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"Wake up the world" 2015 Year of Consecrated Life

Pastor's Corner:

Second Sunday of Advent

Dear brothers and sisters,
Peace in the Lord Jesus!

Advent is a season of joy knowing that God will fulfill his promise and that he will restore his broken people. We have seen this "brokenness" in the terrorist attacks in Paris and in Lebanon. Yes, we are angered and saddened by these attacks on humanity. But we keep our hopes high, confident that God is on our side. The good will eventually triumph.

The invitation of Advent is for us to maintain this inner joy and hope in God. This joy and hope, however, include some challenges. The readings for this Sunday help us to focus on these challenges. For example the Prophet Baruch tells the people of Jerusalem of the coming home of her sons and daughters in exile. God will restore them. He will pave the way for their return. They need to prepare for this salvation event.

In the gospel we are told that the word of God came to John the Baptist also as a challenge. And the challenge comes from the Prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low..."

Brothers and sisters, God will grant us salvation. Our share is to prepare a path for God to come into our lives.

This coming Tuesday, December 8th, we will observe the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and at the same time we will begin the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Let us as a parish community prepare for these two big events. It is God's way of preparing us for his gift of salvation.

PIHA ME KAOLA O KAKOU A ME KAPUE APAU.

(Fullness of Life for us and for all.)

Fr. Samuel E. Loterte, SSS



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. 06

Bar 5:1-9

Ps 126:1-6

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

Monday, Dec. 07

Is 35:1-10

Ps 85:9ab, 10-14

Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, Dec. 08

Gn 3:9-15, 20

Ps 98:1-4

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12

Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, Dec. 09

Is 40:25-31

Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10

Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, Dec. 10

Is 41:13-20

Ps 145:1, 9-13b

Mt 11:11-15

Friday, Dec. 11

Is 48:17-19

Ps 1:1-4, 6

Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, Dec. 12

Zec 2:14-17

(Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19

Lk 1:26-38

Sunday, Dec. 13

Zep 3:14-18a

(Ps) Is 12:2-6

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18

Holy Days of Obligation in Hawaii

In the Catholic world, there is considerable variation from country to country in the number of holy days of obligation (when Catholics are required to participate in the Eucharist). The Code of Canon Law in No. 1246 lists 10 of these, in addition to Sundays, but allows national conferences of bishops to reduce the number or to transfer their observance to a Sunday.

Vatican City observes all 10, while Canada keeps only two (Christmas and Jan. 1).

The United States has kept six holy days of obligation: the feast of Mary, Mother of God (Jan. 1); Ascension Thursday (40 days after Easter); the Assumption of Our Lady (Aug. 15); All Saints' Day (Nov. 1); the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8); and Christmas (Dec. 25).

The U.S. Conference of Bishops of the United States decided to maintain the traditional six holy days. Later, in 1999, ecclesiastical provinces of the country were permitted to transfer the observance of the feast of the Ascension to the following Sunday, and most of the United States has done that. **(The Diocese of Honolulu only observes the Immaculate Conception and Christmas and transfers the Ascension to Sunday.)** (by Father Kenneth Doyle)

The Immaculate Conception

It's important to understand what the doctrine of the **Immaculate Conception** is and what it is not. Some people think the term refers to Christ's conception in Mary's womb without the intervention of a human father; but that is the Virgin Birth. Others think the Immaculate Conception means Mary was conceived "by the power of the Holy Spirit," in the way Jesus was, but that, too, is incorrect. The Immaculate Conception means that Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain—that's what "immaculate" means: without stain. The essence of original sin consists in the deprivation of sanctifying grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature. Mary was preserved from these defects by God's grace; from the first instant of her existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace and was free from the corrupt nature original sin brings.

Our Lady of Guadalupe - Guadalupe, Mexico (1531) **Patroness of the Americas**

On December 9, 1531, in Mexico, Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego, a poor humble Aztec Indian who had recently converted to the Catholic faith. She asked him to go to the Bishop and tell him to build a church where she said "I will show and offer all of my love, my compassion, my help and my protection to my people." Juan Diego did as she asked, but the Bishop asked for a sign that this message was really from Our Lady.

Mary granted his request. On December 12, she showed Juan where the most beautiful Castilian roses were and told him to gather them. It was a miracle that the roses were there and in

bloom because there was frost on the ground, and the ground was an infertile place where only cactus and thistles grew. After he gathered them, she helped arrange them in his tilma, or poncho, and told him to show them to the Bishop.

When he brought them to the Bishop, the Bishop was amazed at the roses, but was even more amazed at what began to happen to Juan Diego's tilma. Right before their very eyes, the image of Our Lady began to form on the cloth. The picture of Mary was beautiful and the Bishop fell to his knees. He had the church built at her request.

The tilma is still intact after 470 years. The colors have not faded and the cloth has not deteriorated. It has been on display in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe for all this time.

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. 07

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

TUESDAY, Dec. 08 "Immaculate Conception"

- 5:00 pm •Life Teen Core Team Meeting/Conf. Room
- 7:00 pm •Mass/Church

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 09

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

THURSDAY, Dec. 10

- 6:30 pm •SJ Choir Rehearsal/Church

FRIDAY, Dec. 11

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

SATURDAY, Dec. 12 "Our Lady of Guadalupe"

- 8:15 am •Church Cleaners (#7-M. Aizawa)/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. 13



Repair & Maintenance Updates:

In October we began taking a second collection monthly for the Repair and Maintenance of our facilities. We have collected \$ 2,937.25 thus far. Thank you for your generosity!

We were able to have the sound system repaired as you have probably noticed. We are currently working on securing bids to repair the two cracks in the Church. We will also be replacing our Rectory phone system which is extremely outdated. And we are attempting to keep the pot holes filled at the entrance of the driveway until a more permanent solution can be found.

Again mahalo for your help!

Married Couples Corner:

"Marriage: The Image of God"

Taken from Pope Francis address, St. Peter's Square, April 2, 2014.

"The image of God is the married couple: the man and the woman; not only the man, and not only the woman, but both of them together. This is the image of God: love, God's covenant with us, is represented in that covenant between man and woman. And this is very beautiful! We are created in order to love, as a reflection of God and his love. And in the marital union, man and woman fulfill this vocation through their mutual reciprocity and their full and definitive communion of life."

Nov. 16, 2015		Totals	Budget
Offertory Collections:	\$7,616.50	\$181,175.66	\$189,646.63
Other Collections:	\$4,710.60	\$108,828.69	\$104,085.32
Total Deposit:	\$12,327.10	\$290,004.35	\$293,731.95
Parish Hall Collection	\$147.50	Restricted Savings:	\$385,613.40
		Designated Savings:	\$473,719.66
		Total Savings:	\$859,333.06

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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

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11:45 am



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

+SaraAnn Pacheco

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