

Issue: April 5, 2009

Hilo Roman Catholic Community



St. Joseph Church

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Malia Puka O Kalani Church

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

**WELCOME
to our
VISITORS!**

Hosanna!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord!**

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.

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.

Important Dates

FIRST COMMUNION DATES



First Reconciliation for all **First Communion students** will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2009, at 6:00 pm. Rehearsal for First Communion Mass is on Friday, April 17, 2009, at 7:00 pm in St. Joseph Church. First Communion Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph Church on Sunday, April 19, 2009, at 11:30 am Mass and on Sunday, April 26, 2009, at 9:00 am. Mass at Malia Puka O Kalani Church. If you have any questions about these dates, please call Joyce Saenz at 935-1202.

ALTAR SERVER NEWS



Altar servers are requested to arrive fifteen minutes before their assigned masses in order to have adequate time to dress and receive special instructions. Please call Joyce Saenz, coordinator, if you need to cancel an assigned date of service.

Pastor's Corner

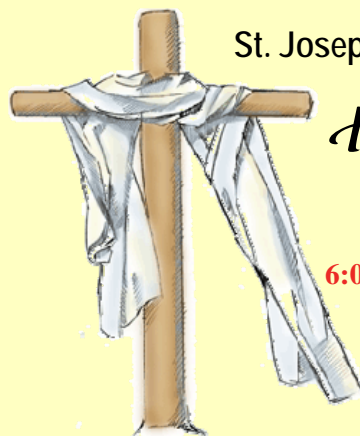
Rev. Thomas Purayidathil, Ph.D.



PALM SUNDAY

It is Palm Sunday. The Church today celebrates Jesus' triumphant entrance to Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery – passion, death and resurrection. It is the genuine insight of Christianity that the events of Jesus' earthly life were the execution of God's saving purpose. The triumphal entry that we celebrate today at the beginning of Passion Week emphasizes that the three elements – suffering, death, and resurrection, belong together. The death of Jesus was not a failure but brought salvation to the world. The spirit in which we should enter Holy Week is given in the introduction to the liturgy of Palm Sunday: "Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing, by works of charity and self-sacrifice, for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the whole Church throughout the world. Christ entered in triumph into his own city, to complete his work as Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion this entry which began his saving work and follow him with a lively faith. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life".

It is my wish and prayer that all of us are touched by the infinitely compassionate love of Jesus for us and respond in kind to him. May our meditation on the passion and death of Jesus enrich our spiritual life! **Fr. Tom**



St. Joseph Church & Malia Puka O Kalani Church

Holy Week Schedule

April 9, Holy Thursday

6:00 pm—Malia Puka O Kalani Church

7:00 pm—St. Joseph Church

April 10, Good Friday

Seven Last Words of Jesus—10:00 am—St. Joseph Church

Stations of the Cross—10:45 am—St. Joseph Church

The Lord's Passion—3:00 pm—St. Joseph Church

April 11, Easter Vigil

7:00 pm—St. Joseph Church

7:00 pm—Malia Puka O Kalani Church

April 12, Easter Sunday:

7:00 am, 9:00 am, Youth Mass 11:30 am

& 6:00 pm —St. Joseph Church

****Please note: there will be NO DAILY MASSES from Thursday—Sunday.****

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April 5: Passion Sunday / Palm Sunday, Year B

Readings: Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

This brief passage from the third of four "Servant Songs" in Isaiah 40-55 expresses firm confidence in God in the face of great suffering. Here the Servant represents the whole nation of Israel, a sole individual representing the community. The Suffering Servant speaks of his ability to endure pain and insults in his mission because of his trust in God's help and protection. The early Church regarded this as a prophecy about the Messiah fulfilled in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the whole of humanity.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Psalm 22 is a prayer of an oppressed person who feels abandoned by everyone. Here the prayer anticipates the words of Jesus in his final moments before death. Once again the details of the psalm reflect the plight of the suffering servant in the first reading, and strikingly prefigure the climax of Jesus' passion. The second part of the psalm (vv 23-32) expresses confidence and praise that God hears those who call upon him. Response: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul quotes a hymn professing faith in the lordship of Jesus that was probably already familiar to his readers. He gives the passion of Jesus as the pattern for Christians to follow. Jesus emptied himself, but God the Father raised him up, and enthroned him as Lord. In other words, we look at the sufferings of Christ in the light of the resurrection. Thus the reading gives a perspective to Passion Sunday and Good Friday whereby we do not only concentrate on death alone, but also on the mystery of life that overcomes death. The passion makes sense only as a passage to new life.

Gospel of the Mass: Mark 14:1-15:47

The passion narrative of Jesus according to Mark interprets the death of Jesus on the cross as an agonizing conflict between the powers of light and the powers of darkness. For Mark therefore the passion of Jesus is an apocalyptic interpretation. The loud cry of Jesus on the cross is an announcement of triumph of the power of light and the rending of the temple curtain is a symbolic expression of that victory. The narrative in fact recalls the hymn in Philippians 2:6-11 in the Second reading. Thus Jesus is the divine Redeemer who empties himself of his divine glory, in order to hide himself from the powers of darkness. These powers crucify the Lord of glory. The crucified Messiah, who allows himself to be handed over to a shameful death, is a mystery and a scandal which is presented in Mark without explanation, and simply demands acceptance and submission.



Scripture Readings

Sunday, April 5

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession)

Is 50:4-7

Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Phil 2:6-11

Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday, April 6

Is 42:1-7

Ps 27:1-3, 13-14

Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 7

Is 49:1-6

Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 8

Is 50:4-9a

Ps 69:8-10, 21bcd-22, 31, 33-34

Mt 26:14-25

Holy Thursday, April 9

Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9

Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27

Rv 1:5-8

Lk 4:16-21

Evening:

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

Good Friday, April 10

Is 52:13-53:12

Ps 31:2-6, 12-13, 15-17, 25

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1-19:42

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Providence Travel— You are invited to join us in a tour organized by Providence Travel. We embark on a spiritual pilgrimage to *Italy (for the canonization of Fr. Damien) and the Holy land*. We will depart Honolulu, October 2, 2009, and return October 18, 2009. For those that do not want to go to the Holy land, they may return on the 12th of October.

The tour prices are: \$3,449.00 & \$4,449.00 pp, + airline tax, this includes roundtrip air, in 1st class hotels, breakfast and dinners daily, with English speaking guides, tour bus drivers and entrance fees, tips, and country entrance fees. Single supplemental rooms and travel insurance are available for an additional fee.

I will personally donate \$50.00 to your parish, for each pilgrim identifying themselves as being recommended by you.

For additional information, please call Edward Lam, CTC at 352-7192. Or you may e-mail me at: clumprovtravel@yahoo.com



Fr. Gomes presents the elect with a copy of the Lord's Prayer at the Third Scrutiny during the 6:00 pm Mass at St. Joseph Church.

Sister Lusika, Kristen, Sister Ruth, and Keoki join Father Gomes following the Youth Mass.



Scripture Readings

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Holy Saturday, April 11

- (1) Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a
 Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35c or
 Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20, 22
 (2) Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
 Ps 16:5, 8-11
 (3) Ex 14:15-15:1
 (Ps) Ex 15:1-6, 17-18
 (4) Is 54:5-14
 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b
 (5) Is 55:1-11
 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
 (6) Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4
 Ps 19:8-11
 (7) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28
 Pss 42:3, 5bcd; 43:3-4; or, when baptism is celebrated,
 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or
 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19
 (8) Rom 6:3-11
 Ps 118:1-2, 16ab-17, 22-23
 (9) Mk 16:1-7

Sunday, April 12

- Acts 10:34a, 37-43
 Ps 118:1-2, 16ab-17, 22-23
 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
 Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35

MEDITATION ON ST. PAUL

The Unimagined Gift

“Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vain glory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but [also] everyone for those of others” (Phil 2:3-4)

Have you ever received a completely unexpected gift that showed how well the person giving it knew and cared about you? Have you ever been given a gift that touched your heart enough to change the way you thought about yourself, others, and what it means to give? Saint Paul has this kind of experience in mind when describing how the Philippians should live in communion with each another. The “humility” that is the source of Christian communion is generated by the unexpected and undeserved love of God. He offers this pure gift in the person of Christ. This humility is a virtue not acquired through human initiative, but instilled according to the response one makes to the offer of God’s love. Recognizing that the gift of God’s love corresponds perfectly with the instinctive desires of one’s heart cultivates a radical change of perspective. There is no longer any need to look out for oneself and one’s own interests; God is looking out for them. This fundamental shift in disposition enables us to live with our minds and hearts genuinely concerned with the interests of others; not as a duty or obligation but as a way of life. The “humble regard” that sustains Christian communion is born of the desire to share with others the gift we have received. With the needs of our hearts being satisfied by the love of God offered us in Christ, we become free for others in such a way that they do become “more important” than ourselves. There is, then, nothing greater or more fulfilling than extending to others the love we have received. In fact, the love of God offered us in Christ compels us toward others in a way so wholly compatible with our humanity that our lives become wonderfully and perfectly fulfilled.

Lord, help me accept the gift of your love, always trusting in your care. Let me look past myself, fixing my gaze solely on the needs of others.



Author: Fr. Gary Caster



Gonzalo & Catelyn prepare for competition.

Math League Meet

14 teams from Big Island high schools recently competed in a Math League Meet. Students worked in teams and individually, solving problems relating to geometry, trigonometry, statistics, and probability. The competition requires more independent thought and the questions are different than the ones students face in a math classroom. St. Joseph School is currently ranked 1st among small schools and 3rd overall.



Keiko focuses during competition.

St. Joseph School Principal Selection Committee

I am happy to announce the St. Joseph School Principal Selection Committee. They are already at work and we are grateful to them for their service. –Fr. Thomas Purayidathil

Donna Saiki (Chair)
Michael Rohr
Susan Wehrsig
Sr. Barbara Jean Wajda
Don Kouchi
Anthony Phillips
Mary Correa

St. Joseph School, Hilo Seeking a principal

St. Joseph's is a Catholic School, PreK-12, with an enrollment of 350-400 students, located in Hilo, Hawaii, seeking a principal for the next school year, 2009-2010. Candidate must be a practicing Catholic having a Master's in Educational Administration or a comparable degree. Salary commensurate with experience. Forward complete resume and contact information for three references no later than April 17, 2009, to:

Search Committee
St. Joseph Church
43 Kapiolani Street
Hilo, HI 96720



Capital Campaign & Parish Hall Follow-up Meeting with Gary Hawkins

Mr. Gary Hawkins returned to St. Joseph Church on Tuesday, March 24, for a follow up meeting and an additional opportunity for parishioners to meet him and ask questions in regards to the Diocesan Capital Campaign and Parish Hall.

The parish must choose one of three options regarding the Diocesan Capital Campaign and also our Parish Hall.

Option 1: **Standard option**—we have the Diocesan set goal of \$715,000 which would come from pledges over a five year period with 25% coming back to the parish and 75% staying with the Diocese to support the Road Map initiatives. Under this option we would share a member of the Diocesan Capital Campaign staff with seven other parishes.

Option 2: **Combined option**—we would combine our Parish Hall costs with the Diocesan goal. With combining, our initial goal would be reduced by approximately 30%. The first \$500,000 collected would stay with the Diocese. Everything past the initial \$500,000 would stay with the parish. Under this option we would share a member of the Diocesan Capital Campaign staff with seven other parishes.

Option 3: **Special Plan option**—we would set our own goal which would be \$5,000,000 (Est \$150,000 cost for this special plan; \$3,300,000 for the parish hall **including furniture and fixtures**; \$500,000 for the Diocesan Capital Campaign; \$500,000 to cover our Five-year Maintenance & Repair program; and \$550,000 for a contingency fund to be disbursed based on need by the Parish Finance Council). With this option we would be assigned a financial consultant who would work exclusively with our parish to **teach, lead, and accompany** our parishioners on each and every call for raising funds.

Diocesan set goal for Malia: \$65,000 dollars.



Lisa Mendoza & Maureen Saturnio anticipate the start of the meeting.



Don and Merci Manalili begin the meeting with an opening prayer.



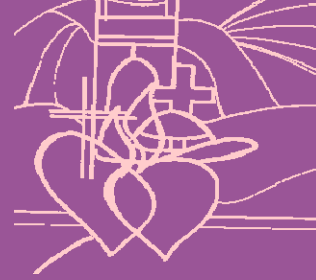
An Nguyen drives home the need to go ahead confidently!

Saint Francis School, Manoa Saint Francis School is seeking an administrator for its elementary division. Qualified applicants will have a MA in administration or a related field and some experience in working in a "multi-aged" program. Other qualifications include leadership and supervisory skills, organizational skills, and ability to work collaboratively with faculty and the school's leadership team. If interested, please submit a resume and cover letter and fax to 808-988-5497.



Hilo Roman Catholic Community

Lenten Retreat



Presented by: Fr. Herman Gomes



Fr. Herman Gomes speaks about the focus in our lives...“world centered” or “God centered.”



The retreat evening concludes with a Benediction.



Fr. Herman explains the emblem on his habit is the symbol of his order, the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary ... not mangoes.



Father Gomes leads the parish retreat on the Life of Father Damien.



MARY, Gate of Heaven
pray for us.

Please keep
in prayer:

Ernest Matsumoto
Kahele Ohana
Aunty Patty Grube
Uncle Tony Moniz
Aunty Minnie Alidon
Aunty Dora Costa
Aunty Mamo Otineru
Aunty Nita Kua
Aunty Dulatre
Eleanor Birney
Rita Cusick
Hale Pekelo
Aunty Mabel Silva
Aunty Joann Peralta
Aunty Irene Kondo
Fr. Joseph Hennen
Valentine Gonsalves
Destry Gacutan
Shirley Rizzo

and all those
who are sick.



Financial Notes:

3/22/09

ATTENDANCE

Adults: 51

Children: 9

Koa Bowl

\$728.25

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

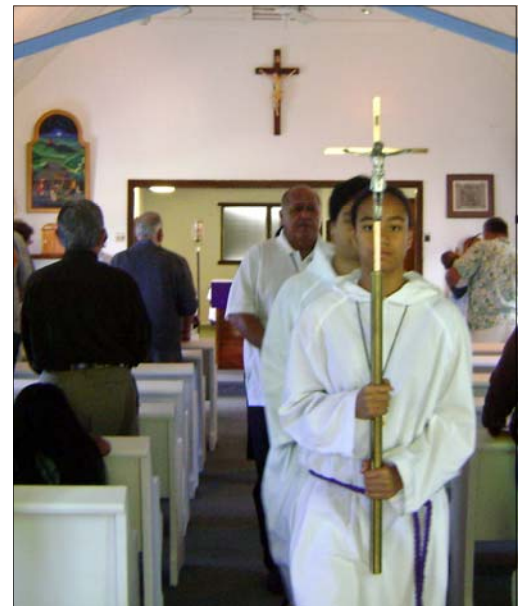


Malia Puka O Kalani Church

Welcome Back
Fr. Joseph Hennen!



Blessing and sending-out
Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound.



Our Volunteers for *Easter Vigil Saturday, April 11, 2009, at 7:00 pm*

Church Cleaning
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Flowers
Maybelle / Shirley
Sacristan
Hale

MC
Moke
Altar Servers
Kayla / Kalauao / Namele / Kekona
Eucharistic Ministers
Paulette / Kathy

Lectors
Shirley / Maybelle
Patty / Laverne
Natalie / Samantha
Bell Ringers
Pete / Melody

Good Friday Service and Easter Sunday Masses at St. Joseph Church, see schedule on page 2.



Fr. John gives his homily.



Two visitors to Malia Puka O Kalani Church.



Kako`o Ka`Umeke, Inc. held blessings and reception for their new Hawaiian emersion preschool at Malia Puka O Kalani Church.



Pake & Kahele Nahale-a



Fr. John blessing Kahele

Directory

Emergency after-hours number: 899-9453

Pastor:

Rev. Thomas Purayidathil, Ph.D.

Associate Pastors:

Rev. John M. Mbinda

Hispanic Ministry:

Rev. John Fredy Quintero

Deacons:

Rev. Don Aanavi

Rev. Jerry Nunogawa

St. Joseph School Principal:

Sr. Marion Kikukawa, OSF

935-4936

Office Staff & Ministries

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Sr. Lusika Sangma

Youth & Young Adult Ministry:

Christlyn Villena 935-1465

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Mario Miguel 990-9137

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Alabare Choir: Godfrey Nachor

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 Teixeira

Finance Council: Don Kouchi

Bulletin Coordinator:

Karen Hotniansky

Prayer Network: Kathy Choi

Call rectory: 935-1465 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.

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.

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

+Joseph P. Ferreira

+Susan Graham

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH WEEKLY COLLECTION

5:00 pm	\$ 1,478.00
Filipino Mass	\$ 127.00
7:00 am	\$ 1,730.00
9:00 am	\$ 1,785.00
11:30 am	\$ 1,230.00
6:00 pm	\$ 1,453.00
Sunday Total Collection	\$ 7,803.00
Candles	\$ 270.00
Donations/Others	\$ 770.00
Total Other Revenue	\$ 1,040.00
RESTRICTED DONATIONS	
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$ 834.00
Parish Hall Fund	\$ 1,617.00
School Fund	\$ 625.00
Cath. Relief Svcs	\$ 91.00
Misc.	\$ 1,000.00
Total Restricted Donations	\$ 4,167.00
Total Weekly Deposit	\$ 13,010.00
Parish Hall Fund to Date	\$ 141,542.00

Please remember our brothers and sisters who need our help by bringing food donations every week with you to Mass. **THANK YOU!**



This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY, April 5 "Palm Sunday"

10:15 am •Religious Ed Classes/SJHS

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

7:00 pm •Wake Service (+ Joseph Ferreira)/Dodo Mortuary Chapel

MONDAY, April 6

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

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

12:30 pm •Food Pantry/St. Joseph Church

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

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

TUESDAY, April 7

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

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

9:00 am •Graveside Service (+Joseph Ferreira)/Veteran Cemetery #1

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

5:00 pm •Religious Ed Board Meeting/SJHS R.E. Office

5:30 pm •Hawaii Island Home for Recovery/St. Joseph Rectory Mtg Rm

7:00 pm •Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/St. Joseph Church

7:00 pm •Basic Christian Community/YMI

WEDNESDAY, April 8

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

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

THURSDAY, April 9 "Holy Thursday"

Rectory Office Closes @ 12:30 pm

6:00 pm •Holy Thursday Mass/Malia Puka O Kalani Church

7:00 pm •Holy Thursday Mass/St. Joseph Church

10:00 pm •CHURCH CLOSES

FRIDAY, April 10 "Good Friday" Rectory Office Closed

10:00 am •Seven Last Words of Jesus/St. Joseph Church

10:45 am •Stations of the Cross/St. Joseph Church

3:00 pm •Good Friday Service/St. Joseph Church

6:00 pm •CHURCH CLOSES

SATURDAY, April 11 "Holy Saturday"

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

5:00 pm •CHURCH OPENS

7:00 pm •Easter Vigil Mass/St. Joseph Church

7:00 pm •Easter Vigil Mass/Malia Puka O Kalani Church

SUNDAY, April 12 "Easter Sunday"

7:00 am •Easter Sunday Mass/St. Joseph Church

9:00 am •Easter Sunday Mass/St. Joseph Church

11:30 am •Easter Sunday Mass/St. Joseph Church

2:00 pm •Baptism/St. Joseph Church

6:00 pm •Easter Sunday Mass/St. Joseph Church

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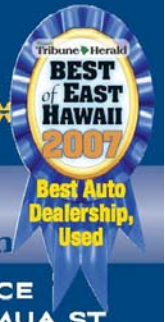
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