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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

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.



Fourth Sunday of Advent



Malia Masses:

Dec. 24th 5:15 pm
 Dec. 25th 9:00 am

St. Joseph Masses:

Dec. 24th
 Misa de Gallo 4:00 am

 Christmas Eve Mass
 6:00 pm
 9:00 pm
 Dec. 25th
 12:00 midnight
 7:00 am
 9:00 am
 11:30 am

**Youth Mass
 Dates
 Dec. 27
 11:30 am Mass**

**Holiday Schedule
 Changes**

Religious Education

No R.E. classes
 on Dec. 20th,
 Dec. 27th, and Jan. 3rd.

Classes will resume
 on Jan. 10th



Cursillo will
not be
 meeting on
 Thursday,

Dec. 24 & 31 due to the
 holidays. Mahalo.



The Miracle of Christmas



Father God,

When your precious Son became a tiny baby in a stable in Bethlehem in poverty and simplicity, you changed our world.

As we imagine those surroundings, we join with the shepherds and the wise men in wonder and praise. We thank you for our material lives, praise you for our spiritual lives, and trust in you for our eternal life.

We ask your blessings on the people of St. Joseph and Malia Puka O Kalani.

Amen.

We wish all of you a Blessed Christmas and New Year!

Fr. Samuel, Fr. Gregorio, Fr. Joe,
 Sr. Marykutty, Sr. Lisa, Sr. Lusika, Sr. Ruth
 Robyn, Robert, Chrislyn, Mario, Cres,
 Gloria & David



Christmas at Greccio

What better way to prepare for the arrival of the Christ Child than to take a brief journey to Greccio, the spot in central Italy where St. Francis of Assisi created the first Christmas crib in the year 1223.

Francis, recalling a visit he had made years before to Bethlehem, resolved to create the manger he had seen there. The ideal spot was a cave in nearby Greccio. He would find a baby (we're not sure if it was a live infant or the carved image of a baby), hay upon which to lay him, an ox and an ass to stand beside the manger. Word went out to the people of the town. At the appointed time they arrived carrying torches and candles.

One of the friars began celebrating Mass. Francis himself gave the sermon. His biographer, Thomas of Celano, recalls that Francis "stood before the manger ... overcome with love and filled with a wonderful happiness..." For Francis, the simple celebration was meant to recall the hardships Jesus suffered even as an infant, a savior who chose to become poor for our sake, a truly human Jesus.

Tonight, as we pray around the Christmas cribs in our homes, we welcome into our hearts that same Savior.

Saint of the Day
 Lives, Lessons and Feast
 By Leonard Foley, O.F.M.;
 revised by Pat McCloskey,
 O.F.M.

Sunday Reflection:

by Father Greg Friedman, O.F.M.

December 20, 2009

Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)

Mi 5:1-4a ; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10 ; Lk 1:39-45

Christmas is often a time for different generations in a family to come together. Grandparents delight in sharing Christmas memories with the youngest family members. On our Christmas tree we hang both new and old ornaments. Our celebrations this year usually prompt us to remember the Christmases long past.

Today's Liturgy of the Word offers us a meeting between old and new. In our Gospel, the Old Covenant, represented by Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist, meets the New Covenant, symbolized by Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Our second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, presents Jesus, whose sacrificial death on the cross replaces the sacrifices of the old law.

God's promise to shepherd his flock spans both the old and the new covenants, as our first reading tells us. The birth of the shepherd-Messiah from the line of David will fulfill ancient promises and usher in an age of peace.

Such fulfillment, such peace, is what both old and young long for as we gather to celebrate Christmas this season. Perhaps the Christmas celebrations in our families might have room for some time of prayer and storytelling which would allow for those hopes to be voiced. For we celebrate the birth of the One who personifies peace: Jesus Christ, born into our world to fulfill the ancient longings of the human family.

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

Week 3: 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.

December 20

The angel had told Mary that her cousin, Elizabeth, was also expecting a baby. This was a surprise because Elizabeth was quite old but it was a sign that God is all-powerful. Mary went to see Elizabeth, and together they were able to share the great events that were happening to them. They praised God. R.

December 21

Elizabeth gave birth to a son whose name was John. He was to prepare his people for the arrival of their Savior. John was the last of the prophets. When he was grown up he went to the river Jordan where he preached to the people and invited them to say sorry to God for the past and to begin again by being baptized. R.

December 22

When the time came for Mary to have her baby, an official decree had been issued by the government which said that everyone had to return to their own city to register. Mary and Joseph had to go to Bethlehem. R.

December 23

Bethlehem was known as the city of David after King David and it was very overcrowded with visitors who had come to be registered. Mary and Joseph couldn't find anywhere to stay and they had to shelter for the night in a stable behind an inn. R.

December 24

During that first night in the stable Mary gave birth to her son. This son was Jesus, the Savior, who had been promised by God to his people throughout their history for so many years. Mary wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger. Jesus came for everybody in the world. God sent us his Son to show us exactly how he wants us to live each day. R.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, December 20

Mi 5:1-4a
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Heb 10:5-10
Lk 1:39-45

Monday, December 21

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday, December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28
(Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8
Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday, December 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14
Lk 1:57-66

Thursday, December 24

(Weekday)

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Lk 1:67-79

Thursday, December 24

(Vigil)

Is 62:1-5
Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Friday, December 24

(Midnight)

Is 9:1-6
Ps 96:1-3, 11-13
Ti 2:11-14
Lk 2:1-14

Friday, December 25

Is 52:7-10
Ps 98:1-6
Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday, December 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab,
16bc-17
Mt 10:17-22

Sunday, December 27

Sir 3:2-7, 12-14
Ps 128:1-5
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Lk 2:41-52

Year End Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30 2009

St. Joseph Church Stmnt. of Activity (Income Statement) for 07/2008 thru 06/2009

	Year to Date 07/2008-06/2009	YTD Budget	Variance of YTD Cur. to Budget
REVENUE			
OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS	\$445,313.15	\$443,000.00	\$2,313.15
HOLY DAY COLLECTIONS	44,352.50	57,750.00	(13,397.50)
FUND DRIVE COLLECTIONS	0.00	28,000.00	(28,000.00)
OTHER COLLECTION REVENUE	4,687.00	8,500.00	(3,813.00)
GIFTS AND BEQUESTS	438,483.34	168,500.00	269,983.34
OCCASIONAL OFFERING	28,323.00	31,600.00	(3,277.00)
INTEREST INCOME	9,830.47	2,500.00	7,330.47
RENTAL INCOME	191,999.12	186,000.00	5,999.12
GAIN/LOSS ON SALE OF ASSETS	4,406.39	0.00	4,406.39
OTHER REVENUE	29,481.83	22,500.00	6,981.83
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,196,876.80	\$948,350.00	\$248,526.80
EXPENSES			
SALARIES - CLERGY	\$46,541.51	\$48,000.00	\$1,458.49
SALARY - LAY	257,217.54	265,698.00	8,480.46
FRINGE BENEFITS	54,920.60	70,566.32	15,645.72
TAXES	28,984.00	29,450.00	466.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	14,692.37	12,700.00	(1,992.37)
SACRISTY SUPPLIES	30,608.00	30,600.00	(8.00)
FOOD AND KITCHEN SUPPLIES	28,534.30	44,600.00	16,065.70
OTHER SUPPLIES	4,604.61	11,500.00	6,895.39
LIBRARY MATERIALS	1,698.87	2,000.00	301.13
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	15,074.60	13,850.00	(1,224.60)
CONTRACT SERVICES	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00
RENTALS	9,384.80	20,000.00	10,615.20
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	11,973.01	12,800.00	826.99
INSURANCE	37,086.71	31,000.00	(6,086.71)
PERMITS, LICENSES AND FEES	1,375.58	950.00	(425.58)
BUSINESS EXPENSE	8,496.39	15,000.00	6,503.61
SPANISH MASS EXPENSES	2,173.64	0.00	(2,173.64)
INTEREST EXPENSE	36.72	0.00	(36.72)
COMMITTEE/PROGRAM EXPENSE	7,501.45	5,350.00	(2,151.45)
UTILITIES	37,959.03	36,430.00	(1,529.03)
TRAVEL	5,906.76	6,000.00	93.24
VEHICLE EXPENSE	4,815.56	14,500.00	9,684.44
EDUCATION AND TRAINING	5,861.80	17,000.00	11,138.20
PARISH ASSESSMENT	90,840.00	90,839.00	(1.00)
SUBSIDIES AND ASSISTANCE	16,617.35	14,300.00	(2,317.35)
SUBSIDY TO SCHOOL	171,500.00	171,500.00	0.00
CONVENT EXPENSES	10,375.26	0.00	(10,375.26)
EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	2,355.58	5,814.40	3,458.82
PARISH HALL EXPENSES	1,500.00	0.00	(1,500.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$910,436.04	\$972,247.72	\$61,811.68
NET INCOME	\$286,440.76	(\$23,897.72)	\$310,338.48

Submitted by the Finance Council

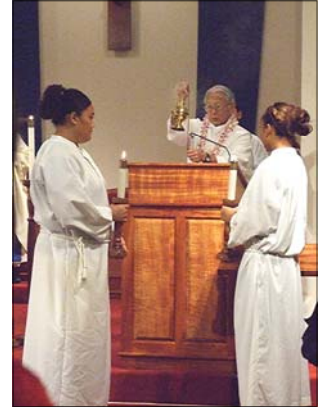
Thanks to our Finance Council members who meet every month to review the Parish and School business reports and offer their invaluable wisdom and guidance. Thanks to all of our parishioners who continue to support the church and her efforts through your contributions of time, talents, and treasures.

Santa Breakfast & Bookfair

Our Parent-Teacher-Guild (PTG) held their annual Santa Breakfast at the school cafeteria recently. Families enjoyed a hearty breakfast while keiki visited with Mr. & Mrs. Claus. Our Scholastic Book Fair was open for Christmas shopping as well. A huge mahalo to our PTG volunteers for all your work on the Santa Breakfast and to Mrs. Teresa Fuata for her support and long hours of work on the Book Fair each year! Congratulations on your successful & fun events!



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Sr. Ruth Zonunthari, Sr. Lisa, Sr. Lusika Sangma, and Sr. Marykuty renew their vows publicly each year on The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.





Eucharistic Ministers



Sacristans Fern and Ben along with the Kauvaka sisters assist at the Mass.



St Joseph Choir members

Fellowship following Mass



~ ♥ ~
A BIG MAHALO
 to Nancy & Larry Capellas
 for providing the photos of
 this joyous celebration!



*More fellowship pictures
 on page 11*

CHRISTMAS MASSES

There will be a special Christmas Eve Mass at 5:15. This Mass will be a combined Hawaiian, Spanish, and English Mass. It will be directed to families and children. After Mass there will be a traditional gathering in the patio featuring Portuguese Bean soup and fresh bread.

There will be a 9:00 Mass on Christmas morning. This will be a more traditional Christmas Mass. Please make the celebration of the Eucharist the center of your Christmas celebration.

CHURCH RENOVATION

The parish of Malia is deeply grateful to all who had a hand in painting and renovating our church and feeding the workers. It was a labor of love and dedication. It is absolutely remarkable that this was accomplished with a minimum of expense and hired labor. This is truly a witness of both Hawaiian and Christian culture merging at Malia Puka O Kalani. (Many people believe that this type of work on behalf of our church belongs to a day gone by. NOT TRUE! It is a living reality at Malia Puka O Kalani.) Mahalo!



Please keep in prayer:



- Fr. Joseph Hennen*
- Ernest Matsumoto*
- Aunt Patty Grube*
- Uncle Tony Moniz*
- Aunt Minnie Alidon*
- Aunt Dora Costa*
- Aunt Mamo Otineru*
- Aunt Nita Kua*
- Aunt Elizabeth Dulatre*
- Eleanor Birney*
- Aunt Mabel Silva*
- Aunt Joann Peralta*
- Aunt Irene Kondo*
- Valentine Gonsalves*
- Destry Gacutan*
- Shirley Rizzo*
- Grace Carter*
- Rupert Tripp Jr.*
- Laverne Amay*
- John Tardino*
- Rita Branco*
- Daniel Richards*
- Uncle Black Manuwa*
- Infant Tiare Cervantes*
- and all those who are sick.*

BISHOP'S PASTORAL VISIT

Bishop Larry Silva will make a formal canonical visit of the parish of Malia Puka O Kalani on the weekend of Jan 30-31. We will celebrate the 5:15 pm Mass on Saturday and the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday. He will also celebrate the 4:00 pm Spanish Mass on Sunday afternoon. On Saturday, after the Mass, he will have dinner with representatives of the four parish committees. On Sunday, after the 9:00 am Mass he will meet with all the parishioners. He will do the same with the Spanish people after the 4:00 pm Mass. The Bishop asked for a written self-study report to be sent to him prior to his visit. We are putting the final touches on the report and will give it to the parishioners prior to his visit. This visit is extremely important for our future as a parish. We ask that you please make every attempt to be present at one of the Masses the weekend of Jan 30-31. The Bishop will make decisions regarding our future based on this visit. Please mark it on your calendar.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We are looking for donated flowers (most especially poinsettias) to decorate our church for Christmas. This is a good time to give flowers and/or a poinsettia plant in honor of a loved one. Please have all gifts of flowers to the church no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday, Dec 23rd. (The children will be decorating the church as part of the Christmas Eve Celebration.)



Also if anyone has a couple of Christmas trees we would greatly appreciate it!

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

Calling children of all ages!!!! There is a practice for the Christmas Eve pageant on Monday, Dec 21 at 6:00 pm. We have selected no children. ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED! Just show up for practice and you will be in the Christmas Eve pageant (maybe as Mary, Joseph, a shepherd, an angel, or, if you are real good, a little lamb!!!).

MALIA COLLECTIONS	
KOA BOWL	\$1,060.40
CHRISTMAS	\$ 350.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	\$ 250.00
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT	\$ 50.00
MASS INTENTIONS	\$ 50.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$1,760.40

RE children bring food products to the Giving Tree.



★ RE 2nd Graders collected the most for the food drive.

Pre Christmas celebration of the Faith Formation Department



RE Children light the Advent Candle listening attentively to the Advent talk given by Mrs. Liberty Albano.



RE 6th Graders with their teacher Joy Panem.



RE Kindergarten with their teacher Ruth



Mahalo to the RE board for your help and guidance



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 before meeting with funeral director.

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



Douglas Baguio

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH WEEKLY COLLECTION	
5:00 pm	\$ 1,872.00
7:00 am	\$ 2,082.00
9:00 am	\$ 1,600.00
11:30 am	\$ 2,085.00
6:00 pm	\$ 1,330.00
Sunday Total Collection	\$ 8,969.00
Candles	\$ 195.00
Christmas	\$ 45.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,789.00
Donations/Others	\$ 652.00
Total Other Revenue	\$ 2,681.00
RESTRICTED DONATIONS	
Parish Hall Fund	\$ 978.00
School Fund	\$ 477.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$ 1,824.00
Convent Rent	\$ 12,499.92
Misc.	\$ 1,997.64
Total Restricted Donations	\$ 17,776.56
Total Weekly Deposit	\$ 29,426.56
Parish Hall Fund to Date	\$ 357,773.77

This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY, Dec. 20

- 3:00 pm • Young Adults Team Meeting/St. Joseph Rectory Library
- 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 Rectory Library
- 8:00 pm • Simbang Gabi/St. Joseph Church

MONDAY, Dec. 21

- 10:00 am • Aloha Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church
- 12:30 pm • Food Pantry/St. Joseph Church
- 4:30 pm • Evening Prayer & Benediction/St. Joseph Church
- 5:30 pm • Youth & Young Adults Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church
- 6:00 pm • Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsal/Malia Puka O Kalani Church
- 6:00 pm • RCIA Class/St. Joseph Rectory Library
- 7:00 pm • Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room
- 7:30 pm • Simbang Gabi/St. Joseph Church

TUESDAY, Dec. 22

- 11:00 am • Christmas Hot Meal Service/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room
- 4:30 pm • Evening Prayer & Benediction/St. Joseph Church
- 6:30 pm • Small Christian Community/St. Joseph Rectory Library
- 7:00 pm • Basic Christian Community/YMI
- 7:30 pm • Simbang Gabi/St. Joseph Church

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 23

- 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
- 7:00 pm • Alabare Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Rectory Library
- 7:30 pm • Simbang Gabi/St. Joseph Church

THURSDAY, Dec. 24 "Christmas Eve"

Holiday—Rectory Office Closed

- 4:00 am • Misa de Gallo/St. Joseph Church
- 5:15 pm • Christmas Eve Mass/Malia Puka O Kalani Church
- 6:00 pm • Christmas Eve Vigil Mass/St. Joseph Church
- 9:00 pm • Christmas Eve Vigil Mass/St. Joseph Church
- 12:00 am • Midnight Mass/St. Joseph Church

FRIDAY, Dec. 25 "Christmas Day"

Holiday—Rectory Office Closed

- 7:00 am • Christmas Day Mass/St. Joseph Church
- 9:00 am • Christmas Day Mass/St. Joseph Church
- 9:00 am • Christmas Day Mass/Malia Puka O Kalani Church
- 11:30 am • Christmas Day Mass/St. Joseph Church

SATURDAY, Dec. 26

- 8:45 am • Church Cleaners #4/St. Joseph Church
- 10:00 am • Reconciliation/St. Joseph Church
- 10:00 am • Adult Scripture Study/St. Joseph Rectory Library
- 3:30 pm • Evening Prayer & Benediction/St. Joseph Church
- 5:15 pm • Mass/Malia Puka O Kalani Church

SUNDAY, Dec. 27

- 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

Continued from page 7: fellowship following the Immaculate Conception Mass at St. Joseph Church!



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Matthew 1:23

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