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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

### 4th Sunday of Advent:

*"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said..."*

Today the Church celebrates the Fourth Sunday of Advent. We light the last candle on our Advent wreath and our preparation for Christmas is almost finished.

In the gospel we have Matthew drew the connection of the virgin birth of Jesus with the prophecy of Isaiah that says: 'Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,' which means 'God is with us.' But this would mean the participation of man in the unfolding of God's plan. And together with Mary, God will call upon Joseph as He would call upon all of us to participate in his divine plan. But the big question is, will we be ready to give up our own well planned project in life, if only to be part of the plan of God?

Referring to St. Joseph, Pope Francis reflected: "He was following a good life plan, but God had kept a different design for him, a greater mission. Joseph was a man who always listened to the voice of God, profoundly amenable to God's secret will, a man attentive to the messages that came from the depths of the heart and from above,"

We may wonder how Joseph was able to let go of his plans and take on this new direction of his life. The answer is simple: he was willing to place himself completely at the disposal of God — as Mary did with her "fiat" ("Be it done to me"). They were willing to entrust their life and future to God. But little did they know that with their self-surrender, it is the future of the whole human race that was at stake. But even then, it does not mean that because Joseph and Mary chose to follow God's will that their path will be easy. They will have their share of trials and difficulties. But holding on to the vision, this is where they drew their strength. Like Joseph, each one of us has a mission from God. And our Yes to God's plan is part of the continuing work of redemption not only for ourselves but for the whole of humanity as well.

As we continue our preparation for the birthday of Jesus during Advent, let us pray for light to discover God's mission for us. And upon its discovery, let us place our trust totally in God as we do our best to carry it out — as Mary and Joseph did. Definitely there will be obstacles along the way. But with God on our side, we, too, will triumph in the end.

## 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 [stjoe hilo.com](http://stjoe hilo.com)

St. Joseph Church is looking ahead for the following:

- ⇒ Light fixtures for better lighting inside the church
- ⇒ Vacuums for church cleaning
- ⇒ Wet signs for safety
- ⇒ New brooms and dust pans
- ⇒ Paper towel dispenser for the sacristy

**Repairs needed for:**

- ◆ Leak above sacred heart statue
- ◆ Windows broken at church entrances
- ◆ Lock replacement for the bulletin case at entrance

If you can help or donate, call the rectory office at 935-1465.

Simbang Gabi or Misa de Gallo— Part 3 of 3

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

Food is an important part of Simbang Gabi. These days are a time of incessant dining rather than fasting, and a time of family gatherings and reunions with friends and relatives, of strolling, picnics, swimming – any way that Filipino families can find to celebrate. Until the economic crisis of the 1990s, churches often served an Agape meal after Mass, sponsored by a family or a group of families, an association, or a company. It was usually composed of hot coffee and local delicacies such as various kinds of desserts.

# Pillar of Service:

Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister from Indiana writes, “Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity.”

Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.



# Pillar of Prayer:

## Scripture Readings



**Sunday, Dec. 18**

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

**Monday, Dec. 19**

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a  
Ps 7:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17  
Lk 1:5-15

**Tuesday, Dec. 20**

Is 7:10-14  
Ps 24:1-6  
Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday, Dec. 21**

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

**Thursday, Dec. 22**

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

**Friday, Dec. 23**

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

**Saturday, Dec. 24**

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

**Sunday, Dec. 25**

**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

**Night:**

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

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



+Clarence Esposito

## Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

|                    | November 21, 2016 | YTD Actual            | YTD Budget |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| <b>Collections</b> | 7,626.00          | 187,166.84            | 202,983.24 |
| <b>Other</b>       | 14,061.48         | 135,785.54            | 132,382.96 |
| <b>Deposit</b>     | 21,687.48         | 322,952.38            | 335,366.20 |
| <b>Parish Hall</b> | 1,001.00          | <b>Parish Savings</b> |            |
|                    |                   | Designated            | 514,039.66 |
|                    |                   | Restricted            | 400,861.65 |
|                    |                   |                       | 914,901.31 |

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)

# Pillar of Hospitality:

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, Dec. 19

- 6:00 pm ●Adult Faith Formation (RCIA)/Library
- 7:00 pm ●Simbang Gabi Mass & Fellowship/Church & Mtg. Room

### Tuesday, Dec. 20

- 10:00 am ●Funeral Mass (+Clarence Esposito)/Church
- 7:00 pm ●Simbang Gabi Mass & Fellowship/Church & Mtg. Room
- 7:00 pm ●Mother of Perpetual Help Novena (Rosary 6:30)/Mtg. Room
- 7:00 pm ●Wake Service (+Lolita Eugenio)/Dodo Chapel

### Wednesday, Dec. 21

- 8:00 am ●Viewing (+Lolita Eugenio)/Church
- 10:00 am ●Funeral Mass (+Lolita Eugenio)/Church
- 6:30 pm ●Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Library
- 7:00 pm ●Simbang Gabi Mass & Fellowship/Church & Mtg. Room

### Thursday, Dec. 22

- 6:30 pm ●St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/Library
- 7:00 pm ●Simbang Gabi Mass & Fellowship/Church & Mtg. Room

### Friday, Dec. 23 "Christmas Holiday"—Rectory office closed

- 7:00 am ●Mass/Church—NO 12:15 pm Mass
- 7:00 pm ●Simbang Gabi Mass & Fellowship/Church & Mtg. Room

### Saturday, Dec. 24 "Vigil of Christmas"

- 4:00 am ●Misa de Gallo Mass & Fellowship/Church & Mtg. Room
- 8:15 am ●Church Cleaner's #7 (M. Aizawa)/Church
- 9:30 am ●Bible Sharing (Fr. Poli & M. Leite)/Library
- 10:00 am ●Reconciliation/Church
- 7:45 pm ●San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal/Church

### Sunday, Dec. 25 "The Nativity of the Lord"

- 10:15 am ●**NO** R E Classes (Christmas break)

# Pillar of Faith Formation:

## FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT PRAYER FOR FAMILIES



*All four candles are lighted on the fourth Sunday by the father. The prayer for the fourth week is:*

**Leader: Let us pray. Stir up your power and might, O Lord, and come. Rescue us through your great strength so that salvation, which has been hindered by our sins, may be hastened by the grace of your gentle mercy. Through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

All: Amen.

*At the end of Advent, the candles may all be changed to white, the leaves refreshed if necessary, and the wreath decorated with Christmas decorations.*



The Pillar of Faith Formation hosted a day of prayer and reflection for the volunteers in the Religious Education Ministries, including the RCIA, the infant baptism prep class, the Adult Bible sharing ministry and the youth and young adults.

Father Poli lead the presentation and focused on the definition of prayer.....

"Prayer is:

- a gift
- a covenant between God and his people
- constant and should be done without ceasing"



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