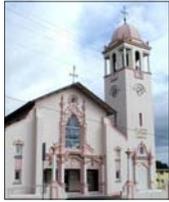


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St. Joseph Church
Weekdays: Mon. - Fri.
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7:00 am
Saturday: 7:00 am
Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

Sunday:
St. Joseph Church
7:00 am, 9:00 am,
11:30 am & 6:00 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 sea-
sons.

Prayer Times
Morning Prayer
& Benediction
Mon.-Sat. Immediately
after Mass

Evening Prayer
& Benediction
Sun. - Friday: 4:30 pm
Saturday: 3:30 pm

Malia Puka O Kalani Church

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND:

5:15 pm Saturday Vigil
9:00 am Sunday
4:00 pm (Spanish
Mass)

WEEKDAY:

5:15 pm Mon., Wed.,
Fri.

Immaculate Conception



*O Father, you prepared the Virgin Mary to be the worthy
mother of your Son...Help us by her prayers, to live in your
presence without sin. Amen.*

Important Dates

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass Times

Dec 7 •

Malia Puka O Kalani
5:15 pm

Dec 8 •

St. Joseph Church
6:00 am, 12:15 pm,
& 7:00 pm

9:00 am

Malia Puka O Kalani

Religious Education

► Sunday, December 6

R.E. classes at the
St. Joseph Jr/Sr High
School

► Sunday, December 13

R.E. classes at the
St. Joseph Jr/Sr High
School



next week's
Novena (Dec. 8)

will be changed to Dec. 7
due to the 7:00 pm Feast of
Immaculate Conception
Mass

Youth Mass Dates

Dec 13 & 27
11:30 am Mass

St. Joseph Filipino Catholic Club

Sunday, Dec. 6.

General Membership meet-
ing after the 9 am Mass
today, Potluck.

Sunday, Dec. 13

Christmas Party &
Installation of new
officers (Jan. 16, 2010)
to be discussed.

Pastor's Corner

Rev. Samuel Loterte, SSS

December 6, 2009, Second Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners,

The Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, in his homily at First Vespers last Saturday, with which the Church began Advent and the new liturgical year, reflected on the etymology of the word ADVENT from the Latin ADVENTUS.

"With the word ADVENTUS an attempt was made essentially to say: God is here, He has not withdrawn from the world, He has not left us alone," he explained. "Although we cannot see or touch him, as in the case with tangible realities, He is here and comes to visit us in multiple ways." The Pontiff added that the expression ADVENT also includes "VISITATIO" which simply means "VISIT." "In this case," he said, "it is a visit of God: He enters my life and wants to address me." He also said that ADVENT "invites us to pause in silence to grasp a presence." "ADVENT invites and stimulates us to contemplate the Lord who is present," the Pontiff continued.

In this Second Sunday of Advent, we are given the image of John the Baptist, the precursor of the Lord, as an example of someone who is ready to welcome the Lord in his life and likewise help others to do the same by preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

The winding roads shall be made straight and the rough ways made smooth,

And all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

At this point in time, I want to commend and thank all those who participated in our Parish Advent Penance Service last Wednesday evening, December 2 at 7 pm. Thanks also to the priests who extended their help: Rev. Mike Scully, SJ, and Rev. Joey Ranjo.

God's blessing to all with St Joseph, our Patron,
Rev Gregorio de Guzman, SSS Associate Pastor



SIMBANG GABI/MISA AGUINALDO

Simbang-Gabi is a Filipino word which literally means "EVENING MASS." It refers to the time honored tradition of the Filipinos to prepare in a more intense manner for the birthday of the Lord Jesus on Christmas day. Originally it was done at dawn, around 4:00 am, when the roosters began to crow. For this reason it is popularly called "Misa De Gallo." In the Philippines, it is usually around the time when the fishermen are returning home from fishing all night and the farmers are preparing to tend their fields. So the missionaries thought of celebrating this very early mass to allow these laborers to attend church and participate in the preparations for the Advent season.

This celebration is a series of masses for a period of **nine** consecutive days. Each mass is offered as a special gift to the Lord on His birthday, also called MISA AGUINALDO. The tradition remains as a spiritual way of keeping the message of Advent, (*which is to be watchful and to be alert of the Lord's coming*), animated in our hearts as well as our daily lives. Especially during the busy holidays, this celebration is a good reminder for the true meaning of the Advent season. This custom was started in Hawaii when the Ethnic Ministry opened at the Diocese and is being observed in many churches throughout the islands. **We welcome everyone to join us.**

Mass will begin on December 16th continuing to the 23rd at 7:30 pm (**EXCEPT** on December 20th mass will begin at 8:00 pm). On December 24th mass will be held at 4:00 am. There will be light refreshments following each mass.

Let us all come together as one body in Christ and prepare ourselves for a truly joyous and blessed Christmas.

Sunday Reflection:

by Father Greg Friedman, O.F.M.

December 6, 2009

Second Sunday of Advent (C)

Bar 5:1-9 ; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 ; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 ; Lk 3:1-6

Imagine what the Old Testament prophets or John the Baptist would have made of our modern ability literally to "move mountains"! When I read today's Scriptures, with their descriptions of filling valleys, leveling mountains and road-building, I picture a vast fleet of earth-moving equipment, and thousands of people at work. Could those Biblical visionaries have had the same picture?

Such imagination is helpful in the Advent season, as we wait for God's promises to be fulfilled. Some of the obstacles to the coming of the Kingdom seem overwhelming. The evil that confronts us in the world, in the form of human greed, violence and injustice is formidable.

But I often find that *inner* obstacles are just as daunting. My own selfishness, greed, intolerance, and even the temptation to violence seem so hard to root out. I could use a bulldozer or two to help!

Paul, in the second reading, offers us another source of power to effect change: the power of prayer. Paul is confident that God, who has begun to work in the lives of the Philippians, will bring that work to completion. He prays that they will grow in love, knowledge, and the ability to choose what's right.

Thanks to the witness and example of fellow Christians I can believe in the power of prayer. Let's pray for each other in these Advent days.

Sunday Soundbite for St. Anthony Messenger Press, on the Web at FranciscanRadio.org



ADVENT

Week 2: Advent Reflections

Each day during Advent find a few quiet moments with your family when you can light the candle, read the little thought for the day, and say the short prayer together.

Response:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your love. Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

December 6: When Isaac was grown up, Abraham sent out a servant to find a wife for him. The servant met a young woman at a spring; she drew water for him and for his camels. Her name was Rebekah and she became Isaac's wife. R.

December 7: Isaac and Rebekah had two sons, Jacob and Esau. Once, while Jacob was asleep, he saw in a dream a ladder set upon earth and reaching all the way to heaven. The angels of God were going up and down it. And he heard the voice of God promising to give him the land on which he lay and to send the Redeemer of the world through his family. R.

December 8: Jacob had twelve sons but he liked Joseph best of all. The rest of the brothers became envious of Joseph and tried to get rid of him. They sold him to merchants who were passing by and told their father that Joseph had been killed by wild animals. The merchants took Joseph with them to Egypt. R.

December 9: Joseph did well in Egypt and eventually become an important advisor to the king of Egypt, the Pharaoh. Meanwhile, many of his people and their families came to live in Egypt and settled there. A long time after Joseph died, when a new Pharaoh was in power, an order went out that all male sons of the Hebrews (Joseph's people) had to be killed. One such baby, Moses, was rescued from death by being found in the bulrushes by the king's daughter, who took him in and looked after him. R.



Scripture Readings

Sunday, December 6

Bar 5:1-9
Ps 126:1-6
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
Lk 3:1-6

Monday, December 7

Is 35:1-10
Ps 85:9ab, 10-14
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 8

Gn 3:9-15, 20
Ps 98:1-4
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 9

Is 40:25-31
Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 10

Is 41:13-20
Ps 145:1, 9-13ab
Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 11

Is 48:17-19
Ps 1:1-4, 6
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 12

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv
11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
(Ps) Jdt 13:18bcde, 19
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Sunday, December 13

Zep 3:14-18a
(Ps) Is 12:2-6
Phil 4:4-7
Lk 3:10-18

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The Social Outreach is so grateful for the constant support from each one of you. Our brothers and sisters are enriched by your generosity. Thank you ever so much for:

- ▶ KTA save-a-tape collection
- ▶ Plastic bags collection
- ▶ Sweaters and warm clothes donations
- ▶ Daily food donations

and do continue to support the Social Outreach with your generosity. We need more blankets and warm clothes for children and adults. Mahalo

Hot Meal

The next 'Christmas Hot Meal for the hungry' is scheduled for Tuesday, December 22, 2009.

The following is the menu for event:

- Farmer John Ham = 50 pounds
 - Fresh Sweet Potato = 50 pounds
 - Rice = 40 pounds
 - Canned Mixed Vegetables = 6 gallons
 - Cake (HCEOC) = 2 sheets
 - Juice Syrup = 4 gallons
- You are most welcome to contribute donations for this event. (For donations Please call Sr. Ruth – Social Outreach – 935-1465)



SJS News, Interact Club Veteran’s Home Visit

Our Jr.-Sr. High Interact Club visited with residents of the Yukio Okutsu Veterans home to honor them in celebration of Veteran’s Day. Besides singing and helping with several games of Pokino, students got to know the residents.

December Events Calendar

Dec. 7	High School Band Christmas Concert, 7:00 pm, school gym
8	Immaculate Conception Holy Day, No School for students
10	Advent Mass, gr. K-12, 9:00 am, school gym
11	Jr.-Sr. High semester exams, pds. 1 & 2, dismissal 11:30 am
12	ACT Exam
14	Jr.-Sr. High, semester exams, pds. 3 & 4, dismissal 11:30 am
15	Jr.-Sr. High, semester exams, pds. 5 & 6, dismissal 11:30 am Elementary Christmas program, 6:30 pm, school gym
16	Jr.-Sr. High, semester exams, pd. 7, dismissal 10:00 am
Dec. 17-Jan. 5	No School for students, Christmas Break
Jan. 6	School resumes

Interfaith community in Action:

Interfaith community in Action Pre-thanksgiving gathering was held at Hilo United Methodist Church. People of all faiths gathered together thanking the Lord God creator and giver of all that is good.

Advent Reflections *continued from page 3*

December 10: When Moses grew up he left Egypt, but whilst looking after sheep, he saw a bush on fire and from the middle of it he heard the voice of God telling him to return to Egypt and deliver his people from slavery. So Moses went back to Egypt and led his people out through the wilderness and the Red Sea. When they reached a mountain called Sinai, Moses spent time alone with God and then proclaimed the Ten Commandments. R.

December 11: Moses then led his people further through the wilderness. They got very thirsty and began to grumble about Moses, forgetting that God had promised to be with them always. God told Moses to strike a certain rock to find water, he did this and water came pouring out. The people were saved from dying of thirst. R.

December 12: For a very long time Moses continued to lead his people on through the wilderness and also through countries full of fruit. All the time they were looking for the promised land and a pillar of cloud guided them all the way. R.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Dec. 8th is one of two Holy Days of Obligation in Hawaii. (The other is Christmas). The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day because the United States is under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Malia will celebrate the Feast of The Immaculate Conception on Monday Mass, Dec. 7th at 5:15 pm and again on Tuesday, Dec 8th at 9:00 am. Different than our daily Masses and our Sunday Masses, both these Masses will have Marian hymns, but still be rather brief so that you can get home before dark and/or get to work on time.

ADVENT PROJECT

For centuries the Church had a special devotion during the final week of Advent. It is a Praise of the Names of Jesus; “The O Antiphons”. Starting on December 17 and going through December 23, the Church would focus on one of the Old Testament Titles of the Promised Messiah. We are going to revive this devotion at Malia. However, while being faithful to the Old Testament titles, we are going to use Hawaiian symbols to represent the titles. There will be a 12:30 pm “bring your own lunch” devotion in the Malia patio. While eating, we will have a prayer service focusing our attention on one of the seven Titles. Corresponding with each Title, we will unfold a newly created banner which has a Hawaiian symbol representing the title. The seven banners will become part of the Church Christmas decorations. I hope you think about spending fifteen minutes during lunch sharing in this Advent Devotion. It starts Thursday, Dec 17th and goes through Wednesday, Dec 23rd.

CHURCH DECORATIONS

We love creativity and spontaneity. However, we also need order and focus when it comes to the church. The Liturgy Committee Members are the parish representatives in organizing liturgies and other spiritual events. This includes the decorations in the church. Please do not make and put up banners and other decorations without first checking with the Liturgy Committee (Joe Farias is the Chair). We don’t want to stifle anyone’s creativity but we want to make sure all decorations “set a tone” and are in good artistic and liturgical taste. This does not extend to flower arrangements. (There are no flowers during Advent and Lent) By the way, this is a good time to announce that we will be looking for donations of flowers for Christmas. If you are able to donate flowers and/or plants please bring them to the church anytime from Dec. 21-24. (This is Hawaii and our church should be filled with flowers for Christmas!)

MALIA COLLECTIONS	
KOA BOWL	\$ 1,477.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$ 1,477.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FORMATION MEETING POSTPONED

The Religious Education/Formation Committee Meeting originally scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 12 at 9:30 am is rescheduled for Saturday, Jan 23rd at 9:30 am. Committee Members please note this change.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

The next and last Communal Penance Service before Christmas (with the opportunity for individual confession) will be Saturday morning, Dec 19 at 8:30 am. Please note, we begin these services promptly at 8:30 am. (In November some people came 15 minutes late and missed the service!) Another reminder: this is NOT a time for individual spiritual direction and/or counseling. If you are looking for a longer individual period, please call the parish office and make an individual appointment.

AND A REPEAT FROM LAST WEEK’S BULLETIN:

THE GIVING TREE

Traditionally both St. Joe’s and Malia had a Giving Tree project during Advent. The parish would adopt a health-care agency and parishioners would buy Christmas Gifts for those in the agency. While this was a very worthwhile project, we have judged that the economic situation has warranted a different project this year. There are many individuals and families who have lost their jobs, their homes, and/or their sources of income. These people live in our neighborhoods.

This year our Advent Giving Project will be to buy Gift Certificates for Grocery stores, Supermarkets. Please consider purchasing a certificate worth anywhere from \$10.00 and up from any of the food markets in and around Hilo. (Try to secure a paper gift certificate rather than a credit card type so that we can stamp it “For Food Purchase Only”). Put the certificates in the Koa Offering Bowl any Sunday between now and Christmas. Mahalo!

IDENTIFYING THOSE IN NEED

If you and/or your family need help to buy food please give your name and address to Fr. Joe. If you know of someone in your family or neighborhood that is in need of help to buy food, please give this information to Fr. Joe. Please mention the number of people in the family and/or recommend an amount of the gift certificate. The best way to get Fr. Joe this information is to put the information on a piece of paper, seal it in an envelope, mark it “confidential,” and put it in the Koa Offering Bowl. A card with a gift food certificate will be sent to the person and/or family with a note that simply says, “From the people of Malia Puka O Kalani.” Everything and everybody will be kept totally confidential.

Brown wooden ladder missing from Malia. If you have borrowed this ladder and forgotten to return it please do so, or if you know of its location please contact Uncle Moke at Malia.

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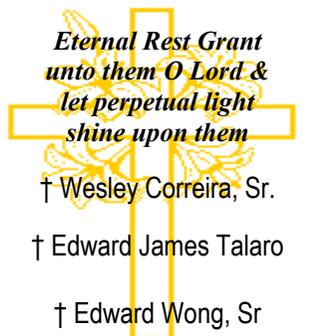
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 Contact the rectory office
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 Preparation sessions for parents
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 at 935-1465.
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Marriages: Contact rectory office
 at least 6 months in advance.
Funerals: Contact rectory office
 before meeting with funeral director.



***Eternal Rest Grant
 unto them O Lord &
 let perpetual light
 shine upon them***

† Wesley Correira, Sr.
 † Edward James Talaro
 † Edward Wong, Sr
 † Donald Greenfield

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH WEEKLY COLLECTION	
Filipino Mass	\$ 193.00
5:00 pm	\$ 1,417.00
7:00 am	\$ 1,869.00
9:00 am	\$ 1,489.00
11:30 am	\$ 961.00
6:00 pm	\$ 1,003.00
Sunday Total Collection	\$ 6,932.00
Candles	\$ 163.95
Thanksgiving	\$ 1,654.00
Donations/Others	\$ 396.00
Total Other Revenue	\$ 2,213.95
RESTRICTED DONATIONS	
Parish Hall Fund	\$ 1,317.00
School Fund	\$ 391.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$ 741.00
Misc.	\$ 702.00
Total Restricted Donations	\$ 3,151.00
Total Weekly Deposit	\$ 12,296.95
Parish Hall Fund to Date	\$ 349,119.77

This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY, Dec. 06

10:00 am •Filipino Catholic Club General Meeting/St. Joseph Rectory Mtg Rm
 10:15 am •Religious Ed Classes/SJHS
 4:00 pm •Spanish Mass/Malia Puka O Kalani Church
 4:30 pm •Evening Prayer & Benediction/St. Joseph Church
 7:00 pm •Young Adults Ministry (Faith Formation)/St. Joseph Rect Library

MONDAY, Dec. 07

10:00 am •Aloha Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church
 12:30 pm •Food Pantry/St. Joseph Church
 4:30 pm •Young Disciples Team Meeting/St. Joseph Rectory Library
 4:30 pm •Evening Prayer & Benediction/St. Joseph Church
 5:15 pm •Mass (Immaculate Conception)/Malia Puka O Kalani Church
 5:30 pm •Youth & Young Adults Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church
 6:00 pm •RCIA Class/St. Joseph Rectory Library
 7:00 pm •Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/St. Joseph Church

TUESDAY, Dec. 08 "Immaculate Conception"—Holy Day of Obligation

9:00 am •Mass (Immaculate Conception)/Malia Puka O Kalani Church
 4:30 pm •Evening Prayer & Benediction/St. Joseph Church
 5:00 pm •Parish Maintenance Team Meeting/St. Joseph Rectory Mtg Rm
 7:00 pm •Mass (Immaculate Conception)/Church

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 09

10:00 am •Funeral Mass (+Donald Greenfield)/St. Joseph Church
 12:30 pm •Food Pantry/Malia Puka O Kalani Church
 3:30 pm •Spiritual Growth Group/St. Joseph Church Breezeway
 4:30 pm •Evening Prayer & Benediction/St. Joseph Church
 5:15 pm •Mass/Malia Puka O Kalani Church
 7:00 pm •Alabare Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church

THURSDAY, Dec. 10

10:30 am •Funeral Mass (+Edward Wong, Sr.)/St. Joseph Church
 4:30 pm •Evening Prayer & Benediction/St. Joseph Church
 5:30 pm •Cursillo Group/St. Joseph Rectory Library
 5:30 pm •St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church

FRIDAY, Dec. 11

9:30 am •SJ School Mass/St. Joseph Elementary Chapel
 10:30 am •Funeral Mass (+Edward Talaro)/St. Joseph Church
 4:30 pm •Evening Prayer & Benediction/St. Joseph Church
 5:15 pm •Mass/Malia Puka O Kalani Church
 6:00 pm •Parish Reflection/St. Joseph Church—
 Fellowship follows/Rectory Meeting Room

SATURDAY, Dec. 12

8:45 am •Church Cleaners #2/St. Joseph Church
 9:30 am •East & West Vicariate Youth & Young Adults Ministry Meeting/
 St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room
 10:00 am •Reconciliation/St. Joseph Church
 10:00 am •Adult Scripture Study/St. Joseph Rectory Library
 11:30 am •A Bridge to Health/St. Joseph Rectory Library
 3:30 pm •Evening Prayer & Benediction/St. Joseph Church
 5:00 pm •High School Youth Ministry (Young Disciples Night)/
 St. Joseph Rectory Library
 5:15 pm •Mass/Malia Puka O Kalani Church

SUNDAY, Dec. 13

10:15 am •Religious Ed Classes/SJHS
 11:30 am •Youth Mass/St. Joseph Church
 4:00 pm •Spanish Mass/Malia Puka O Kalani Church
 4:30 pm •Evening Prayer & Benediction/St. Joseph Church
 7:00 pm •Young Adults Ministry (Faith Formation)/Malia Puka O Kalani Church



The "other Fr. Joe" notes:

Thank you all for the care and share given my brief stay with you this past weekend. Older friends meeting again in Liturgy, seeing hope in the young members, and a "new growth" at Malia Puka O Kalani. *Fr. Joe Carroll*



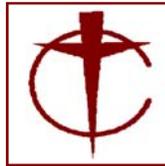
WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

▪ **Robert Sterling & Susan Estores**

† PRAYER INTENTIONS BOOK:

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