November 5, 2017

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www.stjoehilo.com 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



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PRAY FOR US!



The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Matthew 23:11-12

Weekly Reflection: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle A

"The greatest among you must be your servant."

I remember entering an office of a company's CEO, and prominently hanging on the wall was the famous quote of Muhammad Ali: "It is hard to be humble when you are as great as I am." And I am wondering if this is the reason why humility is not often mentioned nowadays.

Certainly this was the case for the Pharisees and the Scribes in the Gospel today. They were so "full of themselves" that they had forgotten their role of leadership in the community was SERVICE. Thus, Jesus wanted to remind them as well as his disciples that "the greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

However, in our highly competitive world we attach great premium to being on top and being first. Humility seems to be out of place because it is perceived as a sign of weakness, not greatness. But this is a wrong understanding of humility. **Humility is knowing one's strength and their true self-worth as a person**. And thus, a humble person is also quick to appreciate and value the dignity of the others. This person will go to the length of protecting it. A humble person will always be ready to walk the path of service. To serve is to move the focus from oneself to others that leads to the heavenly Other, which is God, himself. To serve is truly an opportunity provided by God for us to encounter Him in others.

As Christians, our model of service is the self-giving of Christ, who gave everything, even his life without counting the cost. Are we ready to be servants for the Lord?



<u>May God Bless you!</u>

"I would like to extend my abundant gratitude to you, the faithful people of St. Joseph Church for supporting the SSS -Hawaii Mission Appeal. Your generous donations will support the Blessed Sacrament Seminarians' Educational fund. I enjoyed my time here in Hawaii. I am excited to return home. Please pray for me and all priests, seminarians, religious brothers & deacons. Pray for the increase of all vocations to the priesthood, the religious life as well as to the sacrament of marriage & family." -Fr. Lennen Deciar

<u>Sunday, Nov. 05</u> Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10 Ps 131:1-3

10 Ps 131:1-3 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 Mt 23:1-12

<u>Monday, Nov. 06</u>

Rom 11:29-36 Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 Lk 14:12-14

<u>Tuesday, Nov. 07</u> Rom 12:5-16b Ps 131:1cde, 2-3 Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday, Nov. 08 Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1b, 2, 4-5, 9 Lk 14:25-33

Thursday, Nov. 09 Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22

Friday, Nov. 10 Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 16:1-8

<u>Saturday, Nov. 11</u> Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Ps 145:2-5, 10-11 Lk 16:9-15

Sunday, Nov. 12

Wis 6:12-16 Ps 63:2-8 1 Thes 4:13-18 Mt 25:1-13 "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." St Jerome

Let us pray for the souls of our dearly +H departed. +P May they find +C peace.

+Ramon Rodero +Prolando Racho +Onofre Cabalce



St. Joseph Parish Picnic

November 18, 2017—Saturday 10:00 am-2:00 pm **Coconut Island Pavilion**

Parish will provide: hamburgers, corn dogs, French fries, water and juice. Bring a potluck picnic dish to share and your beach chair or mat. Come to relax, take a walk and enjoy together as a Parish!

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Aloha!

Due to the current rising of the **mumps outbreak in Hawaii** local pastoral discretion and care should be practiced as necessary. It is *advisable* by the Office of Worship that parishes may decide to temporarily suspend the distribution of communion through the use of the communal chalice (Precious Blood) at Mass. The recommendation is to stop the use of the chalice(s) for at least the next three weeks (incubation period for mumps) or until the outbreak settles down. Parishes in areas where a high volume of tourists attend Mass should be alerted and highly consider this temporary suspension. As Church leaders we have to be sensitive to the needs and health of our congregations.

The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) continues to investigate an increasing number of cases of mumps infection statewide. As of October 26, 2017 the number of confirmed cases of mumps for 2017 is **512**; **420 alone were reported on Honolulu.**

Medical experts says that the "the highest risk population are those born after 1957. A patient with mumps is most contagious 3 to 7 days before he or she gets sick. This is a bad disease in adults. This is a highly virulent RNA virus that is passed on via oral secretions and it is not killed with a short pass through wine level alcohol."

It is recommended that patients suspected or diagnosed with mumps should self-isolate and avoid going out and exposing others for 9 days after onset of *parotitis* (swelling of the salivary glands). People who have been exposed to mumps and are not vaccinated should not attend public events or be in public areas from day 12 through day 25 after exposure.

This type of situations like annual cold and flu season (or any contagious diseases) always offers us the opportunity to teach the faithful about the use of common sense in sharing the sign of peace and the chalice. For example, a smile or a bow, or simply the words "*Peace be with you*" might seem more appropriate during the exchange of peace. It is important to remind the faithful that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from a contagious disease. It is a sign of consideration for themselves and others that those that are feeling ill should remain at home.

Within our churches, we must also use common sense and maintain good habits:

- Check and fill hand-soap dispensers in all of the restrooms of the church.
- You might also place a large dispenser of hand sanitizer in your church vestibule.
- Maintain clean, fresh holy water and holy water fonts.
- · Sanitize with disinfectant wipes places and things in the church that are touched frequently.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.



Peace!

Deacon Modesto Cordero Director Office of Worship Roman Catholic Diocese of Honolulu 1184 Bishop Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

According to the information received the virus that causes the mumps has been found capable of surviving the alcohol levels of our wine. Because of this Fr. Poli has made the decision that St. Joseph will be offering communion via the body only until further notice.



People who have been exposed to mumps and are not vaccinated should not

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attend school, work or travel from day 12 through day 25 after exposure.

Routine MMR Vaccination Recommendations:

All children should receive two doses of MMR vaccine. The first dose is typically given at age 12–15 months and the second dose routinely at age 4-6 years.

All adults born in 1957 or later should receive at least one dose of MMR vaccine (persons at high risk for ex-• posure to mumps, including college students, health care workers, and international travelers, should receive two doses).







St. Joseph School students pray the Rosary.

St. Joseph School Students gathered on Monday morning of October 23 to pray to the Blessed Mother as Living Rosary. They meditated on the mysteries designated for World Missions. This global prayer devotion focused on the various countries, their leaders, their people and peace for all nations. Students participated as prayer leaders from grades 3-12.

Let us continue to pray for the intercession of Mother Mary so that peace will reign in our world.



When you turn to the Psalms (part 1)

Brought to you by the Adult Bible Sharing Ministry

(Meets Saturdays at 9:30am in the rectory Library)

When you are tempted to compromise	Psalm 1:1-7
When you are unjustly criticized	Psalm 3:1-4
When you are lacking joy	Psalm 5:11, 12
When you are being tested	Psalm 10:5-7
When you need encouragement	Psalm 17:6-8
If you doubt the scriptures	Psalm 19:7-11
When you are lonely	Psalm 23:1-6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

	Weekly Calendar
Monday, No	ov. 06
	RCIA (Adult Faith Formation)/Library
7:00 pm	Liturgy Committee/Conf. Room
Tuesday, N	ov. 07
5:00 pm	Maintenance Committee/Mtg. Room
7:00 pm	Mother of Perpetual Help Novena (Rosary
-6:30 pm)/C	hurch
Wednesday	, Nov. 08
6:30 pm	Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Library
7:00 pm	Praise & Worship Hour/Church
Thursday, I	Nov. 09
6:00 pm	Adult Confirmation Course/Conf. Room
6:30 pm	St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/Church
Friday, Nov	v. 10 "Veteran's Day" Holiday—
_	Rectory office closed
7:00 am	Mass/Church—NO 12:15 pm Mass
6:00 pm	San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal/Church
Saturday, N	lov. 11
8:15 am	Church Cleaner's #4 (V. Coloma)/Church
9:30 am	Bible Sharing/Library
10:00 am	Reconciliation/Church
5:00 pm	High School Youth Ministry/Library
Sunday, No	v. 12
10:15 am	Religious Education Classes/SJHS

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Going to the chapel & we're going to get married!

St. Joseph Parish is hosted the bi-annual Engaged Encounter this past weekend. In attendance were ten engaged couples who are from Kona, Honokaa, Keaau and Hilo. The retreat was facilitated by Dcn Mike and Leoda Shizuma from Molokai; David and Lourdes Tupper from Oahu; and



Fred and Patti Basilio from Hilo. They wish to thank all those who prayed for the couples during the weekend, with the set up and those who helped with meals.

May we continue to pray for, protect and preserve the sanctity of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Love is a Decision!

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

Week (10/24 to 10/30)		YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Collections	6,522.25	149,600.87	161,850.78
All Other Income	12,149.85	108,799.09	117,631.27
Deposited to Bank	18,672.10	258,399.96	279,482.05
Parish Hall	386.25	Parish Savings	
		Loan to school	160,909.08
		Designated Funds	336,330.58
		Restricted Funds	423,898.32
			921,137.98



The 2017 Cliff and Kathie Dias / St. Joseph School Cardinal Classic basketball tournament will be held December 7, 8, & 9

at the Hilo Civic Auditorium Gym featuring:

St. Joseph High School Hilo High School Honoka'a High School Kamehameha High School, Hawaii Kohala High School Kailua High School, O'ahu Maryknoll High School, O'ahu Waiakea High School

This three day event is targeted towards families and will allow your business the opportunity to increase its awareness within the community as well as help fund the St. Joseph High School Athletic Program. Support local high school sports and be a part of the action by becoming a sponsor today!

> If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or have any questions please contact Michael Costales at (808)365-5421.

Are you seeking an opportunity to pray, share and learn with other families?

St. Joseph's is looking to form a Marriage and Family ministry. If you are interested in meeting other families with like minded values to encourage one another in our vocations as spouses and parents, please contact Jackie Mitchell at jaxmitchell2013@gmail.com

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Mandatory Sacristans Meeting on Friday, November 17, 2017 6:30 pm in the church. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Fr. Zaldy.



Knights of Columbus Council 15925 Ka'aha o Kana Meleama will be hosting a food drive during the weekend masses of **November 11-12 & November 18-19** for our parish food pantry. Just place them in the bins at the church entrances. Food donations may also be brought to the rectory meeting room.

PREFERRED FOOD ITEMS:					
FRUITS	VEGETABLES	GRAINS	PROTEIN	SNACK	S CONDIMENTS
Fruits canned in own uice or 100% fruit juice PEACHES PEARS PINEAPPLE 00% FRUIT JUICE	Low sodium, canned vegetables GREEN BEANS CORN TOMATOES SPAGHETTI SAUCE	Whole grain foods BROWN RICE OATMEAL CEREAL (NO SUGAR ADDED) PASTA	Lean sources of animal- and plant-based proteins CHICKEN, CANNED TUNA, CANNED PEANUT BUTTER BEANS.	Heathy loods on-thego GRANOLA NUTS & SEE BREAKFAST B GRAHAM CRACKERS	SALSA Oil DS Mustard Ars Salt-Free Seasonings

PRAISE & WORSHIP HOUR

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 7-8pm St. Joseph Church

Join us as we gather together as the Body of Christ, to worship and thank the Lord for all He does for us. As we sing songs of praise, God is with us in a very special way.

"Let everything that has breath give praise to the Lord! Hallelujah!" (Psalm 150:6)

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