thus leprosy and its consequences signified uncleanness and alienation from society, and therefore became a symbol of sin and condemnation. Mark gives three reasons to show why Jesus goes against the Levitical laws of not touching lepers. "Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him..." The second reason is to show the extraordinary power of Jesus: "I will do it. Be made clean." The third reason is the conclusion that therefore Jesus is the Messiah, but that truth can only be revealed gradually. That is why Jesus tells the cured leper to tell no one but to show himself to the priest in accordance of the law as a proof to those who still doubt him to be the Messiah.

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, Feb. 15

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Mk 1:40-45

Monday, Feb. 16

Gn 4:1-15, 25

Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21

Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Gn 6:5-8;7:1-5, 10

Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10

Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, Feb. 18

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22

Ps 116:12-15, 18-19

Mk 8:22-26

Thursday, Feb. 19

Gn 9:1-13

Ps 102:16-18, 19-23, 29

Mk 8:27-33

Friday, Feb. 20

Gn 11:1-9

Ps 33:10-15

Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday, Feb. 21

Heb 11:1-7

Ps 145:2-5, 10-11

Mk 9:2-13

Sunday, Feb. 22

Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25

Ps 41:2-5, 13-14

2 Cor 1:18-22

Mk 2:1-12



Sr. Barbara Jean receives a blessing of the throat on the Feast of St. Blaise (Feb 3).

continued from last week

Paul the Missionary

Each of us possesses a missionary calling that goes with priestly ordination

Hope in the Face of Suffering

A fifth characteristic concerns suffering. Paul is not bashful about recounting the kinds of physical and emotional hardships encountered in his mission to the Gentiles. He famously catalogues such events primarily in the context of the defense of his apostleship.

The longest example is in Second Corinthians, where he categorizes his missionary "sufferings" in a manner that highlights the extreme hazards encountered by missionaries of his day: imprisonments and beatings, shipwreck, robbers, rejection by Jews and Gentiles, hunger and thirst, insomnia, emotional concern for his churches, and so on (See 2 Cor 11:21-29).

Nonetheless Paul insists that such sufferings are a way of proving that one is indeed fulfilling the ministry entrusted to him. In fact, none of these experiences ultimately discourages him but strengthens his resolve. He retains his hope even in the midst of such trials, as he describes elsewhere in Second Corinthians:

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies (2 Cor 4:8-10).

Such a hopeful attitude is requisite for the faithful missionary.

Adaptability

Finally, another characteristic of Paul's missionary practice is his adaptability. Acts recounts an ingenious situation when Paul was on the Areopagus in Athens. When he sees the Athenians worshipping at the altar of "an Unknown God," Paul asserts that he knows to whom that shrine applies, none other than Jesus Christ (See Acts 17:22-32).

Of course, when he proceeds to describe the resurrection, some of the audience scoffed at him, and his mission in Athens was neither highly successful nor long. But he nevertheless showed an ability to adapt to the circumstances he encountered in such diverse settings.

Paul's adaptability appears in his own letters from another angle. In First Corinthians, for instance, he not only attempts to address thorny issues facing that community that have come to his attention by both personal report from colleagues and by letter from the Corinthians seeking advice, he shows that he is willing to address their issues forthrightly but with sensitivity.

At times he makes the distinction between what is (already) Christian tradition or what comes directly "from the Lord" and what he personally recommends (Cf. 1 Cor 7:25 with 11:23), such as when he recognizes that marriage to an unbeliever might in some instances fail (1 Cor 7:15).

Conclusion

In this month dedicated to mission and missionaries, Paul offers us a substantive model to emulate. The six aspects outlined in this article do not encompass totally Paul's mission activity, but they enumerate some essentials. One need not be a foreign missionary to participate in the Church's mission to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The late Pope John Paul II, and his successor Benedict XVI, have repeatedly and eloquently invoked the need for a "new evangelization." Evangelization can fruitfully be directed outwardly to the non-believing world and inwardly to the faithful in need of perpetual reform. But in either case, the mission is carrying Christ forth as a light to the world.

My hunch is that every priest at ordination feels the call to mission, whether it is in the formal sense of becoming a missionary to foreign peoples, or just serving the needs of the local church. In reality, each of us possesses a missionary calling that goes hand in hand with priestly ordination. We are all sent on mission. In this Year of Paul, perhaps we can be inspired once more to recapture some of his and his companions' initial missionary fervor as we continue to fulfill our ministry.

Father Ronald D. Witherup, S.S., recently became Superior General of the Sulpicians and is the author of, among other books, *Stations of the Cross According to Saint Paul* (Paulist Press, 2008).



Palms: Please bring in your palms from our previous Palm Sunday Masses. The palms will be burned and the ashes used in our ASH WEDNESDAY services. Palms can be dropped off at the rectory office or at entrances of the church.



St. Joseph School Receives Funds from KTA

St. Joseph School Principal Sister Marion Kikukawa, OSF, accepts 2 checks totaling over \$3,000, from Mary Lou Cunningham of KTA. The awarded funds are from the KTA Kokua I Na Kula 2008 program and will be used for school beautification & improvements, equipment, and excursions.

SJS February Calendar & Announcements

February

- 16 **No School,**
President's Day
Holiday
- 18-19 **Gr. 6 to KMC**
- 19 **PTG Mtg. 6:30 pm,**
school cafeteria,
Presentation
'Schools of the Future'
- 20-21 **BIIF Basketball
Tournament, finals,**
Afook-Chinen Civic
Auditorium
- 26 **Spring sports,**
mandatory parents
meeting, 6:00 pm,
high school rm. 409

SJS HOME COMING WEEK PARADE



Phone Book Re-cycling Contest

St. Joseph School is collecting phonebooks for the upcoming phonebook recycling contest & we need your help! Please save all your books for us and drop them off at the elementary or high school office! Contest deadline is mid-March. You may call the elementary office at 935-4935 with any questions. Mahalo!

Feb 11 –March 24 Foodland Shop for Higher Education Program

Learn how you can help St. Joseph Catholic School Students!

Foodland Sack & Save shoppers have an opportunity to help our Big Island Catholic School when they shop at Foodland stores Feb. 11 through March 24. At this time customers will be asked to designate their points earned with their Maika'i card to support their favorite high school. The more points earned, the more scholarships a school will receive. In the year 2007 and 2008 we were eligible for one \$2,000 scholarship and nominated Christopher Adams and for 2008 Kami Higa was also nominated and both years Foodland Scholarship committee awarded \$2,000 to each senior. This year again we ask for your help by designating **St. Joseph School code 7592** as your school of support. Mahalo for your continuing support of our Catholic School.

7592
St. Joseph
School Code

Young Adult Service



Cooked with Love: St. Joseph Young Adults cook breakfast for the Engaged Encounter Weekend on Feb. 7.



YOUTH BOWLING



Youth ministry at Hilo lanes Feb. 7.
Kayla going for the strike!



Weekend Retreat



Couples preparing for the sacrament of Marriage attended the Youth Mass (Feb. 15) together at the conclusion of their Engaged Encounter weekend.



Youth Choir

Sharing their time and talents at the Youth Mass on Feb. 15.



Vocation Discernment Opportunities

Could God be calling you to the Franciscan way of life? Would you like to spend time with other women who are discerning this question? The Sisters of St. Francis are sponsoring three opportunities for women this spring:

- A 24-hour “Come and See” retreat in Ewa Beach, Oahu (March 27-28) and on Kauai (April 3-4): A blend of relaxation, reflection, prayer and exploration. Fee-\$20 plus airfare
- Franciscans in Action Retreat at Our Lady of Keaau on the Waianae Coast, Oahu (March 22-27): A combination of community, prayer and service. Fee-\$40 plus airfare.

For more information, email Vocation Minister Sr. Kathy Adamski (guidance@nauticom.net) or go to www.sosf.org and click on “Become a Sister” or call St. Joseph Convent, Hilo (935-1388) for a brochure (leave your name, phone number and mailing or email address).



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THE POOR NEED YOU,
WE DARE YOU.

Malia Puka O Kalani

A Letter from Fr. Joe Hennen



I remain deeply grateful to all who send me your warm thoughts and prayers. The most difficult part of being in New Jersey is not living in the ice, the snow, and the cold (although it is far from desirable). The most difficult part is being absent from people I learned to love in such a short period of time at Malia and St. Joseph's. The prognosis of my health situation remains uncertain. It is too early to determine if the treatments to bolster my immune system are effective. The leukemia seems to be stable which, short of a miracle, is a blessing. Speaking of miracles, I intend to make a retreat at the shrine of Mother Marianne Cope in Syracuse, NY in March. I will ask Fr. Tom and Fr. John to inform you of the dates. In the meantime, thank you for your prayers and concern. God willing, I will be with you for Holy Week and Easter.

Financial Notes: February 8, 2009
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 Koa Bowl \$632.10

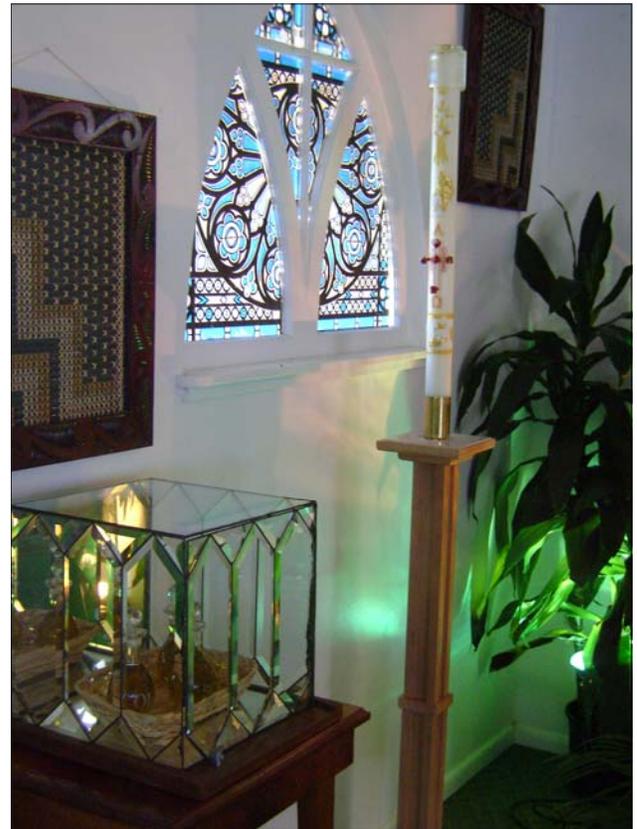
The estimated average Koa Bowl Collection needed each week to support ourselves is: \$1,500.00 - Fr John

*Schedule
Change*

Food Pantry Distribution

**St. Joseph Food Pantry
will be on Tuesday this
week because of the
Presidents Day Holiday.**

Happy Birthday Fr. Thomas



**Mary, Gate of Heaven pray for us.
Please keep in your prayers**

*Kahele Ohana
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Uncle Tony Moniz
Aunty Minnie Alidon
Aunty Dora Costa
Aunty Mamo Otineru
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Rita Cusick
Hale Pekelo
Aunty Mabel Silva
Aunty Joann Peralta
Aunty Irene Kondo
Fr. Joseph Hennen
Valentine Gonsalves*

Our Volunteers for Sunday, February 22th

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Youth Group
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Sacristan
Moke
Altar Servers
Alyah / Kaluauo

Lectors
Shirley / Kathleen
Eucharistic Ministers
Laverne / Natalie
Bell Ringers
Pete / Melody
Money Counters
Laverne / Pete / Natalie

*Malia Puka O Kalani
Weave us as ohana*



Parishioners and visitors sing the opening song
"O Kahaku O Ka Pu`u Wai."



Weave us as one family.



Weave our gifts and talents
"O Kahaku O Ka Pu`u Wai."



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Call rectory: 935-1465

with your prayer request

St. Joseph Church Weekly Collection:	
5:00 pm	\$ 1,525.00
7:00 am	\$ 2,010.00
9:00 am	\$ 2,188.80
11:30 am	\$ 1,660.00
6:00 pm	\$ 1,819.00
Sunday Total Collection	\$ 9,202.80
Candles	\$ 203.00
Donations/Others	\$ 1,569.00
Total Other Revenue	\$ 1,772.00
RESTRICTED	DONATIONS
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Convent Rent	\$ 12,499.92
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Misc.	\$ 25.00
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Parish Hall Fund to Date	\$129,666.50

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick:

Contact the rectory office for arrangements.

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Joyce C. Saenz 935-1202

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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.



This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY, Feb. 15

2:00 pm •Baptism/St. Joseph Church

2:30 pm •Micronesia Mass/St. Joseph Church

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

MONDAY, Feb. 16

"President's Day Holiday—Rectory Office Closed

7:00 am •Mass. St. Joseph Church-- **NO 12:15 PM MASS**

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

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

6:00 pm Youth & Young Adults Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church

TUESDAY, Feb. 17

7:00 am •St. Joseph School Mass/St. Joseph Elementary Chapel

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

12:30 pm •Food Pantry/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room

4:30 pm •RCIA Class/St. Joseph Rectory Library

6:00 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, Feb. 18

12:30 pm •Food Pantry/Malia Puka O Kalani Church

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

THURSDAY, Feb. 19

10:00 am •Funeral Mass (+Clarice Meyer)/St. Joseph Church

5:30 pm •Cursillo Group/St. Joseph Rectory Library

FRIDAY, Feb. 20

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, Feb. 21

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

9:00 am •Our Lady of Lourdes (Honokaa) Pilgrimage/St. Joseph Church

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

10:00 am •Diocesan Youth & Young Adults Executive Board Meeting/
Malia Puka O Kalani Church

1:00 pm •Hilo Natural Family Planning/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room

5:00 pm •High School Youth Ministry Meeting/Malia Puka O Kalani Church

7:00 pm •Spanish Mass & Fellowship/St. Joseph Church & Rectory Mtg Rm

SUNDAY, Feb. 22

10:15 am •Religious Education Classes/SJHS

11:30 am •Youth Mass/St. Joseph Church

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



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†Clarice Meyer*

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