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Dec. 11, 2011

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**St. Joseph Church**

**Weekdays:**

Mon.-Fri.

6:00 am & 12:15 pm

Saturday: 7:00 am

Legal Holidays: 7:00 am

**Vigil Mass:** 5:00 pm

**Sunday:**

St. Joseph Church

7:00 am, 9:00 am,

11:45 am & 6:00pm

**Youth Mass**

Dec. 11 & 25

11:45 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.

**PRAYER TIMES**

**Adoration:**

M-F 4-5:00 pm

Sat 3-3:30 pm

Sun 4-4:30 pm

**Evening Prayer  
& Benediction**

M-F 5:00 pm

Sat 3:30 pm

Sun 4:30 pm



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I had another check-up with my leukemia doctor on Tuesday, Nov 29. My immune system is still compromised but the doctor wants to go ahead with the second series of chemo anyway. He sent me for a shot to boost the immune system. The next series of chemo is set for Dec 6 and 7. I am praying that I will not react as negatively as I did the first time. But, under any condition, the chemo seems to be having the desired effect in putting the leukemia into remission.

I asked the doctor whether I could think about Hawaii in January. His response was, "I think you should think about a third series of chemo and forget about Hawaii in January". Hence, it looks like the Advent prayer, "Come, and do not delay!" will be applicable only to the coming of Jesus Christ and not to the coming of Joe Hennen to Hawaii!!!

Please keep me in your prayers as you are constantly in my prayers and love. Fr. Joe

**ADVENT CALENDAR**

**Advent Penance Service:**

St. Joseph Church—Dec. 13 7 pm

**Advent Novena Masses**

**(Simbang Gabi) at**

**St. Joseph Church:**

Friday, Dec. 16 7 pm

Saturday, Dec 17 4 am

Sunday, Dec 18 4 am

Monday, Dec 19 7 pm

Tuesday, Dec 20 7 pm

Wednesday, Dec 21 7 pm

Thursday, Dec 22 7 pm

Friday, Dec 23 7 pm

Saturday, Dec 24 4 am

**Christmas Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, Dec. 24 5 pm

8 pm

11 pm

Sunday, Dec. 25 7 am

9 am

(Youth Mass) 11:45 am

6 pm

**Mission Statement:** Centered on the Word of God and the Eucharist we gather as a community of disciples of Jesus Christ as we seek fullness of life. Blessed with many cultures and gifted with the Hawaiian spirit of Aloha we pledge to share our heritage and our faith, and commit ourselves to the full development of our people. With Saint Joseph as our patron we offer our gift of self for the greater glory of God.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Peace in our Lord Jesus Christ!

We are now in the Third Sunday of the season of Advent, which is called GAUDETE SUNDAY. The rose colored/pink vestment that the Priest-Presider uses designates the spirit of joy that we must have in preparing for the three comings of Jesus Christ: the anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas, the Second/Final Coming of the Lord or the PAROUSIA, and His coming in our daily lives through the Sacraments, especially in the Eucharist.



In our Second Reading Saint Paul commands us, "Rejoice always, ... render constant thanks." We are commanded to be joyful because joy is not only a feeling. Joy is a state of mind, a perspective and a decision to focus on the One who is coming, Jesus Christ. He is the source of our joy because he is our inspiration for living, for doing what is right and just.

In the Gospel we hear about John the Baptist. "He came to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him." Testimony! Testify! The light! This is the reason for our rejoicing: in the darkness of our world, there is a light about which to testify! But this light is somehow hidden. As the Gospel says, "There is one among you whom you do not know." This light is mysterious. It is not immediately visible. This is why someone has to testify to it.

Brothers and sisters, the good news is this: testifying to the light shall be a source of our rejoicing; witnessing to our faith shall be the wellspring of our joy. As Christians bearing and baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we can say, "I rejoice heartily in the Lord; in my God is the joy of my soul. For the Lord has anointed me and sends me to bring glad tidings of the light." Of course, This will entail sharing in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ: suffering, death and the light and joy of the resurrection.

I would like to thank all the catechists for preparing our children for the RE Mass last November 27 and the RCIA coordinators who are preparing our catechumens for their baptism.

Thank you also for our ministers, volunteers and committed parishioners for sharing your time, talents, and treasures to make us all better prepared for the coming of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God bless you,

In Jesus, our Fullness of Life,

Fr. Samuel E. Loterte, SSS



St. Joseph Hilo Senior (Stephanie Tait) is all smiles before the Washington DC performance at the Capitol Building with the Hawaii All-State Marching Band, Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.



St. Joseph Hilo Senior (Amber Masulit) lines up for the performance at the Capitol building in Washington DC with the Hawaii All-State Marching Band.

## Scripture Readings

### Sunday, Dec. 11

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11  
(Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54  
1 Thes 5:16-24  
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

### Monday, Dec. 12

Zec 2:14-17  
(Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19  
Lk 1:26-38

### Tuesday, Dec. 13

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13  
Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23  
Mt 21:28-32

### Wednesday, Dec. 14

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25  
Ps 85:9ab-14  
Lk 7:18b-23

### Thursday, Dec. 15

Is 54:1-10  
Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13  
Lk 7:24-30

### Friday, Dec. 16

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8  
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8  
Jn 5:33-36

### Saturday, Dec. 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10  
Ps 72:3-4, 7-8, 17  
Mt 1:1-17

### Sunday, Dec. 18

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29  
Rom 16:25-27  
Lk 1:26-38

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### ***MONDAY, December 12 "Our Lady of Guadalupe"***

- 10:30 am •Prayer Service (+Albert Estabilio)/Dodo Chapel
- 11:30 am •Food Pantry/Mtg. Room
- 5:15 pm •Bible Study w/Dale Waltjen/Conf. Room
- 5:30 pm •Youth Choir Rehearsal/Church
- 6:00 pm •RCIA Classes/Library
- 7:00 pm •Mass/Church

### ***TUESDAY, December 13***

- 4:30 pm •Life Teen Core Team Meeting/Conf. Room
- 7:00 pm •Advent Penance Service/Church

### ***WEDNESDAY, December 14***

- 6:30 pm •Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Church

### ***THURSDAY, December 15***

- 6:30 pm •SJ Choir Rehearsal/Church

### ***FRIDAY, December 16***

- 6:00 pm •Young Adult Ministry/Library
- 7:00 pm •Advent Novena Mass/Church

### ***SATURDAY, December 17***

- 4:00 am •Advent Novena Mass/Church
- 8:15 am •Church Cleaners #1/Church
- 10:00 am •Bible Study w/MaryAnn Leite/Library
- 10:00 am •Reconciliation/Church
- 10:00 am •Sacramental Prep Class/Mtg. Room
- 1:00 pm •Diocesan Ministry Leader Training/MTG RM
- 5:00 pm •High School Youth Ministry/Library & Conf. Room

### ***SUNDAY, December 18***

- 4:00 am •Advent Novena Mass/Church
- 10:15 am •Religious Ed Classes/SJHS

#### **Food Pantry Requests:**

**Spam, Corned Beef, Corned Beef Hash, Vienna Sausage, Canned Pastas, Pork & Beans, Rice and Cereal.**



Volunteers are being sought to help decorate the Church for Christmas. If you are interested in assisting Fr. Clifford please call the rectory office.



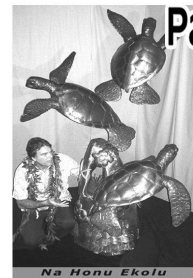
#### **Mother of Perpetual Help Novena with John Aguiar:**

On **Tues., Dec. 13th**, there will be an Advent Penance Service at 7:00 pm, Novena will be cancelled so all may attend the Penance Service.

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Parish Hall Fund	831.00
School Fund	405.50
Bldg. Maint. Fund	256.00
Food Pantry	230.00
Mass Collections	8,232.61
Other Collections	9,270.32
Total Deposit	19,225.43
Parish Hall Collection to date	606,940.81

*Eternal rest grant unto them  
O Lord  
and let perpetual light shine  
upon them.*

+Sadako Tavares



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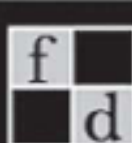
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