

March 5, 2017

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation

Pastor:
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Deacon:
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Church Dedicated in 1919



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Hilo, HI 96720
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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



**“Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be
tempted by the devil.” -Matthew 4:1**

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We have entered the Holy Season of Lent. And hopefully it will be for us 40 days of preparing ourselves for the coming Holy Week of the Paschal Mystery of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lent is a call to conversion. The enemy of conversion is sin. So we have to look at ourselves if we are ready for this coming celebration of our salvation. And the best place to begin our journey of conversion is within the perimeters of our hearts, where temptation lurks in hiding. Recognizing the enemy that we are dealing with helps us know the grace we need to face it. It is consoling to know that even Jesus Christ was not spared from temptation – “Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.” And this is the first thing about temptation – it is an everyday human reality. We all have to deal with it.

The second thing about temptation is that it can only come from the devil. The devil’s desire is to ruin us – to make us less human. On the other hand, God will never tempt us, He only tests us. The devil wants to make us bad. When God tests us, it is intended to make us better persons. When the devil tempts, he wants us to be drawn away from the Lord. When God tests us, He is inviting us to cling to Him.

The third reality is that we are not powerless in dealing with temptation. Just as Jesus did not succumb to it, so are we capable of saying no to it.

But how did the Lord overcome the temptation? He did not use human wisdom or rely on self-will to defend himself but instead anchored himself in God’s word. Likewise, we cannot rely on our own power and human effort alone, we need God’s grace and we find it in His words through prayer. We must pray when we are tempted. We must also pray when we are not tempted.

**‘A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.’ Ps. 51**

encounter *Lent* Encounter ourselves. Encounter our neighbors. Encounter our God.



We encounter ourselves.

To build a culture of encounter, we must start from within ourselves, from our personal call to discipleship. God knows our true selves, desiring that we, too, discover the person God has called us to be. Through prayer, we encounter ourselves before God; we see ourselves as God sees us. And we realize that God delights in every member of our human family because God is truly present in each of us.

Jesus reminds us, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” To love another, we must come to know our own selves, our own hurts and triumphs, our own joys and challenges. What begins as an interior encounter necessarily goes beyond ourselves, challenging us to live in solidarity with people we may never meet.

How can we hope to go to the margins, to accompany those who are

most vulnerable and in need, if we haven’t properly wrestled with our own vulnerability, our own need?

Only then can we recognize that each person we encounter can share with us some unique insight about our world, about ourselves and, ultimately, about our God. We meet Jesus in the desert, a time of introspection and discernment before he begins his ministry. What has he gone there to accomplish? Luke tells us that Jesus “was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.” There he fasts and prays—and the Enemy takes that opportunity to tempt Christ with those temptations we each encounter daily: material comfort, honor and pride. Jesus responded by trusting in God, by emptying himself of pride and power and ultimately rejecting the invitations of the Enemy.

We, too, can better understand where we are broken and turning away from who we are called to be by following Jesus’ example and encountering ourselves through prayer and fasting. We may not go into a desert for forty days, but we can and should take the forty-day invitation of Lent as an opportunity to reorient our lives, examining how we are living in relationship with God and our neighbors. That might mean coming to terms with troubling or disappointing truths. ***Can we, like Jesus, radically reject the offering of power, of influence?*** We all want glory, praise, a pat on the shoulder, but as Jesus turned away from the Enemy’s offering, so too must we. And then, where do we turn? We go to the margins with humility and compassion. ***Only by encountering ourselves can we then encounter our neighbors.*** Luke 4: 1-15

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH | OUR PATRON SAINT
SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

PARISH PARKING LOT & RECTORY

11:00 MASS WITH BISHOP SILVA

12:00-2:00 FESTIVITIES

**St. Joseph's parishioners
and families are welcome to
attend the Mass and
fellowship**



Entertainment:

**Lip Sync Battle, Singing &
Dancing (Ethnic)**

**Parish Ministry
Booths**

**Activate your Stewardship.
Join A Ministry!**

**Soup &
Finger Foods**

**Recognition of the
Island Treasures**

**Kick-off the
Centennial Celebration**

**Activities &
Games for
Children
Art Gallery,
Essay Contest**

SERVICE



Cultural Ethnic | Chuukese Committee

The Chuukese Committee is made up of the Micronesians Community and friends. Miki Aizawa has been their President since 2008. She has found ways to SERVE the community. At least once a month they do

some landscaping in Pahoa at the Sacred Heart Church. They have planted 9 Ulu trees at Sacred Heart Church and at least 5 here in Hilo at St. Joseph's. This is their way to help feed the hungry once these trees start producing fruits. There are many ways to prepare this delicious starch fruit. You will be able to sample some of these onolious samples at our upcoming Ministry Fair on March 19th.

They visit the Home Bound every Wednesday.

Does church cleaning under the Legion of Mary.

And they meet every 3rd Sunday with their committees in Keaau, Pahoa and here in Hilo.

They also support the families that have lost a loved one. A nine-night novena is made in honor of their family member that has moved on.

You are able to see them and hear their beautiful songs of praise at the 11:45 mass here at St. Joseph's on the 2nd Sunday of the month and at Sacred Heart Church in Pahoa on the last Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

There will be a Chuukese Fair on March 30th at the Hilo Sangha Hall from 9am to 2pm. You'll be able to find Crafts, Clothing, Food, etc. Proceeds will go towards the cost of the activities they do throughout the year. And if you would like to be a part of the fair, space cost is \$50 but your proceeds will be a 100% yours.

If your interested in joining the Chuukese Committee or would like a space at their fair, please give Miki a call at 315-0132 or Bernie at 640-8709.



CRS in the Diocese of Honolulu

crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/us/catholic-church-Honolulu-food-housing

You are born with breadfruit, you grow up with breadfruit and you die with breadfruit. This popular saying from the Micronesian island of Chuuk, thousands of miles off the coast of Hawaii, captures the importance of this starchy fruit. It's a staple both for the Chuukese living in Micronesia, and for people like Micaela, who were forced to migrate to Hawaii due to a changing climate and rising seas.

Though Micaela moved to Hawaii seeking a better life, she instead found a community of Chuukese struggling with hunger. Through the One 'Ohana: Food and Housing for All program, Micaela organizes groups of women to learn farming techniques. Together, they gain the knowledge to plant breadfruit trees and feed their communities.

For Micaela, the project is a way to look to the future while remembering the past. "It's been many years since I dug my hands in the ground. We are reconnecting back to our home, even though it's not the soil from where we came from," she says.

MAHALO



7:00 AM Hospitality Ministers

Larry Reiss,
Zach Abregano, Sonny Castillo,
Joe Ascension (not pictured)

11:45 AM Hospitality Ministers

Reinard Andres, Maria Sy-Rondaris, Jean Alves, John Akau,
Vince Barrios (not pictured)

HOSPITALITY

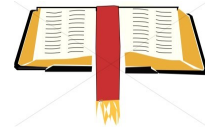
Nine day Novena Prayer & Triduum Mass in honor of St. Joseph, our patron

March 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15

5:00pm (after vespers) in the church

March 16 & 17 Mass 7:00 pm in the church

March 18 Mass 5:00 pm (Saturday vigil mass for the weekend)



Sunday, March 5

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17
Rom 5:12-19
Mt 4:1-11

Monday, March 6

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18
Ps 19:8-10, 15
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, March 7

Is 55:10-11
Ps 34:4-7, 16-19
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 8

Jon 3:1-10
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, March 9

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8
Mt 7:7-12

Friday, March 10

Ez 18:21-28
Ps 130:1-8
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, March 11

Dt 26:16-19
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, March 12

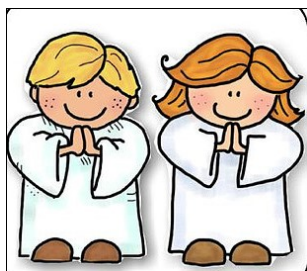
Gn 12:1-4a
Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22
2 Tm 1:8b-10
Mt 17:1-9

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

+*Joanne Townsend*
+*Allyson Faith Alvarado*
+*Gordon Tai See*



PRAYER



**Altar server training is scheduled
for Saturday, March 25, 9-11am, in the church.**

**Candidates must have already received
First Holy Communion.**

**For more information, please contact
Lei Shinoda Kaniumoe, 557-0175.**



*Hosted by the Parish Prayer Pillar
of Stewardship*

Monday, March 27,
Starts with Evening Prayer
(5:00pm) in the Church
5:45 pm Opening prayer in the
rectory meeting room

(Re)Discovering My Experience of God (Lenten Mini-Retreat)

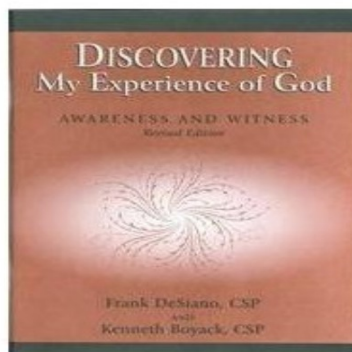
**\$10 collected at pre-registration for the booklets and snacks
(pre-registration is required)**

This mini-retreat will offer you a chance to (re) discover, through memory and writing, the ways that God has touched your life through your own personal history. All participants will receive their own copy of the booklet, "Discovering My Experience of God" which we will use throughout the morning.

The exercises in this booklet will "open your spirit, prod your memories, evoke different feelings and help you begin to develop a vocabulary about a religious experience that is authentically yours."

-from booklet Introduction

Participants will also learn how to lead others through this exercise in their own families and with their own small Christian Communities.



**RSVP to Linda Villena at dailynden@aol.com
by March 17, 2017**

Do you have an artist in your family who loves to draw? Enter to win the St. Joseph Feast Day Art Contest. We invite all *young parishioners* to share with us their artistic vision of St. Joseph, our patron.

Topics: Multiple entries are encouraged per participant

Who is St. Joseph to you? Portrait of a _____ (Father, Carpenter, Protector, Provider, Husband, Patron, etc.)

Create a logo for our St. Joseph Church-Hilo

Entries are organized into age divisions:

3-6 years old "Kinder"

7-10 years old "Elementary"

11-13 years old "Junior High"

14-18 years old "Senior High"

Deadline and Judging Criteria

Deadline – March 15, 2017.

Art Designs will be checked by PPAC and Stewardship team from March 16 to March 18, 2017.

The results will be announced on March 19, 2017 at the Feast of St. Joseph Celebration. The winning design will be published on the parish website and in the parish bulletin.

Submission Guidelines

No larger than 11 x 17 | No smaller than 8.5 x 11

Paper of your choice.

Use of color is recommended but not required

Participation in the contest automatically constitutes your agreement to the Terms and Conditions and the rejection of any claim.

Submit to St. Joseph Church Rectory ATTENTION: PPAC/Stewardship ART Contest

Include the following information

State Parent's Name; Contestant Name; Which topic was selected (Portrait or Logo); & which division entering

St. Joseph Feast Day Essay Contest:

Do you have a story teller or writer in your family? Enter to win the St. Joseph Feast Day Essay Contest. We invite all *young parishioners* to share with us their thoughts of St. Joseph, our patron.

Topics:

How the Holy Family inspires me and my family?

Who is St. Joseph to me?

If St. Joseph was here today, what would I say and do with him?

Entries are organized into age divisions:

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Deadline and Judging Criteria

Deadline – March 15, 2017.

Essays will be checked by PPAC and Stewardship team from March 16 to March 18, 2017.

The results will be announced on March 19, 2017 at the Feast of St. Joseph Celebration. The winning essays will be published on the parish website and in the parish bulletin. Each winner will receive a personal email alert.

Submission Guidelines

Type Essay (800 - 1300 words) - one participant can send only one essay!

Language English only

Formats .doc .pdf

100% unique All submissions will be checked via PlagTracker.

Participation in the contest automatically constitutes your agreement to the Terms and Conditions and the rejection of any claim.

Submit to sjchurchbulletin@gmail.com

State Parent's Name; Contestant Name; Which topic was selected (Question 1, 2 or 3); & which division entering

Subject Title: Essay St. Joseph Feast Day & Contestant Name

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 06
6:00 pm Adult Faith Formation (RCIA)

Tuesday, March 07
5:00 pm R E Board Meeting/Library
6:30 pm Novena Rosary
7:00 pm Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesday, March 08
6:00 pm Stewardship Committee/Conf. Room
6:30 pm Alabare Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm EOM Orientation & Training/Mtg. Room

Thursday, March 09
6:30 pm St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/Church

Friday, March 10
11:00 am Prayer Service (+Fely Andrada)/Dodo
12:30 pm Graveside Service (+Fely Andrada)/Homelani
3:00 pm Stations of the Cross/Church
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross/Church
7:00 pm Prayer Service (+June Agcalon)/Dodo

Saturday, March 11
7:00 am Engaged Encounter Weekend
8:15 am Church Cleaners #6 (C. Lantano)
9:30 am Bible Sharing
10:00 am Reconciliation
5:00 pm High School Youth Ministry

Sunday, March 12
10:15 am Sunday R E Classes

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	Week (2/22-2/27)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Collections	9,302.00	331,545.32	366,309.47
All Other Income	645.39	236,857.13	224,327.18
Deposited to Bank	9,947.39	568,402.45	590,636.65
Expenses	1,331.54	516,753.79	584,367.39
Net Revenues	8,615.85	51,648.66	6,269.26
Parish Hall	431.25	Parish Savings	
		Designated Funds	524,119.66
		Restricted Funds	410,145.07
			934,264.73



ATTENTION!

March 18 (5:00 pm mass) to
March 19 (7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 mass)
Traffic Patterns will be slightly different.
The Kapiolani Street Driveway (next to the
rectory) will be an **EXIT ONLY**.

Inviting all individuals, businesses, agencies, organizations, clubs, & associations!
Come and share Micronesian and other crafts and handiworks with the East Hawai'i community!

CRAFT FAIR & CULTURAL FESTIVAL
Thursday, March 30, 2017
Sangha Hall
398 Kilauea Ave., Hilo

Craft Fair: 9AM - 2PM, \$50 per vendor table
Booths available first come, first served!
Comes with one free ticket to the Cultural Festival from 3-9pm!
Additional tickets can be purchased for \$5 per ticket.

If you want a table at the Festival to display, demonstrate, or sell your Micronesian handicrafts and art, please contact Miki Lewis Atzawa at mik_lewis@hotmail.com or 315-0132, or HACBED at info@hacbed.org or 550-2661.

CRAFTS PERFORMANCES MUSIC

This will be a non-alcoholic event.

Please make checks payable to HACBED for ticket costs and/or donations to HCCA.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND!

This weekend we are 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.

FULL PAGE AD
\$250 (weekly) or \$1,000 (monthly)

HALF PAGE AD
\$125 (weekly) or \$500 (monthly)

This pricing is calculated to cover the cost of publication. For a color ad, please add 20%. If monthly, the month may have 4 or 5 weeks. Your ad will run for all Sunday's in that month. 10% discount for annual commitment paid in advance.

**For more information
or to submit your ad,
please call the rectory office and
leave a message for Bernard
Balsis, 935-1465.**

QUARTER PAGE
\$65 (weekly) or \$250 (monthly)

1/8 PAGE \$125 (Monthly only)

**Please consider advertising in the
St. Joseph Parish (Hilo) Sunday
Bulletin.**

**Many in our parish have referred
their business to those
advertising in our bulletin.**

1/16 PAGE \$100
(Monthly only)