

March 26, 2017

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation

Pastor:
Rev. Wilbert Laroga, SSS
428-9236

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Rev. Apolinario Ty, SSS
430-0481

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756-0838

Deacon:
Dcn. Jim Dougherty, SOLT

Church Dedicated in 1919



43 Kapiolani Street
Hilo, HI 96720
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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



**Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment,
so that those who do not see might see,
and those who do see might become blind."**

-John 9: 39

"He saw a man blind from birth."

The fourth Sunday of Lent is rather unique because we take a break in an otherwise penitential season. The vestments for this day will be rose or pink and flowers may adorn the Altar. This day is called "*Laetare Sunday*" (also "Rose Sunday"), and takes its name from the opening words of the Mass, the Introit's "*Laetare, Jerusalem*" which means "Rejoice, Jerusalem". This is to provide us encouragement as we progress toward the end of our Lenten penitential season

The Gospel tells us the story of the man born blind cured by Jesus. And as in most cases, the healing was initiated by Jesus: "He saw a man blind from birth." For Jesus "to see" means seeing the possibilities for faith.

The journey of the blind man toward greater insight about Jesus is a journey we are all called to make. The gospel challenges each one of us to look into our own blind spots. How often do we judge rashly and fail to see things as they really are? Often time we let our fears impair our vision like the parents of the blind man. Other times we think we know it all like the Pharisees and fail to recognize the surprises of God in our lives. We all need to reflect on our spiritual blindness - those obstacles that hinder us from recognizing God so that we might see the Lord clearly with the eyes of faith and thus be able to follow him more faithfully and lovingly.

The season of lent is the best time to re-examine our lives and discover our many kinds of spiritual blindness for which we have to ask for healing so that the words of St. Paul may become true for us: "*You were once in darkness but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.*" (Ephesians 5:8)

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.

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Lent Encounter ourselves.
Encounter our neighbors.
Encounter our God.

ENCOUNTER COMMUNITY

We encounter Maria in Mexico, where a community of hardworking women share joys, sorrows and fellowship while growing economic opportunity at a greenhouse. How have your communities helped you encounter Christ anew this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



CRS RICE BOWL
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Call to Family, Community and Participation

Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Call to Family, Community and Participation, we remember that human beings are social by nature—we need each other. We, like the early disciples, are called to come together and grow as a community—whether that community is in our classroom, workplace or family.

HOT MEALS MINISTRY

Another successful hot meal Thursday.
Thanks to ALL the volunteers that came to make it happen.
A special thanks goes out to our St. Joseph's High School
students and all the donated desserts. There were lots
of smiling faces and satisfied tummies !!!

The next Hot Meal Thursday will be on April 20th.



SERVICE

St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration

Island Treasures 2017



Celebration & Ministry Fair



Sunday, March 26

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

Monday, March 27

Is 65:17-21
Ps 30:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
Jn 5:1-16

Tuesday, March 28

Ez 47:1-9, 12
Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 29

Is 49:8-15
Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 30

Ex 32:7-14
Ps 106:19-23
Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 31

Wis 2:1a, 12-22
Ps 34:17-21, 23
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, April 1

Jer 11:18-20
Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12
Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, April 2

Ez 37:12-14
Ps 130:1-8
Rom 8:8-11
Jn 11:1-45

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

- ♦ *Elsie Fontes*
- ♦ *Irene Cunningham*



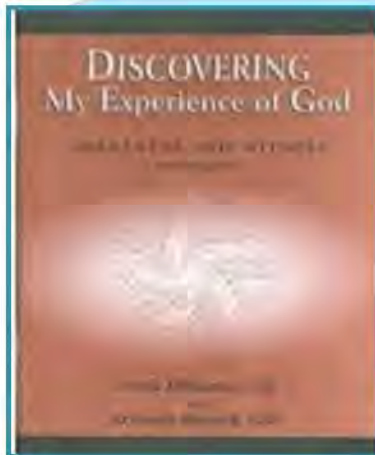
PRAYER

Parish Penance Service

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

COMMUNAL PENANCE

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



“Discovering My Experience of God” is scheduled for **Monday, March 27, 2017** with adoration at 5pm and retreat to follow right after. The cost is \$10 each which includes booklet & light snacks. Please call the rectory office at 935-1465 to RSVP.

SEATS STILL AVAILABLE

Mark your calendars! All are welcome!

Saturday, April 8, 2017 Prayer Pillar Recollection at St. Joseph School gymnasium. Highly recommended for all ministries and open to any one that want to attend.

More information to follow.

Think of a time when you went out of your way—at some risk to yourself—to encounter a person or a community. Why did you do it? What motivated you in that moment? Where did you see Christ?

REFLECTIONS FROM POPE FRANCIS:

“The Christian ideal will always be a summons to overcome suspicion, habitual mistrust, fear of losing our privacy, all the defensive attitudes which today’s world imposes on us. Many try to escape from others and take refuge in the comfort of their privacy or in a small circle of close friends, renouncing the realism of the social aspect of the Gospel. For just as some people want a purely spiritual Christ, without flesh and without the cross, they also want their interpersonal relationships provided by sophisticated equipment, by screens and systems which can be turned on and off on command. Meanwhile, the Gospel tells us constantly to run the risk of a face-to-face encounter with others, with their physical presence which challenges us, with their pain and their pleas, with their joy which infects us in our close and continuous interaction. True faith in the incarnate Son of God is inseparable from self-giving, from membership in the community, from service, from reconciliation with others.

The Son of God, by becoming flesh, summoned us to the revolution of tenderness.” *(The Joy of the Gospel, 88)*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 27 "Prince Kuhio" Holiday—
Rector's office closed

7:00 am Mass/Church—NO 12:15 pm Mass
4:00 pm Blessed Sacrament Aggregate Mini Retreat/
Mtg. Room
6:00 pm Adult Faith Formation (RCIA)/Library
7:00 pm Wake Service (+Alice Kobayashi)/Dodo
Chapel

Tuesday, March 28

9:00 am Viewing (+Alice Kobayashi)/Church
10:30 am Funeral Mass (+Alice Kobayashi)/Church
6:30 pm Novena Rosary/Church
7:00 pm Mother of Perpetual Help Novena/Church

Wednesday, March 29

9:00 am Graveside Service (+Alice Kobayashi)/
Veteran's Cemetery #2

6:30 pm Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday, March 30

6:30 pm Lenten Penance Service/Church
6:30 pm St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/Library

Friday, March 31

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross/Church
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross/Church

Saturday, April 01

8:00 am "NAMI" Family-to-Family Classes/Mtg.
Room

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

9:30 am Bible Sharing/Library

10:00 am Reconciliation/Church

5:00 pm High School Youth Ministry/Library

Sunday, April 02

10:15 am Sunday R E Classes/SJHS

SAVE THE DATE

- ♦ **March 30** PARISH PENANCE SERVICE 6:30 pm
- ♦ **April 1** RCIA 5:00 pm
Mass Third Scrutiny
- ♦ **April 8** Lenten Recollection
-Hosted by the Prayer Pillar
- ♦ **April 9** Palm Sunday

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND!

This weekend we are 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.

	Week (3/14-3/20)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Collections	7,652.25	351,227.82	385,725.76
All Other Income	3,652.23	266,490.44	237,144.95
Deposited to Bank	11,304.48	617,718.26	622,870.71
Parish Hall	481.25	Parish Savings	
		Loan to school	50,000.00
		Designated Funds	474,119.66
		Restricted Funds	411,378.82



National Alliance on Mental Illness

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Free for family members, partners and significant others of individuals with

Major Depressive Disorder
Bipolar Disorder (Manic Depression)
Schizophrenia and Schizoaffective Disorder
Borderline Personality Disorder
Panic Disorder
Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
Post-traumatic Stress Disorder
Co-occurring Brain and Addictive Disorders

A series of 6 weekly classes structured to help caregivers understand and support individuals with serious mental illness while maintaining their own well being. The course is taught by a team of trained NAMI family member volunteers who know what it's like to have a loved one struggling with one of these brain disorders. **There is no cost to participate in the NAMI family-to-Family Education Program.** Over 300,000 people in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Italy have completed this course. We think you will be pleased by how much assistance the program offers. We invite you to call for more information.

Classes Start: Saturday, April 1, 2017

St. Joseph's Church Meeting Room
43 Kapiolani Street, Hilo, Hawai'i, 96720
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Co-Teachers: Carolyn Oki (935-3518)*
Carol Denis (935-0615)*
Kathy Hammes (959-2426)*

For caregivers only
Registration required.
Classes limited to 15 persons
*Or call NAMI Hawaii at: (808) 591-1297

The NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program is sponsored by NAMI Hawaii

NAMI Family-to-Family Program: 2017

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon his followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children. Our faith also calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person. The protection of children is the responsibility of the entire Church, including the faithful.

"Words cannot fully express my sorrow for the abuse you suffered."
—Pope Francis



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