

May 28, 2017

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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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 Ascension of the Lord



**“And behold, I am with you always;  
until the end of the age.”**

**Matthew 28 : 20**



**Ascension Sunday – May 28, 2017**

*“And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.”*

Celebrating today, the Solemnity of the Ascension, the Lord assures his disciples: “And know that I am with you always; yes to the end of time.” He is returning back to His Father, but He is not abandoning His disciples. He will be with them forever as He will be with us forever. He transcends all created boundaries.

On the other hand, we are used to defining and creating boundaries in space and time. This is our way of protecting what is mine and hopefully respecting what is yours. Ours is a limited existence. And many try to stretch the limit – searching for the fountain of youth, creating time machines to be able to travel through time, gadgets that will allow us to be present in different places at the same time.

The Ascension event reminds us that the life the Lord offers us is beyond space and time – just like Him, we are invited to a life *with* the Father, who is Eternal. And this is what eternity means – eternal life is a life in union with God and remaining with Jesus. But the good news is that He spoke in the present tense: “I am with you always...” He is present with us and for us right here and now, in this time and space. For those who choose to remain in Jesus, eternal life begins now! This is our glimpse of heaven.

**Congratulations Fr. Clyde Phillips, MM on your 39th Anniversary as a Maryknoll Missionary Priest!**

**Please share with us a little about yourself, Fr. Clyde:**

*“I entered the Diocesan College Seminary in Honolulu (St. Stephen’s) in 1967 and began my college studies. After my second year, we began studies at Chaminade College (University). I graduated with a Bachelors Degree in History, with a Minor in Political Science in 1971. In 1972, I began my Theology Studies at the Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers Major Seminary in New York. Upon completion of my studies, I received a Masters in Divinity Degree. I was ordained to the Priesthood on May 20, 1978 in New York and assigned to the Maryknoll’s Mission in the Philippines.”*



**Thank you for spending the week with us as our parish priests were at the annual convocation. We are grateful to you!**

**May, A Month for our Mother**

(Series by Our Sunday Visitor)

**Mary the Mother of God**

Next, the angel Gabriel gets to the heart of the message and the nature of Mary’s vocation. Mary will bear a son, “And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end” (Lk 1:31-33). Mary is to be the mother of the Messiah (the anointed one of God). Surprised by this angelic announcement, Mary asks, “How can this be, since I have no husband [am a virgin]?” (1:34). Only now does Gabriel underscore the extraordinary type of motherhood to which Mary is being called. “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God” (1:35). The phrases “Holy Spirit” and the “power of the Most High” are parallel expressions of God’s power. The Spirit (wind) of God that moved over the chaotic waters to bring creation forth from the abyss (see Gn 1:2), now comes upon Mary to bring forth the new creation from her womb. Just as the cloud of God’s presence overshadowed the tabernacle in the desert and the glory of God filled it (Ex 40:35), so too is Mary overshadowed. God’s overshadowing presence fills the womb of Mary. Mary thus becomes a tabernacle of God’s presence dwelling with God’s people. She is the new Ark of the Covenant in whose womb dwells Jesus, the incarnate presence of God. How will Mary bear a child? Gabriel tells Mary that she will conceive through God’s extraordinary intervention of sending the Holy Spirit upon her, and this is the reason for calling Jesus God’s son.

**For Reflection: Have you ever been surprised by God as Mary was? How did you respond?**

**Sunday, May 28**

Acts 1:1-11  
Ps 47:2-3, 6-9  
Eph 1:17-23  
Mt 28:16-20

**Monday, May 29**

Acts 19:1-8  
Ps 68:2-7  
Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday, May 30**

Acts 20:17-27  
Ps 68:10-11, 20-21  
Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday, May 31**

Zep 3:14-18a  
(Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6  
Lk 1:39-56

**Thursday, June 01**

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11  
Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11  
Jn 17:20-26

**Friday, June 02**

Acts 25:13b-21  
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b  
Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday, June 03**

**Morning:**

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31  
Ps 11:4-5, 7  
Jn 21:20-25

**Vigil:**

Gn 11:1-9  
Ps 104:1-2a, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30  
Rom 8:22-27  
Jn 37-39

**Sunday, June 04**

Acts 2:1-11  
Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13  
Jn 20:19-23

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

+Verna K. Branco  
+Pedro Pasion  
+Merasol “Rusty” Hoopii  
+Thomas Kailiawa, III

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Weekly Calendar

**Monday, May 29** **RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED**  
(Mass at 7:00 am ONLY; NO 12:15 mass  
& NO afternoon prayers)

**Tuesday, May 30**

6:30 pm Novena Rosary/Church  
7:00 pm Mother of Perpetual Help Novena/Church  
7:00 pm Wake Service (+Filomena Magno)/Dodo  
Chapel

**Wednesday, May 31**

**"Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary"**  
8:30 am Viewing (+Filomena Magno)/Church  
10:00 am Funeral Mass (+Filomena Magno)/Church  
6:30 pm Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Church  
7:00 pm Wake Service (+Pedro Pasion)/Dodo  
Chapel

**Thursday, June 01**

8:30 am Viewing (+Pedro Pasion)/Church  
10:30 am Funeral Mass (+Pedro Pasion)/Church

**Friday, June 02**

**Saturday, June 03**

8:15 am Church Cleaners #6 (C. Lantano)/Church  
9:30 am Bible Sharing/Library  
10:00 am Reconciliation/Church  
5:00 pm High School Youth Ministry/Library

**Sunday, June 04**

**Fifty percent of the funds we  
collect stays in our diocese to  
support local communications  
projects.**

## Connecting People to Christ

**Catholic Communications Campaign  
SECOND COLLECTION TODAY**

Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds we collect remains in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message and support the collection today!

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**Please be generous today.**

## Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	Week (5/16 to 5/22)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<b>Collections</b>	7,338.00	462,677.63	501,446.23
<b>All Other Income</b>	6,664.35	326,023.80	301,655.84
<b>Deposited to Bank</b>	<b>14,002.35</b>	<b>788,701.43</b>	<b>803,102.07</b>
<b>Parish Hall</b>	380.00	<b>Parish Savings</b>	
		Loan to school	100,000.00
		Designated Funds	424,119.66
		Restricted Funds	414,348.33
			<b>938,467.99</b>



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Our new St. Joseph Church app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more.

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### Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Calendar

- See upcoming activities
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\*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

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

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

**NOTE: correction to previous postings**  
All **LECTORS** will be commissioned at the  
9:00 am mass on June 4th (Pentecost)  
All **SACRASTINS & EOM's** will be  
commissioned at the 9:00 am mass on  
June 18th (Corpus Christi)

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