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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

## Weekly Reflection from Fr. Poli

### 3rd Sunday of Advent:

*"Are you the one who is to come, or should we wait for another?"*

The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose or Pink colored vestments are worn to emphasize the joy in our waiting for the coming of Christ. And today we light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

But how can there be joy in waiting? Who wants to wait anyway? Don't we all want to be the first in line and how we agonize when we stand in queue as we await our turn.

Pope Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia (The Joy Of Love)* emphasize the beauty of timing and waiting, "Love makes each wait for the other with the patience of a craftsman, a patience which comes from God." The keyword is PATIENCE! In the world of harried living which does nothing but breeds impatience, will we choose to enter the door of loving patience to appreciate the giftedness of the moment And allow God to surprise us with his presence.

In the Gospel today, Jesus comes to the aid of John the Baptist and reminds him of the description of the Messiah from the prophet Isaiah in our first reading. He would be different from the sword yielding conqueror but instead will be a gentle Messiah who sets people free through love: *the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.* Pondering on the response of Jesus, it would not have taken John long to realize that every word of the prophets and psalmist was applicable to Jesus - a savior who comes to exercise power through gentleness, healing, mercy and forgiveness.

As we await the coming of Christ, we too are being invited to find him not in what the world projects as those that will give us ultimate power and pleasure and prestige but in those ordinary quiet moments of loving patience and compassion. In the stillness of prayer, let us begin this journey of encountering our Lord in our everyday life and be filled with joy!

## 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 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 and our faith and commit ourselves to the full development of all 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\*\*\*

Please check our website calendar for the most up-to-date information at [stjoehilo.com](http://stjoehilo.com)



**Simbang Gabi or Misa de Gallo– Part 2 of 3**

<https://www.catholicsandcultures.org/philippines/christmas-epiphany/simbang-gabi>

Simbang Gabi or Misa de Gallo....whatever its title, this pre-Christmas observance is surely a sacrifice of love for it requires dedication and discipline to get out of bed so early while yet fulfilling all one's daily duties.

The Simbang Gabi Mass, which usually focuses on how one becomes prepared for Christmas, is celebrated with particular attention and style.

Devotees give a variety of reasons why they attend. Many young attendees, aside from pointing out that their school might expect it, stressed that it is a chance to participate in an important tradition of their parents and grandparents, and a way of unifying them with family and friends. Others described it as an important sign of respect, celebration or preparation of Christmas, the event it anticipates.

A traditionally held belief is that the sacrifice of attending the pre-dawn Masses makes it as powerful as a *panata*, a vow of allegiance made in the hope or expectation that one's wishes will be granted by the baby Jesus.

**Stewardship Report of Treasury for:**

	<b>November 14, 2016</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
<b>Collections</b>	4,068.00	156,266.84	192,211.01
<b>Other</b>	15,252.85	145,515.36	125,810.71
<b>Deposit</b>	19,320.85	301,782.20	318,021.72
<b>Parish Hall</b>	135.00	<b>Parish Savings</b>	
		Designated	514,039.66
		Restricted	399,860.65
			<b>913,900.31</b>

**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](http://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](mailto:stjosephchurch@stjoehilo.com)

**Scripture Readings**



**Sunday, Dec. 11**

Is 35:1-6a, 10  
Ps 146:6-10  
Jas 5:7-10  
Mt 11:2-11

**Monday, Dec. 12**

Zec 2:14-17  
Jdt 13:18bc, 19  
Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday, Dec. 13**

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13  
Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23  
Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday, Dec. 14**

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

**Thursday, Dec. 15**

Is 54:1-10  
Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13  
Lk 7:24-30

**Friday, Dec. 16**

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8  
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8  
Jn 5:33-36

**Saturday, Dec. 17**

Gn 49:2, 8-10  
Ps 72:3-4, 7-8, 17  
Mt 1:1-17

**Sunday, Dec. 18**

Is 7:10-14  
Ps 24:1-6  
Rom 1:1-7  
Mt 1:18-24

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

+Ronald Kipi  
+Shannon Corpus



# Pillar of Hospitality:

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Monday, Dec. 12** "Our Lady of Guadalupe"  
6:00 pm •Adult Faith Formation (RCIA)/Library  
7:00 pm •Mass/Church

**Tuesday, Dec. 13**  
7:00 pm •Mother of Perpetual Help Novena (Rosary 6:30)/Church

**Wednesday, Dec. 14**  
6:30 pm •Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Library  
7:00 pm •Advent Penance Service/Church

**Thursday, Dec. 15**  
6:30 pm •St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/Church

**Friday, Dec. 16**  
6:00 pm •Simbang Gabi Fellowship/Mtg. Room  
7:00 pm •Simbang Gabi/Church

**Saturday, Dec. 17**  
4:00 am •Misa de Gallo/Church  
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8:15 am •Church Cleaner's #6 (C. Lantano)/Church  
9:30 am •Bible Sharing (Fr. Poli & M. Leite)/Library  
10:00 am •Reconciliation/Church  
5:00 pm •High School Youth Ministry/Library  
7:45 pm •San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal/Church

**Sunday, Dec. 18**  
4:00 am •Misa de Gallo/Church  
4:00 am •Misa de Gallo Fellowship/Mtg. Room  
10:15 am •Religious Ed Classes/SJHS

# Pillar of Faith Formation:

## THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

### THIRD WEEK



*The mother lights three candles.*

*The prayer for the third week is:*

**Leader: Let us pray. We humbly beg you, O Lord, to listen to our prayers and, by the grace of your coming, bring light into our darkened minds. Through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

All: Amen.

*Leave one candle burning during the evening meal, at family prayers, or before bedtime.*

# Pillar of Service:



**Aging religious need your help.** Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.

## Religious Education Family Updates:



◆ Families of the Religious Education classes are invited to attend a parent gathering on **Sunday December 18 during RE classes (10:15-11:15a) in the high school patio.** This will be an advent gathering for parents and grandparents to share in the

fellowship as caregivers and to obtain new resources in family style catechesis. All are welcome to attend.

- ◆ There will be **NO SUNDAY Classes** on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Classes will resume on Jan. 8.
- ◆ **Confirmation Teens** are required to attend a mandatory retreat on Jan. 15-16. **MARK YOU CALENDARS NOW!** Details will be sent home with your teen.
- ◆ Just a reminder that all students in the Sacrament Preparation classes (First Communion & Confirmation) with our parish **must have regular attendance in classes** and communicate to their class teachers or to the RE director of any absences. **Each student must not exceed more than four days missed** in the RE year per the family handbook.
- ◆ Please call Chrislyn Villena with all your comments or concerns at 935-1465 or email at [cville-na@stjoehilo.com](mailto:cville-na@stjoehilo.com)

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