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"Wake up the world" 2015 Year of Consecrated Life

Pastor's Corner:

First Sunday of Advent

Dear brothers and sisters,
Peace!

It is again the season of Advent, the season where we prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. Saint Paul gives us three suggestions on how we can best prepare to meet the Savior. First is to increase our capacity to love. Second is to allow the Lord to strengthen us so that we can be holy and blameless. The third is to make progress in virtue.

Yes, God's gift of salvation will come. We can trust his word. We just need to respond and prepare to welcome the gift of a Savior and his merciful love.

As we prepare for the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, let us gaze on "Jesus...The Face of the Father's Mercy". Let us be the extension of the Mercy of God in our homes, in our place of work, in our parish community, and in our society.

Let us be joyful as we take part in this mission.

God bless you and your family.

Piha Me O Keola Kakou A Me

Kapue Apau (Fullness of Life for us
and for all).

Fr. Samuel E. Loterte, SSS



A Stewardship Moment:

<http://catholicstewardship.com/>

The exchange between Jesus and Pilate in today's Gospel is, arguably, the most important exchange in all of literature. Pilate asks Jesus: "What have you done?" Jesus replies that he testifies to the truth. In the second reading we are reminded of the essence of that truth: Christ, ruler of all, loves us, liberates us from the bonds of sin, makes us a new kingdom. As we approach the Advent season, this week would be a good time to reflect on the question: What have we done in our daily lives, in our actions, words, private prayer, and in our interaction with others, to testify that Jesus is Lord?

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, Nov. 29

Jer 33:14-16
Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
1 Thes 3:12—4:2
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday, Nov. 30

Rom 10:9-18
Ps 19:8-11
Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday, Dec. 01

Is 11:1-10
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, Dec. 02

Is 25:6-10a
Ps 23:1-6
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, Dec. 03

Is 26:1-6
Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, Dec. 04

Is 29:17-24,
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, Dec. 05

Is 30:19-21, 23-26
Ps 147:1-6
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, Dec. 06

Bar 5:1-9
Ps 126:1-6
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
Lk 3:1-6



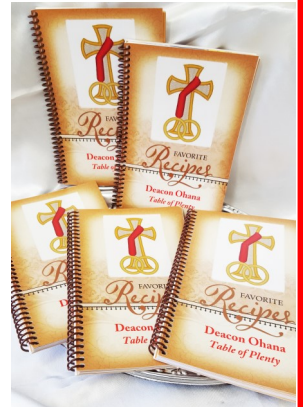
Star Light, Star Bright! 2015

The Star Light, Star Bright Christmas Program was found in 2000 with the hope that the simple act of giving would help mend damaged or strained relationships among incarcerated mothers, their children, and the caregivers.

This year, the Deacon Formation Class 8 wanted to help more outer-island families participate in this program and so they have put together a cookbook entitled **Deacon Ohana Table of Plenty**.

Their goal is to fund half of the anticipated airfares by raising \$6,000 through the sale of these books. St. Joseph Parish is helping by offering the cookbooks for sale. They are selling for \$15 per book and can be purchased at the Rectory front office. Our supplies are limited so if you are interested please don't delay.

Mahalo nui loa for your help in making this event a success! May God's peace and grace be with you now and always.



R.E. News

Upcoming dates:

- Classes resume after thanksgiving break on **December 6**
- Christmas break begins on **December 27 to January 3** and classes resume on **January 10**.
- Required **Confirmation** Retreat for teens in the **Year 2** class will be on **January 17 & 18** (Location TBA)

Reminders:

If your child is going to be absent from class, please call me at the rectory office 935-1465 or email me at cvillena@stjoehilo.com or speak directly to the your child's teacher. We want to make sure you and your child will not miss out on any lessons or activities.

This is the season of Advent and as we prepare as a parish for Christ's Birth, we encourage you to prepare as a family by attending mass regularly, making time for scripture at shared family meals and by participating in charitable events. You could also encourage random acts of kindness, through your words and examples. Let your family be witness to Jesus!

May this Advent and Christmas Season bring you hope and joy!

-C. Villena, DRE

The Secular Order of Franciscans of St. Joseph's Parish have elected the following new officers:

Minister:	Mary Freitas
Vice Minister:	Sharon Paopao
Secretary:	Charlotte Collord
Treasurer:	Rodjana Bisel
Formation Director:	Sharon Paopao



Anyone interested in learning more about the Secular Order of Franciscans may leave a message for one of the officers mentioned above at the parish office. Information on this organization is also available at www.nafra.org or by reading one of the flyers in the Church literature racks. Monthly meetings are held in our parish rectory on the second Sunday of each month.

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



PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER

Jubilee of Mercy

“May the coming Jubilee of Mercy encourage families everywhere to rediscover the power of forgiveness.” Pope Francis

The Jubilee of Mercy was announced by Pope Francis as a year to be lived intensely in each particular Church, allowing every person to encounter the mercy of God the Father through diligent labor for the Church’s mission there. The most evident sign of this pastoral care is the chance to open a Door of Mercy in every diocese. These doors, analogous to the Holy Doors of the Papal Basilicas in Rome, will permit even people who cannot travel to Rome to make a Jubilee pilgrimage.

Having Crossed the Doorway

Once they have crossed through the Holy Door or Door of Mercy, or have fulfilled one of the other

conditions

under which Pope Francis has granted the Jubilee Indulgence (for example, for the sick, for the imprisoned, or for anyone who carries out in person a work of mercy), in addition to the usual conditions which require a heart well-disposed for the grace to bring its desired fruits, the faithful should stop in prayer to fulfill the final actions asked for: the profession of faith, and prayer for the Holy Father and his intentions. The latter should be at least an “Our Father” – the prayer in which Jesus himself taught us to turn as children to the Father – but it could possibly be more. In particular, taking into consideration the spirit of this Holy Year, it is suggested that pilgrims recite the lovely prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee, and that they conclude the time of prayer with an invocation to the merciful Lord Jesus (for example, “Merciful Jesus, I trust in You”).

Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee

Lord Jesus Christ,
 you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
 and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
 Show us your face and we will be saved.
 Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;
 the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;
 made Peter weep after his betrayal,
 and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
 Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:
 “If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
 of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:
 let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.
 You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness
 in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:
 let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,
 so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
 and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,
 proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
 and restore sight to the blind.




We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy;
 you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.
 Amen.






December 2015

St. Joseph Parish & School Calendar

Seek first the Kingdom of God

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 6 9 am-Rite of Acceptance	7 7 pm Parish Advent Retreat "Caring for our Common Home"	1 10 am SJS Sacrament of Reconciliation 8 Immaculate Conception & Opening of the Year of Mercy 9:30 Mass at School Gym 7 pm Mass 7 pm Band Concert/SJS Gym 	2 6 pm Stewardship Meeting/Meeting Rm.	3	4	5 12 Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe 7:30-10 am Santa Breakfast/SJS Cafeteria
					Cardinal Basketball Classic/Afook Chinen Civic Auditorium	

13 9 am Opening Door of Mercy Mass 	14 7 pm Advent Penance Svc.	15	16 6:30 pm Elementary School Christmas Program/SJS Gym 7 pm Simbang Gabi	17 7 pm Simbang Gabi	18 Christmas break begins for school 7 pm Simbang Gabi	19 4 am Simbang Gabi
20 4 am Simbang Gabi 	21 7 pm Simbang Gabi	22 7 pm Simbang Gabi	23 7 pm Simbang Gabi	24 4 am Simbang Gabi Offices Closed	25 Merry Christmas!  Offices Closed	26
27	28	29	30	31 Offices Closed	1 Offices Closed	2

FEED THE HUNGRY

"At first I was afraid of how a homeless person on the street looks, but after today, I don't feel as scared", were the comments many teens shared after this event. The parish youth ministry distributed 85+ bags of PB & J sandwiches to individuals found on



the streets on Saturday, November 21 around downtown Hilo, stopping at Kalakaua Park, Lincoln Park and Mohea Bus terminal and Bandstand. Mario Miguel, the parish social minister, escorted about 20 young people during their weekly youth ministry gathering. All the donations for this event were by the teens' families themselves. When the teens returned, they had a brief discussion about their observations, their experiences and their feelings. The teens learned the difference between Justice and Mercy.



They identified different areas where they could show their mercy to others. Chrislyn Villena introduced the upcoming theme for the new liturgical year, "Merciful like the Father". Mario thanked them for their compassion and expressed how proud he was of them and that this was a great start to being good stewards of God's creation. **Some teens shared their thoughts and comments:**

- "I feel so happy and excited and proud of myself for doing something good for God's people," said one of the teens.

- Another teen commented saying, "I was a little nervous as to how certain individuals may act towards us but after this event, I see that they are just people who need to be cared for".

- "My favorite part of this activity was when each person didn't rush up to take the bags from us but waited for us to hand it to them and they smiled and said, 'thanks/thank you' to each of us," said one of the teen council members.
- One of the teens in the confirmation class mentioned, "I want to do this again and I want to make more bags and have more people my age to join us. It feels so good and people should feel what we did, too."
- "I loved how all the people were so excited to see Uncle Mario and us [the group of teens]," said a young boy in the youth ministry.

Thank you to the parish teen council for organizing this event and a special thank you to Mario Miguel for spending time with the teens.

**The youth ministry meets on Saturdays from
5-8 pm in the rectory library.
For more information visit:
www.stjoehiloythministry.weebly.com**



The choirs of St. Joseph Parish are currently welcoming new members. Come join a choir and make a joyful noise to our Lord!

St. Joseph Choir	Gloria Mendoza-Watson
Aloha Choir	Michael Springer/Cecil Farin
Youth/Young Adult Choir	Chrislyn Villena/ Gloria Mendoza-Watson
Alabare Choir	Godfrey Nachor
San Lorenzo Choir	Pina Andres

FAMILY ADVENT ACTIVITY: BLESS YOUR ADVENT WREATH

You will need a Bible and four candles to celebrate this blessing. Before your family has gathered for the blessing, select one of the following Scripture passages to be read during the blessing: [Isaiah 11:1-4](#), [61:1-2](#); [Mark 1:1-8](#); [James 5:7-10](#); or [Philippians 4:4-7](#). Have someone volunteer to read the passage.

Place the Advent wreath on a table and have your family gather around it. Lower the light level in the room to create an appropriate atmosphere for the blessing. Place the four candles (symbolizing the four weeks of Advent) on the table and light a single candle for the first week of Advent. Have someone lead your family in the following prayer.

Leader: This week we begin the season of Advent, when the days grow short and darkness closes in. We are preparing to celebrate at Christmas the birth of Jesus, who is the light of the world. Let's spend some quiet time being aware of the darkness and longing for the light. (Pause a few moments and then pray the Sign of the Cross.)

Leader: Lord God, bless this wreath and bless us as well. May this wreath remind us of the hope and joy that Jesus brings into the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **All:** Amen.

Leader: *Advent* means "arrival." In the season of Advent, the church prepares to celebrate the coming of Jesus. We recall the past, celebrate the present, and look to the future with hope. We prepare to celebrate not only the birth of Jesus but also his presence in our family. We wait for the return of the Lord at the end of time when all hopes will be fulfilled. We await the coming of the light that will shine in the darkness, shining light on our path to peace.

Reader: A reading from [name of book in Bible]. (Reader reads selected passage.)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

All: Amen.
(er.)

(Pray the Lord's Prayer.)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, Nov. 30

- 10:30 pm •Aloha Choir Rehearsal/Church
- 5:30 pm •Young Adults Choir Rehearsal/Church
- 6:00 pm •Adult Faith Formation (aka RCIA) Class/Library
- 7:00 pm •Liturgy Committee Meeting/Library

TUESDAY, Dec. 01

- 10:00 am •SJS Reconciliation/School Chapel
- 5:00 pm •Life Teen Core Team Meeting/Conf. Room
- 6:00 pm •PPAC Meeting/Mtg. Room
- 7:00 pm •Mother of Perpetual Help Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/Church

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 02

- 6:00 pm •Stewardship Committee/Mtg. Room
- 6:30 pm •Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Church

THURSDAY, Dec. 03

- 9:00 am •Viewing (+Roy Fontes)/Church
- 10:00 am •Memorial Mass (+Roy Fontes)/Church
- 6:30 pm •St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/Church

FRIDAY, Dec. 04

- 4:30 pm •Teen Council Meeting/Conf. Room

SATURDAY, Dec. 05

- 8:15 am •Church Cleaners (#6-L. Sales & M. Otomo)/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. 06



365 Days to Mercy is designed to accompany you on a spiritual journey during the Jubilee Year of Mercy (Dec. 8, 2015-Nov. 20, 2016) proclaimed by Pope Francis. The theme for the year 'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful,' is reflected in the elements of the app:

- · An explanation of the Year of Mercy
- · Daily Mercy reflections
- · Everyday Scripture reflections
- · OSV Bookshelf excerpts
- · Year of Mercy resources
- · Daily Pope tweets
- · Year of Mercy news stories
- · Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- · More



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT		Year to Date	Year to Date
Nov. 9, 2015		Totals	Budget
Offertory Collections:	\$7,791.00	\$180,684.54	\$184,193.90
Other Collections:	\$15,637.71	\$88,818.20	\$97,472.73
Total Deposit:	\$23,428.71	\$269,502.74	\$281,666.63
Parish Hall Collection	\$230.00	Restricted Savings:	\$385,465.90
		Designated Savings:	\$473,719.66
		Total Savings:	\$859,185.56

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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 6

@

11:45 am



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

+Frank Lopez
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