

December 03, 2017

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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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

ST. JOSEPH



PRAY FOR US!



“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.”

-Mark 13:33

“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming.”

Waiting is part of our human reality. Moms wait for their babies to be born. Penitents wait for their turn at the confessional. Patients wait in line at the doctor’s clinic; Commuters wait for the plane to depart and so on. One can wait with patience and serenity or one can wait with restlessness and anxiety.

So what do you do while waiting? For those who are not used to waiting, they will fuss and complain about the delay. For those who are creative, they would have brought something to keep them busy – an Iphone or Ipad to browse, a book to read, a puzzle to solve. Or for some who are more engaging will take opportunity to make new friends. Our attitude as we wait will make a difference not only on how we live the present moment but likewise our reception of the one we await.

As we begin the season of advent, we are engaged to enter once again in this “waiting mode.” Advent is waiting for the Lord’s coming. The evangelist Mark in today’s gospel speaks of the attitude of vigilance, “Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming.” How we therefore use our time, which is a gift from the Lord, can very well spell the difference in this time of waiting. Is time something exciting or something boring? Is time an enemy that we have to “kill” or is time a gift to be enjoyed and used productively?

If only we will open our eyes and our hearts and be sensitive to his Spirit and allow the Spirit to prevail then we can be molded, transformed and be made ready for our Lord’s Coming!



“Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.”
St Jerome

Sunday, Dec. 03

Is 63:16b-17, 19b;
64:2b-7
Ps 80:2-3. 15-16, 18-19
1 Cor 1:3-9
Mk 13:33-37

Monday, Dec. 04

Is 2:1-5
Ps 122:1-9
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, Dec. 05

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

Wednesday, Dec. 06

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

Thursday, Dec. 07

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

Friday, Dec. 08

Gn 3:9-15, 20
Ps 98:1-4
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, Dec. 09

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

Sunday, Dec. 10

Is 40:1-5, 9-11
Ps 85:9-14
2 Pt 3:8-14
Mk 1:1-8



Advent Novena Masses 2017

St. Joseph parish will be celebrating our Advent Novena, starting on Saturday, December 16 and culminating with the Christmas Day Eucharistic celebration. A novena, derived from *novem*, Latin for nine, is a 9-day period of devotions, either public or private. Called Simbang Gabi in the Philippines, the Advent Novena Masses offer participants the opportunity to

travel together on a spiritual and mental pilgrimage toward the birth of Jesus Christ. Each day of the novena is meant to be an opportunity to reflect on the meaning and significance of the birth of our Lord Jesus in our lives and in our society today. As in the infancy narrative found in the Gospel of Luke (2:7), will there be a place for him in our hearts?

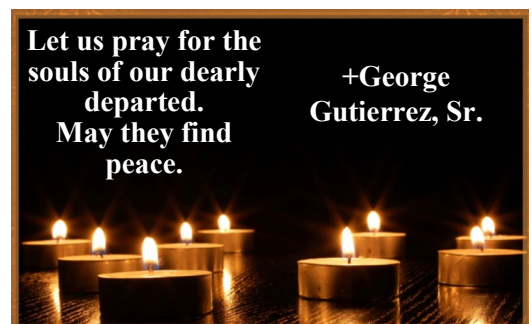


As in any pilgrimage, sacrifice is part of the journey. The Novena requires some stamina because the weekend Masses start at 4am.

The weekday Masses are scheduled for 7pm to accommodate the schedules of working people and students. Fellowship and food will be provided after the Masses. All are invited and encouraged to attend, so that together we may prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Lord and Savior.

**Let us pray for the
souls of our dearly
departed.
May they find
peace.**

**+George
Gutierrez, Sr.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Calendar

Monday, Dec. 04

6:00 pm RCIA (Adult Faith Formation)/Library

Tuesday, Dec. 05

5:00 pm Maintenance Committee/Mtg. Room

7:00 pm Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
(Rosary-6:30 pm)/Church

Wednesday, Dec. 06

6:00 pm PPAC Meeting/Mtg. Room

6:30 pm Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday, Dec. 07

6:30 pm St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/Church

Friday, Dec. 08 "Immaculate Conception"

6:00 am Mass/Church

9:30 am School Mass/SJS Gym

12:15 pm Mass/Church

7:00 pm Mass/Church

Saturday, Dec. 09

8:15 am Church Cleaner's #4 (V. Coloma)/Church

9:30 am Bible Sharing/Library

10:00 am Reconciliation/Church

5:00 pm Mass (Rite of Acceptance)/Church

5:00 pm High School Youth Ministry/Library

Sunday, Dec. 10 "2nd Sunday of Advent"

10:15 am Religious Education Classes/SJHS

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	Week (11/21-11/27)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Collections	6,919.75	187,977.63	202,579.14
All Other Income	5,094.34	138,470.58	140,968.99
Deposited to Bank	12,014.09	326,448.21	343,548.13
Parish Hall	496.25	Parish Savings	
		Loan to school	160,909.08
		Designated Funds	336,330.58
		Restricted Funds	424,685.07
			921,924.73

Save the Date! Join us for our Advent Recollection

The season of advent is here! This is a time of preparation for the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To better prepare our hearts, minds and bodies to receive the Christ child, St. Joseph Church will hold its annual recollection. The term recollection is the action of remembering something. We are called to remember the gift of faith, hope and love given by God the Father in His son Jesus. We are challenged to remember our promises made to God in our own baptisms. We recall the wonderful memories we made with family, friends and even with our parish. Join us and invite your friends and family members on

Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:00pm in the church with Fr. Ernesto Juarez, of Sacred Heart Pahoa.



Advent

The time to settle down, take a deep breath and concentrate on what's important.

Environment Ministry (interior) 2017 Christmas Wish List

- White, Blue & Green Christmas Lights
- Drapes/Curtains
 - Mint Green 2 X 10 Yards
 - Velvet 3 X 10 Yards
- 5 Christmas Trees
- Poinsettias (Red & White)
- 30 Bamboo Lanterns
- 5 Spot Lights

The Christmas wish list deadline is Dec 10. Items may be dropped off during regular business hours Monday-Friday. The poinsettias need to be delivered by the 13th or 14th of December. Thank you for your generosity.

Monetary Donations are welcome; please make all checks payable to St. Joseph Church
For more information contact
Ministry Leader: **Pina Andres**

Parish Children's Liturgy

(Ministry for Children during Mass)

St. Nicholas Service Project

The feast day of St. Nicholas is on December 6th. We would like the children to participate in an Advent Service Project. We would like to encourage our children to fill a new pair of socks with small items that those in need might use. **Before filling the sock, place the other side of the sock (from the pair) inside to be filled. The sock can be filled with small soaps, candy, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, band-aids, deodorants, prayer cards, etc. After filling the sock, gather the top together and tie it with a ribbon.**

The sock can be for an adult or a child.



The socks may be handed in on Sunday, November 26, December 03, & December 10 during the Sunday Masses when your child attends Children's Liturgy. This is a voluntary project. Thank you for your kindness.



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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

2:00p - Honoka'a vs. St. Joseph (JV)

3:30p - Kohala vs. Waiakea

5:00p - Kailua, O'ahu vs. Honoka'a

6:30p - Maryknoll vs. Kamehameha, Hawai'i Campus

8:00p - Hilo vs. St. Joseph

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

11:30a - Honoka'a vs. Kailua, O'ahu (JV)

2:00p - St. Joseph vs. Kohala (JV)

3:30p - St. Joseph vs. Kohala

5:00p - Waiakea vs. Kamehameha, Hawai'i Campus

6:30p - Hilo vs. Kailua, O'ahu

8:00p - Honoka'a vs. Maryknoll

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00a - Kailua, O'ahu vs. St. Joseph (JV)

10:30a - Hilo vs. Kohala

12:00n - Waiakea vs. Maryknoll

1:30p - St. Joseph vs. Honoka'a

3:00p - Kamehameha, Hawai'i Campus vs. Kailua, O'ahu

4:30p - Maryknoll vs. Hilo

6:00p - Honoka'a vs. Waiakea

7:30p - Kailua, O'ahu vs. St. Joseph

** First team listed is away, wear dark jersey**

** Second team listed is home, wear light jersey**

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convenience.**

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