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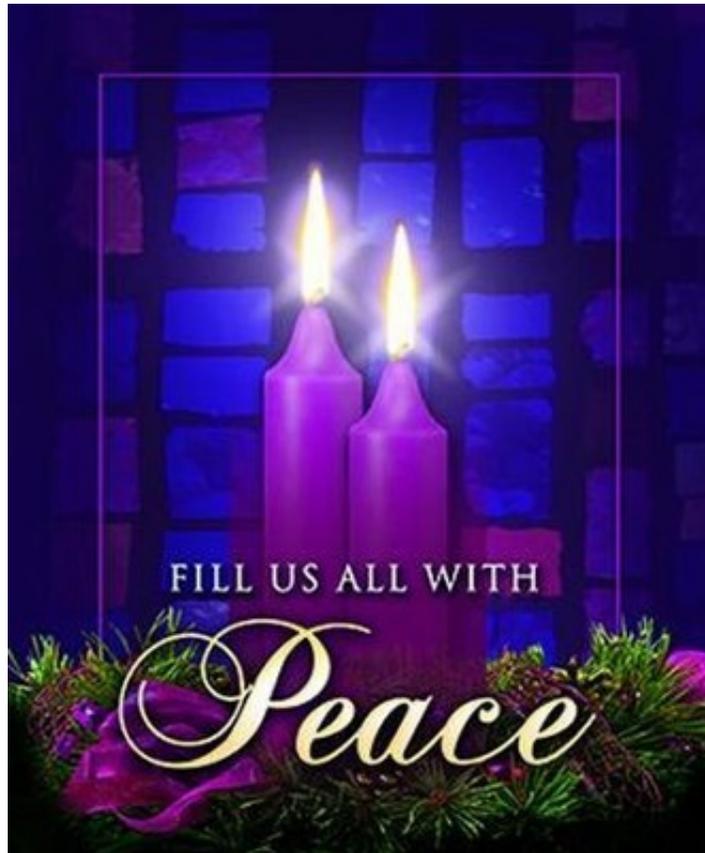
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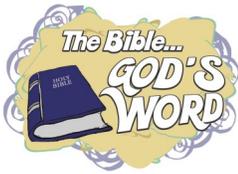
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**Sunday, Dec. 06**

Is 40:1-5, 9-11  
Ps 85:9-14  
2 Pt 3:8-14  
Mk 1:1-8

**Monday, Dec. 07**

Is 35:1-10  
Ps 85:9ab-14  
Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday, Dec. 08**

Gn 3:9-15, 20  
Ps 98:1-4  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12  
Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday, Dec. 09**

Is 40:25-31  
Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10  
Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday, Dec. 10**

Is 241:13-20  
Ps 145:1, 9-13b  
Mt 11:11-15

**Friday, Dec. 11**

Is 48:17-19  
Ps 1:1-4, 6  
Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday, Dec. 12**

Zec 2:14-17  
(Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19  
Lk 1:26-38

**Sunday, Dec. 13**

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11  
(Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54  
1 Thes 5:16-24  
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**Prepare the way of the Lord**

In this Sunday's gospel, we read St. Mark introducing Jesus with a quote from the Prophet Isaiah: "Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you... A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'" And this voice is John the Baptist!

And we can learn from John the Baptist, how we can prepare ourselves in preparing the way of the Lord. He lived in the desert with just the basic necessity and there dedicated himself to listening to the voice of God that came to him in prayer. We can likewise pause and reflect how we have been living our lives? Are we encumbered by too much excess baggage and are just focus in accumulating things that have distracted us from focusing on God and His words? What have we to let go this Advent season?

But more so, John was not focused on himself. He knew "one more powerful than himself is to come. And he is not fit to untie His sandal straps." And that is why he preached a Baptism of Repentance. Only when we have clean and emptied our hearts, will there be a space for the Lord to dwell in our hearts. So we can ask: Who or what is at the center of our hearts?

Advent is like planting seeds today and waiting in hope for them to grow and bloom tomorrow. But meanwhile we need to take care of that seed – water it, till the soil, take out the weed, etc. We cannot remain idle but actively prepare for the coming of the Lord in our lives. And be ready to let Him in.

*-Fr. Poli*

**Strong Volunteers** needed for Tuesday, December 15, and Tuesday, December 22, at Hope Services men's shelter at the old hospital. Volunteers are needed from 7:30am to 11:30am to help load trucks and vans with the food distribution. There are many boxes being picked up by churches and non-profit organizations from across the island. Volunteers will be loading the trucks and vans. Please call Bernie Resay at 808-640-8709 to sign up and volunteer. This is your opportunity to help those in need during this Christmas season. Thank you.



**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION-HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
**Mass Times:**

**6:00 MASS FR. POLI**

**12:15 MASS FR. LITO**

**7:00 PM MASS (Live Stream on parish YOUTUBE)**

In our diocese the Holy Days of Obligation are two: the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** (December 8, the Patroness of the USA); and **Christmas** (December 25).



Stewardship Report of Treasury for:			
Nov 24-30		YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Collections	4,722.27	164,201.85	146,791.69
R&M Collection	365.00	12,510.26	25,000.00
All Other Income	3,915.00	94,648.27	78,329.19
Deposited to Bank	9,002.27	271,360.38	250,120.88
Parish Hall	90.00	Loan to school	194,666.41
		Designated Funds	97,896.27
		Restricted Parish Hall Funds	459,736.23
			752,298.91

## Whole Parish Family Faith Formation Steps:

**Step 1** Use your monthly calendar (located on the parish website stjoe.hilo.com) and pray the scripture for the month.

**Step 2** Visit the parish youtube channel and watch the video about the Theme of the Month

**Step 3** Keep a log or short journal/notes on each activity using the following questions:

- Who participated in the activity?
- Were you able to identify the presence of God there?

# December

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14*

<p><b>Everyone is welcome to join the Parish Religious Ed Families in their Faith Formation Year.</b></p>		1	2	3	4	5
		<p>Select a date to go to Reconciliation as a family. (Call the parish office for an appointment or join the regularly scheduled time spot-10a on SAT)</p>	<p>Learn the Angelus Prayer &amp; make a commitment to praying it until Christmas</p>	<p>Learn about the Liturgical Colors of the Catholic church.</p>	 <p>Share with another person who Jesus is to you.</p>	<p>Download the Laudate App on all your mobile devices</p> <p><i>Make a brief phone call to someone special</i></p>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>Light your 2nd Advent Candle &amp; reflect on this week's theme.</p> <p><i>Read the gospel Matthew 2:3-6 at dinner time</i></p>	<p>Give Jesus a birthday gift by doing an act of Mercy            Corporal Works of Mercy            Feed the hungry            Shelter the homeless            Clothe the naked            Visit the sick and imprisoned            Bury the dead            Give alms to the poor</p>	<p>Say the St. Michael Prayer for all unborn babies in the world.</p> 	<p>Visit CatholicOnline.com &amp; Learn about St. Nicholas</p> <p><i>Drive around in search of Christmas lights</i></p>	<p>Donate this week's spare change to a charity of your choice.</p>	<p>Pick a Christmas themed worship song and share it with your family!</p> 	<p>12 If you were to give a gift to Jesus, what would it be and why?</p>  <p><i>Pray to St. Jude for someone who is ill or struggling to be healthy</i></p>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<p>Light your 3rd advent Candle (PINK) &amp; reflect on this week's theme</p> <p><i>Set up a Nativity scene at your altar or sacred space in your home</i></p>	<p>Say a prayer for peace in our community and the world.</p>  <p>"Dear God, ....            .....Amen"</p> <p><b>Declutter your favorite room in the house &amp; donate used/good condition items to a charity</b></p>	<p>Smile all day long (especially when it is most difficult).</p>	<p>Grab a family photo &amp; look at it, then, Name a holy trait that your family holds.</p> 	<p>Drop off a Poinsettia plant to your church.</p>	<p>Put on Christmas Music &amp; dance with someone</p> 	<p>Write a Christmas card to a parent, sibling, grandparent or family member and tell them why you LOVE them. (and of course deliver it).</p>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<p>Light your 4th Advent Candle &amp; reflect on this week's theme</p> <p>Say 3 Hail Marys for all pregnant women</p>  <p>Mary</p>	<p>Give Jesus a birthday gift by doing an act of Mercy            Spiritual Works of Mercy            Instruct the ignorant            Advise the doubtful            Console the Sinner            Comfort the Afflicted            Forgive willingly            Bear wrongs patiently</p>	<p>Pray for all the missionaries around the world, A St. Michael Prayer"</p>	<p>Make Jesus a handmade gift for Christmas &amp; place it under the tree</p> 	<p>Retell an advent scripture to your friends or your family.</p>	 <p>Read one of the Gospel Accounts of the Birth of Jesus at your Christmas Meal</p> <p>- Luke 2:11 -</p>	<p>Replace Screen time with a Christmas themed DIY.</p> <p>Share your end results by emailing Aunty Chrislyn.</p>
27	28	29	30	31	<p><b>#BringChrist</b>  <b>2URhalePlan</b>  <b>#beKukui</b>  <b>#shinebright</b></p>	
<p>Brainstorm with your family the characteristics of the Holy Family &amp; which one new characteristic would your family choose to be more like.</p>	<p>Say something nice about yourself outloud in front of a mirror., smile at yourself, this is what God made so be proud of His Creation!</p>	<p>Take a moment to rest and reflect on past experiences, lessons &amp; decisions. Write them down and evaluate (through prayer) what you would like to do differently in the New Year.</p>	<p>Be kind to your parents by NOT answering back or giving attitude for 48 hours</p>	<p>Tidy up your bedroom (or a room in the house) without being told</p> 		

# December 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>6</b> 7:00 MASS FR. LITO  9:00 MASS FR. LITO  11:45 MASS FR. POLI  6:00 MASS FR. POLI	<b>7</b> 6:00 MASS FR. LITO  12:15 MASS FR. POLI	<b>8 FEAST OF THE            IMMACULATE            CONCEPTION</b>  6:00 MASS FR. POLI  10 AM <i>EH-VICARIATE            MEETING</i>  12:15 MASS FR. LITO  7:00 PM MASS	<b>9</b> 6:00 MASS FR. POLI  12:15 MASS FR. LITO	<b>10</b> 6:00 MASS FR. LITO 12:15 MASS FR. POLI	<b>11</b> 6:00 MASS FR. POLI 12:15 MASS FR. LITO  <b>6:00 Confirmation/            First Holy Commun-            ion Group 1            FR. POLI</b>	<b>12</b> 7:00 MASS FR. LITO <b>10:00 CONFESSION            FR. LITO</b>  <b>1:00 Confirmation/            First Holy Communion            Group 2            FR. POLI</b>  5:00 MASS FR. POLI



## St. Joseph Church Happenings

Date	Event
<b>Dec. 8 Tuesday—Immaculate Conception            (Holy Day of Obligation for Diocese of Honolulu)</b>	<b>Mass 6:00 AM &amp; 12:15 PM (Sign-in at the Door)</b>  <b>Mass 7:00 PM (Reservations Required)</b>
<b>Special Notes:</b> ♦ <b><u>No Advent Reconciliation Service</u></b> ♦ Join the Saturday 10:00 am if you cannot attend, then Call office for appointment.  ♦ <b><u>Live Streaming Mass Dates &amp; Times:</u></b> ♦ Immaculate Conception 7:00 pm ♦ Christmas Eve ♦ 6:00 pm ♦ 9:00 pm ♦ Mid-night	<b>Special Notes for the Holidays:</b> ♦ All Advent Novena Masses (Simbang Gabi) require reservations! <b><u>There will be no fellowship</u></b>  ♦ Dec. 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, & 23 (7PM) ♦ Dec. 19-20 (Any Weekend Attendance Counts Towards Novena) ♦ Dec. 24 (6:00 AM)  ♦ Christmas Mass times: Dec. 24 (6 pm, 9pm, Midnight) & Dec. 25 (7 am, 9am, 11:45 am) <b><u>Reservations are required!</u></b>



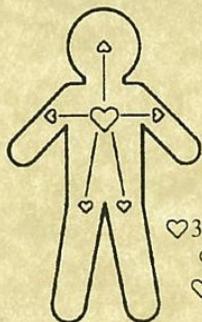
### The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest lay organization of Catholic men.

St. Joseph parish, together with Malia Puka O Kalani, is fortunate to have a Council to help support Fr. Poli and participate in programs that, together with other Councils, help to change and save lives around the world. Our Council meets at 6:30 PM on the **second Tuesday of each month**. Contact Knight Harvey Motomura at 987-9709, or [motomura@hawaii.edu](mailto:motomura@hawaii.edu) for additional information. To learn more about our organization, please go to [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).



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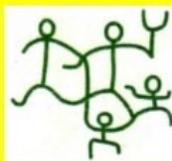


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