

March 18, 2018

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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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

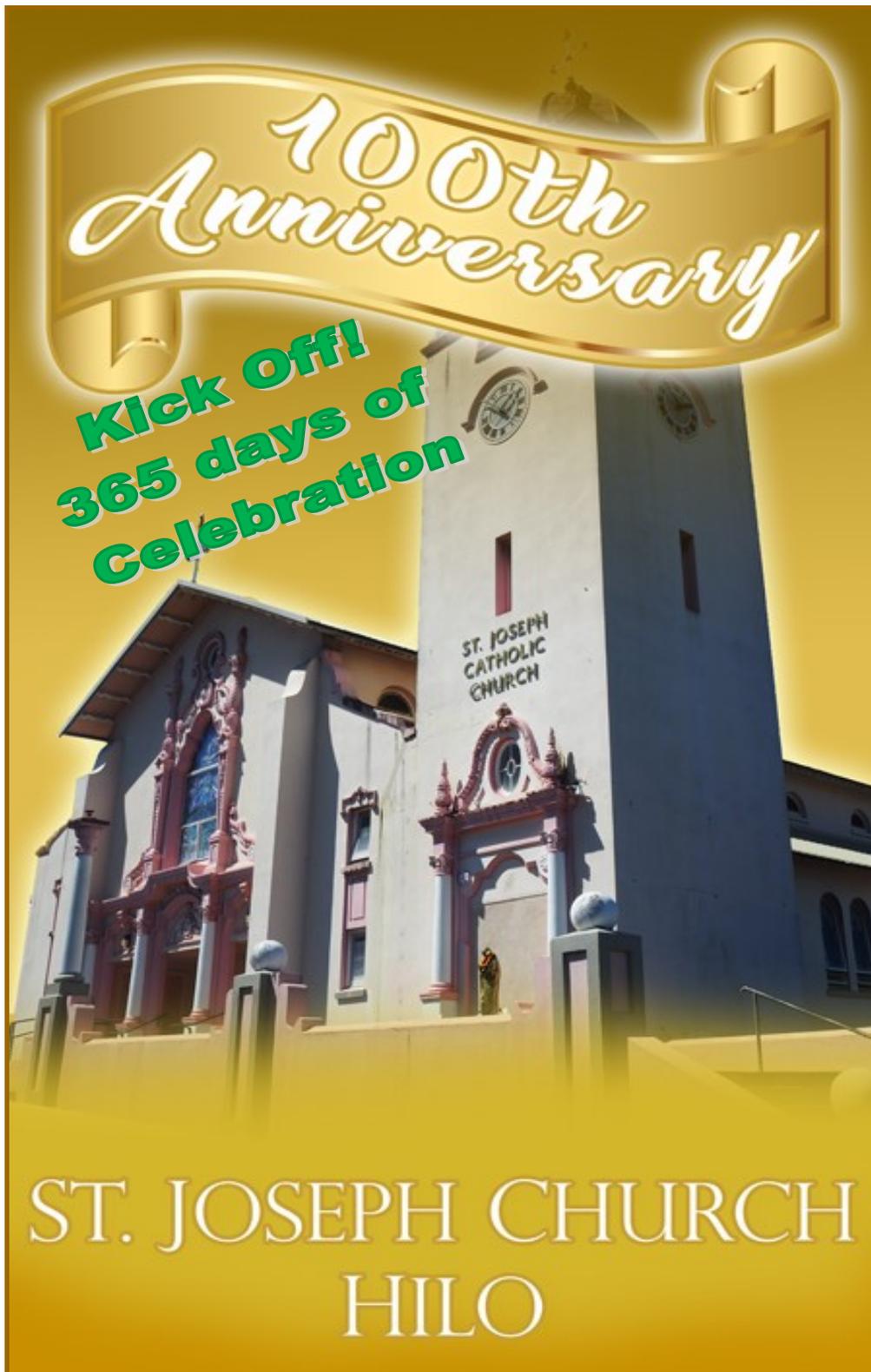
Sat 3:30 pm

Sun 4:30 pm



ST. JOSEPH

PRAY FOR US!



Dear parishioners and friends,

Peace and Happy Feast day to our Patron St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus and the husband of Mary. We are so blessed to have St. Joseph our patron a perfect model of righteousness and humility. Scripture reveals his identity as just, pure, gentle, prudent, and unfailingly obedient to the divine will.

I am pleased to share with you how our parish is doing well, especially with the preparations for the upcoming Centennial celebration & the dedication of our church next year. In 1919 our parishioners laid a foundation to build a new church structure right at the corner of Haili and Kapiolani streets and it was dedicated to St. Joseph Parish. We are so grateful of what they have started. We will continue the heritage of our founding parishioners to build a church founded by the love of God as a Community of Disciples, Stewards of the Gospel and Witness to Jesus. Until this time, we remain faithful to that calling. In fact, we aggressively promote and embrace the Stewardship as a way of life. This is a sign that our parish is a growing community.

As we move forward to the fulfillment of our mission, we strive to make our church a comfortable place of worship here in the paradise island of Hawaii. Together with the clergy, parish staff, Parish Pastoral Advisory Council, Building & Construction Committee and the Stewardship committee, we have identified programs and projects within **365 days** as we formally launch today a year of Centennial celebration of the dedication of our church. Our major project is to enhance the physical structure of our church such as replacing concrete at the apron which is almost completed, repainting, replacing our ceiling fans and lights and improve our sound system. These would only be possible when we join our hands together, we need everyone's kokua, including your financial assistance. Please be generous and rest assured that every penny you put is all accounted for. ***Mahalo in advance for your generosity.*** I would really appreciate if you can also contribute to what inspires you to make our parish a comfortable place of worship and a true community of disciples.

At this juncture, **I would like to congratulate our Island Treasure Awardees for 2018.** These are the parishioners who authentically shared their time, talent and treasures. The awardees are Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Farin, Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Woo, Filipina "Pina" Andres, Marian Paras, David Wilson, Nancy Capellas, Leah Ogden and Dorothy Ah Sing. Thank for you for outstanding service in our parish.

Lastly, please continue to pray for the success of our parish programs and activities, especially for the fulfillment of our mission.

Mahalo!

And may the Lord always bless you and keep you and remain with you forever.

Fr. Wilbert Laroga, SSS
Pastor

Prayer in Preparation for the Centennial Celebration of St. Joseph Church-Hilo March 18, 2018 – March 17, 2019

Gracious Father,

who fills our land with rain and sunshine, with Aloha and joy,

we lift up to You our hearts that are filled with gratitude

as we begin the journey of celebrating the 100 years anniversary

of the dedication of our beloved St. Joseph Church of Hilo.

It is You who have gathered us to become a ***Community of Disciples***

amid our ethnic diversities,

who have known the warmth of Your embrace and loving guidance

in the midst of the many storms and trials of life.

You have prepared us to be ***Stewards of the Gospel;***

helping us recognized our giftedness and learn how to put them into Your service.

Now arouse in us the desire to be a true ***Witness to Jesus,***

through the Eucharist as the center of our lives,

reflected in the way we live and in the way we love one another.

And with Your Spirit empowering us,

and with the intercessions of Mary, our Mother and St. Joseph, our Patron and co-journeyer,

may we only and always live in your love. **Amen.**

“Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.”
-St Jerome

Sunday, March 18

Jer 31:31-34
Ps 51:3-4, 12-15
Heb 5:7-9
Jn 12:20-33

Monday, March 19

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 20

Nm 21:4-9
Ps 102:2-3, 16-21
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, March 21

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
(Ps) Dn 3:52-56
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, March 22

Gn 17:3-9
Ps 105:4-9
Jn 8:51-59

Friday, March 23

Jer 20:10-13
Ps 18:2-7
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, March 24

Ez 37:21-28
(Ps) Jer 31:10-13
Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, March 25

Mk 11:1-10
Is 50:4-7
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24
Phil 2:6-11
Mk 14:1—15:47

Weekly Reflection: 5th Sunday of Lent – Cycle B

“But if it dies, it produces much fruit.”

A BLESSED FEAST DAY OF ST. JOSEPH TO ALL! (March 19)

There are barely two weeks left for Lent. And I wonder how far we are in our preparation to meet our Risen Lord come the great solemnity of Easter. Are we as anxious as the Greeks in the Gospel today who came with the request: “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.”?

But the Lord is quick to remind us that to experience the resurrection, one must be willing to die. “I solemnly assure you, unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat. But if it dies, it produces much fruit”. And Jesus witness to the truth of these words, when He offered His life in the cross for our redemption.

Consequently then for us who profess to be his follower, we too must undergo a certain dying, which is a dying to self, if we would share in His resurrection. It would be a death to self-centeredness, a death to “un-forgiveness,” a death to egoistic pride, a death to indifference and apathy and to whatever is an obstacle for Christ to take hold of our hearts.

But we need not be afraid for Lord also assures us: “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.”



Mandatory Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion General Assembly
Monday, March 26 | 5:00-7:00pm
Downstairs Meeting Room

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must attend.
Ministers at Facilities, Homebound, Hospital, Daily Mass & Weekend Masses.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Fr. Zaldy or Linda Villena

Mark you Calendars!
PRAYER PILLAR RECOLLECTION Saturday, April 21 at SJS Gym
All Ministry Members & their families are encouraged to attend.
Keep your formation growing strong!

Prayer Pillar Ministries:

Liturgy Committee

Lei Shinoda

Music Ministry

Gloria Watson, Filipina Andres,

Godfrey Nachor & Michael Springer

Lectors

Leah Ogden

EOM Ministry (Mass Coordinators)

5:00pm Saturday BJ Pang Ching

7:00am Sunday Don Coloma

9:00am Sunday Yvonne Rezentes

11:45am Sunday Fern Madrona

6:00pm Sunday Josie Balingit

Sacristans

Fern Madrona

Altar Servers

Lei Shinoda

Blessed Sacrament Aggregates

Leah Ogden & Margie Ignacio

Bereavement Ministry

Madelyn Troelstrup

Divine Mercy

Joette Tanigawa

Holy Rosary Prayer (Saturdays)

BJ Pang Ching & Betty De Lima

Puainako Prayer/Christian Community Group

Estine Viernes

Wainaku Prayer/Christian Community Group

Filipina Andres

Perpetual Help Prayer Novena

John Aguiar & Linda Parker

Filipino Christian Community

Cecilia Dalere and Christina Ranan

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, where he was greeted by crowds waving palm branches and crying out, "Hosanna!" This year's Solemn Entrance will start **15 minutes before each Mass** and will include the blessing of the palms and the Gospel reading. We invite those who can to gather at the main entrance of the church for the blessing and reading. Reserve signs for the pews will be available for those who come early. Please use caution when returning to your seats. A monitor will be set up in front of the sanctuary so that those who remain inside may also share in the rite. Please be aware that the blessing of the palms is valid whether you are gathered at the front entrance or remain in the church.

HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER

Immediately following the mass, there will be a procession of the Eucharist to the table of Repose. There will be creative adoration until 12pm midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, 6AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Weather permitting, this year St. Joseph Church will offer an outdoor Stations of the Cross at 6am on Good Friday. Join us on this mini-pilgrimage as we accompany Jesus in his final journey to the Crucifixion and our redemption.

EASTER VIGIL

Easter Vigil begins with the Lucernarium, the blessing of the new fire and preparation of the Paschal Candle. While the church is in darkness, a fire is lit and blessed near the main entrance of the church. After preparing the Paschal Candle, the priest lights it from the new fire and it is carried in procession to stand in front of the sanctuary. As the candle moves forward, ministers share its light with the congregation using small candles. We invite those who can to gather at the main entrance of the church for the Lucernarium. A monitor will be set up in front of the sanctuary so that those who remain inside may also share in the rite. Please be aware that the church will be dark for the rite and use caution when moving to/from the pews.

EASTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Please note that the 9:00AM Mass **will move to 9:15AM.**

All other Sunday Masses will start at their usual times.

We expect increased attendance at all Masses, so please be patient and drive with aloha.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH-HILO

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY-APRIL 8, 2018

1:30pm: Adoration

2pm: Rosary

2:45pm: Divine Mercy Service

Prayers of Mercy

Divine Mercy Chaplet

"Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death."



"My daughter, encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given to you. It pleases me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the chaplet."

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a 9-day Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday.

He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, at the beginning of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Booklets with these prayers will be available in the resource rack in the back of the church. Please take one to pray the novena at home.

HEALING MASS

**"I HAVE HEARD YOUR PRAYER
& SEEN YOUR TEARS, I WILL
HEAL YOU." 2 KINGS 20:5**

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 21
7PM MASS
& HEALING SERVICE**

March 18, 2018, Sunday

Mass at 11:30 am

**Program and Fellowship to follow downstairs/
parking area – 12:30 pm -2:30 pm**



It will be a **potluck finger food event** with entertainment, recognizing Island Treasures and Pillar informational booths.

Heads Up! The traffic flow in the lot at St Joseph Church on Mar 17 from 1:00p to Mar 18 at 4:00p is ENTER ONLY at Haili street entrance & EXIT ONLY at Kapiolani Street exit. A large tent is partially blocking the parking lot." Your kokua is appreciated. Overflow parking is on the Church Grassy lawn OR at Hilo Union Parking Lot.

The annual gathering and cleaning of palms will take place on Saturday, March 24.

Plan to gather at the church around 7:30 am and then go pick the palms, returning to the church to clean them. We need 5 gallon buckets to put the palms in and we need volunteers to help with both picking and cleaning.

For additional information please contact Leah Ogden or Phyllis Pitoy.

Hospitality Pillar Ministries:

Hospitality Mass Coordinators

5:00pm Cliff Silva, Jason Saturnio

7:00am Sonny Castillo, Joe Ascension Zach Abregano & Larry Reiss

9:00am Irma & Herman Sumera, Harvey Motomura, Elsa Agno, and Pat Takemoto, Arline Kabasawa

11:45am Reinard Andres & Cathy Agamou

6:00pm Jean Alves, Sharon Crivello, Daylan Letisi

Church Cleaning Team 1 Franklin & Virginia Veriato

Team 4 Don and Vivian Coloma

Team 6 Cora Lantano & Christina Ranan

Team 7 Miki Aizawa

Environment 1 (Indoor) Filipina Andres

Environment 2 (Outdoor) Steve Nemeth

Building Facilities and Repair Evelyn Pacheco, Bob Lucas, Danie Villena, Margaret Lucas, Mary Hudak Gerard Callo, Don Coloma(chair), Richard Hudak, Keoni Farias Fr. Wilbert Laroga

Media & Communications: Chrislyn Villena

Kokua Ministry (Project based): all available volunteers



**PLEASE HELP!
We need HALA**

Decoration Committee needs the yellow fruit or seed pods from the “HALA” or Pandanus tree for Lenten Decoration. Please call the office if you have them and leave a message for Mary Correa with your name and number.



I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN

40 CANS FOR LENT



What is 40 cans for Lent?

It is a program designed to help fight hunger. An opportunity to take a small sacrifice and turn it into a big difference in the lives of others.

The Program:

Collect one can of food per day during the 40 days of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, and then one extra can per person on Easter Sunday. Drop off your cans at any time throughout the Season to the church, or the Knights of Columbus who collects and distributes food to those in need.

**Parish food pantry
inventory is LOW.**

Ka 'Aha O Kāna Meleama
Hawaii State Council 15952

**Thank you all for opposing bill HB 2739 HD1
regarding assisted suicide.**

Though it passed the House committees the battle is far from over.

Take the opportunity now to voice your concern in the second half of this session directly to
Representative Christopher Todd (808-586-8480, reptodd@capitol.hawaii.gov)
Senator Kai Kahele (808-586-6760, senkahele@capitol.hawaii.gov)

Remember when you call:

Be Brief! Simply say you **OPPOSE** HB 2739 HD 1 And as their constituent ask them to VOTE “NO” ON HB 2739 HD 1 WHEN IT COMES TO THE FLOOR FOR A VOTE.

Be respectful, limit your comments only to your dissatisfaction with the bill.
Stay in touch with them. Other issues are coming up, and let them know your opinion.

Mahalo!

-St. Joseph Parish Respect Life Committee

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT ENCOUNTER ALEFA

We encounter Alefa in Malawi, where seeds are helping her family survive an uncertain climate. How can you care for God’s creation this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

During Lent our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, you may pick up a Rice Bowl in the Church or the Rectory office. Let’s make a difference together!

Rice bowls may be turned into the hospitality minister, collection baskets or the rectory office

**Keep on Praying,
Keep on Sharing!**

STARTING ON MARCH 25.

COLLECTION DATES: APRIL 1, APRIL 8 & APRIL 15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 19

6:00 am Mass/Church
9:30 am SJS Mass (St. Joseph Feast Day)/Church
 12:15 pm Mass/Church
 6:00 pm RCIA Class/Library

Tuesday, March 20

6:00 am Mass/Church
 12:15 pm Mass/Church
 7:00 pm Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
 (Rosary 6:30 pm)/Church

Wednesday, March 21

6:00 am Mass/Church
 12:15 pm Mass/Church
 6:00 pm Stewardship Meeting/Mtg. Room
 7:00 pm Healing Mass/Church

Thursday, March 22

6:00 am Mass/Church
 12:15 pm Mass/Church
 6:30 pm St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/Church

Friday, March 23

6:00 am Mass/Church
 12:15 pm Mass/Church
3:00 pm Stations of the Cross/Church
 5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal/Church
 6:00 pm San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal/Mtg. Room
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross/Church

Saturday, March 24

7:00 am Mass/Church
 7:00 am Picking & Cleaning of Palms/Mtg. Room
 8:15 am Church Cleaner's #1 (F. Veriato)/Church
 9:30 am Bible Sharing/Library
 10:00 am Reconciliation/Church
 10:30 am Prayer Service (+Felicidad Andres)/Dodo Chapel

1:00 pm Wedding (Santos/Kikku)/Church
 2:00 pm Graveside Service (+Felicidad Andres)/
 Homelani Mem. Pk.

5:00 pm Mass/Church
 5:00 pm High School Youth Ministry/Library

Sunday, March 25 "Palm Sunday"

7:00 am Mass/Church
 9:00 am Mass/Church
**10:15 am NO Religious Education Classes
 (Palm Sunday)**
 11:30 am Mass/Church
 6:00 pm Mass/Church

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

Chrislyn Villena

- Bible Study/ Children's Liturgy: Mary Ann Leite
- Infant Baptism: Fred and Patti Basilio, Johanna Kaupu & Joette Tanigawa
- RCIA: Carl Sobrado, Jeff Bergbauer and Bernie Rasay
- Adult Confirmation: Linda Villena & Jaster Acgaoili

Engagement Encounter & Marriage & Family Ministry:
 Fred and Patti Basilio
 Marriage Preparation: Rose Nunogawa

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	Week (3/6-3/12)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Collections	7,452.25	325,775.48	351,919.63
All Other Income	43,632.12	227,136.23	235,022.46
Deposited to Bank	51,084.37	552,911.71	586,942.09
Parish Hall	351.25	Parish Savings	
		Loan to school	141,088.43
		Designated Funds	341,293.48
		Restricted Funds	429,076.67
			911,458.58

**Sunday RE Classes will be on break March 25 &
 April 1...classes resume April 8**

Save the date: RE family Retreat April 28
*(families with students for sacrament this year must
 make extreme efforts to attend)*





**GET THE MY
PARISH APP!**

Look for the *NEW LENT*
button!

It contains Lenten
reflections to aid in your
preparation for EASTER!

**Second Collection for Building, Repair &
Maintenance (This Weekend)**

Thank you!

**SHOW YOU CARE
WITH UNDERWEAR!**



**HELP OUR HOMELESS
SEEKING DONATIONS OF NEW
UNDERWEAR IN ADULT SIZES**

**DROP OFF SITES:
HOPE SERVICES KIHAI PUA SHELTER
115 KAPIOLANI ST. HILO, 96720
M-F 8AM-4PM
OR CALL FOR PICK-UP (808) 935-3050**

A HOPE SERVICES x UHHBSN Collaboration Project



RCIA First Scrutiny



RCIA Second Scrutiny



Teen Confirmation & Youth Ministry
Lectio Divina