

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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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**

Jan. 8 & 22 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



# Pope Benedict XVI Approves Canonization of Blessed Marianne



#### STATEMENT BY THE MOST REVEREND LARRY SILVA, BISHOP OF HONOLULU

"We are hungry for the work." "We do not fear any disease."

As we give thanks to God that our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI has declared his intention to enroll Blessed Marianne Cope, a Sister of St. Francis, among the saints of heaven, we continue to be inspired by these noteworthy quotes from Mother Marianne herself. Her sainthood is meant to inspire us all to hunger, as she did, for the work of serving the poorest among us in the most trying of circumstances. Her impending canonization will give us courage to face

the severe social and physical diseases that eat away at our society.

We are twice blessed in Hawaii with the recent canonization of St. Damien and now with the canonization of this woman of great intelligence, dedication and love. May her legacy in health care, education and spiritual nourishment of the soul move us to work without fear for all that needs to be done to bring the love of Christ Jesus to others! We in Hawaii join the entire world in giving thanks to God for this soon-to-be saint!

**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.

#### **Pastor's Corner**

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Scripture Readings

Dear brothers and sisters,

A blessed New Year to all of you!

The year 2012 is beginning and we find ourselves reflecting on what has been and at the same time we look ahead with the intention to change for the better. We who take seriously our discipleship needs to reassess our lives in the light of the Gospel.

St. John in his first letter tells us of his personal encounter with Jesus. He writes, "Something which as existed since the beginning, that we have heard, and we have seen with our own eyes; that we have watched and touched with our hands: the Word, who is life ... " Here John speaks of Jesus, the Word made flesh. He witnesses to Jesus who is the Way, the Truth, the Life

Love is at the heart of the teaching and actions of the Lord. He said in response to a question from a lawyer, "You must love the Lord your God with



all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. And you must love your neighbor as yourself."

These words of love are central to any start in Christian living. Let us ponder these words realizing that we can always go one step further, knowing that there is no end to love. These two commandments are interwoven as John teaches so clearly, "We can be sure that we love God only by keeping his commandments." Love embraces both God and neighbor.

God bless you,

In Jesus, our Fullness of Life,

Fr. Samuel E. Loterte, sss

#### 2012 COLLECTION ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE

The 2012 collection envelopes are now available. You may pick yours up either at the entrance to the Church at the weekend Masses or from the Rectory office during the week (Mon—Fri 8 to 4).

Your envelopes will look a bit different this year. We have chosen a stock printing rather than the specialized printing that was used in the past. This option was chosen to help keep the cost of the envelopes as low as possible.

If you wish to have envelopes but currently do not please call or stop by the rectory office so that we may assign them to you.

Mahalo for your continued support of our parish. May God bless you for your generosity.

Fr. Sam

#### Sunday, Jan. 01, 2012

Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

#### Monday, Jan. 02

1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28

#### Tuesday, Jan. 03

1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1-3, 6 Jn 1:29-34

#### Wednesday, Jan. 04

1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-9 Jn 1:35-42

#### Thursday, Jan. 05

1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1-5 Jn 1:43-51

#### Friday, Jan. 06

1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Mk 1:7-11

#### Saturday, Jan. 07

1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b Jn 2:1-11

#### Sunday, Jan. 08

Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

> Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. +Barbara Thomas +Asuncion Dela Cruz +Joseph Medeiros

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

## MONDAY, January 02

## "New Year Holiday"—Rectory office closed

7:00 am •Mass/Church—NO 12:15 pm Mass

6:00 pm •RCIA Classes/Library

## TUESDAY, January 03

4:30 pm
•Life Teen Core Team Meeting/Conf. Room
•Mother of Perpetual Help Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/Church

## WEDNESDAY, January 04

6:30 pm •Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Church

## THURSDAY, January 05

6:30 pm •SJ Choir Rehearsal/Church

## FRIDAY, January 06

## SATURDAY, January 07

8:15 am
10:00 am
10:0

## SUNDAY, January 08

10:15 am•RE Classes resume11:45 am•Youth Mass/Church

## Prayer for the New Year

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

NOTE: If you have unused KTA Christmas points please consider donating them to our Food Pantry program! The next Hot Meal service will be Thursday, January 26.



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