

March 19, 2017

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation

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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



**Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this
water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I
shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in
him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."**

John 4: 13-14

“Give me a drink”

Water is one of the most essential elements to health and is so important that one must never take it for granted. Water makes up more than two thirds of human body weight, and without water, we would die in a few days. That is why we want to have the best water available. And while commercial advertisement tries to convince us, but the best kind of water is not spring water or bottled water, mineral water or distilled water. The best water is what you drink when you are really thirsty. Every jogger, hiker or laborer experiences this.

The Gospel today is about thirst and water. It is about human need and its satisfaction. The story of the meeting of Jesus and the woman at the well started with a simple request from Jesus, “Give me a drink.”

It was noontime. Jesus was thirsty. By necessity, Jesus had to ask the woman for a drink from her own pitcher. This was socially unacceptable and the Samaritan woman had to remind Jesus about this. Jews and Samaritans don't mix.

But more than just thirst for physical water, the Gospel is concerned with spiritual thirst. First is Man's thirst for God. Man thirsts for happiness and fullness; and believes it can be fulfilled by what this world will offer – wealth, pleasure and success. But Christ reminds us that only God can provide us with “a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” But the more important thirst is God's thirst for man- “Give me a drink”, Jesus ask the woman at the well. For this reason Jesus is inviting the Samaritan woman, and her whole nation, as well as all of us to return to their first and true husband, the living God. God thirsts for us and wants us to share a life with Him.

As we continue our meditations for this season of Lent, we can ask the question, “What do I thirst for?” Where do I seek the answers? And let us pray that we might be led to the well of living water.

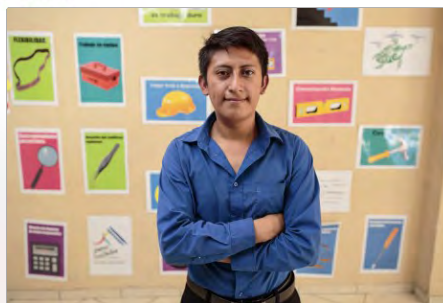
CRS Second Collection...We will be participating in the second collection for Catholic Relief Services on March 25 & 26. CRS works with organizations around the world to help poor and vulnerable people overcome emergencies, earn a living through agriculture and access affordable health care. Please be generous.

encounter *Lent*

Encounter ourselves.
Encounter our neighbors.
Encounter our God.

ENCOUNTER OPPORTUNITY

We encounter Fernando in El Salvador where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, youth are pursuing their dreams of building businesses to better the lives of their families. How have you worked to better the lives of others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers

Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers, we remember that Jesus spent years working as a carpenter. Work is important to help people live good lives, and so people must be paid a fair wage to provide for themselves and their families.

Happy Feast Day to all, the 'Ohana of St. Joseph!

We are so blessed to celebrate the Feast day of our patron St. Joseph within the 3rd Sunday of Lent. Liturgically, the feast day was moved to the following day this year, i.e. on Monday. Our beloved Bishop Larry Silva allows us to celebrate the feast day on the Third Sunday of Lent though keeping the liturgical norms. It is an honor to have a beloved Bishop Larry to grace this wonderful occasion by presiding over the Eucharistic celebration at 11:00 am Mass.

Celebrating the Feast day of St. Joseph is not only about external festivities, but to imitate him as a righteous man. He is a man of few words, but a lot of action. He is a perfect model, especially as the head of the family.

I would like to congratulate those past and present honorees of our Island Treasures. On behalf of the Parish community, thank you so much for your commitment and dedication to serve in our parish. You did an excellent job that made our parish so vibrant community. Rest assured that we will continue to honor annually to all our deserving parishioners who have shared their time, talent and treasure for the church.

We highlight this year's Feast Day with a Ministry Fair. Please join the festivities right after the 11:00 am mass at the parking area. This is an opportunity to know more about our parish ministries and about one another. Should you be interested to join, please sign up the ministry form that can be found at the various ministry booths. Your active participation in the church makes a difference in our pastoral life.

To all the members of the different committees & ministries, especially the PPAC and Stewardship, I am forever grateful for your brilliant ideas to make our feast day celebration phenomenal.

Lastly, I would like to invite you to join the Chrism mass on Thursday, March 23 at 6:00 pm here in our parish. Again, Bishop Larry Silva will preside over the liturgy. Please include all the priests in your prayers as we will renew our vow of commitment to the order of priesthood.

Through the intercession of St. Joseph, may God bless you and give you peace.

Fr. Will, sss
Pastor



Thank you Bishop Larry!

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.



St. Joseph Church Centennial Celebration

The Hilo Downtown Improvement Association (DIA) is the only collaborative voice representing the interests of our downtown community. This association offers a self-guided walking tour brochure listing our present St. Joseph Church as one of 21 must see Hilo town

landmark. You can visit their website at: <http://downtownhilo.com/>

The DIA's comment on our parish reads: **"St. Joseph Catholic Church, designed in the style of old mission architecture, has a clock made by the Seth Thomas Clock Company of Thomaston, Connecticut, which at first chimed on the half hour around the clock until nearby residents complained of the disturbance".**



UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 19** Escort the Bishop for Feast Day
- March 23** Escort the Bishop for Chrism Mass
- April 22** Merrie Monarch Parade

ONGOING EVENTS

Knights Harvest - Excess backyard produce harvested by the Knights for the Food Basket for distribution to schools

and other programs.

40 Cans for Lent - Collection of canned goods to stock church food pantries.

Contact the Rectory and leave a message for Harvey Motomura is you have anything to donate.



Parishioners, Mr. & Mrs. Balsis at the January March for Life 2017

Bishop Silva requested that every parish in the Diocese of Honolulu form a Right to Life Committee. The current chairperson for St. Joseph Parish Right to Life is Dr. A. S. Woo. The goal of this committee is to promote the Catholic teaching of the sacredness of life from conception to natural death. They provide educational materials on life issues and encourage legislative action through the parish bulletin, handouts and the email. They provide services such as participating in public prayer rallies like the Roe Vs Wade March for Life in January, the Life Chain in October and facilitate petition drives such as the recent opposition to the February 2017 State Bill for Assisted Suicide. Finally, this committee contacts lawmakers by email or phone calls that advances in respect for life and inspires legislation to support right to life issues.

**PLEASE VISIT OUR BOOTH FOR MORE INFORMATION!
WE'D LOVE TO MEET YOU!**

SERVICE

Hot Meal Ministry:

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE DONATIONS AND THE HELP FROM THE VOLUNTEERS!

See you all next month (April 20, 2017)!



Mark Your Calendars



**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 Kaniunmoe, 557-0175.**

Chrism Mass

What is it?

Chrism Masses see the gathering of the entire diocese (in this case our entire island), bishop, priests, deacons and lay faithful, and are the occasion on which the bishop blesses the holy oils, and when the priests and deacons renew their promises to serve God and his people.

There are three oils that are blessed at the Chrism Mass: that of the sick, that of chrism, and that of catechumens. These are used wherever there is a sacra-

mental anointing, such as the anointing of the sick, the anointing of those about to be or newly baptized, and the anointing of priests and confirmands. There is something wonderful about a Chrism Mass, so, if you have not been to one, make a date for it this year. Ours is in the evening, to give all people a chance to get there.

Bishop Larry Silva will preside and celebrate with all the clergy and lay people of the Big Island.

When is it?

Thursday, March 23

6:00pm | St. Joseph



NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH, OUR PATRON
(prayer to be said at the end of each day's devotion)

Saint Joseph, I, your unworthy child, greet you. You are the faithful protector and intercessor of all who love and venerate you. You know that I have special confidence in you and that, after Jesus and Mary, I place all my hope of salvation in you, for you are especially powerful with God and will never abandon your faithful servants. Therefore, I humbly invoke you and commend myself, with all who are dear to me and all that belong to me, to your intercession. I beg of you, by your love for Jesus and Mary, not to abandon me during life and to assist

me at the hour of my death. Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Loving Saint Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, I raise my heart to you to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Divine Heart of Jesus all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special grace I now implore: (Mention your request). Guardian of the Word Incarnate, I feel confident that your prayers in my behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God. Amen.

Sunday, March 19

Ex 17:3-7

Ps 95:1-2, 6-9

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Jn 4:5-42

Monday, March 20

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Tuesday, March 21

Dn 3:25, 34-43

Ps 25:4-9

Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 22

Dt 4:1, 5-9

Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20

Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 23

Jer 7:23-28

Ps 95:1-2, 6-9

Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 24

Hos 14:2-10

Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17

Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 25

Is 7:10-14; 8:10

Ps 40:7-11

Heb 10:4-10

Lk 1:26-38

Sunday, March 26

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Ps 23:1-6

Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41

*Eternal rest grant unto them O
Lord
and let perpetual light shine up-
on them.*

◆ **Tien Tran**
◆ **Alice Kobayashi**



PRAYER

STATIONS OF SOLIDARITY: Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Activity of Awareness

On Sunday March 12, 2017 students and parents visited our Stations of Solidarity. Thanks to the generosity of six different families and the teen confirmation program, we had created a “walk-through-style” catechesis. Each station had a display board created by a family within our RE ministries which included pictures of a particular country, basic statistics such as the current population, the country’s main source of income and major landmarks. The display boards also included a prayer written by the family or selected by the family from another source. Students and catechesists could stand at each station praying for our global brothers and sisters as they learned more about the various country. They also learned about Catholic Relief Services and could easily identify how their monetary contributions to their rice bowl made an impact in the countries around the world. The teen confirmation program also contributed to this event by sharing their display boards of the different saints they selected as the prepare for Confirmation.

Thank you to the following families:

Kaneko ‘Ohana (India display board); Vallente ‘Ohana (Chuuk w/the US); Ortiz-Bloom ‘Ohana (Mexico); Benavides ‘Ohana (Ethiopia); Ooka ‘Ohana (El Salvador) and LCJVillena ‘Ohana (Who is CRS?-Stations of Solidarity).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 20

6:00 pm Adult Faith Formation (RCIA)/Library

Tuesday, March 21

9:00 am Graveside Service (+Gordon Tai See)/Vet.
Cem. #1

12:00 pm Graveside Service (+Isabelo Rances)/Vet.
Cem. #2

6:30 pm Novena Rosary/Church

7:00 pm Mother of Perpetual Help Novena/Church

Wednesday, March 22

6:30 pm Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday, March 23

6:00 pm Chrism Mass w/Bishop Larry Silva/Church

Friday, March 24

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross/Church

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross/Church

Saturday, March 25

8:15 am Church Cleaners #1 (F. Veriato)/Church

9:00 am Altar Server Training/Church

9:30 am Bible Sharing/Library

10:00 am Reconciliation/Church

5:00 pm High School Youth Ministry/Library

Sunday, March 26

10:15 am Sunday R E Classes/SJHS

Monday, March 27 "Prince Kuhio"

Holiday—Rectory office closed

7:00 am Mass/Church—NO 12:15 pm Mass

5:00 pm Blessed Sacrament Aggregate Mini

Retreat/Mtg. Room

6:00 pm Adult Faith Formation (RCIA)/Library

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	Week (3/7-3/13)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Collections	8,529.25	351,227.82	385,725.76
All Other Income	2,318.96	266,490.44	237,144.95
Deposited to Bank	10,848.21	617,718.26	622,870.71
Expenses		549,347.04	619,194.71
Net Revenues	10,848.21	68,371.22	3,676.00
Parish Hall	181.25	Parish Savings	
		Designated Funds	524,119.66
		Restricted Funds	410,897.57
			935,017.23

**IF YOU BAPTIZED YOUR CHILD IN
THE LAST 3 MONTHS AT ST. JOSEPH ,
PLEASE PICK UP YOUR CHILD'S
BAPTISM CERTIFICATE**

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS :
MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00 AM– 4:00 PM**

**Next Baptism (Infant– 7yrs)
Class: Monday, April 24, 2017**

Pre-registration is required.
Call rectory office for more information.

Parish Penance Service

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017
6:30PM | ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

COMMUNAL PENANCE | Definition

Group celebration of the sacrament of penance in one of several different ways, authorized by Pope Paul VI in 1973. One form has a communal penitential service, with individual confession of sins with absolution. Another form is entirely communal, including general absolution. When general absolution is given in exceptional circumstances, the penitents are obliged to make a private confession of their grave sins, unless it is morally impossible, at least within a year.

<http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/dictionary/index.cfm?id=32651>

The first step of humility is unhesitating obedience, which comes naturally to those who cherish Christ above all.

-- St. Benedict

SAVE THE DATE

- ♦ **March 23**
6:00 pm Mass *Island Wide Chrism Mass with the Bishop*
- ♦ **March 26** RCIA
5:00 pm Mass Second Scrutiny
- ♦ **March 30** 6:30 pm
PARISH PENANCE SERVICE
- ♦ **April 1** RCIA
5:00 pm Mass Third Scrutiny

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or to submit your ad,
please call the rectory office and
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Balsis, 935-1465.**

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advertising in our bulletin.**

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