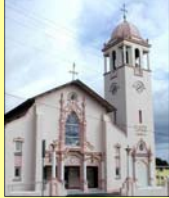


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# Hilo Roman Catholic Community

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## *Mahalo! A Hui Hou!*



Rev. Thomas Purayidathil and Fr. John M. Mbinda leave to begin their new assignments on July 1.

### **Mass Schedule**

St. Joseph Church	Saturday:	Sunday:
Weekdays:	7:00 am	7:00 am, 9:00 am,
Mon. - Fri.	Vigil Mass:	11:30 am & 6:00 pm
6:00 am & 12:15 pm	5:00 pm	<b>Malia Puka O Kalani</b>
Legal Holidays:	Spanish Mass:	Sunday: 9:00 am
7:00 am	7:00 pm	

### **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



June 28 -  
Second Collection  
SUPPORT THE WORKS OF  
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**PETER'S PENCE  
COLLECTION**  
*Cast the light of Christ  
upon the world!*



## **A Hearty Welcome to Fr. Samuel Loterte.**

Fr. Samuel will  
be serving as  
our new pastor.  
We welcome you  
and look forward to  
getting to know you.



## Pastor's Corner

Rev. Thomas Purayidathil

This is the last time I will be writing in the Pastor's Corner as your Pastor. My presence and work here in the community for the past 2 ½ years have been personally fruitful and rewarding. When I took over as your Pastor, I promised to bring all I am capable of, to the table. I promised not to spare myself. I can honestly say that I have done that. It would not have been possible without the cooperation of so many of you.

The parish bulletin is the face of the parish and I set out to improve the quality of the bulletin. You have now undoubtedly one of the best parish bulletins in the country. We have now a well-trained parish bulletin committee with great talent and they can continue the work.

The clustered parishes of St. Joseph and Malia Puka O Kalani, at times had a differential relationship. To bring the community together I changed the name to Hilo Roman Catholic Community with a unified single Pastoral Council. When I realized the desire of the parishioners of Malia to be independent and de-clustered, I worked towards it. We got the rectory of Malia repaired and habitable and we were fortunate to have Fr. Joe Hennen to come and live and work from there. He did a lot to bring the community back together and it is a blessing that he is coming back in September to take care of Malia. They have almost everything in place to be an independent parish. Maybe another 30 or so families joining the parish could seal the deal. Through the hard work of the joined pastoral council led by Linda and John Tolmie, we were able to come up with a mission statement for the Hilo Roman Catholic Community.

The life of any Catholic community is centered on the Eucharist. We concentrated on it and took great pains to train the Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Altar servers, Lectors, etc. The Catholic Church is blessed with a beautiful liturgy which is the result of 2000 years of development and improvement. I personally went to great lengths to make the liturgy prayerful, reverent, uplifting and solemn. Too much of casualness about the liturgy can take away the sense of the sacred. Sr. Marykutty, as the Pastoral Assistant, is always there to make our liturgy enriching.

Any parish community should have not only a place to worship but also a place to gather to celebrate the important events of life like baptism, wedding, funeral etc. The purpose of a parish hall is to build the community and bring the members of the parish together. St. Joe lacks that and that is the reason I turned my attention to that. George Madden and the Parish Hall team did a lot to push the project. It has faced some setbacks of late. But it is my hope under the new Pastoral leadership you will pick it up and bring it to completion at an early date.

The neglected maintenance of the Rectory was a concern and we did turn our attention to that. The creaky corridors have been reclaimed and made beautiful and where needed we have done painting work and also laying the carpets. We upgraded a suite for the Bishop and other distinguished guests. The leaky roof of the rectory was a concern and our maintenance team has everything in place to start work on it. It will be accomplished in the next month or so.

One of the priorities of the diocese and the parish has been the faith formation of our young people. We have a full time youth and young adult coordinator and we have a youth choir now. It is a pleasure to see these young people dedicating their time and talent to Jesus and the community. Over 170 kids attend the RE program and Sr. Lusika along with the other three sisters run the program. Joyce Saenz set the tone. It is going to be heart-warming to see the sisters along with the other lay RE teachers taking care of our young kids. Carol Dennis and her helpers run a magnificent RCIA program.

For any parish, taking care of the poor is an essential activity. We now have Sr. Ruth Zonunthari, a well-qualified (MSW) coordinator who runs the food pantry at St. Joe and Malia. She is involved in the inter-faith program, counseling, and also working in collaboration with OSM and Catholic Charities. She and her committee of volunteers are getting ready to launch a Bereavement Ministry for the community.

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## June 28, 2009: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Readings: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43

### First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

The Book of Wisdom is one of the deuterocanonical (= second list) or apocryphal (= hidden) books. It was never in the Hebrew canon (list) of Scriptures, and is omitted from most Protestant versions of the Bible (or put in an appendix). The point of this passage is that death cannot be part of God's plan because God does not act only to see his work end in corruption. Death therefore comes through human sin. Those who bind themselves to evil strangle God's gift of life in them.

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13

Psalm 30 is a thanksgiving song of a person who has recovered from a serious illness. There are contrasting emotions of sadness giving rise to pleading, and the overwhelming joy spontaneously bringing forth praise. Response: "I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me."

### Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Paul in this passage encourages the Corinthians to be generous in a collection for the impoverished Jerusalem Church. The motivation he gives is twofold: 1) imitation of the generosity of Christ and 2) a demonstration of equality between Greek and Jewish Christians. Sharing of possessions between these two Christian communities is not only a concrete gesture of receiving the other as an equal, but also an expression of the communion that exists between them.

### Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

This Gospel reading presents two models of faith — both imperfect but open to growth. Jairus, the synagogue official and the woman come to Jesus as a last resort. Their hearts are not centered on God but on their own need. They approach Jesus to get something from him rather than to become his disciples. Jesus does not condemn or scorn their self-centered and superstitious attitude that sees him as wonder-worker and healer rather than as revealer of divine love and compassion. Instead, Jesus responds to their overwhelming sense of need as they present it to him, thereby removing this obstacle to their growth in faith. In both instances, Jesus explicitly turns their sense of need into faith, and both miracles free those affected not only from the bonds of evil, but also into fullness of life.



**Please welcome Sister Lisa Chettri, MSMHC, as vice-principal of the elementary division.** You may have seen Sister Lisa at Mass at St. Joseph Parish. Sister comes from Darjeeling, West Bengal, India and has served as principal of a school of one thousand students. Sister Lisa has already met many of you informally, has taken part in the last ES faculty meeting of the year and has been working in the ES office in Colette's absence. Fr. Tom



### Scripture Readings

#### Sunday, June 28

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24  
Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13  
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15  
Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

#### Monday, June 29

Acts 12:1-11  
Ps 34:2-9  
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18  
Mt 16:13-19

#### Tuesday, June 30

Gn 19:15-29  
Ps 26:2-3, 9-12  
Mt 8:23-27

#### Wednesday, July 1

Gn 21:5, 8-20a  
Ps 34:7-8, 10-13  
Mt 8:28-34

#### Thursday, July 2

Gn 22:1b-19  
Ps 115:1-6, 8-9  
Mt 9:1-8

#### Friday, July 3

Eph 2:19-22  
Ps 117:1-2  
Jn 20:24-29

#### Saturday, July 4

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29  
Ps 135:1-6  
Mt 9:14-17

#### Sunday, July 5

Ez 2:2-5  
Ps 123:1-4  
2 Cor 12:7-10  
Mk 6:1-6a

### 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.

*Pastor's Corner*  
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Catholic Education is dear to the heart of our Bishop. We have a parish High School that has been struggling for years. I called an Ad Hoc committee to see how we can improve the situation of the school. Sr. Marion, Sr. Barbara Jean and Sr. Stephen Marie were doing a fabulous job. But we were seeing a decline in enrollment and less and less parishioners could find a place in the school. One of the suggestions of the ad hoc committee was to look for a teaching order of religious. I must have contacted over a dozen religious communities all over the world and the only ones who said 'yes' were the Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians. We have four of them with us and one more is on the way. Sr. Lisa Chettri, a former High School principal is now the Vice-principal of the Elementary School, and Sr. Leena Piholi will also teach in the school. Their presence in the school will assure a continuity of sisters working in the school especially because the Sisters of St. Francis are leaving Hilo. These five sisters are my gift to you. Love them and take care of them. They will enrich the life of the parish and the school.

## *Father's Day Blessing at St. Joseph Church*



9 am Mass



5 pm Mass



6 pm Mass

Change is always difficult. But change can bring growth. The new Pastoral team headed by Fr. Samuel Loterte and assisted by Fr. Gregorio Guzman and Bro. Eduardo Mabilen along with Fr. Joe Hennen is going to be a great team to take care of you. Please welcome them and work with them. The Hilo Roman Catholic Community will go from success to success.

As for me, my work here is done. I worked relentlessly for you. When something had to be said or done I put my heart to it and did not bother to please anyone except the Lord. I know I have my defects and am working on improving myself. If you happen to think of me, remember me as someone who loved Jesus, someone who tried to lead others to Jesus, and someone who believed in the mission of the Church. My heartfelt thanks go to all who served on the pastoral and finance committees as well as the members of the Parish hall team. My gratitude goes to hundreds of volunteers who shared their time, talent, and treasure with the community. Sincere thanks to all who helped to run the various ministries. Last but not least a special thanks to Fr. John and Fr. Joe who were such wonderful colleagues. Thanks to the office staff of the parish who had to put up with me daily. You are all loved, prayed for, and remembered with gratitude.

Mahalo and God bless you!

Fr. Tom

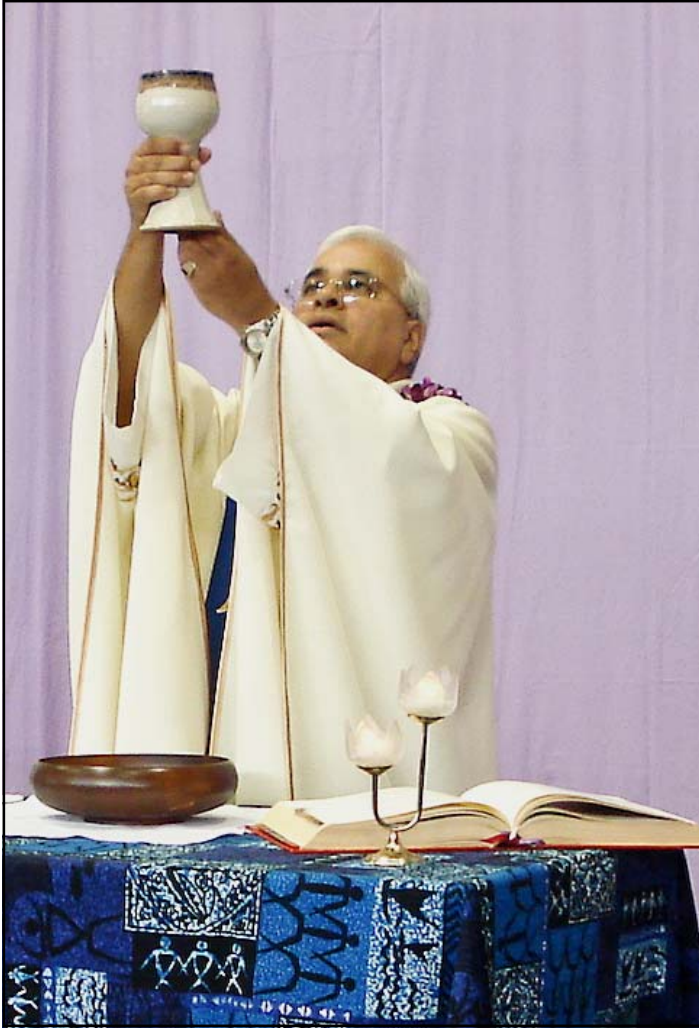


♥ *Sisters of St. Francis* ♥  
*Farewell Gathering*  
*at St. Joseph Church* ♥



Mahalo to all those who shared their time and talents to provide a farewell party for the Franciscan sisters.





# *Thank you*

**Fr. Thomas Purayidathil  
& Fr. John Mbinda**

**Our hearts are filled  
with gratitude for the  
loving service you have  
provided to our Hilo  
Roman Catholic  
Community.**





Thank you Jesus for sending us our wonderful Priests. May God continue to bless them with His wisdom and grace. May He strengthen them each day and may He give them the Heart of His Son, Jesus Christ, meek and humble and filled with His love.

Aloha,  
Your Hilo Roman  
Catholic Community







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 Elizabeth Dulatre  
Eleanor Birney  
Rita Cusick  
Hale Pekelo  
Aunty Mabel Silva  
Aunty Joann Peralta  
Aunty Irene Kondo  
Valentine Gonsalves  
Destry Gacutan  
Shirley Rizzo  
Grace Carter  
and all those who are sick.*

**MALIA COLLECTIONS**

KOA BOWL	\$ 526.30
KAAHUMANU	\$ 50.00
CUSTODIAL- HOLY FATHER	\$ 20.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$ 596.30
Adults	54
Children	13

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

# Malia Puka O Kalani



*Fr. Thomas blessing the fathers at Malia.*



**Our Volunteers for Sunday, July 07**

Church Cleaning <i>Laverne / Pete</i>	Eucharistic Ministers <i>Maybelle / Natalie</i>
Flowers <i>Shirley / Maybelle</i>	Lectors <i>Patty / Samantha</i>
Sacristan <i>Hale</i>	Bell Ringers <i>Pete / Melody</i>
Altar Servers <i>Kalauao / Kekona</i>	Ushers <i>MaryAlice / Berta</i>

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







*Fr. Thomas celebrates his farewell Mass with Malia parishioners.*

### *Father's Day Fellowship & Goodies*



## Directory

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**Associate Pastors:**

Rev. John M. Mbinda

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Rev. John Fredy Quintero

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Rev. Don Aanavi

Rev. Jerry Nunogawa

St. Joseph School Principal:

Sr. Marion Kikukawa, OSF

935-4936

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Religious Education Coordinator

Sr. Lusika Sangma

Youth & Young Adult Ministry:

Chrislyn Villena 935-1465

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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

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Finance Council: Evelyn Pacheco

Bulletin Coordinator:

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request

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**Hospital Communion:**

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**Home Communion:**

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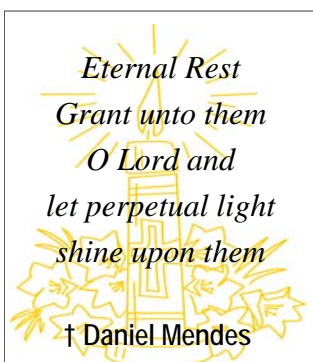
**Marriages:** Contact rectory office

at least 6 months in advance.

**Funerals:** Contact rectory office

before meeting with funeral director.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH WEEKLY COLLECTION	
5:00 pm	\$ 1,865.00
Spanish Mass	\$ 41.00
7:00 am	\$ 2,664.50
9:00 am	\$ 1,968.00
11:30 am	\$ 1,172.00
6:00 pm	\$ 1,233.00
Sunday Total Collection	\$ 8,943.50
Candles	\$ 259.50
Donations/Others	\$ 800.30
Total Other Revenue	\$ 1,059.80
RESTRICTED DONATIONS	
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$ 1,234.50
Parish Hall Fund	\$ 570.00
Holy Father	\$ 52.00
School Fund	\$ 582.50
Misc.	\$ 108.00
Total Restricted Donations	\$ 2,547.00
Total Weekly Deposit	\$ 12,550.30
Parish Hall Fund to Date	\$ 301,461.63



## Thank you to Don Kouchi

Our thanks go out to Don Kouchi who for the past year has served as the Chair of the Finance Council. Don has done a fine job in chairing the meetings and has brought tremendous insight to the council. He will be staying on the council as a regular member.

Evelyn Pacheco has accepted the appointment to the Chair position and is looking forward to working with the other members, as the Parish moves forward on the many projects that lie ahead.

Once again our thanks to Mr. Don Kouchi.

Finance Council Members for fiscal year 2009-2010:

Evelyn Pacheco – Chair	Don Kouchi
Wendell Serrao	Jay Sasan
Franklin Veriato	Mary Ann Paulos
Anthony Phillips	

*Fr. Tom*

## This Week's Calendar

**SUNDAY, June 28**

11:30 am •Youth Mass w/Farewell Fellowship for Fr. Thomas & Fr. John/  
St. Joseph Church & Rectory Meeting Room

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

**MONDAY, June 29**

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

**TUESDAY, June 30**

6:00 pm •Small Christian Community/St. Joseph Rectory Library

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

7:00 pm •Basic Christian Community/YMI

**WEDNESDAY, July 1**

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

3:30 pm •Spiritual Growth Group/St. Joseph Church Breezeway

4:00 pm •Micronesian Leadership Meeting/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room

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

**THURSDAY, July 2**

6:30 pm •St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Library

**FRIDAY, July 3 "Independence Day"**

7:00 am •Mass/St. Joseph Church—NO 12:15 PM MASS—HOLIDAY

5:00 pm •NO Holy Hour & Benediction/St. Joseph Church

**SATURDAY, July 4**

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

10:00 am •Reconciliation/St. Joseph Church

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

5:00 pm •NO Youth Group

**SUNDAY, July 5**

7:00 pm •NO Young Adult Group





*Fr. John celebrates his farewell Mass with St. Joseph parishioners.*

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