



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Dec. 20, 2015

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Pastor's Corner:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dear brothers and sisters,

This Sunday we focus our reflection on another question, "Who is this Jesus who will come to us? Who is he whose coming we have been preparing for?"

In the gospel we have the story of the visitation of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth. Embedded in this narrative is the identity of Jesus and also his mission.

We find Mary who is now pregnant paying a visit to Elizabeth who is also six months pregnant. A humble maiden from an 'unknown town Nazareth' visits another woman who was humiliated and cursed by others. This gesture of Mary of helping those in need confirms that God does wonders.

In this story we also find what we will see in the life and mission of Jesus. Jesus, in the womb of Mary already started visiting the needs. And this gesture brings so much joy in others. John the Baptist, in the womb of his mother Elizabeth, "leapt for joy."

Like Mary let us bear Jesus, the Word of God, in our hearts. Like Mary let us share our faith in Jesus to our brothers and sisters. This way we will also share the joy that our faith brings to them.

This is our task as stewards: bringing Jesus to all especially those in need.

God bless you and your families.

PIHA ME KAOLA O KAKOU A ME KAPOE APAU.

(Fullness of Life for us and for all.)

Fr. Samuel E. Loterte, SSS




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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. 20

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

Monday, Dec. 21

Sg 2:8-14
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday, Dec. 22

Sm 1:24-28
(Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8d
Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday, Dec. 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14
Lk 1:57-66

Thursday, Dec. 24

Morning:
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Lk 1:67-79
Vigil:
Is 62:1-5
Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Mt 1:1-25

Friday, Dec. 25

Night:

Is 9:1-6
Ps 96:1-3, 11-13
Ti 2:11-14
Lk 2:1-14

Dawn:

Is 62:11-12
Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12
Ti 3:4-7
Lk 2:15-20

Day:

Is 52:7-10
Ps 98:1-6
Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18



Saturday, Dec. 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17
Mt 10:17-22

Sunday, Dec. 27

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Ps 128:1-5
Col 3:12-21
Lk 2:41-52



Congratulations

to

Starr Gacula and Francis Aguinaldo

*Who were joined in marriage on
Saturday, December 19, 2015
at St. Joseph Church.*

CHRISTMAS 2015 MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

6:00 pm

9:00 pm

12:00 (MIDNIGHT)

Christmas Day

7:00 am

9:00 am

11:45 am (Young Adult Mass)



Thank you for making a 2015 Hot Meal for the Homeless a Memorable Thanksgiving

On November 25, 2015, St. Joseph Church gathered together to serve the people of our community who

would normally spend their Thanksgiving Eve without a hot meal. Volunteers and generous donors gave of their time, talent and treasure to prepare and serve a hot turkey meal to over 230 individuals. Waves of gracious volunteers came on that day to fellowship with each other as well as with our guests. A former RCIA student of our parish provided music with his guitar and harmonica. The students of the Confirmation Class and Youth Ministry handed out water bottles. Some special families were also given a special treat from the parish food pantry of reusable bags filled with canned food items and scripture messages. On behalf of Mario and his volunteers, they would like to extend their warmest heartfelt thank you to all who came and gave to make this event a success. Hope to see you all again next year!

“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.”

Proverbs 19:17



We are a welcoming parish. Be a family member, today!

Parish registration forms are located in the rear of the church or at the rectory office.

Visit our parish website at www.stjoehilo.com.

For more information to join one of the many parish ministries, call 935-1465 and ask for one of the coordinators or email us at stjosephchurch@stjoehilo.com

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, Dec. 21

- 11:30 am •Food Pantry/SJ Social Ministry Center
- 5:30 pm •Youth & Young Adults Choir Rehearsal/Church
- 6:00 pm •Adult Faith Formation (aka RCIA) Class/Library
- 7:00 pm •Simbang Gabi Mass/Church

TUESDAY, Dec. 22

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

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 23

- 11:00 am •Graveside Service (+Cozie Rodrigues)/Homelani Mem. Pk.
- 6:30 pm •Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Library
- 7:00 pm •Simbang Gabi Mass/Church

THURSDAY, Dec. 24 "Vigil of Christmas"—Rectory office closed

- 4:00 am •Simbang Gabi Mass/Church
- 6:00 pm •Mass/Church
- 9:00 pm •Mass/Church
- 12:00 am •Midnight Mass/Church

FRIDAY, Dec. 25 "Nativity of the Lord"—Rectory office closed

- 7:00 am •Mass/Church
- 9:00 am •Mass/Church
- 11:45 am •Youth & Young Adult Mass/Church

SATURDAY, Dec. 26

- 8:15 am •Church Cleaners (#2-Social Ministry)/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. 27 "The Holy Family"



Thanks to your generosity the rectory will soon be able to retire our old phone system and will have a new telephone system.

A recent large contribution and your generous support of the R & M second collections have propelled our fund raising efforts into the realm of possible.

We hope to make the transition to the new system as seamless as possible.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT Nov. 30, 2015		Year to Date Totals	Year to Date Budget
Offertory Collections:	\$8,561.25	\$204,294.76	\$216,458.10
Other Collections:	\$2,483.93	\$101,548.39	\$112,770.67
Total Deposit:	\$11,045.18	\$305,843.15	\$329,228.77
Parish Hall Collection	\$401.25	Restricted Savings:	\$386,145.90
		Designated Savings:	\$473,719.66
		Total Savings:	\$859,865.56

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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



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

+David Rainwater

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