

February 12, 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



**“The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist.”**  
**-Pope St. Gregory the Great**

***“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets;  
I have come not to abolish but to fulfil them.”***

Law is intended to bring order and stability in our society. In almost all action we make, we find a law that binds us. But underneath the law is the Spirit that gives meaning for the law's creation which we must discover otherwise the law becomes a burden. So for Christ, it is not about abolishing the law, but he is asking from his followers a more perfect, a more sincere, fulfilment of them. The true moral value of observing the law comes from the interior disposition of him who observes or keeps it. No man serves or honors God by any exterior acts, even how solemn or pious it may appear, unless these acts proceed from an intention and a will to honor, please and love God.

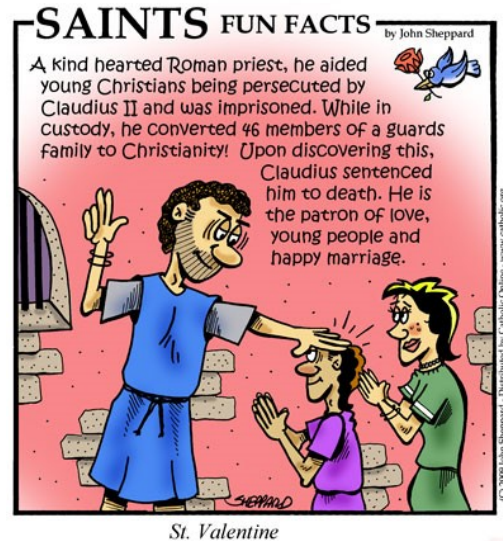
Just like when one asks what part of the Mass they can be late to constitutes a mortal sin. This is looking at the Mass as a mere “obligation”. And such attitude is legalistic and immature. The real spirit and right motive behind coming to Mass is to show our dependence on a God whom we honor, respect, and love. Moreover, our Sunday worship of God must overflow into love for our fellow men. To express our love for God at Mass, while remaining indifferent or hating our neighbors, is a contradiction and certainly not the spirit of what participating in the Eucharist means.

And for Christ, love is the fulfillment of the Law. All the laws must be interpreted in the light of the law of love. And our observance of the law must be animated therefore by love.



#### **Saint Valentine of Rome**

St. Valentine taught us about the importance of love and the Sacrament of Marriage. He believed in these things so deeply that he was martyred for them near the year 269 AD. He was imprisoned for trying to marry Christian couples. Although we live in different times, where marriage and love is not forbidden to us, we must remember that things weren't always this way. We must remind ourselves that all we have is precious. St. Valentine's day is the perfect opportunity to reflect on what we have been given in love and through love. Celebrating St. Valentine's Day is a tribute to the saint later titled as the Patron Saint of Lovers. His devotion to God and his commitment to supporting love and marriage set a wonderful example for us.



(<http://catholiconline.org/saints/valentine/>)

#### **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.



# Celebrating World Marriage Day!

Thomas & Yvonne Rezendes

Wedding Day




Bernadette & Carl Sobrado

Wedding Day



Kathy & Norbert Serrao, Jr.


WORLD MARRIAGE DAY



LOVE ONE ANOTHER

### Prayer for our Marriage

Heavenly Father, we thank You for your tremendous gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Enable us to grow in our intimacy with You and with each other. Teach us the beauty of forgiveness so we may become more and more one in heart, mind and body. Strengthen our communication with each other, and help us become living signs of your Love. Help us to be examples of commitment, Love, and service to our families and children. Make us a sign of the unity which Jesus prays for at the Last Supper. We open ourselves to the guidance of your Holy Spirit, who empowers us to love in Jesus' name and walk in His footsteps. Amen

Sponsored by 



Adam Krull &  
Theresa Khong  
First Wedding  
Anniversary





February 4th, 2017 Saturday

Happy Birthday St. Peter Julian Eymard founder of the Blessed Sacrament Congregation. Pictured here are St. Joseph Parishioners and members of the St. Joseph Church Blessed Sacrament Aggregates of Hilo. St. Peter Julian Eymard, pray for us.

Photo Credit: Linda Villena

## Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament

-Submitted by Fr. Poli Ty, SSS  
Blessed Sacrament Aggregates

The *Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament* is a public, universal and international, association of Christ's faithful affiliated with the religious Institutes founded by St. Peter Julian Eymard – the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament and the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament – and recognized by the Church.

It stems from the long tradition of our religious families which gave life to a 'public association of lay faithful' in order to share the same Eucharistic spirituality and mission with the laity drawing inspiration from St. Peter Julian Eymard.

Aim: Guided by the *Project of Life*, the Christian vocation of an Aggregate is to give witness to Christ in the midst of our human society and, starting from the Eucharist, source and summit of all Evangelizing, try to permeate evangelically all human realities. Organized on an international, national, and local level, they take active role in the actions of the local Church in fostering solidarity, human dignity and holistic human development. Members of the Aggregation engage in a formation process and make public promises to live their lives centered on the Eucharist.

## THE PROJECT OF LIFE

The Project of Life intends to be the rule of life for the members of the Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament. It lays the foundation of Eucharistic Life for the lay people associated with the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament and the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament.

It stems from the long tradition of our

religious family, which starting from Fr. Eymard, gave life to a "Public Association of lay faithful" called aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament, in order to share the Eucharistic mission with the laity.

It is offered for all those, who moved by the Holy Spirit, feel themselves as belonging to the one spiritual family which draws inspiration from St. Peter Julian Eymard.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership to the Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament is open to:

- All (male and female) baptized Catholic
- At least 18 years of age
- Living a coherent Christian life
- Free choice and prayerful discernment
- Application is made with the Local Director of the Aggregates. Once assessed as a suitable candidate, the person is admitted to the formation program.

## FORMATION PROGRAM

The formation program of the Aggregation is divided into:

- \* Initial Formation – which is the formation program in preparation for eventual admission as full member of the Aggregation. This period extends to a period of 6 months. At the end of the initial formation, the Rite of Admission is celebrated with the candidate making the Promise of Commitment.
- \* On-going Formation – initiatives of formation and meetings arranged for them at the local level. This also include personal formation by study and reflection.

## Initial Formation:

- \* Under the guidance of the Local Director, the program of initial formation comprises the deepening of life of faith and period of discernment.

## *Deepening of life of Faith in the different areas such as:*

(Conducted once a month for a period of 6 months)

- \* Prayer
- \* Deepening of life of faith
- \* Assimilation of the specific vocation of lay persons in the Church
- \* Catechesis on the Eucharist
- \* Knowledge of the life and charism of St. Peter Julian Eymard
- \* Study of the Life project of the Aggregation

## *Period of Discernment*

- \* It is also the period of discernment for the candidate in view of the possibility of embracing a Promise of commitment. Discernment involves prayer for guidance from the Holy Spirit and is central part of the candidate's first year formation. Candidates first discern the call to embrace the charism of St. Peter Julian Eymard and to live a fully Eucharistic lifestyle.
- \* Fidelity to the monthly formation
- \* Fidelity to participation in the celebration of the Eucharist (Sunday Eucharist) and daily personal prayer – mediation on the word of God
- \* Growing desire and providing time for adoration of the blessed sacrament (at least an hour of adoration every week.)
- \* Involvement in church or community service
- \* Personal readings on the life and works of Fr. Eymard.



## The Importance of Music and Singing

*-Submitted by: Gloria Mendoza-Watson, Director of Music*

Music that blends both spiritual and artistic excellence, is liturgical – it is sacred. Such music has the ability to cultivate, strengthen, and deepen the spiritual experience of those gathered for worship. The musical tradition of the Church is a treasure of immeasurable value.

Sacred music imparts spiritual truth to one's mind, heart, and soul. It displays a dimension of meaning and feeling that mere words cannot. Music makes prayer more pleasing, promotes a sense of congregational unity, and confers greater solemnity upon the sacred rites. When deciding which parts of the Mass are to be sung, preference is given to those which are more important, especially those which the priest, one of his assistants, or a cantor is to sing in alternation with the people, or which all are to sing together.

Singing is an expression of joy. In Colossians 3:16, St. Paul exhorts the faithful assembled in expectation of their Lord's return to sing together. He says, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly..., singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God." Our relationship with God is one of love, and whether we sing loudly or softly, on pitch or out of tune, sing! St. Augustine very rightly says that, "it is natural for a lover to sing." We might also remember the ancient proverb that tells us "those who sing pray twice." So sing your praise, your love song, to God – He will surely be pleased.

### Sunday, Feb. 12

Sir 15:15-20  
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34  
1 Cor 2:6-10  
Mt 5:17-37

### Monday, Feb. 13

Gn 4:1-15, 25  
Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21  
Mk 8:11-13

### Tuesday, Feb. 14

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10  
Ps 129:1a, 2, 3ac-4  
Mk 8:14-21

### Wednesday, Feb. 15

Gn 8:1-13, 20-22  
Ps 166:12-15, 18-19  
Mk 8:22-26

### Thursday, Feb. 16

Gn 9:1-13  
Ps 102:16-18, 19-23, 29  
Mk 8:27-33

### Friday, Feb. 17

Gn 11:1-9  
Ps 33:10-15  
Mk 8:34—9:1

### Saturday, Feb. 18

Heb 11:1-7  
Ps 145:2-5, 10-11  
Mk 9:2-13



## **Lector Ministry | John 1:1-5**

During the Mass, God speaks to His people, gathered at a particular time and place. For each of us gathered to hear his Word, each will hear the message uniquely, as the Holy Spirit touches each soul. It is a miracle of transformation. To work this miracle, God has chosen instruments: He uses LECTORS. When a lector reads the scripture, it is as if the book disappears. The lector is the mouthpiece of God. God uses the voice of the lector to say something modern. Even as the words are old, the proclamation is always new.

Lectors understand the mission of their work. To prepare for each liturgy, the lector reads the scripture ahead of time to establish a personal encounter with the word of God. It is from this encounter, through the lector, that the people of God may also encounter the divine Word. For more information on becoming a Lector, please call the rectory office @ 935-1465 and leave a message for Leah Ogden

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



*+ Jon Hall*

**PRAYER**

**"You are teaching your kids what marriage should look like. Treat your spouse the way you hope your kids' future spouses treat them some day."**

**7DayMarriageChallenge.com**

### Why Marriage Matters

Marriage does matter. After all, we're all in this together. As members of society, we count on each other every day to keep our commitments. We feel more secure when we can depend on others.

Although marriage has changed a great deal (see A Snapshot of Marriage in the U.S.), the benefits of marriage endure. Social science research confirms that marriage is an important social good that brings a wide range of positive outcomes for adults and children alike. Read more about these benefits of marriage:

- On average, married people are better off financially.
- Marriage is associated with better health, sex and safety for men and women.
- Children do better when they live with their own two married parents.



(<http://foryourmarriage.org>)

## Ten Tips to Celebrate World Marriage Day

- ♦ Renew your vows today or on Valentine's Day. "I \_\_\_\_\_ take you \_\_\_\_\_ to be my wife/husband. I promise to be faithful to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love you and to honor you all the days of my life."
- ♦ Fighting Fair Tip: Keep it current. One couple has the rule of thumb that any issue older than the milk in the refrigerator is no longer game. Recurring arguments usually mean that there's something behind the present problem that irks the other.
- ♦ Today is the celebration of World Marriage Day. It's a great time to reconnect with your spouse. Take advantage of the short, cold days to spend time together. Talk, dream, or just be in each other's presence. Pray to rekindle your love.
- ♦ High school biology is good – but not sufficient for the more important medical decisions we make in life. Learning Natural Family Planning as a couple can update and deepen your knowledge of how the female body works. Consider taking an NFP class together.
- ♦ "You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world," Jesus says to his disciples (Mt 5:13, 14). Married love is salt and light. It brings joy – flavor – to a world that is too often bleak. It shines the light of hope on weary hearts. Rejoice in your marriage today.
- ♦ "Where you invest your love, you invest your life." (Marcus Mumford) Is your love invested in the most important parts of your life – God, your spouse, your children? Take a moment to evaluate.
- ♦ Marriage is not just about sharing a physical life together, but calling each other on to holiness. It is not always easy to keep Christ at the center of your marriage, so pray for the grace to help your spouse to heaven.
- ♦ "And you yourself a sword will pierce," the prophet Simeon says to Mary (Lk 2:35). Are you or your spouse carrying a heavy burden, a painful ache in your heart? Pray to Mary for help in bearing your suffering well. She knows our pain.
- ♦ Sometimes spouses have different conversation goals. Be aware of your styles of communication as well as the direction of your conversation – whether you want to vent, bring clarity to a problem, or get a new viewpoint on a tough situation.
- ♦ "Taking time to rest is not a waste of time." (Susan Vogt) Give yourself a break today or tomorrow – from kids, a chore, worries. It doesn't have to be long to refresh. Take your cue from God, our Creator, who rested on the seventh day.

*"The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together."  
St. John Chrysostom*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Weekly Calendar

### Monday, February 13

6:00 pm Adult Faith Formation (RCIA)  
7:00 pm Baptismal Prep Class  
7:00 pm San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Music Liturgy

### Tuesday, February 14

2:00 pm Graveside Service (+Rosemarie Bright)  
6:30 pm Novena Rosary  
7:00 pm Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

### Wednesday, February 15

1:15 pm Validation of Marriage (Taifmai)  
6:30 pm Alabare Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Wake Service (+Harry Medeiros)

### Thursday, February 16

8:30 am Viewing (+Harry Medeiros)  
10:30 am Funeral Mass (+Harry Medeiros)  
6:30 pm St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Wake Service (+Evaline Lawrence)

### Friday, February 17

8:00 am Viewing (+Evaline Lawrence)  
10:00 am Funeral Mass (+Evaline Lawrence)

### Saturday, February 18

8:15 am Church Cleaners #7 (M. Aizawa)  
9:30 am Bible Sharing  
10:00 am Reconciliation  
5:00 pm High School Youth Ministry

### Sunday, February 19

10:15 am **NO** Sunday R E Classes (President's Day Holiday)

## Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	Week (2/1-2/5)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Collections	8,084.14	305,566.10	334,309.46
All Other Income	17,606.32	228,672.77	203,202.15
Deposited to Bank	25,690.46	534,238.87	537,511.61
Expenses	15,621.72	487,929.16	529,214.65
Net Revenues	10,068.74	46,309.71	8,296.96
Parish Hall	179.25	Parish Savings	
		Designated Funds	524,119.66
		Restricted Funds	409,096.32
			<b>933,215.98</b>



## St. Joseph School Open House Preschool – 12<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday February 12, 2017 1 pm – 3 pm

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- A nurturing community Preschool – 12th grade
- A Loving environment with rigorous academic curriculum
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WEEK**

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## St. Michael's Golf Tournament

**Saturday, March 25, 2017**

**Kona Country Club-Ocean Course**

**Golf, Lunch, Silent Auction**

**\$300/2-person Team**

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