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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. 7 & 21

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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



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.*

**Monday, December 8-IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

MASSES: 6:00 am; 12:15 pm & 7:00 pm

9:30 am (SJS-GYM)

A Body You have Prepared for Me:

An Advent Mini-Retreat:

Join us on the 3rd weekend of Advent for a special session to be facilitated by Kristina M. DeNeve, **Adult Faith Formation Coordinator for the Diocese of Honolulu**. We all know that Advent prepares us for Christmas, but how? How might all those parties, foods, Christmas cards and presents actually contribute to our Advent and our celebration of God's incarnation? Join us to explore some insights from St. John Paul II on the role of our body in our Advent and our daily (faith) life!



**Saturday, Dec. 13 from 7-9pm OR Sunday, Dec. 14 from 1:30-3:30
at St. Joseph Parish, Hilo.**



Kristina M. DeNeve, Ph.D. serves the Diocese of Honolulu as the Adult Faith Formation and Evangelization Coordinator. With advanced degrees in Social Psychology and Christian Spirituality, Kristina's work is often at the intersection of psychology and spirituality. Having relocated from the Midwest to Oahu, Kristina now loves outrigger paddling and is hoping to close on a condo in Waikiki before Christmas.

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.

Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will

Pastor's Corner

2nd Sunday of Advent

Dear brothers and sisters

Peace!

We can be distracted by the many aspects of preparation for the coming of the Lord. The readings for this Sunday help us to have a focus.

We are given the figure of St. John the Baptist who fulfills the prophecy of the Prophet Isaiah, "I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'"



John the Baptist is a good example on how to focus on the Lord. He could have claimed that he was the Promised One by God. But he knew who he was. He declared to people, "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals..." By doing this John the Baptist helped the people focus on the One who is to come.

Let us focus on the Lord. Let us long for his coming.

Tomorrow, Monday, December 8, is a holy day of obligation. It is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Patron of our country. There will be a Mass at the St. Joseph School Gym at 9:30 am and at 7:00 pm here, at St. Joseph Church.

God bless you.

In Jesus, our fullness of Life,

Fr. Samuel E. Loterte, SSS



Give thanks for religious. A parishioner writes, "We thank God today and every day for every religious sister who taught us in school, not only our ABCs, but also to love God." Share your gratitude for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT November 24, 2014		Year to Date Totals	Year to Date Budget
Offertory Collections	\$5,104.25	\$ 186,726.22	\$ 200,884.40
Other Collections	\$4,596.89	\$ 100,306.01	\$ 112,353.07
Parish Hall Fund	\$131.25		
Total Deposit	\$9,832.39	\$ 287,032.23	\$ 313,237.47
Parish Hall Collection to date:		\$803,461.06	

Scripture Readings



Sunday, Dec. 07

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Ps 85:9-14

2 Pt 3:8-14

Mk 1:1-8

Monday, Dec. 08

Gn 3:9-15, 20

Ps 98:1-4

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12

Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, Dec. 09

Is 40:1-11

Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13

Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, Dec. 10

Is 40:25-31

Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10

Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, Dec. 11

Is 41:13-20

Ps 145:1, 9-13b

Mt 11:11-15

Friday, Dec. 12

Zec 2:14-17

(Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19

Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, Dec. 13

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11

Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, Dec. 14

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11

(Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54

1 Thes 5:16-24

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, Dec. 08 *"Immaculate Conception"*

- 9:30 am •SJS Mass (Immaculate Conception)/SJS Gym
- 5:15 pm •Bible Study w/Dale Waltjen/Conf. Room
- 6:00 pm •Adult Faith Formation (aka RCIA)/Library
- 7:00 pm •Mass (Immaculate Conception)/Church

TUESDAY, Dec. 09

- 5:00 pm •Life Teen Core Team Meeting/Conf. Room
- 7:00 pm •Mother of Perpetual Help Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/Church

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 10

- 6:30 pm •Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Church

THURSDAY, Dec. 11

- 6:30 pm •SJ Choir Rehearsal/Church

FRIDAY, Dec. 12 *"Our Lady of Guadalupe"*

- 6:00 pm •Young Adult Ministry/Library
- 7:00 pm •Mass (Our Lady of Guadalupe)/Church

SATURDAY, Dec. 13

- 8:15 am •Church Cleaners (#4-V. Coloma)/Church
- 10:00 am •Bible Sharing (Mary Ann Leite)/Library
- 5:00 pm •High School Youth Ministry/Library
- 7:45 pm •San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal/Church

SUNDAY, Dec. 14 *"3rd Sunday of Advent"*

- 10:15 am •R E Classes/SJHS

SIMBANG GABI/MISA AGUINALDO NOVENA MASSES

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. **All are invited to attend these novena masses. See Schedule below:**

This Year's Reflective Theme: God's Sign is a Baby in the Manger

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>MASS Times</u>
December 16-19	Tues.—Fri.	7:00 PM (evening)
December 20-21	Sat.—Sun.	4:00 AM (morning)
December 22-23	Mon.—Tues.	7:00 PM (evening)
December 24	Wed.	4:00 AM (morning)



Mark Your Calendars!

Monday, Dec. 8-IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASSES:

6:00 am; 12:15 pm & 7:00 pm

9:30 am (SJS-GYM);

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

+Frank Soares, Jr.



Marriage and Family Corner:

—Hosted by
St. Joseph Church
Religious Education Family Ministries

"One of the most important purposes [of humanity] is **"to make you holy, not just happy."** Marriage is "the laboratory for learning how to love...the school of self-sacrifice. It is the university for learning unselfishness, the life-long course of becoming like Christ."

- Rick Warren, at the Humanum Conference.
Great synopsis on world religious leaders coming together to promote marriage and family
(*The Catholic World Report*; November 20, 2014;)

See more at:

http://www.catholicworldreport.com/Item/3524vatcans_colloquium_on_marriage_focues_on_univesal_right_complimentarity_anthropology_and_strategy.aspx

Lil Giving Hands



Love and Service go hand in hand.



On November 14th, St. Joseph rectory office had a very special visit from the YWCA Preschool Program with gifts of canned goods and non-perishable items for our food pantry. Every little bit helps & we can continue to serve God's people just like the "lil giving hands".



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