

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

December 25, 2022

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation

Church Dedicated in 1919



**Priests:**

Rev. Apolinario Ty, SSS  
Rev. Ferdinand Tomo, SSS

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*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins Weekdays & Sundays at 4:00 p Saturdays at 3:00 p*

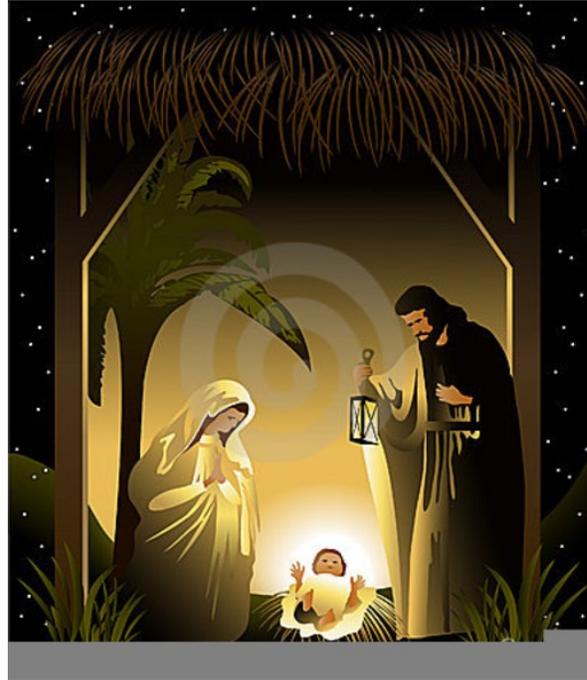
**Mass Schedule**

6 am 12:15 pm Monday—Friday  
7 am Saturday Morning

5 pm Saturday Vigil Mass  
7 am, 9 am, 11:45 am and 6 pm Sunday



*Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will!*



**Christmas – 2022 (A)**

*There was no room at the inn.*

**A Blessed and Merry Christmas to all of you family and friends of St. Joseph Church – Hilo.**

But are we truly feeling merry and blessed this day? I am sure the news that it might be raining has disturbed our thoughts of an “all is calm and all is bright night”. Similarly, the sight of so many street people whom we know will not have the warmth of a Christmas meal not to mention the absence of a family to celebrate with, certainly cannot but cast a gloom in our hearts. How about the little hassles that seem to disrupt our otherwise merry disposition? Are these part of God’s plan for Christmas?

But when we look at the first Christmas, not everything was perfect as well. Joseph and Mary, who were expecting to give birth, had to travel a distance because of the census called by the Roman emperor. There was also a shortage of places to stay in that the Holy couple would take shelter in a stable and would have the manger as a cradle for the Holy child born that Holy night. It is getting more messy every second.

Indeed life can be messy and we can only trust in God’s Providence. But it is when our plans do not work that God carries out His mysterious designs in the best possible ways. That is Grace! And today we celebrate **Grace Incarnate** - Christ Our Savior is Born!

" MELE KALIKIMAKA ME KA HAU'OLI MAKAHIKI HOU ,"

# Scripture OF THE WEEK

**Sunday,  
December 25**

Is 52:7-10  
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6.  
Heb 1:1-6  
Jn 1:1-18

**Monday,  
December 26**

ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59  
PS 31:3CD-4, 6 AND  
8AB, 16BC AND 17  
MT 10:17-22

**Tuesday,  
December 27**

1 Jn 1:1-4  
97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12  
Jn 20:1a and 2-8

**Wednesday,  
December 28**

1 Jn 1:5—2:2  
124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8  
Mt 2:13-18

**Thursday,  
December 29**

1 Jn 2:3-11  
96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6  
Lk 2:22-35

**Friday,  
December 30**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14  
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5  
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**Saturday,  
December 31**

1 Jn 2:18-21  
96:1-2, 11-12, 13  
Jn 1:1-18

**Sunday,  
January 01**

Nm 6:22-27  
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8  
Gal 4:4-7  
Lk 2:16-21

Mele  
Kalikimaka



Dec 26 Mass: 7am ONLY  
Office will be closed

***POPE FRANCIS PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH***

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and

courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen

**Stewardship Report of Treasury for:**

	December 13-19	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<b>Collections</b>	5,668.29	212,334.28	217,235.47
<b>R&amp;M Collection</b>	110.00	10,405.46	14,967.72
<b>Security Project</b>	5.00	489.00	654.82
<b>All Other Income</b>	39,053.00	147,371.74	45,413.02
<b>Deposited to Bank</b>	<b>44,836.29</b>	<b>370,600.48</b>	<b>278,271.03</b>
Loan to School			76,928.49
Designated Funds			185,298.27
Restricted Parish			620,213.27
			<b>882,440.03</b>



Looking for a New Year's resolution? How about listening to the **Bible in a Year** pod cast with Fr. Mike Schmitz. In **The Bible in a Year** podcast, Fr. Mike walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way.



Link: <https://youtube.com/@TheBibleinaYear>

December 25<sup>th</sup> marks the earthly birth of Jesus Christ and starts the season of Christmas, which runs from the vigil on Christmas Eve until the Baptism of the Lord on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Not only do we witness the Lord's Nativity, we'll also celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on December 30<sup>th</sup> and follow the Magi to visit the Christ Child on the Solemnity of the Epiphany on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

In accord with the joy of Christmas, our church is decorated with festive wreaths and poinsettias. We will again sing the Gloria after the Kyrie at the beginning of Mass. After the purple of Advent, the altar linens and clergy vestments shift to white to highlight the season second only to Easter. All of our preparations have brought us to a little town where a newborn lays in a manger, he who is visited by shepherds and magi. Will we rush in with our presents and rush out once the day is over? Or could we take some time over the next two weeks to sit with the Holy Family, reflecting and praying on all that we've seen and heard?



**The Children's Liturgy Ministry** would like to restart our ministry on Nov. 27, 2002, the first Sunday of Advent. Children's Liturgy is for children ages 5 to 12 years of age. Our children will leave the church and we meet in the downstairs meeting room.

They will hear the same readings you are hearing, followed by a short activity or presentation. We will be called back during the offertory and the children will return to the families. Like all ministries, we are in need of volunteers to make this happen. If the Spirit moves you, please call the office and leave your name and phone number and I will return your call.

-Mary Ann Leite (coordinator)

# December 2022

25 12:00 AM-Midnight Mass  7:00 Mass  9:00 Mass  11:45 Mass	26 7:00 Mass  <u>Office Closed</u>	27 6:00 Mass  12:15 Mass  <u>Office open 9-1</u>	28 6:00 Mass  12:15 Mass  <u>Office open 9-1</u>	29 600 Mass  12:15 Mass  <u>Office open 9-1</u>	30 6:00 Mass  12:15 Mass  <u>Office Closed</u>	31 NO Confessions Scheduled
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## JOIN THE 'OHANA

*Through Catholic values, St. Joseph School implements an academically rigorous and spiritually rich curriculum. St. Joseph students learn, in a safe and disciplined environment, to care for themselves and others and to accept responsibility for making a just and loving society through the generous use of their personal talents and gifts.*

### Immediate Positions Available:

*Elementary Substitute Teacher*



Scan the QR Code or visit:

<https://www.hrsymphony.com/hrs/careers/RCCH>

Search "St Joseph School, Hilo" for job listings



*Educate*

*Inspire*

*Motivate*

## 2022 - 2023 Boy's Basketball Schedule



Saturday (11/26)+	v HPA	6:00p
Wednesday (11/30)+	v Konawaena	5:00p*
Friday (12/09)	@ Kea'au	5:00p*
Wednesday (12/14)+	v Pahoa	5:00p*
Tuesday (01/03/23)	@ Hilo	5:00p*
Thursday (01/05/23)	@ Kamehameha	6:30p
Saturday (01/07/23)	@ Ka'u	5:00p*
Thursday (01/12/23) ++	v Wai'akea	5:00p*
Saturday (01/14/23)+	v Kealakehe	5:00p*
Tuesday (01/17/23)	@ Honoka'a	6:00p
Thursday (01/26/23)+	v Kohala	6:00p

**+All home games will be played at the Afook-Chinen Civic Auditorium**

**++ 1/12/23 game will be played at the University of Hawai'i - Hilo Gymnasium**

*\*Parker JV will be playing prior to our SJS Varsity Team.  
JV game will start at 5:00p with the Varsity Game to follow.*

## Parents & Guardians:

Please accompany ALL minors (ages 17 & younger) to the restrooms.

It is **YOUR** kuleana to keep them safe while attending Mass & parish events.



## SAFETY NEEDS TO BE EVERYONE'S PRIORITY

Effective immediately the bathrooms will remain locked during **Sunday 6pm mass**. Please see a Hospitality Minister to accompany you to the bathroom.