



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation

Church dedicated in 1919

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Mon.-Fri.
6:00 am & 12:15 pm
Saturday: 7:00 am
Legal Holidays: 7:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00 pm

Sunday

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

January 1, 2017 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart.

What awaits our families and homes this New Year – 2017 A.D.? At the beginning of this new year 2017, ours is the commitment and the challenge to make sure that the presence of the Lord is the one thing that influences our life and our model in making every year of our lives, one that belongs entirely to the Lord, is certainly our Blessed Mother, Mary. How did Mary do it? One thing that the scripture was certain about on how Mary approached life was that “*She (Mary) treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart.*”(Luke 2:19)

This tells us one great truth about Mary - she “lived in the present moment”. After all, it is in the present moment that we discover God, for God is the ever-present here and now! So Mary must have kept God at the center of her life and by doing so she didn’t regret anything in the past, and neither did she unnecessarily worry about anything that might happen in the future.

Our human ability to reflect is a major part of what makes us human for it gives us the power to make right choices. We can choose to live in the past, wishing we had made other choices or done things differently. We can choose to be filled with bitterness and regret. Or we can choose to constantly worry about what might happen tomorrow, next month or next year. Both of those choices rob us of the opportunity to enjoy the present moment. The present moment is a gift from God, and God continues to give us such grace moment after moment. Like Mary we can treasure those moments, revel in them, and reflect upon them—enjoying and savouring them to the fullest. Some might call that the power of positive thinking, others might call it transcendental meditation, Mary didn’t have a name for it, she just did it.

Perhaps, the best way to insure that 2017 is indeed a Happy and Blessed New Year is to begin living in the present moment here and now with Mary our Mother in the Presence of God.

“The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!” (Numbers 6:22-27)

Praying for a truly blessed and grace-filled New Year for you and all your loved ones.

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.

Happy New Year!

Celebrating New Year is an opportunity to look back in the past and plan ahead for the future. It is also a time to start counting our blessings. God has been good to us through all the years. We have so much to be grateful for in our parish. There were lots of amazing things were thriving in the past because of your generous support of time, talent and treasure. Obviously, the Holy Spirit is journeying with us in the past and in the future as we strive for holiness.

The St. Joseph Church was truly blessed with Fr. Samuel Loterte, SSS and Fr. Paterno Labasano, SSS who have served with passion and dedication. It was a great loss of the parish when their term ended. As a *Sacramentino*, I'm so proud of my confreres who made a difference. I'm truly grateful for all the hard work they have done in our church to make a community of believers centered in the Eucharist. The stewardship way of life and the parish pastoral plan have been implemented before their term ended. We are now reaping the abundant harvest they have started. We will keep them in our prayers.



Fr. Poli Ty, SSS came on board in January 2016 in addition to the Blessed Sacrament Community at St. Joseph. His expertise ushers the spiritual growth of our lay leaders and volunteers. Most of them received the series of faith formations that lead to their spiritual maturity. They are more committed to serve the Lord. Fr. Poli is in charge of the Pillar for Faith Formation.

In September of 2016, I took the leadership as pastor. Bishop Larry Silva presided the liturgy and the rite of Installation. At the same time we welcomed Fr. Zaldy Norba, SSS to be my Parochial Vicar. He is assigned to the Pillar for Prayer and School Chaplain. He did a good job with our, Extraordinary Ministers for Holy Communion, Lectors and Commentator, Altar Servers and Choirs.

As we welcome another year of grace in 2017, we have a lot of things that need to be done. We are now preparing for the launching of our Centennial Celebration of the Church's dedication in 2019. We will be fully implementing the Stewardship in our Parish as a way of life. I am looking forward to also start the Capital Campaign for our Parish Hall. Please join me in prayer that we will achieve this goal.

Beginning this year, don't be surprised we have a new face in our weekly Parish Bulletin. Thanks to Christopher Ho, taking on the responsibility as Editor-in-Chief. Should you want to contribute to our Parish Bulletin, you may contact him through his email address: sjchurchbulletin@gmail.com.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all of you parishioners, lay leaders and volunteers in our parish who took the initiative to make our Christmas celebration meaningful. May the birth of our savior will give us strength and courage to face the challenges in the coming years.

Mele Kalikimaka me ka Hau'oli Makahiki Hou and God bless you all.



Fr. Will, SSS

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Throughout the week leading up to the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ on Christmas Day, we celebrated the novena's with Simbang Gabi. Every weekday night starting on Friday, December 16 and ending on Friday, December 23 St. Joseph Church was proud to celebrate and honor our Lord with these special novena masses.

A special mahalo to all of the groups who made these days possible for our parishioners to take part in and the celebration of our Lord through prayer and fellowship.



The Blessed Sacrament

Monday—Friday:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starts at 4 pm.

Evening prayer (vespers) starts at 5 pm followed by solemn benediction rosary then

Every Friday divine mercy prayer is said prior to evening prayer

Saturday:

Exposition starts at 3 pm

Evening prayer starts at 330 pm with Holy solemn benediction

Sunday:

Exposition start at 3:30

Evening prayer starts at 430 pm followed by solemn benediction

Also there is daily morning (laud) prayer after the morning masses No morning or evening prayers during holidays unless announced by the priests.



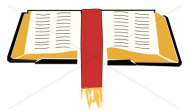
Members of the Blessed Sacrament

Dr and Mrs. Steve Woo, Leah Ogden, Phyllis Pitoy, Isaia Kealoha, John Akau, Claire Andrews, Margie Ignacio Filipina Andres, Myrna Caro, Jose Paras, Danie and Linda Villena, Vicky Kai, Sylvia Hammer, Felipa Miguel, Father Wilbert Laroga, Father Apolinario Ty, and Father Zaldy Norba.

If you wish to know more or join this extraordinary group please see any of the members for more information.

PRAYER

<u>Scripture Readings</u> <u>Jan 1 - Jan 7</u>	<u>Scripture Readings</u> <u>Jan 8 - Jan 14</u>	<u>Scripture Readings</u> <u>Jan 15 - Jan 21</u>	<u>Scripture Readings</u> <u>Jan 22 - Jan 28</u>
<u>Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017</u> Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21	<u>Sunday, Jan. 8</u> Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12	<u>Sunday, Jan. 15</u> Is 49:3, 5-6 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34	<u>Sunday, Jan. 22</u> Is 8:23—9:3 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23
<u>Monday, Jan. 2</u> 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28	<u>Monday, Jan. 9</u> Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 Mt 3:13-17	<u>Monday, Jan. 16</u> Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 2:18-22	<u>Monday, Jan. 23</u> Heb 9:15, 24-28 Ps 98:1-6 Mk 3:22-30
<u>Tuesday, Jan. 3</u> 1 Jn 2:29—3:6 Ps 98:1, 3c-4, 5-6 Jn 1:29-34	<u>Tuesday, Jan. 10</u> Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2ab, 5-9 Mk 1:21-28	<u>Tuesday, Jan. 17</u> Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c Mk 2:23-28	<u>Tuesday, Jan. 24</u> Heb 10:1-10 Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10-11 Mk 3:31-35
<u>Wednesday, Jan. 4</u> 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-9 Jn 1:35-42	<u>Wednesday, Jan. 11</u> Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Mk 1:29-39	<u>Wednesday, Jan. 18</u> Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 3:1-6	<u>Wednesday, Jan. 25</u> Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18
<u>Thursday, Jan. 5</u> 1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1b-5 Jn 1:43-51	<u>Thursday, Jan. 12</u> Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-7c, 8-11 Mk 1:40-45	<u>Thursday, Jan. 19</u> Heb 7:25—8:6 Ps 40:7-10, 17 Mk 3:7-12	<u>Thursday, Jan. 26</u> 2 Tm 1:1-8 Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10 Mk 4:21-25
<u>Friday, Jan. 6</u> 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Mk 1:7-11	<u>Friday, Jan. 13</u> Heb 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8 Mk 2:1-12	<u>Friday, Jan. 20</u> Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8, 10-14 Mk 3:13-19	<u>Friday, Jan. 27</u> Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40 Mk 4:26-34
<u>Saturday, Jan. 7</u> 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b Jn 2:1-11	<u>Saturday, Jan. 14</u> Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mk 2:13-17	<u>Saturday, Jan. 21</u> Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Mk 3:20-21	<u>Saturday, Jan. 28</u> Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Mk 4:35-41



Scripture Readings for the Month of January. Please consider cutting these out and use as book marks in your own personal Bible.

Every first Bulletin of the Month will have all of the scripture readings listed for 4 weeks at a time.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND!

Next weekend we will be taking up a collection for the “Repair & Maintenance” of our parish. Your donations help with the upkeep of the grounds and structures on the property. We appreciate your generosity, thank you.



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



+ *Migdonio Ramones*
+ *Adeline Lewis*
+ *Bernadette Sobrado*

**Inquire with
Chrislyn Villena**

"Donna-Marie's book is a real treasure... We are reminded at a meal that we not only feed our body, but we need to feed our soul with God's word and message."

Fr. Andrew Apostoli, C.F.R.,
Host of EWTN's Sunday Night Prime

**ONLY
\$15.00**

NEW FROM PARACLETE!

**FEEDING YOUR
FAMILY'S SOUL**

DINNER TABLE SPIRITUALITY

DONNA-MARIE COOK

Available until Jan. 8, 2017, parishioners may purchase a copy for \$15.00 with Chrislyn Villena at the rectory office.

Get your book today and begin spending meal times by "feeding your family's soul". The next parent gathering will be in Lent or Easter of 2017, so mark your calendars!



Religious Ed families participate in the Advent Wreath Candle Lighting during Simbang Gabi Masses



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH TURNS 100 YEARS OLD

The cornerstone was laid in 1917 and the church was dedicated at its present location in February 1919. Throughout its illustrious history, St. Joseph Church has endured through the times to stand tall and strong as the premiere Catholic Church on the East side of Hawai'i Island. Reaching towards the night sky, our bell tower is seen by passing cruise ships as a beacon of hope in the seas of troubling times. During the holiday season parishioners donated their time to light up our church so many others in the community would be able to see the beauty we have all come to love and enjoy on a daily basis.

In bulletins past we have been honored to have Dr. Woo provide us with a historical view of this magnificent church through his expertly crafted descriptions of our church and the beginnings of the Catholic faith throughout the islands which make up what we know today as Hawai'i.



Calling any and all Parishioners willing to serve in the name of our Lord

Hospitality Ministers and the Areas they serve

Centennial Celebration: Harvey Motomura
Internal Church Environment: Pina Andres
External Church Environment: Danie Vilena
Construction, Building R&M: Evelyn Pacheco
Media: Christopher Ho
Church Cleaning: Franklin Veriato, Don & Vivian Coloma, Cora Lantano, Miki Aizawa
Hospitality Ministers during Masses:
 Saturday: Ron DeLima & Cliff Souza
 Sunday: **(7am)** Sonny Castillo & Zach Abregano, **(9am)** Irma & Herman Sumera, Harvey Motomura, **(1145am)** Maria Sy-Rondaris, Raynard Andres, Vince Barrios, and John Akau, **(6pm)** Vickie Kai

Hospitality Ministers

An opportunity to actively participate in weekend mass before, during and/or after mass. Hospitality ministers (HM) come early to greet parishioners at the 3 entrances while distributing the Church Bulletin. Several ushers find seats, especially if family members want to sit together. Six volunteers collect monetary offerings and three others participate in the offertory procession. At the end of mass, the same or different greeters bid adieu to parishioners. A few more canvass the church for stray bulletins or prayer cards to prepare for the next mass.

Many hands make light work and you are invited to join in, especially at 5pm Saturday, 11:45am Sunday, and 6pm Sunday.

Please call 935-1465 (Church Office), give your information to any Hospitality Minister upon exiting a mass, or drop off your information in the offertory basket (your name and telephone number, preferred mass time (s)) and Mary Correa (Hospitality Pillar Lead) will contact you.

Church Cleaners

Each Saturday morning by 8:30am, a team of church cleaners appear & for the next 60-90 minutes, they proceed to vacuum, sweep & mop, wipe all seat cushions and the hardwood underneath. They also wipe window sills, around the holy water containers at entrances and the altar furniture at the main altar and side altars. The cleaners rearrange the prayer & songbooks. After, sweeping the main entrance and side entrances, they disappear leaving the church with a "just cleaned" scent & appearance.

All 4 teams clean once a month & welcome additional members. Team leaders are Franklin Veriato, Don & Vivian Coloma, Cora Lantano, and Miki Aizawa. Please leave your name, phone number, preferred Saturday of the month at the church office 935-1465 and Mary Correa will return your call.

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

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."

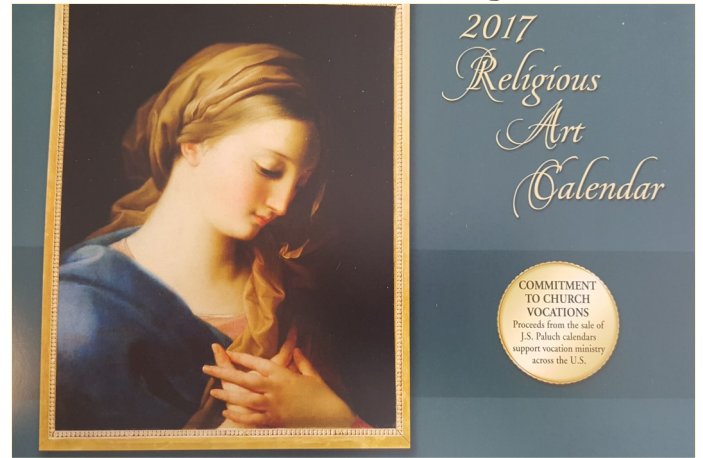
Colossians 3: 23-24

HOSPITALITY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 2	Rectory Office Closed
7:00 am	Mass
Tuesday, January 3	
6:00 am	Mass
12:15 pm	Mass
4:00 pm	Afternoon Prayer
5:00 pm	Life Teen Core Team Meeting
6:30 pm	Novena Rosary
7:00 pm	Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
Wednesday, January 4	
6:00 am	Mass
7:15 pm	St. Joseph School Mass
12:15 pm	Mass
4:00 pm	Afternoon Prayer
6:30 pm	Alabare Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 5	
6:00 am	Mass
12:15 pm	Mass
4:00 pm	Afternoon Prayer
6:30 pm	St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal
Friday, January 6	
6:00 am	Mass
12:15 pm	Mass
4:00 pm	Afternoon Prayer
Saturday, January 7	
7:00 am	Mass
9:30 am	Bible Sharing
10:00 am	Reconciliation
5:00 pm	High School Youth Ministry
5:00 pm	Mass
7:45 pm	San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, January 8 (Epiphany of the Lord)	
7:00 am	Mass
9:00 am	Mass
11:45 am	Mass
4:00 pm	Afternoon Prayer
6:00 pm	Mass



The parish 2017 calendar is now available for parishioners. Please see a hospitality minister for a complimentary calendar or visit the Rectory Office during the week

INFANT BAPTISM

Next Class
January 9, 2017
 7 - 9 pm
 Rectory Meeting Room
 Pre-registration is required

At this time St. Joseph Church would like to update its **parish database**

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Children's Trio sang silent night at the 9am mass on Christmas day.

TO PARK OR NOT TO PARK!

There is an issue with the parking here at our church. We try to provide enough spaces for all by using the street on Kapiolani, the parking lot of Hilo Union School and the grassy field. However, we kindly ask that you park in designated stalls only! This helps keep a safe and regulated flow of traffic within our parking lot. Please do not double park or park directly in front of the church. This access lane is for emergency vehicles and loading or unloading only. Also, avoid parking at the front entrance of the parking lot as well. Your car may be towed. Let us all be mindful of each other as we come to worship as one parish, one 'Ohana.

To better assist you with understanding our parking situation please refer to the pictures that have been provided below for you.

DO NOT PARK IN THESE AREAS

