# Hilo Roman Catholic Community



# St. Joseph Church

43 Kapiolani St., Hilo, HI 96720 Office Hours: Mon.- Fri. 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Phone: (808) 935-1465 Fax: (808) 969-1665 Emergency after-hours number: 899-9453



# Malia Puka O Kalani Church

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



# Mass Schedule

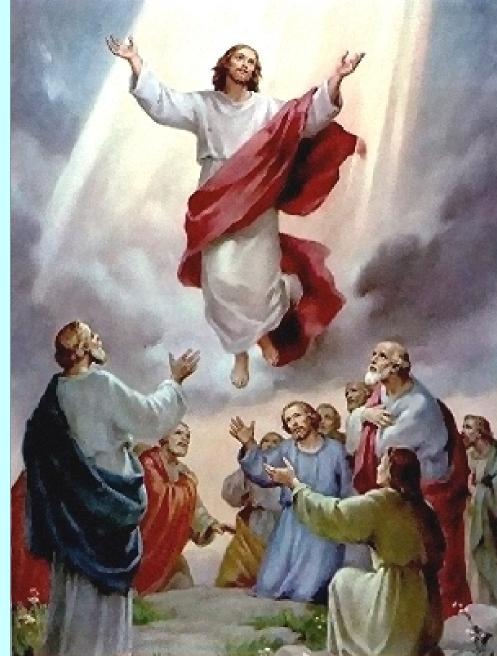
St. Joseph Church Weekdays: Mon. - Fri. 6:00 am & 12:15 pm Legal Holidays: 7:00 am

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.



# **Important Dates**

Ascension of the Lord May 24 (Sunday)

Nomination Forms due for PPAC May 24 (Sunday)



Memorial Day May 25, 2009 Please remember in your prayers all who have sacrificed their lives in service to our Country.

<u>Floral</u> Offering to Mary



May 30 (Saturday) 7:00 am St Joseph

Pentecost May 31 (Sunday)



Baptism Preparation Class June 8 (Monday)

# Farewell Mass & Dinner for Our Sisters of St. Francis June 21 (Sunday) 6:00 pm

SUNDAY YOUTH MASSES May 24, June 14, & June 28 11:30 am, St. Joseph Church

# **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**Pastor's Corner** 

At the Ascension. Jesus returned to heaven. He wants us to be his voice, hands and feet. He asked us: "Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Mathew 28:18-20). Are we taking this command of Jesus seriously? We Catholics shy away from talking about our faith. Our protestant brothers tell us that their new members almost without exception are brought into the Church through the suggestions of some of their own friends. We should profess our faith with pride, and bear witness to Christ with courage. Apathy in this matter is something we need to avoid. May this feast of the Ascension remind us about our obligation! It is a fact of history that the humble and the lowly keep the faith alive. Hence none of us has an excuse in this matter. Though Jesus returned to his father he continues his presence among us especially through the Eucharist. If so, why should we be afraid or shy about proclaiming our faith? Let us try to be the voice, the heart, the hands and feet of Jesus to continue his mission on earth. A very happy feast of the Ascension to each and every one of you! Fr. Tom

P.S. I will be away for vacation from May 25 to June 10. As you may know, half of my personal belongings are still in Rome where I worked for fifteen years. I have to clear the boxes and bring back what is absolutely necessary. While I am away, Fr. John Mbinda will be the acting Pastor. Please pray for me and I will be praying for you when I visit the holy places. Fr. Tom

# HEARTFELT THANKS!

Joyce Saenz, our Religious Education Coordinator has resigned her position. She is planning to relocate elsewhere in the United States. She has been a great coordinator during the past two years. In the name of all of you I extend to her our heartfelt thanks and all the best in her new ventures. Sr. Lusika Sangma will replace her with immediate effect. She has been working with Joyce for sometime and the transition is going to be very smooth. Joyce in her generosity has agreed to be on hand to assist Sr. Lusika if needed while she is making her preparations to relocate.

Fr. Tom

#### Dear Father,

You and your parishioners will be remembered expressly in the prayers and works of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts at Regina Pacis Convent during the week of May 31—June 6. Please invite those who have special intentions to let the Sisters know by phone, mail or e-mail: reginasscc@cs.com

As Sisters of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, our chapel is open daily from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, to anyone who wishes to spend some time in prayer.

Mahalo nui loa. May God bless your parish abundantly.

Sincerely in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Regian Pacis Community 1120 Fifth Avenue Honolulu, Hi 96816-5828 Te. 737-5822



A special thank you to our anonymous donor for his generous spirit.



A trailer was recently purchased and given to the Parish maintenance department. Fr. Tom

# **Big Island** Young Adult Retreat May 30 & 31 (Sat. & Sun.) Pahala

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# Fr. John M. Mbinda

# May 24, 2009: The Ascension of the Lord, Year B Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20

## First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

This text narrates the ascension of the Risen Lord into heaven and the beginning of witness by the apostles starting from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. Before his ascension the Risen Lord assures them that "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you." As Jesus ascends, the disciples are described as being perplexed and filled with anxiety about their role in witnessing "why are you standing there looking at the sky?" That rhetorical question is a hint that they should get on with their task given them by the Lord. Jesus who ascends to heaven will return in the same way the apostles have seen him go up.

# Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Psalm 47 is a processional song of exaltation that proclaims God's rule over all the peoples of the earth. Response: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord."

# Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

The Ascension celebrates the exaltation of Christ rather than merely his departure. Enthroned at God's right hand, he is more than just the object of our worship. The Risen Lord in his new existence is the source of our new creation. His position is not so much that of domination as that of sharing life with us.

#### **Gospel: Mark 16:15-20**

This ending of Mark's Gospel, which in all probability was not part of the original writing, shows how Jesus remains present with his Church from the very beginning. By his power, the disciples will manifest the same signs of the presence of God's kingdom that Risen Lord has revealed to his followers. The important thing here is not the sign itself — different signs may be appropriate for different times — but the faith that is God's gift. The text here underlines what is known as "the Great Commission." Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." When the Church proclaims and lives the Gospel, and bears witness to the presence of Christ, the Lord himself is at work.

# Faith Formation Conference 2009 OUR HEARTS WERE BURNING WITHIN US June 24, 25, 26, 27 Damien Memorial School,

1401 Houghtailing Street, Honolulu

Sponsored by the Diocese of Honolulu Office of Religious Education cost: \$40.00 (full program of courses) or \$10.00 per course.

Registration deadline: June 10, 2009

Registration booklets with course listings, times, and information are available for all those interested in attending the conference in the resource racks at the back of St. Joseph Church and at rectory office. They are also available at the website www.hi-care.org

# **Greetings in Christ!**

This year marks the tenth anniversary of "Our Hearts Were Burning Within US: A Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation" which calls the Church in our country to a renewed commitment to adult faith formation, positioning it at the heart of our catechetical vision and practice. May this conference provide opportunities to strengthen our commitment and intensify our efforts to help our communities be touched and transformed by the life-giving message of Jesus, to explore its meaning, experience its power, and live in its light as faithful adult disciples today. +Bishop Larry Siva



# **Scripture Readings**

# Sunday, May 24

Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 Mk 16:15-20

## Monday, May 25

Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-5acd, 6-7ab Jn 16:29-33

<u>Tuesday, May 26</u> Acts 20:17-27

Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11a

## Wednesday, May 27

Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-36c Jn 17:11b-19

# <u>Thursday, May 28</u>

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Jn 17:20-26

# <u>Friday, May 29</u>

Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab Jn 21:15-19

#### Saturday, May 30

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4-5, 7 Jn 21:20-25

#### Sunday, May 31

Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1ab, 24ac, 29bc-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

# **REQUEST FOR BIDS**

St Joseph's Catholic Church invites licensed General Contractors to submit sealed bids for the installation of a roof on the Rectory and the renovation of the breezeway between the Church and the Rectory. Drawings/specifications may be reviewed/picked up at the Hawaii Island Contractors Association. 494 Kalanikoa, Hilo Hawaii, 96720, between Monday, May 18, 2009, and Friday May 22, 2009. The Hawaii Island Contractors Association office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Sealed bids must be dropped off at the St Joseph's Church office, 43 Kapiolani St., Hilo, HI, 96720, no later than 3:30 pm Friday, May 29, 2009, or post marked May 29, 2009, or earlier. Maintenance Committee

# TELEPHONE Book Recycling



Reminder: St. Joseph School is still collecting your old phone books through May 30th.

Please drop off your phone books at the school! SJS won first prize for many years and would like to continue the tradition. With your help, we can do it again while being good stewards of our earth. God bless you all.

# 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.



6:00 pm Music Ministry

# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

This school year is winding down with the last day of Religious Education classes to be held on Sunday, May 31, 2009. Religious Education classes will not be held over the Summer months. Congratulations to all parishioners who celebrated the Sacraments during this school year. Sixteen adults received their Sacraments at 7:00 p.m. Mass at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 11, 2009. Forty six First Communicants received the Sacrament of First Eucharist on Sunday, April 19, 2009 and two students at Malia Puka O Kalani Church on Sunday, April 26, 2009. Bishop Larry Silva celebrated Confirmation on May 2, 2009 for twenty three students. Your faith community will continue to pray for you and we look forward to seeing **all** of you involved in ministry in our Church.

A big thank you to all of the dedicated catechists who served our community by teaching in one of our Religious Education classes. This year we were fortunate to have over twenty adults who volunteered as Catechists in our Children's Liturgy program, Sunday Religious Education classes, R.C.I.A. program, Sacramental Preparation program and our Baptismal Preparation classes. We also would like to thank all of our volunteers who helped to make the celebrations of the Sacraments very beautiful and blessed.

# ALTAR SERVER UPDATE

We would like to thank and acknowledge our altar servers who are seniors and are graduating this year. Congratulations to Lynsey Montel, Gaby Pitoy, Kayla Saenz and Losaline Kauvaka. We appreciated your service to this very important ministry. We wish you well as you graduate and we pray that you all will be successful in whatever you choose to do in life. St. Joseph School proudly announces their 3rd annual

# Hilo's Happening!

Join the excitement on Sunday, **June 7, 2009** from 5:00–8:00pm at Sangha Hall, Hilo

The festivities will include:

Fine Art Auction "Live Art" Fashion Showing Wine Tasting Pupu/Dessert Live Entertainment



Advance Tickets are \$35, \$40 at the door.

Purchase a reserved table for 8 in advance for \$245.

Tickets available at St. Joseph School, Ken's House of Pancakes, Spoonful Café in the Prince Kuhio Plaza

All proceeds to benefit St. Joseph School's Tuition Assistance Program

This event is for guests 21 years of age and older - Aloha Attire

Tune in to KAPA, KBIG, NATIVEFM, ESPN RADIO for more info or call the school at 933-1459.



# **NEWS FROM: ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL OUTREACH...** SR. RUTH



Sr. Ruth speaks to the visiting third grade class about the food pantry and care for the homeless.



St. Joseph's Church Food Drive with the Arms Services.

On May 13th, 2009, King Kamehameha School Grade III Students, as part of their School Curriculum, came to learn about the situation of poverty and hunger. They also happily helped in packaging the food for distribution. Dear students, thank you for your generous food donation and for your help.

# FOOD DRIVE

St. Joseph' Social Outreach is very thankful to LT. COL. BENEDICT FUATA, who was the driving force behind the Food Drive at the Commissary Case Lot Sale on May 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2009, at 1095 Kekuanaoa St. A big MAHALO to all the volunteers for your kind help. Blessings to you all!

INTERFAITH **COMMUNITY** IN **ACTION** meeting was held here at St. Joseph' on May 14, 2009. The committee deeply felt the need to show our solidarity with all who are laid off from their jobs. They agreed to have a prayer breakfast with them on June 27, 2009. Sr. Ruth

# Prayer to St. Joseph for Employment

Dear St. Joseph, you were yourself once faced with the responsibility of providing the necessities of life for Jesus and Mary. Look down with fatherly compassion upon me in my anxiety over my present inability to support my family. Please help me to find gainful employment very soon,



so that this heavy burden of concern will be lifted from my heart and that I am soon able to provide for those whom God has entrusted to my care. Help us to guard against bitterness and discouragement, so that we may emerge from this trial spiritually enriched and with even greater blessings from God. Amen.



# **East Hawaii Parish Enrichment Day** was held here on May 16th, 2009, at St. Joseph's Meeting Room. Carol Ignacio and Sr. Rosalani, presented information on the current state of economy, its impact on our outreach ministries, and strategies for our programs to better collaborate with one another and homelessness, and ways in which parishes are responding to Bishop's Roadmap. They also stressed that Bereavement Ministry is one of the most important missions of the Parish.

Thank you Carol and Sr. Rosalani for your time. All the participants were indeed enriched!



Carol Ignacio and Sister Rosalani



# **Bereavement Ministry Workshop**





MARY, Gate of Heaven pray for us.

# Please keep in prayer:

Fr. Joseph Hennen Ernest Matsumoto 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 Valentine Gonsalves **Destry Gacutan** Shirley Rizzo **Grace** Carter & all those who are sick.

# MALIA COLLECTIONS

KOA BOWL	\$ 1,320.60
ALU LIKE	\$ 677.04
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$ 1,997.64
Adults	50
Children	11

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

# Malia Puka O Kalani



Holy Mass at Malia.





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



Fr. John blesses the people with holy water as they sing "E Kahaku E."



Alyah and Tiah



# Our Volunteers for Sunday, May 31

Church Cleaning Shirley / Maybelle

Flowers Shirley / Maybelle

Sacristan Hale

Altar Servers Kekona / Kalauao Eucharistic Ministers Natalie / Patty

Lectors Laverne / Freita

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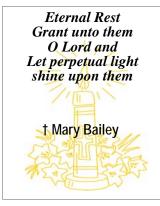
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#### Pastor:

Rev. Thomas Puravidathil, 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 Business Manager: David Watson Pastoral Assistant: Sr. Marykutty Social Outreach: Sr. Ruth Zonunthari Receptionist: Robyn Whittington Housekeeping: "Cres" Castillo Maintenance: Robert Balga **Religious Education Coordinator** Sr. Lusika Sangma Youth & Young Adult Ministry: Chrislyn Villena 935-1465 Security & Maintenance:

#### **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:** Sr. Lusika Sangma 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.



Mario Miguel 990-9137 Liturgy Coordinator: Cecil Farin Music Ministry: Gloria Mendoza-Watson 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 Texeira Finance Council: Don Kouchi Bulletin Coordinator: Karen Hotniansky Prayer Network: Kathy Choi Call rectory: 935-1465 with your prayer request

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH WEEKLY COLLECTION			
5:00 pm	\$	1,640.00	
Spanish Mass	\$	32.00	
7:00 am	\$	1,971.50	
9:00 am	\$	2,032.00	
11:30 am	\$	1,227.60	
6:00 pm	\$	1,856.00	
Sunday Total Collection	\$	8,759.10	
Candles	\$	212.95	
Donations/Others	\$	1,353.00	
Total Other Revenue	\$	1,565.95	
RESTRICTED DONATIONS			
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$	917.00	
Parish Hall Fund	\$	966.00	
School Fund	\$	643.00	
Rice Bowl	\$	23.00	
Catholic Comm.	\$	1,479.00	
Misc.	\$	122.00	
Total Restricted Donations	\$	4,150.00	
Total Weekly Deposit	\$	14,475.05	
Parish Hall Fund to Date	\$ 271,460.16		



Alan, Kolton, Christian, Chelsea, Keri, and Kahea gather following the 6:00 pm Mass.

# This Week's Calendar

# SUNDAY, May 24 4:00 pm •SJS Graduation Ceremony/ Afook Chinen Civic Auditorium

7:00 pm •Young Adults Ministry/SJHS Gym

# MONDAY, May 25

#### "Memorial Day Holiday" Rectory Office Closed

7:00 am •Mass/St. Joseph Church—NO 12:15 pm Mass

TUESDAY, May 26

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

- 12:30 pm •Food Pantry/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room
- 7:00 pm •Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/St. Joseph Church
- 7:00 pm •Basic Christian Community/YMI

## WEDNESDAY, May 27

- 12:30 pm •Food Pantry/Malia Puka O Kalani Church
- 3:30 pm Spiritual Growth Group/St. Joseph Church Breezeway
- 7:00 pm •Alabare Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church

#### THURSDAY, May 28

- 5:30 pm •Cursillo Group/St. Joseph Rectory Library
- 6:30 pm •St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Rectory Library
- 7:00 pm •Filipino Mass & Fellowship/St. Joseph Church & Rectory Mtg rm.

#### FRIDAY, May 29

7:00 am •SJ Final School Mass/St. Joseph Elem. School Chapel 5:00 pm •Holy Hour & Benediction/St. Joseph Church

#### SATURDAY, May 30

- 7:00 am •Mass w/Final Devotion to Blessed Mary/St. Joseph Church
- 7:45 am •Church Cleaners #2/St. Joseph Church
- 10:00 am •Reconciliation/St. Joseph Church
- 10:00 am •Adult Scripture Study/St. Joseph Rectory Library 5:00 pm •High School Youth Group/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room

## SUNDAY, May 31 "Pentecost Sunday"

9:00 am •Big Island Young Adult Connection/Holy Rosary—Pahala 10:15 am •Final Religious Education Classes/SJHS



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