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Dec. 13, 2015

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Pastor's Corner:

Third Sunday of Advent

Dear brothers and sisters,

Peace!

Today is Gaudete Sunday. It is a day of rejoicing in the Lord. Rejoicing in the Lord leads to a quality of life and a quality of personhood.

We have in the gospel the example of John the Baptist. He preached about the coming of the Messiah which brought joy and anticipation to so many people. He announced to them the fulfillment of their hope for the coming of the Savior.

As a response the people asked, "What should we do?" This is an important question to all of us as we prepare for the feast of the birth of Jesus. What do we do on account of our joy? What is the disposition of one who rejoices in the Lord?

Because we have found God we need to develop a sense of solidarity towards our brothers and sisters especially those who are poor and needy. This is the answer of John the Baptist. Through us the poor, the lonely, the sick, the abandoned, the imprisoned, the hungry and thirsty, the homeless will feel and experience the love, compassion and mercy of God.

We can express our joy for the coming of Jesus in so many ways. Let us do our share as good stewards especially as we observe the JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY.

God bless you and your families.

PIHA ME KAOLA O KAKOU A ME KAPUE APAU.

(Fullness of Life for us and for all.)

Fr. Samuel E. Loterte, SSS Son, Jesus Christ.

Note: I invite all parishioners to join in our Christmas Novena Masses (Simbang Gabi and Misa de Gallo). This is our way of thanking God for the best gift that he has given us, the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ.




MĀLAMA I KA MAKANA
Cherish The Gift | A Call to Stewardship in the Catholic Church in Hawaii

Parish Mission Statement:

Centered on the Word of God and the Eucharist we gather as a Parish and School community. Together as disciples of Jesus Christ as we seek fullness of life. Blessed with diversity of cultures and gifted with the spirit of Aloha, we pledge to become stewards of our time, talent and treasure by sharing our heritage, 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

Scripture Readings



Sunday, Dec. 13

Zep 3:14-18a
(Ps) Is 12:2-6
Phil 4:4-7
Lk 3:10-18

Monday, Dec. 14

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a
Ps 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, Dec. 15

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

Wednesday, Dec. 16

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25
Ps 85:9ab, 10-14
Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday, Dec. 17

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

Friday, Dec. 18

Jer 23:5-8
Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
Mt 1:18-25

Saturday, Dec. 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17
Lk 1:5-25

Sunday, Dec. 20

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



Hawaii Island Filipino Catholics Host a Successful Convention:

The 65th annual convention of the Diocesan Congress of Filipino Catholic Club (DCFCC) was held at Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, on November 6, 7 & 8. It was hosted by the Hawaii Council of Filipino Catholic Club (HCFCC) and involved Filipino Catholic Club members throughout the State.

The theme of the convention "Consecrate them in the truth: Christian families giving witness to Jesus" was presented by our Most Reverend Bishop Larry Silva with two workshops presented by Fr. Sam Loterte and Loli Paranada.

The weekend started Friday evening with Candlelight Rosary and dinner reminiscing with outer island brothers and sisters in Christ. Highlight of the evening was an inspirational speech by Reverend Bishop Larry and followed by being serenaded by talented Priests from other parishes. It was certainly clear that we have talented priests and a talented Bishop.

Saturday began with a Memorial Mass, presided by Bishop Larry Silva and co-celebrants included DCFCC's Spiritual Director Reverend Edgar Brillantes. It was followed by the workshops and membership meeting. The day ended with a dinner banquet attended not only by delegates but also by the public. Great fun was had by all.

The last day included the Eucharistic Celebration presided by Bishop Larry Silva which was well attended by the public. The 2016 Executive Board Members were inducted and the announcement of next year's convention which will be held in Maui.

On behalf of Hawaii Council of Filipino Catholic Clubs, we want to thank everyone that attended and members who dedicated their time, talents and treasures in making a successful event.

St. Joseph Filipino Catholic Club welcomes new members. For more information please contact Christina Ranan at 640-4180 or email ctranan@hawaiiintel.net.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, Dec. 14

- 5:30 pm •Youth & Young Adults Choir Rehearsal/Church
- 6:00 pm •Adult Faith Formation (aka RCIA) Class/Library
- 7:00 pm •Advent Penance Service/Church

TUESDAY, Dec. 15

- 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. 16

- 6:00 pm •Stewardship Committee/Mtg. Room
- 6:30 pm •Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Library
- 7:00 pm •Simbang Gabi Mass/Church

THURSDAY, Dec. 17

- 6:30 pm •SJ Choir Rehearsal/Library
- 7:00 pm •Simbang Gabi Mass/Church

FRIDAY, Dec. 18

- 4:30 pm •Teen Council Meeting/Conf. Room
- 5:30 pm •Wedding Rehearsal (Aguinaldo/Gacula)/Church
- 7:30 pm •Simbang Gabi Mass/Church

SATURDAY, Dec. 19

- 4:00 am •Simbang Gabi Mass/Church
- 8:15 am •Church Cleaners (#1-F. Veriato)/Church
- 10:00 am •Bible Sharing (Mary Ann Leite)/Library
- 1:00 pm •Wedding (Aguinaldo/Gacula)/Church
- 5:00 pm •High School Youth Ministry/Library
- 7:45 pm •San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal/Church

SUNDAY, Dec. 20

- 4:00 am •Simbang Gabi Mass/Church

Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families: by Barbara Matera; 2015

Reflecting on the Word—John the Baptist gives this concrete example of how to repent and turn toward the Lord: A person with two cloaks should give one away. In those times, a cloak was the outer garment that kept away the chill not only during the day but also at night. To follow Jesus means to throw off what we do not need and to share with others. The prophet Zephaniah speaks of the Christ as one “cloaked in justice”. Why does Jesus wear such a cloak? Can he share it with others?



Living the Word—During these winter months, someone somewhere is cold. Look in your closets for coats or jackets that no longer fit or are not needed. Donate them to a coat drive or to the Parish Social Ministry. As you work on this project, have a conversation about why our Baptism calls us to look out for other people. Explain that Baptism calls us to holiness and that as holy people we are to care for each other. You could ask the children of your family other ways they have looked out for others as school or at other activities.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT		Year to Date	Year to Date
Nov. 23, 2015		Totals	Budget
Offertory Collections:	\$7,742.22	\$195,247.01	\$205,703.27
Other Collections:	\$1,724.50	\$100,711.21	\$107,671.46
Total Deposit:	\$9,466.72	\$295,958.22	\$313,374.73
Parish Hall Collection	\$131.25	Restricted Savings:	\$385,744.65
		Designated Savings:	\$473,719.66
		Total Savings:	\$859,464.31

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

Youth & Young Adult Mass

December 25

@

11:45 am



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O Lord
and let perpetual light shine
upon them.*

+Catherine Creason
+Alice Wallace

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