

January 7, 2018

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation

Church Dedicated in 1919

Pastor:
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935-1465

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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 & 6:00 pm

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!



"They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

-Matthew 2:10-11

The parish will be printing the year end statements for all households soon. Please ensure that your mailing address and all forms of contact have been updated with our rectory office if you have made any changes in 2017 including names of members to your household.

Weekly Reflection: Epiphany of the Lord – 2018

“Go and search diligently for the child...”

In former days, the feast that we celebrate this Sunday is known as the Feast of the Three Kings. But these has been changed to the Feast of the Epiphany. The word epiphany means "manifestation." Today we recall how Jesus, as the God made man, manifested himself to the *Magi* or the wise men from the East, who came to pay him homage. And for us today, it also is a reminder that Christ is the Epiphany - the manifestation of God-among-us.

But to find the child Jesus, the wise men had to embark a long and arduous journey. And when they found him they simply were filled with joy. It seemed that they were not surprised to see the Infant King they had been awaiting lying in a manger. It did not matter to them for they have no preconceived idea of who and what they will find. For them the important thing was to follow the star that was their guide. They were not only wise, but they were also men of faith.

Our faith should also guide us to desire such an encounter with our Lord Jesus. Just as it was difficult for the Wise Men to encounter the Lord, it might also be difficult for us to find Him. But, even so, we must try and not give up. And when we finally do find Him, as these wise men were moved to offer the child Jesus, their gifts so I hope we too will be moved to do likewise. They might not be gifts of Gold, or frankincense or myrrh but can very well be the resources and talents that we must be put in the service of the poor and those in need. They can be the time that we must spend for those who need a listening ear or companionship. Or they can simply be the gift of adoration that springs from the depths of our hearts.

But where do we begin our search? St. Augustine in his search for God has this to counsel us:

“Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you ...”



“Gone but Never Forgotten”

Our annual **Memorial Mass** will be held on Saturday, January 27, at 1:00 p.m. This Mass is offered for all those in St. Joseph Parish who have died this past year (2017). All parishioners, and especially the family and friends of the deceased, are invited to attend. If you had a loved one who lived elsewhere and who died in 2017,

we would like to include them in this special Mass. Please call the rectory office at 935-1465 and leave their name.

This year, in addition to the usual Memorial Names display, we would like to add a photo collage of the deceased. If you would like to have your loved one's picture included in this, please send your photo with their name to: cvillena@stjoehilo.com You may also drop off your photo at the rectory office.

Be sure to label it with the person's name, your name & contact information.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PHOTOS IS JANUARY 25. If you wish to have the photo back, you may pick it up at the rectory office anytime after January 29.

“Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.”

St Jerome

Sunday, Jan. 07

Is 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

Monday, Jan. 08

Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9b-10
Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday, Jan. 09

1 Sm 1:9-20
(Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, Jan. 10

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20
Ps 40:2-5, 7-10
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, Jan. 11

1 Sm 4:1-11
Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 25-26
Mk 1:40-45

Friday, Jan. 12

1 Sm 8:4-7, 20-22a
Ps 89:16-19
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, Jan. 13

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19;
10:1a
Ps 19:8-10, 15
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, Jan. 14

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Jn 1:35-42

World Marriage Day
February 11, 2018

World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as head of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life.

To celebrate this joyous day, we are asking for couples married 50 plus years to submit their names, wedding dates, and wedding photos to rectory office or you may email

Chrislyn Villena at cvillena@stjoehilo.com.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PHOTOS IS JANUARY 29, 2018. *If you wish to have the photo back, you may pick it up at the rectory office anytime after February 12.*



History of the Diaconate in Hawaii

Jesus the Christ, on the night he was betrayed, established the sacramental and communal Church with the first celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist. In the first generation of the Church, the Holy Spirit led the apostles to select seven men who would free the bishops of their more secular and temporal duties. Historical testimonies of the generations that followed show that the deacon at all times had a special link with the bishop, and the diaconate quickly became a recognized and important office in the Church.

As the Church continued to grow under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the work of the deacon evolved into three major areas – word, liturgy and charity. Within these three major areas the deacon fulfilled such roles as proclaiming the Gospel at Mass and exhorting the faithful, directing the Prayers of the Faithful, assisting the celebrant at the altar, ministering the Chalice, and giving instructions to prospective converts for initiation into the Christian community. In regard to charity, the work of the deacon consisted of reporting the needs of the community to the bishop and bringing his response and assistance to those in need and want.

Over the centuries, the diaconate was displaced by seminarians in their final year of preparation for the priesthood. These men are called transitional deacons. In 1959 in Rome, Caritas International requested that the permanent diaconate be restored. From October 4-16, 1963, the subject was discussed during the Second Vatican Council deliberations. On September 29, 1964, in five separate votes, the council fathers approved the restoration of the diaconate as a permanent order, in its own right, a full part of the three-fold hierarchy of Holy Orders -- bishop, priest, and deacon. On June 18, 1967, Pope Paul VI issued *Sacrum Diaconatus Ordinem*, a document that reestablished the permanent diaconate for the Latin Church. In May 1968, the Catholic bishops of the United States of America petitioned the Holy See for permission to restore the diaconate in the U.S. On August 30, 1968, the apostolic delegate informed the bishops that Pope Paul VI had approved their request.

The permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Honolulu had its beginnings in 1978 when the late Bishop John J. Scanlan, apostolic administrator of the diocese, gave permission to begin a class of formation in September 1978. Under the direction of Sulpician Father Ed Hogan, the first deacon formation class began a three-year formation process. After six months a new director, Father Bartholomew O'Leary, was appointed to head the program. Shortly after his appointment he recruited Sister Jeanne Anne Colis, CSJ, to be the associate director. The two held the positions for the next ten-plus years. Sister Jeanne Anne left her position in 1988 to assume responsibilities with her order, and Father Bartholomew retired in 1989 due to health reasons, after guiding three classes through the formation process and ordination. In 1988 Deacon Wallace "Wally" Mitsui and his wife Gwen Mitsui were appointed co-directors for the fourth formation class. To assist them on the weekends, they organized a core team of five deacons and their wives, a priest, and the widow of a deacon. After the ordination of this class, Deacon Wally and Gwen resigned the co-directorship to assume other parish and diocesan ministries.

In 1992 Deacon Bill McPeck and his wife Flo McPeck were appointed co-directors and held the positions until after the ordination of the sixth class. They also had a core team to assist them on the weekends. In 2008 Deacon John Coughlin and his wife Kathleen Coughlin were appointed co-directors to head the seventh formation class for the diocese. The classes began on January 2010 with 22 men accepted into the Aspirancy Year.

Above is an excerpt from the Permanent Deacon Handbook, June 2010

Ordinations of the seven classes so far were as follows:

- * Class one had eight men ordained on December 5, 1981 by Bishop John J. Scanlan.
- * Class two had ten men ordained in December 1984 by Bishop Joseph A. Ferrario.
- * Class three had thirteen men ordained in June 1987 by Bishop Joseph A. Ferrario.
- * Class four had eight men ordained in July 1995 by Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo.
- * Class five had eighteen men ordained in June/July 2001 by Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo.
- * Class six had seventeen men ordained in January/February 2007 by Bishop Larry Silva.
- * Class seven had thirteen men ordained in January 2015 by Bishop Larry Silva.

Permanent Diaconate Ordination with Bishop Silva for East & West Hawaii Vicariates

When: Fri, 02 Feb 2018 @ 7:00 PM
Where: Saint Michael the Archangel Church
76-5769 Ali'i Drive
Kailua Kona, HI 96740

Bus Transportation available to and from Kona. Cost: \$42/person
Limited seats available. First come first serve. **Reservations must be made with
payment at the rectory office.**

Mass of Thanksgiving for Deacon David Watson

St. Joseph Church Sunday, February 4, 2018 11:45 am Mass

*Keep Dave & his
wife Gloria
in your prayers!*



Stewardship Committee Year-End Reflection on 2017

Stewardship's work in 2017 continued to focus on the priorities established in our St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Plan 2015. Along with this, we concentrated our efforts to develop an organizational network of communication, coordination and collaboration between the Administration, Staff, PPAC Council, Leadership coordinators, volunteers and parishioners.

Parish Pastoral Plan Priorities

- ◆ Embrace the principles of Stewardship
- ◆ Communication network development
- ◆ Faith formation, evangelization and leadership training
- ◆ Development of programs and support for the Youth of our Church
- ◆ Intensify Campaign to raise resources for the implementation of Projects:
 - 100th year Dedication of St. Joseph Church
 - 150th year of St. Joseph School and facilities
 - Construction of Parish Hall
 - Upkeep and maintenance of church building and rectory
 - Funding of various approved programs and project of the parish such as:
 - Sound system, telephone system, security and other needs



Considering the changes St. Joseph Church experienced in 2017 with a new Pastor and Priest, PPAC and Stewardship members worked for a smooth transition to welcome and acquaint our new Priests to St. Joseph Church and study the Parish Pastoral Plan. Together we met, discussed and learned from each other how best to continue our work for the good of the church.

We also shared much information with parishioners about programs, events, ministries and ways to participate in the life and work of the church using a multi-media approach with the Parish bulletin, parish app, pulpit announcements, posters, brochures, mini-notices, website, etc.

We asked parishioners to pray for the successful implementation of the mission of our Parish Pastoral Plan and help to make commitments to the church in a variety of ways. We launched our "Ministry Fair", celebrated St. Joseph's Feast Day, and honored Island Treasures in our church. We were so proud to see parishioners commit to ministries or actions to become active participants in the church on our "Commitment Sunday" in July.

With the energetic involvement of all Priests, leaders and parishioners, we have been able to achieve some of our priority goals in our Parish Pastoral Plan as well as to increase volunteer participation, encourage more families to be active, have faith-filled Liturgical events and many religious education, service and celebratory activities at St. Joseph Church.

We will continue our efforts to develop connections and support to St. Joseph School by keeping close communication and having our Priests serve mass at the school and participate in school activities.

As we forge forward into the New Year 2018, we embrace the many gifts God has given us and use them to do his work here at St. Joseph Parish. There is still much more to do, and our work goes on with all the love and grace from God.

Let's work together to have:

A safe environment for clergy, staff and church members here at St. Joseph Church. Security measures need to be established and communicated. Training to understand safety issues and procedures is also needed.

A network of communication to use protocols, share information and work to develop a parish ministry directory.

Continued recruitment for volunteers in all ministries and plan for fellowships to nurture community and hospitality.

Collaboration of everyone to increase the Youth and Young Adult participation in all events/activities here at St. Joseph Church.



Stewardship Committee

See some of the accomplishments in each of the Stewardship Pillars:

St. Joseph's Ministry Fair was held in March 2017 for all parishioners to become aware of all ministries and celebrate St. Joseph Feast Day.



To prepare parishioners for Commitment Sunday, Stewardship conducted an 'Information Campaign' with information brochures for each pillar describing pillar ministries and volunteer testimonies.

After four weeks of information about the Pillars and their ministries, Commitment Sunday was held with parishioners committing to a ministry or action(s) after the homily in mass. Many commitment responses were received. A thank you letter to those who made commitments were sent out.



Prayer Pillar:

- Visitation of the Fatima Statue at St. Joseph in January 2017.
- Christmas Novena Nights at St. Joseph Church – Simbang Gabi
- Training, organization and protocols of EOM's, Lectors, Sacristans were achieved.
- Faith Formation provided to ministries in this pillar.
- Calendar of events developed throughout the year: Daily masses, Sunday masses, Adoration, Novenas, Tour of the Fatima Statue, Living Rosary, Blessings and crowning of Mother Mary etc.



- Sound system was adjusted and improved.
- Organization and coordination of the Liturgy with Music, EOM's, Sacristans, and Lectors was collaborative.
- Charismatic music and mass was introduced to parishioners.
- The prayerfulness and devotion of our priests have been evident each day in our 6 am mass, first Friday Adoration, Living Rosary, daily noon and Sunday masses. Also by providing weekly confessions, penance service before Christmas and Easter.



- Music was provided during all masses by St. Joseph's many choirs. A children's choir was developed and added to the San Lorenzo Music ministry.



Faith Formation Pillar:

Religious Education: Opportunities for students K-12 to learn the Catholic Catechism

- Religious Education classes on Sundays
- Parish Children's Liturgy at church each Sunday
- Parents are given information sessions by Religious Education Director.
- Families are encouraged and invited to participate in Church events: living rosary, novenas, Mass, advent, etc.
- Family Mass with parents, grandparents and children.
- Youth Events: Walk-a-thon with Jesus, advent Service Project for the Shelter, Holiday Goodie Bags (Annual Fund Raiser)
- Monthly evening faith formation sessions were provided to parishioners to revisit and reflect on the Catholic Catechism.
- Commissioning of New Stewards in Stewardship
- Engaged and marriage encounter weekends were provided for all couples on the Big Island.



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Hospitality Pillar:

- Priestly Anniversary Celebrations were held for all three Priests at St. Joseph.
- Welcome and fellowship to guests and parishioners have been displayed by hospitality ministers, members of PPAC and Stewardship, ministry coordinators and Priests.
- Welcome fellowships, meet and greet for our new Pastor and Priest were planned.
- Hospitality ministers were provided time for training and discussing concerns.
- Teams formed for cleaning and beautification of the inside and outside areas of the church. Special collaboration of groups to decorate the church during the Easter and Christmas seasons.



- St. Joseph held an appreciation picnic for parishioners and ministers in November.
- Thank you announcements were given in church and thank you letters sent out.



Service Pillar:



- Food Pantry donations increased in 2017.
- Hot meals were provided for the homeless each month and during special holidays.
- Make a Difference provided hot meal for the homebound.
- Service pillar members received time to share ministry ideas and concerns.

- Feeding the homeless on Thanksgiving was a collaborative and joyous time for all those who planned, donated and volunteered their time and treasures to serve others in need.
- Blessing gravesites and caring for the cemetery property.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Calendar

Monday, Jan. 08

11:00 am Prayer Service (+Ernesto Tuliao)/Dodo Chapel
 1:30 pm Graveside Service (+Ernesto Tuliao)/Homelani Memorial Park
 6:00 pm RCIA Class/Library
 7:00 pm Mother of Perpetual Help Novena (Rosary 6:30)/Church

Tuesday, Jan. 09

5:00 pm Maintenance Committee/Mtg. Room

Wednesday, Jan. 10

6:30 pm Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Church
 7:00 pm Praise & Worship Hour/Church

Thursday, Jan. 11

6:30 pm St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/Church

Friday, Jan. 12

6:00 pm San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal/Church

Saturday, Jan. 13

8:15 am Church Cleaner's #6 (C. Lantano)/Church
 9:30 am Bible Sharing/Library
 10:00 am Reconciliation/Church
 5:00 pm Mass/Church
 5:00 pm **NO** High School Youth Ministry (Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday)

Sunday, Jan. 14

7:00 am Mass/Church
 9:00 am Mass/Church
 10:15 am **NO** Religious Education Classes (Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday)
 11:45 am Mass/Church
 6:00 pm Mass/Church

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

Week (12/27-1/2)		YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Collections	9,544.25	258,546.33	275,881.70
All Other Income	11,253.00	166,059.26	179,717.62
Deposited to Bank	20,797.25	424,605.59	455,599.32
Parish Hall	451.25	Parish Savings	
		Loan to school	146,051.33
		Designated Funds	336,330.58
		Restricted Funds	426,726.07
			909,107.98

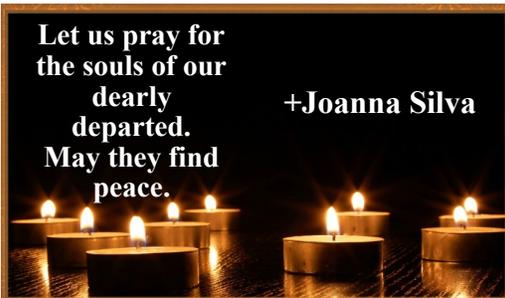
Updates from the repair & maintenance ministry:

The pastor is seeking monetary assistance in the removal and replacement of the concrete area in the front of the church.

Scope of work:

- Demolish & stockpile concrete
- Remake bottom steps leading to parking lot
- Provide drainage to prevent water pooling
- Remake the ramp between the car-loading area & the front walk
- Repair cracks
- Provide handrails

**The Monthly Second Collection for Building Repair & Maintenance will be used for this project amongst other repairs to the church & rectory buildings.
 Mahalo for your donations!**



INFANT BAPTISM

Next Class

January 8, 2018
7 - 9 pm

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

Environment Committee is seeking any volunteers to help with removing of all Christmas decorations.

They will be meeting on Monday, Jan. 8 at 1:30pm

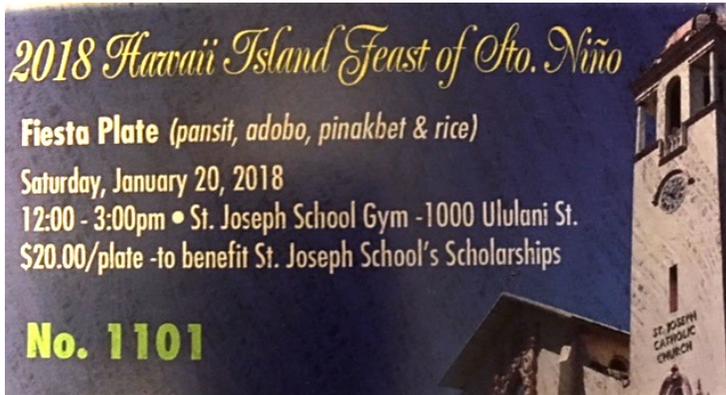
Contact Pina Andres for more information



2018 Hawaii Island Feast of Santo Niño celebration

will be held on Saturday, **January 20, 2018 at the St. Joseph School Gym.**

The mass will be concelebrated with all priests on the Big Island at 10:30 A.M. followed by entertainment. As part of the celebration, there will be a fundraising to benefit St. Joseph School scholarships. Fiesta plate (pansit, adobo, pinakbet and rice) will be served for \$20.00 after the mass. Tickets are sold outside the church after the mass. Everybody is invited.



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.

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.



Download Our Parish App TODAY!

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. Help foster a stronger parish life at St. Joseph Church and better engage the New Evangelization.

Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish.

PRAISE & WORSHIP HOUR

**Wednesday, January 10, 2018
7-8pm St. Joseph Church**

Join us as we gather together as the Body of Christ, to worship and thank the Lord for all He does for us. As we sing songs of praise, God is with us in a very special way.

"Let everything that has breath give praise to the Lord! Hallelujah!" (Psalm 150:6)

Hot Meal Ministry: Volunteers are always welcome. Please join us on Thursday, January 18th for a Hot Meal. Service starts at 11:30 am.

"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord." (James 5:14)

**MASS & HEALING SERVICE
WEDNESDAY,
JAN. 31 7:00pm St. Joseph Church**

COME & be filled with the Holy Spirit. Let the Lord touch & heal you in all the ways you need to be healed, whether it be physical, spiritual, emotional, mental or healing of relationships

Save the Date for the Dance!

Bring your family to our Family Valentines Dance
All are welcome (Families, Couples, Singles)

February 10, 2018 6:30-9:00 pm at St. Joseph School Gym

Admission for the dance is a non perishable item for the parish food pantry and a potluck finger food per person

Music Provided by: Island Serenaders led by Howard Oshiro