January 15, 2017

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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 CHURCH

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation Church dedicated in 1919



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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A – January 15, 2017

"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Every Mass, we pray: "This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world", but we probably have not thought much about it. Hearing in our Gospel St. John, the Baptist, proclaiming: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world," would be a good time to reflect about it.

In the Jewish temple lambs had their lives taken as sacrifices on behalf of the people. Like a lamb placed on the temple's altar, Jesus allowed himself to be sacrificed on behalf of his people, on behalf of each and every one of us.

While this indeed speaks a lot about who Christ is and the great sacrifice he endured for all of us, it also reveals a lot about who we are in the eyes of God. We are so precious in the eyes of the Lord that he is willing to be sacrificed on our behalf. And this should give us a sense of our true worth. It does not come from our being beautiful, or so smart and intelligent, or because we are so influential and powerful, not even because we are virtuous. For while the world may uphold them as the one that makes a difference we all know they do not last for very long. Ultimately our worth does not come from our brilliance, virtue, beauty or strength. We are valuable because someone is willing to pay a great price for us. That someone is the Son of God himself.

And this is important for us to say that today. We live in a society confused about the value of human life. We know that our life has incalculable worth and value. Someone is willing to pay an enormous price for it. The Lamb of God has paid the price and all because of his great and unconditional love for each one of us. We are truly precious because we are loved by God.

So that the next time, we pray "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the Lord", remember to thank our Lord from the depths of your heart.

Fr. Poli Ty, SSS

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.

Aloha and a Blessed Weekend to All of You!

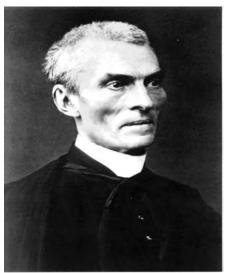
Today is the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time in our Liturgical Calendar. Christmas season ended last Monday on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord and that is the beginning of his public ministry. We already set aside all the Christmas paraphernalia. But I am hoping that the spirit of Christmas will remain forever in our hearts. The joy and peace that we share will continue to inspire us in every day of our life.

Back to our ordinary routine in life, we shouldn't be complacent, be always ready for the many surprises. We have a God who makes a lot of surprises. He will reveal to us in mysterious ways. Be always prepared for the many challenges that come on our way. We, at St. Joseph, are always ready to respond to all the challenges that come to us. We have so many programs and activities to strengthen our relationship with God and make us good stewards of the Gospel.

On January 21, Saturday I would like to invite you to participate in the annual MARCH FOR LIFE. This day is a prayerful observance of Roe vs Wade decision 44 years ago. Everyone is welcome to join this peaceful event from 10:30 am to Noon on Kamehameha Ave. (Bayfront-Closest to the Hilo Farmers Market). Mark your calendar on January 30, our Church is designated to host the Fatima Centennial U.S. Tour for peace. We hold many activities at this event and all are welcome to participate in this special occasion in our Parish.

Lastly, please accept my pastoral blessings to those celebrating the gift of life and anniversaries for this month of January. I do pray to God through the intercession of our Holy Mother that this year will bring us prosperity and good health as we prepare ourselves for the many surprises throughout the year. May the Almighty Father always bless and keep you in His love.

Fr. Will, SSS



Saint Peter Julian Eymard

Known as the founder of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, Father Eymard was born in France and found his way to the priesthood as his brothers before him. In a time of anti-clericalism throughout much of France, he took up his priestly robes and was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Grenoble at the age of 23 on July 20, 1834. (Sexton, 2017) Struggling to find inner perfection and his devotion to Mary led Father Eymard to profess his vows as a member of the Society of Mary in 1839.

Throughout his years as a Marist and with his heart totally devoted to God, Father Eymard was seen as an outstanding organizer of lay societies, a zealous educator, and a well prepared preacher. In 1845 he would find enlightenment in the Eucharist during Corpus Christi at Saint Paul's Church in Lyons coupled with his painful decision to leave the Marists, Father Eymard's journey towards the creation of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament would begin.

*For more information please check out: blessedsacrament.com/us/st-peter-julian-eymard/

Prayer Pillar Committees

Leaders: Linda Embernate, Linda Villena Priest: Fr. Zaldy Norba

EOM Ministry (Mass Coordinators):

5:00pm Saturday 7:00am Sunday 9:00am Sunday 11:45am Sunday 6:00pm Sunday BJ Pang Ching Don Coloma Yvonne Rezentes Fern Madrona Josie Balingit

Blessed Sacrament Aggregates: Leah Ogden & Margie Ignacio

Puainako Prayer/Christian Community Group Estine Viernes

Wainaku Prayer/Christian Community Group Filipina Andres

Music Ministry

Director of Music Liturgy: Gloria Watson Choir Directors: Gloria Watson, Filipina Andres, Godfrey Nachor and Michael Springer

Filipino Christian Community: Cecilia Dalere and Christina Ranan

Perpetual Help Prayer Novena: John Aguiar & Linda Parker

Divine Mercy: Joette Tanigawa

Sacristans: Fern Madrona

Altar Servers: Lei Shinoda

Lectors: Lead Ogden

Respect Life: Dr. Stephen Woo

Holy Rosary Prayer (Saturdays): BJ Pang Ching & Betty De Lima

Liturgy Committee: Lei Shinoda

Bereavement Ministry: Madelyn Troelstrup

MEMORIAL MASS



Our annual Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, January 28, at 1:00 p.m. This Mass is offered for all those in St. Joseph Parish who have died this past year (2016). All parishioners, and especially the family and friends of the deceased, are invited to attend.

If you had a loved one who lived elsewhere and who died in 2016, we would like to include them in this special Mass. Please call the rectory office at 935-1465 and leave their name.

This year, in addition to the usual Memorial Names display, we would like to add a photo collage of the deceased. If you would like to have your loved one's picture included in this, please send your photo with their name to: sjchurchbulletin.com. You may also drop off your photo at the rectory office. Be sure to label it with the person's name.

If you wish to have the photo back, you may pick it up at the rectory office anytime after January 28.

All names and photos must be submitted by Tuesday, January 24.

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



+Ethel Souza +Rosemarie Bright

PRAYER

Church Cleaners

Each Saturday morning by 8:30am, a team of church cleaners appear & for the next 60-90 minutes, they proceed to vacuum, sweep & mop, wipe all seat cushions and the hardwood underneath. They also wipe window sills, around the holy water containers at entrances and the altar furniture at the main altar and side altars. The cleaners rearrange the prayer & songbooks. After sweeping the main entrance and side entrances, they disappear leaving the church with a "just cleaned" scent & appearance.

All 4 teams clean once a month & welcome additional members. Team leaders are Franklin Veriato, Don & Vivian Coloma, Cora Lantano, and Miki Aizawa. Please leave your name, phone number, preferred Saturday of the month at the church office 935-1465 and Mary Correa will return your call.

Hospitality Ministers

An opportunity to actively participate in weekend mass before, during and/or after mass. Hospitality ministers (HM) come early to greet parishioners at the 3 entrances while distributing the Church Bulletin. Several ushers find seats, especially if family members want to sit together. Six volunteers collect monetary offerings and three others participate in the offertory procession. At the end of mass, the same or different greeters bid adieu to parishioners. A few more canvass the church for stray bulletins or prayer cards to prepare for the next mass.

Many hands make light work and you are invited to join in, especially at 5pm Saturday, 11:45am Sunday, and 6pm Sunday.

Please call 935-1465 (Church Office), give your information to any Hospitality Minister upon exiting a mass, or drop off your information in the offertory basket (your name and telephone number, preferred mass time (s)) and Mary Correa (Hospitality Pillar Leader) will contact you.

Hospitality Pillar Committees

Leaders: Mary Correa, Gwen DeCoito, Christopher Ho, Evelyn Pacheco Priest: Father Wilbert Laroga

Hospitality Mass Coordinators:

5:00pm	Christopher Ho		
7:00am	Sonny Castillo,		
	Zach Abregano & Larry??		
9:00am	Irma & Herman Sumera,		
	Harvey Motomura,		
	Elsa Agno, and Pat Takemoto		
11:45am	Maria Sy-Rondaris		
6:00pm	Mary Correa & Vickie Kai		

Church Cleaning:

Team 1	Franklin Veriato
Team 4	Don and Vivian Coloma
Team 6	Cora Lantano
Team 7	Miki Aizawa

Environment 1 (Indoor): Filipina Andres

Environment 2 (Outdoor): Danie Villena

Centennial 2019: Harvey Motomura

Construction, Maintenance, and Repair: Evelyn Pacheco, Bob Lucas, Danie Villena, Gerard Callo, Fr. Wilbert Laroga

Media: Christopher Ho

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.

For more information to join one of the many parish ministries, call 935-1465 and ask for one of the coordinators or email us at stjosephchurch@stjoehilo.com

HOSPITALITY

Matthew 25:35

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me"



Service Pillar Committees

Leaders: Miki Aizawa, Verna Mae Branco, Harvey Motomura, Sam Nathan, and Bernie Rasay **Priest:** Father Wilbert Laroga

Hot Meals: Nancy Capellas, Nick Balingit, and Alex Kamau

Make A Difference: Avelina Espina

Knights of Columbus: Harvey Motomura

Cultural Groups—Chuukese: Miki Aizawa and Sam Nathan





The Knights of Columbus is a men's organization of the Catholic Church and was founded in Connecticut in 1882. Our purpose is charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Nationwide and worldwide, we engage in charitable acts and also have a program to serve as "second responders" in the event of emergencies, providing support for victims of disasters. Today there are over 14,000 councils, or chapters of the organization with 1.8 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan. The East Vicariate Council 15952 meets every 2nd Monday at 6:30 pm at Malia Puka O Kalani Church. (Read more about us on the Prayers before Mass card, you may find one in each pew).



Hot Meal Ministry: Volunteers are always welcome. Please join us on Thursday, January 19th for a Hot Meal. Service starts at 11:30 am.



SERVICE

Faith Formation Pillar Committees

Leaders: Remy Balsis, Margaret Lucas, Charlene Miyashiro Priest: Father Poli Ty

Religious Education Director of Family Ministries/RCIA/ Youth & Young Adults: Chrislyn Villena

- Bible Study/Children's Liturgy: Mary Ann Leite
- Infant & Children
 Baptism:
 Fred and Patti Basilio,
 Danie and Linda Villena,
 and Carol Denis
- RCIA: Jeff Bergbauer and John Akau

Engagement Encounter: Fred and Patti Basilio

Marriage Encounter: Cecil Farin and Rose Nunogawa

Marriage Preparation & Annulments: Rose Nunogawa



Student from the First Communion-Year 1 class borrows a religious children's storybook from our Parish Children's Library. (picture above)



First Communion-Year 2 class views a video on "How to make a Good Confession" as they prepare for their First Reconciliation. (picture above)



The Parish Kindergarten class celebrated the "Feast of the Magi" with an Epiphany party. Parents & Grandparents joined in on the fun with a Trivia game, a Paper Snowball fight and a Piñata. (picture on left & above)



FAITH FORMATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Calendar

Monday, Jan	uary 16 Martin Luther King Jr.
	Holiday—Rectory office closed
7:00 am	Mass (NO 12:15 pm Mass)
11:00 am	Graveside Service (+Asuncion &
	Benigno Dela Cruz)
6:00 pm	Adult Faith Formation (RCIA)
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Tuesday, January 17

10:00 am	Prayer Service (+James Nishimura, Jr.)
6:00 pm	Special PPAC Meeting
6:30 pm	Novena Rosary
7:00 pm	Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesday, January 18

11:30 amGraveside Service (James Nishimura, Jr)6:30 pmAlabare Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 19

11:30 amHot Meal Service6:30 pmSt. Joseph Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 20

Saturday, January 21

8:15 am Church Cleaner's #7 (M. Aizawa)
9:30 am Bible Sharing
10:00 am Reconciliation
5:00 pm High School Youth Ministry
7:45 pm San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 22

10:15 am Sunday RE Class

March for Life

Saturday, January 21, 2017 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Kamehameha Ave. closest to Hilo Farmers Market

All are welcome to participate





Are you a shutter bug? Do you enjoy taking pictures at church of activities? Please consider sending you pictures to the church bulletin. We are looking for any photos during events that occur at church

from baptisms, weddings, to Holy Days of Obligation.

Send photos to: sjchurchbulletin@gmail.com

Do you have any skill with construction or maintenance and repair? Are you willing to donate your time and talent for the betterment of the church? We are looking for a few talented individuals with the skills and know how to make necessary repairs to our beautiful church.

Please contact the Church Office (935-1465), leave a message and Evelyn Pacheco will contact you.

Next week, our second collections will be for the Church in Latin America. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which assists programs that strengthen the faith in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts help share the faith by providing lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs. To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

The Black and Indian Mission Collection (BIMC) exists to help diocesan communities to build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God. Every year, it is the amazing generosity of Catholic faithful just like you who enable the Black and Indian Mission Office to support the following important priorities: Enlivening Parish Life & Catechesis, Empowering Evangelizers, Helping Educators Reach Kids & Encouraging Vocations. www.blackandindianmission.org

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ATTENTION: The Church will now be open each day from 6 am to 6 pm. You may enter from the parking lot side entrance.

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:					
	January 8, 2017	YTD Actual	YTD Budget		
Collections	9,237.00	271,012.96	294,887.01		
Other	7,951.54	185,297.20	177,177.12		
Deposit	17,188.54	456,310.16	472,064.13		
Parish Hall	120.00	Parish Savings			
		Designated	520,759.66		
		Restricted	408,178.07		
			928,937.73		



SAVE THE DATE

Monday, January 30



The apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917 inspired millions of people to take up their rosaries and offer acts of penance in reparation for sins and to consul their God who was greatly offended. The spread of Our Lady's message and response from the faithful brought about an end to a world at war, and helped fight against the "red army" of atheistic communism—spiritual battles which continue today.



Our Lady of Fatima explained to the children that war is a punishment for sin and warned that God would further castigate the world for its disobedience to His Will by means of war, hunger and the persecution of the Church, the Holy Father and the Catholic Faithful. God's Mother prophesied that Russia would be God's chosen "instrument of chastisement," spreading the "errors" of atheism and materialism across the earth, fomenting wars, annihilating nations and persecuting the Faithful everywhere.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared six times to three shepherd children ("The Three Seers") near the town of Fatima, Portugal between May 13 and October 13, 1917. Appearing to the children, the Blessed Virgin told them that She had been sent by God with a message for every man, woman and child living in our century. Coming at a time when civilization was torn asunder by war and bloody violence, She promised that Heaven would grant peace to all the world if Her requests for prayer, reparation and consecration were heard and obeyed.

GOALS OF THE TOUR

- Bring the graces of Fatima to the American people and help a new generation learn, live, and spread the Message of Fatima—heaven's "peace plan" for these times
- Ignite hope and confidence in the Blessed Mother, who loves and desires the salvation of souls
- Inspire people of all ages to respond to the urgent call for the daily rosary, penance, and the practice of the First Saturday Communions of Reparation
- Promote Marian Consecration and the Divine Mercy devotion, intimately linked with the Fatima Message



Blessed Francisco, Blessed Jacinta, and Sister Lucia