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# Hilo Roman Catholic Community



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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 seasons.

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:

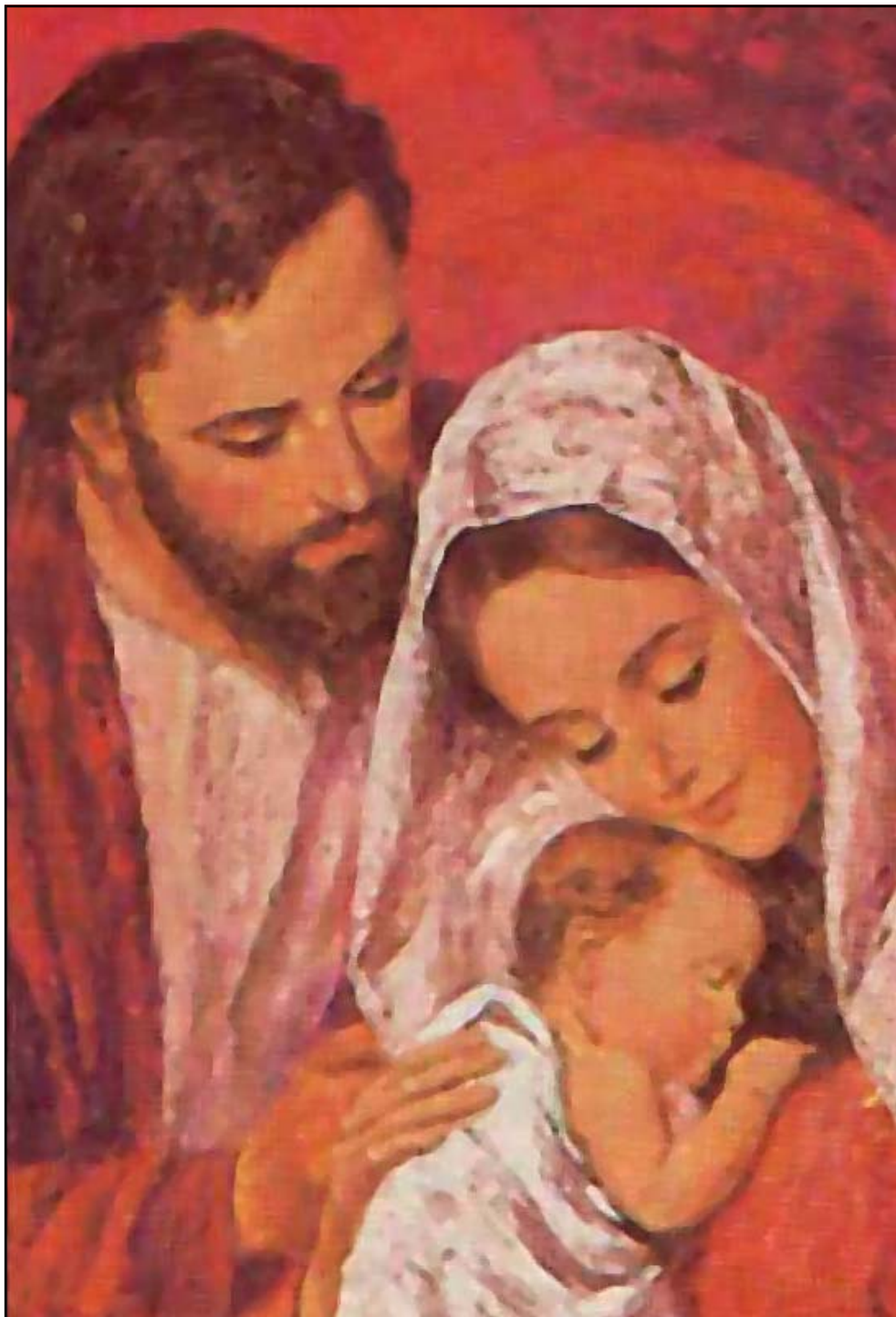
5:15 pm Saturday Vigil

9:00 am Sunday

4:00 pm (Spanish Mass)

WEEKDAY:

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



**Solemnity  
of Mary  
Mother of God**

**MALIA**

New Years Eve  
Mass 5:15 pm

**ST. JOSEPH**

New Years Eve  
Mass 7:00 pm

New Years Day  
Mass 9:00 am

**Youth Mass Dates**

**January 10 & 24**  
11:30 am Mass

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE  
CHANGES**

**No First Friday  
January 1, 2010**

**Religious Education**

No R.E. classes on  
Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, and Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Classes will resume  
on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>



**Cursillo**

will **not** be  
meeting on  
Thursday, Dec. 31  
due to the holidays.  
Mahalo.

**Bulletin**

**Announcement**

Please note that there will be no bulletin on January 3, 2010! We are giving the bulletin committee, the bulletin folders, and all those individuals involved with our bulletin a well-deserved break. Our next bulletin will be on January 10, 2010!

**PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Fr. Samuel has scheduled a parish Christmas pot luck for Saturday, January 2 immediately following the 5 pm Mass. The party will be in the school gym and will include live entertainment. Suggestions for food are as follows:

A – F	Desserts
H -- M	Main Dish
N – S	Starch
T -- Z	Fruits & Vegetables

Hope to see you there!

**Solemnity of Mary,  
Mother of God (C)**

**January 1, 2010;**  
**Nm 6:22-27 ; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;**  
**Gal 4:4-7 ---; Lk 2:16-21**



When I was a boy, my grandmother had a huge nativity set that came from her native Italy. I loved helping her unpack it and set it up each year at Christmas time. The hand-painted figures illustrating the Christmas story were a precious treasure that my grandmother had cherished through the years. There were the usual shepherds and wise men, of course. But there were also figures of people cooking food, playing musical instruments and so on. I remember that each figure was sculpted so in such a way that the character might have been gazing lovingly on the Christ-child—even though there were too many figures to fit them all around the manger!

In today's Gospel, we revisit the familiar scene of Christ's birth, and watch the shepherds coming to find Mary, Joseph and the Infant. Saint Luke, who gives us this infancy story, tells us that Mary "cherished all these things in her heart." For the Gospel writer, Mary symbolizes the model disciple: Throughout her life she listened attentively to God's Word. She cherished it and reflected on its meaning. Her prominent place in the Gospel story leads us to believe that the Church, from its earliest days, recognized how Mary, having given her consent to bear the Word Made Flesh, continued to glorify God in all she did.

Let's imitate Mary, responding to God's love born in us, with all the love and care of a mother who treasures and savors each moment of her child's life, for as long as she lives.

from St. Anthony Messenger Press, on the web at FranciscanRadio.org.

**Parish Calendars  
Now Available**

The 2010 St. Joseph and Malia calendars are now available. You can pick them in the Church entry or you may also stop by the rectory during our regular business hours.

**Contribution  
Envelopes for 2010**

If you have not already picked up your contribution envelopes please do so at your earliest convenience. We are trying to avoid the high cost of mailing them out and would greatly appreciate your help with this. If you do not normally receive envelopes but would like to please contact the Rectory office at 935-1465.

**Feast of the  
Holy Innocents  
*December 28***

Herod "the Great," king of Judea, was unpopular with his people because of his connections with the Romans and his religious indifference. Hence he was insecure and fearful of any threat to his throne. He was a master politician and a tyrant capable of extreme brutality. He killed his wife, his brother and his sister's two husbands, to name only a few.

Matthew 2:1-18 tells this story: Herod was "greatly troubled" when astrologers from the east came asking the whereabouts of "the newborn king of the

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## Sunday Reflection:

by Father Greg Friedman, O.F.M.

December 27, 2009

### Feast of the Holy Family (C)

Sir 3:2-7, 12-14, Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, Col 3:12-21  
or Col 3:12-17, Lk 2:41-52

Hello, I'm Franciscan Father Greg Friedman, with the "Sunday Soundbite" for the Feast of the Holy Family. Scripture scholars tell us that the stories of Jesus' birth and the events surrounding them, can be seen as "the Gospel in miniature." Matthew and Luke have structured these stories so as to anticipate some of their Gospel themes.

Today's familiar story of Jesus in the temple is a transition between Luke's infancy stories and the rest of his Gospel. In this charming tale of a lost child, parents desperately searching for him, and the conclusion in the temple, we find some key themes Luke will use later.

The temple itself is a favorite setting for Luke. He's already pictured Zechariah, and Mary and Joseph there, and now he brings Jesus to the temple. Luke's Gospel will conclude with the disciples of Jesus in the temple, praising God.

Mary and Joseph are on a journey to Jerusalem—foreshadowing a similar journey Jesus and his disciples will make. And perhaps most importantly, Jesus' first words describe the urgency he has to be "in my Father's house." The business of the Kingdom has begun, and Jesus must be about it.

In the midst of our Christmas celebrations, we're reminded that there is "the rest of the story," which will culminate in the death and resurrection of Jesus, and the birth of the Church. Along with Mary and Joseph and all who follow him, we have begun the journey.

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

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Jews," whose star they had seen. They were told that the Jewish Scriptures named Bethlehem as the place where the Messiah would be born. Herod cunningly told them to report back to him so that he could also "do him homage." They found Jesus, offered him their gifts and, warned by an angel, avoided Herod on their way home. Jesus escaped to Egypt.

Herod became furious and "ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under." The horror of the massacre and the devastation of the mothers and fathers led Matthew to quote Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah,/sobbing and loud lamentation;/Rachel weeping for her children..." (Matthew 2:18). Rachel was the wife of Jacob/Israel. She is pictured as weeping at the place where the Israelites were herded together by the conquering Assyrians for their march into captivity.

**Comment:** The Holy Innocents are few, in comparison to the genocide and abortion of our day. But even if there had been only one, we recognize the greatest treasure God put on the earth—a human person, destined for eternity and graced by Jesus' death and resurrection.

**Quote:** "Lord, you give us life even before we understand"

(Prayer Over the Gifts, Feast of the Holy Innocents).

**Patron Saint of:** Babies



WELCOME TO  
OUR VISITORS

### Scripture Readings

#### 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

#### Monday, December 28

1 Jn 1:5-2:2

Ps 124:2-5, 7c-8

Mt 2:13-18

#### Tuesday, December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11

Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6

Lk 2:22-35

#### Wednesday, December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17

Ps 96:7-10

Lk 2:36-40

#### Thursday, December 31

1 Jn 2:18-21

Ps 96:1-2, 11-13

Jn 1:1-18

#### Friday, January 1

Nm 6:22-27

Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

#### Saturday, January 2

1 Jn 2:22-28

Ps 98:1-4

Jn 1:19-28

#### Sunday, January 3

Is 60:1-6

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

## Welcome Brother Ed!

The Hilo Roman Catholic Community would like to welcome Br. Eduardo Mabilen, who arrived in Hilo on Tuesday, December 22.  
Welcome Br. Ed  
—we're glad you are here.



WELCOME TO  
OUR NEW  
PARISHIONERS!

•Lawrence, Rose, Darien Lawson & Madison Kobayashi

## THANKS MOM FOR SHOWING ME

I have a friend who is a mother of two grown-up daughters—who loves a certain kind of sugar-coated pecans. These pecans are expensive and hard to find. This mother got a letter from her daughter not long ago. Part of it read:

“Dear Mom,

I'm sending you some of those pecans you like so much. I was surprised to find them. Remember when I was little and you took me to the grocery store? You were so excited one day because you came across those pecans. We didn't have much money then, but you had \$5 you'd gotten for your birthday and so you bought the pecans. You were so excited.

“As we left the store, just outside the door was a collection bin for the Food Bank. You reached into our bag for a can of tuna fish to donate, and then you said out loud, ‘No! I will not give to the Lord that which costs me nothing.’ And you kept the tuna fish and put the sugared pecans in the collection bin. You walked toward the car with a big smile on your face. I remember that every time I see someone in need. “Thanks, Mom, for showing me.”

From Lessons in Giving.  
www.. americancatholic.org Linda McCullough Moore

## ‘Ahahui Hale O Nā Ali‘i O Hawai‘i

*Each year, on January 1st, the ‘Ahahui Hale O Na Ali‘i O Hawai‘i, celebrates the Anniversary of the birth of HRH Princess Abigail Wahūkaahuula Campbell Kawanānakoā on O‘ahu, while sister chapters honor her at their respective churches. The Hilo Lodge, Halau O Kalakaua, would like to extend its sincere MAHALO A NUI LOA to St. Joseph Church for allowing us to celebrate her anniversary on this island of Hawai‘i at the 9:00 am Sunday mass on January 3, 2010. The Princess’ mother church from birth through her passing on April 12, 1945, was Our Lady of Peace Cathedral in downtown Honolulu.*

*The ‘Ahahui Hale O Nā Ali‘i O Hawai‘i is a benevolent organization of Hawaiian men and women. The organization was founded by the Princess Abigail Wahūka`ahu`ula Kawānānakoā in 1918. Princess Kawānānakoā was the daughter of James Campbell and HRH Abigail Kaihelani Maipinepine of Lahaina, Maui. She married Prince David Kahalepouli Kawānānakoā Pi`ikoi. Princess Kawānānakoā’s profound desire was to reach out through the islands and organize a unique society of Hawaiian men and women; to unite and uphold the morale of her people; and to gain deeper respect for each other. Its goals and objectives reflect the Princess’ most important desire; “to unite her people into one cause ..... Perpetuality of the Hawaiian Culture,” while at the same time helping each other in sickness and in the loss of a loved one.*

*There are seven [7] lodges in the State Benevolent Society governed by a State Board of Governors of the ‘Ahahui Hale O Na Ali‘i O Hawai‘i; on the Big Island we have a chapter in Hilo and Waimea; two chapters on O‘ahu and a chapter on each of the islands of Maui, Kaua‘i and Moloka‘i.*





**NEW YEARS EVE MASS**

There will be a Mass for Peace celebrated on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, New Years Eve, at 5:15 pm. There will be no Mass on New Year’s Day. While it is not a Holiday, you are encouraged to end 2009 and look forward to 2010 by thanking God for His blessings and praying that He will bless us, our Ohana, our country, and our world with peace. There will be plenty of time for fireworks and festivities after 5:15!! HAPPY NEW YEAR and may God bless you with health and peace!

**FR. JOE WILL BE AWAY**


Fr. Joe will be away from Sunday afternoon, Dec 27 until Wednesday, Dec 30<sup>th</sup>. The parish office will be closed. If there is an emergency, please call the St. Joseph parish office.

**WEEKDAY MASSES RESUME**

We will resume the 5:15 pm Monday, Wednesday, and Friday weekday Masses on Monday, January 4.

**MAHALO**

Our renovated church has been met with universal positive acclaim. All the invoices are in. Everything was completed for less than \$2,000.00. This includes the kneelers, the painting of church, the new lights, and the restoration of the art work. Only in a parish like Malia where the spirit of Aloha is alive and strong can such a wonder take place. A special Mahalo to the many people who had a hand in this miracle. We also give our Mahalo to the Pekelo Family for the gift of the silver Communion cups and silver ciborium, to Mabel Silva and Joanne Peralta for the beautiful hand stitched Christmas Stole, to Else DeMello for the beautiful white drape material behind the tabernacle, to the anonymous donor of the restored tabernacle, to all those who created and painted the O Antiphon Banners, to those who donated flowers and to those who decorated our church for Christmas, to the Music Ministers and Choir for their uplifting music, to those who took part in and organized the children’s pageant. We give thanks to each other for this Kokua, this act of love. There are so many menehunes. All we can say is MAHALO! Each of you is a gift that keeps on giving.



*Please keep in prayer:*

<p><i>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 Aunty Mabel Silva Aunty Joann Peralta Aunty Irene Kondo Valentine Gonsalves</i></p>	<p><i>Destry Gacutan Shirley Rizzo Grace Carter Rupert Tripp Jr. Laverne Amay John Tardino Rita Branco Daniel Richards Uncle Black Manu Uncle Warren Curtis Infant Tiare Cervantes and all those who are sick.</i></p>
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<b>MALIA COLLECTIONS</b>	
KOA BOWL	\$ 1,794.00
CHRISTMAS	\$ 540.00
RENT INCOME	\$ 677.04
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT</b>	<b>\$ 3,011.04</b>

## Directory

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## Sacraments

**Anointing of the Sick:**  
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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*

† Francis Benevides

† Lewis Swain, Sr

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH WEEKLY COLLECTION	
5:00 pm	\$ 1,399.00
7:00 am	\$ 1,710.00
9:00 am	\$ 2,281.00
11:30 am	\$ 1,162.00
6:00 pm	\$ 1,506.00
Sunday Total Collection	\$ 8,058.00
Candles	\$ 260.00
Simbang Gabi	\$ 1,055.00
Christmas	\$ 420.00
Donations/Others	\$ 1,416.42
Total Other Revenue	\$ 3,151.42
RESTRICTED DONATIONS	
Parish Hall Fund	\$ 475.00
School Fund	\$ 388.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$ 758.00
Misc.	\$ 180.00
Total Restricted Donations	\$ 1,801.00
Total Weekly Deposit	\$ 13,010.42
Parish Hall Fund to Date	\$ 358,248.77



*Make every effort to keep  
 unity of the Spirit through  
 the bond of peace.*

*Ephesians 4:3*

## This Week's Calendar

### **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

### **MONDAY, Dec. 28**

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

### **TUESDAY, Dec. 29**

4:30 pm •Evening Prayer & Benediction/St. Joseph Church  
 6:30 pm •Small Christian Community/St. Joseph Rectory Library  
 7:00 pm •Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room  
 7:00 pm •Basic Christian Community/YMI  
 7:00 pm •Filipino Christian Community/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room

### **WEDNESDAY, Dec. 30**

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  
 5:30 pm •Wedding Rehearsal (Miller/Fowler)/St. Joseph Church  
 7:00 pm •Alabare Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church  
 7:00 pm •Basic Christian Community/YMI

### **THURSDAY, Dec. 31 "New Year's Eve"**

*Holiday—Rectory Office Closed*

4:30 pm •Evening Prayer & Benediction/St. Joseph Church  
 5:15 pm •New Year's Eve Mass for Peace  
 Malia Puka O Kalani Church  
 7:00 pm •New Year's Eve Mass/St. Joseph Church

### **FRIDAY, Jan. 01 "New Year's Day"**

*Holiday—Rectory Office Closed*

9:00 am •New Year's Day Mass/St. Joseph Church  
 4:30 pm •Evening Prayer & Benediction/St. Joseph Church

### **SATURDAY, Jan. 02**

8:45 am •Church Cleaners #5/St. Joseph Church  
 10:00 am •Reconciliation/St. Joseph Church  
 10:00 am •Adult Scripture Study/St. Joseph Rectory  
 Library  
 1:00 pm •Wedding Mass (Miller/Fowler)/St. Joseph  
 Church  
 3:30 pm •Evening Prayer & Benediction/St. Joseph Church  
 5:15 pm •Mass/Malia Puka O Kalani Church



### **SUNDAY, Jan. 03**

4:00 pm •Spanish Mass/Malia Puka O Kalani Church  
 4:30 pm •Evening Prayer & Benediction/St. Joseph Church

**“STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT.....I WISH I MAY, I WISH I MIGHT....”**



Thank you to all the generous donors who were contacted and graciously purchased gifts for this year’s **Star Light, Star Bright** charity. Through the Diocesan Office of the Youth and Young Adult Director, the St. Joseph Youth and Young Adults solicited individuals to purchase gifts for the thirteen children of incarcerated women here in East Hawaii.

I would like to give a huge “HIGH-FIVE” to Young Adult Marian Paras, for coordinating the project. She along with other young adults wrapped and delivered the presents to the children for Christmas.

Each present included a special message from the mothers to their children, a note of encouragement and love.


On behalf of the youth and young adults, we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



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*Matthew 1:23*

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