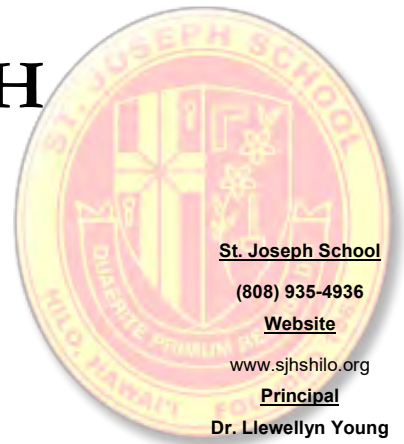


February 26, 2017

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation
Church dedicated in 1919

Pastor:
Rev. Wilbert Laroga, SSS
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Parochial Vicars:
Rev. Apolinario Ty, SSS
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Rev. Zaldy Norba, SSS
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Dcn. Jim Dougherty, SOLT



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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



*“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your
life, what you will eat [or drink] or about your
body, what you will wear. Is not life more than
food and the body more than clothing?”*

- Matthew 6:25



thee.”

When we trust in God, we can stop worrying about what tomorrow will bring. Because we can be assured that God who creates “the tomorrow” will only fill it with his love and mercy. He desires nothing but our wellbeing and what will be good for us.

To a world anxious about the future, worried about getting ahead and what to eat or how to dress, Jesus says: Don’t worry. Tomorrow will take care of itself. While this world will try to entice us to crave with what it dictates us the most beautiful, the most powerful, the most sophisticated, the most popular, the extra-ordinary Jesus directs our gaze to the small and simple and most ordinary – the birds, the flowers which God takes care. And if He takes care of them more so will God take care of us.

And there is more. Through the prophet, Isaiah, the Lord assures us “I will never forget you.” That is how precious we are to our God.

Thus, the invitation of Jesus to a world mistrustful of everyone and anyone is: **“Trust God by seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,”**

“Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness...”

“No man can serve two masters... You cannot serve God and mammon.” But what is Mammon? While we usually translate it as wealth or money, it means something more. It is anything to which we are willing to entrust our lives. And Jesus tells us that we will not have peace until we place our trust totally in God. Rightfully then did St. Augustine wrote: “You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until it rests in

2017 Island Treasures Program

**CAST YOUR
VOTES NOW!**

Island Treasures is a recognition program to honor parishioners who are active in the ministries of Stewardship and **“light the way to being a disciple of Jesus Christ”**. Pastor Wilbert Laroga SSS wants to recognize parishioners who make a difference and promote the full-ness of life through Stewardship Pillars of Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service so he decided to revive Island Treasures at St. Joseph Church in Hilo.

The last parishioners recognized were: 2007-Donna Saiki, 2006-Godfrey & Trini Nachor, 2005-Joanne Kahaloea, 2004-John & Linda Tolmie. In 2003, nineteen parishioners were recognized: Joanne Kahaloea, Madeline Troelstrup, John & Linda Tolmie, Pat & Alex Kamau, Liz Shoemaker, Agnes & Milton Crivello, Piilani Chaves & Carole Moniz, Joey Saturnio, Joyce (Berrios) Cabalse, Marilyn & Harold Pakele, Cresencia (Cres) Mau, Lawrence Balberde, Alice Andagan, and Frank Lawrence. The Island Treasures plaque is located on the makai side, in the back of church, above the last pews. Pastor Wilbert Laroga hopes this tribute becomes an annual event.

The 2017 criteria to be a nominee includes:

1. Once in a lifetime honoree.
2. Volunteers, not paid employees, who are registered parishioners of St Joseph Church in Hilo and practicing Catholics.
3. Currently active in Stewardship ministries at St Joseph Church in Hilo for a minimum of 3 years.
Can be Youth, Young Adults, Couples, Singles, or Elderly.

Parishioners will have an opportunity to nominate a person whom they feel is deserving of this honor by completing the official nomination form attached below and placing this form in the ballot box located in the church starting Feb 18, 2017 at 5:00 pm mass and ending on March 1, 2017 after 12:15 pm mass.

Fr Will is selecting a committee to review all ballots and submit recommendations to him. Fr. Will’s decisions are final. The Island Treasures honorees will be announced on March 19, 2017 at the 11:00 am St. Joseph Feast Day Mass and recognized at the Celebration after mass.

DIOCESE OF HONOLULU 2017 LENTEN REGULATIONS:

FASTING

- In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday (**March 1st**) and Good Friday (**April 14th**).
- To *fast* means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (excepting water and medicine) is not permitted on fast days.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

- Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.
- To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

EASTER DUTY

- All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept is to be fulfilled during the Easter Season unless it is fulfilled, for a just cause, at some other time during the year. This period is extended to include all the weeks of Lent and the Easter Season up to Trinity Sunday (**June 11th**).

LENTEN PRACTICES

- The faithful are encouraged during Lent to attend daily Mass, receive Holy Communion, participate in penance services, and receive sacramental absolu-

tion; to take part in public and private exercises of piety, give generously to works of religion and charity, perform acts of kindness toward the sick, aged, and the poor; to practice voluntary self-denial, especially regarding food, drink, and worldly amusements; and to pray more fervently, particularly for the intentions of the Holy Father.

- Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls this year on **March 1st**. It is a day of Penitential Prayer, Abstinence and Fasting. These ashes come from the burnt palms and branches blessed on Palm Sunday last year. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" or "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Ashes symbolize grief that we have sinned and caused division and our desire for true conversion.

Schedule of Masses on Ash Wednesday : 6:00 am ; 12:15 pm and 7:00 pm.

- Funeral Masses may not be celebrated on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday, nor on the Sunday of Lent. When pastoral reasons require that a funeral be celebrated on these days, only a Funeral Outside of Mass may be held.
- To afford the faithful opportunities to participate in Lenten prayer services, pastors are encouraged to have such prayer services at least twice a week, including the Way of the Cross on Fridays, Exposition and Benediction, Evening Prayer, and

evening Masses. A homily or instruction should be included.

BLESSING OF THE OILS AND CONSECRATION OF THE CHRISM

- In order to allow participation of Catholics throughout the islands, the Sacred Oils will be blessed during the Chrism Mass to be celebrated in several locations. All are encouraged to join in one of the following celebrations:

Big Island: Thursday, March 23rd @ 6:00 pm, St. Joseph Church, Hilo

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

- "Since Christ accomplished his work of human redemption and of the perfect glorification of God principally through his Paschal Mystery, in which by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life, the sacred Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year" (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, #18). Three major liturgical principals may be of help here:

The Triduum may be viewed a single liturgical action that occurs over a period of three days.

The Triduum is not part of Lent, but in its entirety, celebrates the Easter event.

The entire focus of the Triduum is on the Triumph of the Cross and the Resurrection.

Feast of St. Joseph | Our Patron Saint
March 19, 2017
11:00 am Mass and
Ministry Fair 12:00 – 2:00 pm

in the parking lot area and meeting room and refreshments will be served. Traffic and parking details will be coordinated and announced. Watch for further details.

Mark your calendars to celebrate our patron Saint of the family with Holy Mass, prayerful devotion to him as an intercessor with Almighty God, and celebrate with food, kinship and fellowship. Our ministries under the Four Pillars of Stewardship – Hospitality, Prayer, Faith Formation and Service will have booths with information, games, snacks, and entertainment.

St. Joseph Church will celebrate the "**Feast of St. Joseph**", our Patron Saint on **March 19, 2017** with a Holy Mass at **11:00 am** with **Bishop Larry Silva** presiding followed by our **Ministry Fair** for parishioners, families and friends at **12:00 noon – 2 pm**. All activities will be held



MONTHLY HOT MEAL FOR THE HUNGRY-FEBRUARY 16, 2017

Hot Meals are served every third Thursday of every month. Our volunteers come to set up and start cooking in the morning and by 11am the first plates are filled to be brought to the home bound. By 11:30 there is a line of hungry people. These are not just the homeless, they are from all walks of life. If you are hungry, you are welcomed.

The Hot Meals Committee chose the third Thursday of the month after checking with the other soup kitchens. No one served on the third Thursday so this became our day to feed the hungry. I say hungry because as most people would *assume*, they would think of the "hot meals" as only for feeding the homeless. But it's not just the homeless that are fed, it's whomever that is hungry. We have people that run out of things to eat and they are not homeless. We have families that run

out of government assistance and they need to feed their family. We may even have a person that is passing by that is looking for something to eat and has no money to go to McDonald's or other fast food places. They are also welcomed!

If you are interested in joining this ministry in feeding the hungry call our rectory office (935-1465) and leave your name and number.

Here is our schedule of Hot Meal Days.

March.....	16
April.....	20
May.....	18
June.....	15
July.....	20
August.....	17
September.....	21
October.....	19



SJS students lend helping hands

-Mrs. Janelle Au, SJS Counselor for PWH

On Thursday, February 16, seven students from the St. Joseph School PWH Scholars Program volunteered with the St. Joseph Church Hot Meal Ministry. Students met with Mrs. Chrislyn Villena for an orientation which included a discussion on the difference between mercy and justice. Then they helped the chefs prepare the delicious chili and baked goods. Lunches were packed and delivered to the home bound in apartments across the street. Students were warmed by the gratefulness of the residents as they met them door to door. Other students helped display donated clothing and served juice to those waiting for lunch. Lunch was served as students worked greeting people coming to eat and serving them. The students were especially touched by how appreciative and respectful the guests were to be receiving lunch. One student remarked that for those that have so little, it was great to be able to help in some small way. Students were very appreciative of the opportunity to volunteer at St. Joseph Church and the graciousness of the other volunteers that showed them the ropes. The students are eager to work with the other church volunteers and help with the Hot Meals Ministry again!



Sunday, Feb. 26

Is 49:14-15
Ps 62:2-3, 6-9
1 Cor 4:1-5
Mt 6:24-34

Monday, Feb. 27

Sir 17:20-24
Ps 32:1-2, 5-7
Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday, Feb. 28

Sir 35:1-12
Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday, March

Jl 2:12-18
Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17
2 Cor 5:20—6:2
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, March 2

Dt 30:15-20
Ps 1:1-4, 6
Lk 9:22-25

Friday, March 3

Is 58:1-9a
Ps 51:3-6a, 18-19
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, March 4

Is 58:9b-14
Ps 86:1-6
Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, March 5

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17
Rom 5:12-19
Mt 4:1-11

**Sunday, March 5**

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17
Rom 5:12-19
Mt 4:1-11

Monday, March 6

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18
Ps 19:8-10, 15
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, March 7

Is 55:10-11
Ps 34:4-7, 16-19
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 8

Jon 3:1-10
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, March 9

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8
Mt 7:7-12

Friday, March 10

Ez 18:21-28
Ps 130:1-8
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, March 11

Dt 26:16-19
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, March 12

Gn 12:1-4a
Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22
2 Tm 1:8b-10
Mt 17:1-9

Sunday, March 12

Gn 12:1-4a
Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22
2 Tm 1:8b-10
Mt 17:1-9

Monday, March 13

Dn 9:4b-10
Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 14

Is 1:10, 16-20
Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 15

Jer 18:18-20
Ps 31:5-6, 14-16
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, March 16

Jer 17:5-10
Ps 1:1-4, 6
Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 17

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Ps 105:16-21
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 18

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Ps 103:1-4, 9-12
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 19

Ex 17:3-7
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42

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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

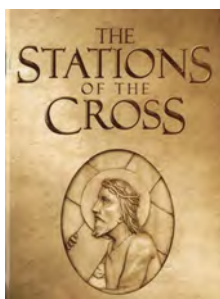
Sunday, March 26

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Ps 23:1-6
Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man.

The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.

The Stations of the Cross are commonly found in churches as a series of 14 small



the year upon which the events actually occurred.

Every Friday during Lent, 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm in the church, Stations of the Cross will be offered as an opportunity for deeper prayer and meditation.

icons or images. They can also appear in church yards arranged along paths. The stations are most commonly prayed during Lent on Wednesdays and Fridays, and especially on Good Friday, the day of

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

**+Fely Andaya
+June Agcalon**



PRAYER

encounter *Lent*

Encounter ourselves.
Encounter our neighbors.
Encounter our God.



"The Good News is no mere matter of words ... It is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others." —Pope Francis

This Lent our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter anew ourselves, our neighbors and our God. As we, the global Church, prepare for this holy season of Lent, it is especially appropriate to come together in prayer as a family, reflecting on the role we each have to play in building up God's one human family.

Please consider these suggestions in shaping your own family's Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar daily to guide your Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- As a family, read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey—and guide your Lenten almsgiving.
- Prepare simple meatless meals on Fridays throughout Lent, in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.

Be sure to visit crsricebowl.org to watch videos of the people and communities your Lenten gifts are changing through CRS Rice Bowl. We will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent, so stay tuned to learn more.

Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family this Lent.

Sincerely,

Chrislyn A. Villena
Director of Religious Ed & Family Ministries

P.S. Did you know that CRS Rice Bowl has a free Lenten app? Download it for iPhone or Android devices and get daily Lenten reflections right on your phone.

CRS Rice Bowl is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. CRS is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist poor and suffering people in more than 100 countries on the basis of need, without regard to race, religion or nationality.

**Lent Begins on March 1, 2017
with Ash Wednesday.
CRS Rice Bowls will be available
THIS week Sunday at every
mass.**

**crsricebowl.org
crsplatodearroz.org**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Calendar

Monday, February 27

6:00 pm Adult Faith Formation (RCIA)

Tuesday, February 28

6:30 pm Novena Rosary

7:00 pm Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesday, March 1 "Ash Wednesday"

6:00 am Mass

9:30 am SJS Mass(School Gym)

10:30 am Mass (Life Care Center)

12:15 pm Mass

6:00 pm PPAC Meeting

6:30 pm Alabare Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Mass

Thursday, March 2

6:30 pm St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 3

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 4

8:15 am Church Cleaners #4 (V. Coloma)

9:30 am Bible Sharing

10:00 am Reconciliation

12:30 pm Parish Prayer Pillar Coordinator Meeting

5:00 pm Mass w/Rite of Election (Bishop Silva)

5:00 pm High School Youth Ministry

7:00 pm San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 5

10:15 am Sunday R E Classes

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	Week (2/6-2/12)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Collections	8,334.22	323,182.07	357,166.61
All Other Income	1,272.93	235,272.99	218,291.42
Deposited to Bank	9,607.15	558,455.06	575,458.03
Expenses	10,109.82	514,856.75	568,609.50
Net Revenues	(502.67)	43,598.31	6,848.53
Parish Hall	171.25	Parish Savings	
		Designated Funds	524,119.66
		Restricted Funds	409,713.82
			933,833.48

Kokua Ministry-Hospitality Pillar of Stewardship

This ministry is a group of volunteers dedicated to the service of man-power for the parish. These volunteers will help with transporting of tents, tables, chairs between the St. Joseph School and Church. They will also be in charge of the set up and clean up of facilities for large parish events such as socials and island wide events. Our hope is that there will be a group of volunteers that will make this a regular ministry for the parish.

Here are some dates where this ministry participates:

- **March 19:** St. Joseph Feast Day, transporting tents, tables, chairs, from school to church, etc, cleaning up; and parking lot marshals
- **March 23:** Chrism Mass-meals for parishioners (downstairs meeting room)--sandwiches, chips, desserts, cases of water
- **April 15:** Holy Saturday- prepping candles/holders

If you or someone you know of would like to be a part of this ministry you may call the rectory office and leave a message for Mary Correa, 935-1465.




Inviting all individuals, businesses, agencies, organizations, clubs, & associations!

Come and share Micronesian and other crafts and handiworks with the East Hawai'i community!

CRAFT FAIR & CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Sangha Hall
398 Kilauea Ave., Hilo

Craft Fair: 9AM - 2PM, \$50 per vendor table
Booths available first come, first served!

Comes with one free ticket to the Cultural Festival from 3-9pm!
Additional tickets can be purchased for \$5 per ticket.

If you want a table at the Festival to display, demonstrate, or sell your Micronesian handicrafts and art, please contact Miki Lewis Aizawa at mik_lewis@hotmail.com or 315-0132, or HACBED at info@hacbed.org or 550-2661.

CRAFTS

PERFORMANCES

MUSIC

This will be a non-alcoholic event.

Please make checks payable to HACBED for ticket costs and/or donations to HCCA.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND!

Next weekend we will be taking up a collection for the "Repair & Maintenance" of our parish. Your donations help with the upkeep of the grounds and structures on the property. We appreciate your generosity, thank you.

FULL PAGE AD
\$250 (weekly) or \$1,000 (monthly)

HALF PAGE AD
\$125 (weekly) or \$500 (monthly)

This pricing is calculated to cover the cost of publication. For a color ad, please add 20%. If monthly, the month may have 4 or 5 weeks. Your ad will run for all Sunday's in that month. 10% discount for annual commitment paid in advance.

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

QUARTER PAGE
\$65 (weekly) or \$250 (monthly)

1/8 PAGE \$125 (Monthly only)

**Please consider advertising in the
St. Joseph Parish (Hilo) Sunday
Bulletin.**

**Many in our parish have referred
their business to those
advertising in our bulletin.**

1/16 PAGE \$100
(Monthly only)