

December 10, 2017

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



ST. JOSEPH

PRAY FOR US!



And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the holy Spirit."

-Mark 1:1-8

Weekly Reflection: **2nd Sunday of Advent Cycle B**

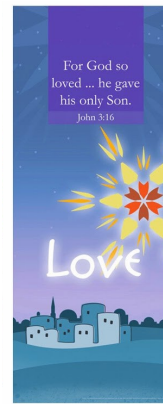
"Prepare the way of the Lord"

We are now on the second Sunday of Advent. And as we start the countdown for Christmas, we see people preparing for it: setting up their Christmas tree and Christmas lights and decors. But there is a more important preparation that we are called to: the spiritual preparation. Hence, this Sunday, St. John the Baptist, is being presented to us. He is the voice crying in the desert: *"Prepare the way of the Lord!"*

The preparation that St. John refers to is about internal and spiritual preparation. The main point of his preaching is repentance. *"Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand!"* As we wait for the Lord, we are led to look at ourselves, and admit the presence of those obstacles that block our hearts from welcoming Christ.

But this can only be done in the spirit of humility. John the Baptist reminds us of this virtue when he said: *"One mightier than I is coming after me and I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals."* We turn to the Lord in sorrow but full of hope that His mercy is greater than our sins.

And therefore as Advent people, we await the coming of the Lord with patience and faith – trusting that when He comes, He would transform this world and our lives according to the vision of the Father.



"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."
St Jerome

Sunday, Dec. 10

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

Monday, Dec. 11

Is 35:1-10
Ps 85:9ab, 10-14
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, Dec. 12

Zec 2:14-17
(Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, Dec. 13

Is 40:25-31
Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, Dec. 14

Is 41:13-20
Ps 145:1, 9-13b
Mt 11:11-15

Friday, Dec. 15

Is 48:17-19
Ps 1:1-4, 6
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, Dec. 16

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, Dec. 17

Is 6:1-2a, 10-11
(Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54
1 Thes 5:16-24
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**Remove & Replace the concrete apron
at the front of the church**



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.

Updates from the repair & maintenance ministry:

The pastor is seeking monetary assistance in the removal and replacement of the concrete area in the front of the church.

Scope of work:

- Demolish & stockpile concrete
- Remake bottom steps leading to parking lot
- Provide drainage to prevent water pooling
- Remake the ramp between the car-loading area & the front walk
- Repair cracks
- Provide handrails



Added a second set of stairs to access the choir loft safely.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Calendar

Monday, Dec. 11

6:00 pm RCIA (Adult Faith Formation)/Library
6:00 pm Parish Advent Recollection/Church
6:30 pm Knights of Columbus/Mtg. Room

Tuesday, Dec. 12 "Our Lady of Guadalupe"

6:00 pm Parish Advent Penance Service/Church

Wednesday, Dec. 13

6:30 pm Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday, Dec. 14

6:30 pm St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/Church
7:00 pm Mother of Perpetual Help Novena (Rosary-6:30 pm)/Mtg. Room

Friday, Dec. 15

6:00 pm San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal/Church

Saturday, Dec. 16

4:00 am Missa de Gallo Mass/Church
8:15 am Church Cleaner's #6 (C. Lantano)/Church
9:30 am Bible Sharing/Library
10:00 am Reconciliation/Church
10:00 am Altar Server Rehearsal/Church
5:00 pm Mass w/Renewal of Vows/Church
5:00 pm High School Youth Ministry/Library

Sunday, Dec. 17 "3rd Sunday of Advent"

4:00 am Missa de Gallo Mass/Church
10:15 am Religious Education Classes/SJHS

Christmas Decorating of the Church:

The environment ministry is looking for any volunteers to assist with the **hanging of the Christmas lights on the exterior parts** of the church. Please contact **Fr. Wilbert** for more information.



Also, join us for a **"WORK-PARTY"** to decorate the church on December 14 & 15 at 1:00 pm. For more information contact **Pina Andres**.

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

+Marianna Soares

+Valerie Ishiyama



Today's Advent Prayer

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jesus, as we prepare to welcome you again this Christmas, speak your words into our hearts and lives, that by our preparation for your birth, we might proclaim what still needs to be made ready if our world is to become more like your Kingdom. Soften our hearts, calm our fears, and give us courage to proclaim your coming in our broken world.



Advent

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

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 Penance Service:
Tuesday, December 12 at 6:00 PM**

The parish 2018 calendar is now available for parishioners. Please see a hospitality minister for a complimentary calendar or visit the rectory office.
Limit one calendar per household so that all households may have one.

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.

NOVENA MASS SCHEDULE:

December 16th @ 4:00 am

December 17th @ 4:00 am

December 18—22 @ 7:00 pm

December 23 @ 4:00 am

December 24 @ 4:00 am



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.

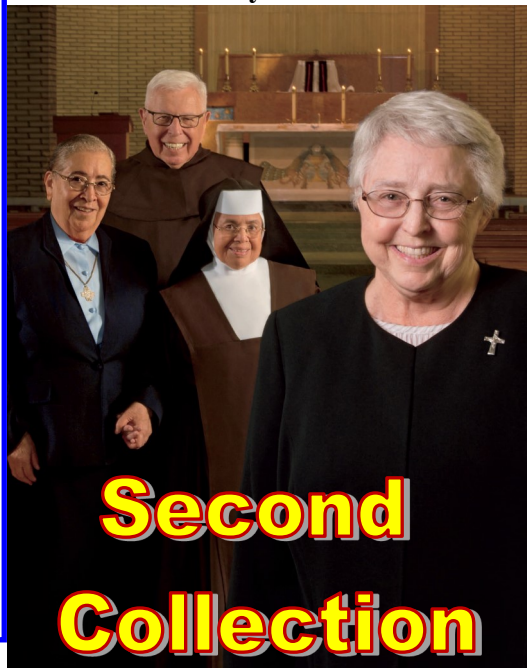
The socks may be handed in on Sunday, November 26, December 03, & December 10 during the Sunday Masses when your child attends Children's Liturgy.

This is a voluntary project. Thank you for your kindness.

Collection is on

December 9 & 10, 2017

Envelopes are located at the front of the church for your convenience.



Help religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!



Annual Fundraiser for the St. Joseph Youth & Young Adult Ministry



Holiday Goodie Bags **Cost \$20.00/Bag**

Items from Big Island Delights (Original Party Mix Delight, Snowball cookies, Li Hing Mango, Tomore Premix Arare, Chocolate Dipped Fortune Cookie, Furikake Maui Onion Chips)

Pick up at St. Joseph Church (43 Kapiolani St.) Parking Lot

Sunday Dec. 17, 2017

9:00am-1:00pm

Tickets available with Chrislyn Villena or any of the youth ministry members

Get your presale tickets now!
Limited Supply!