

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

December 24, 2023

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation

Church Dedicated in 1919



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Let the Lord enter; He is king of glory.

The Augustine Educational Foundation is pleased to announce the **2024-2025 Tuition Scholarship Program Application window will be open Thursday, December 21 (we opened early this year).**

Our application service provider for our Tuition Scholarship Program is FACTS Grant & Aid.

**** AEF WILL NOT take LATE applications. ****



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

Forgot your Check Book? Make your offering to St. Joseph Church, Hilo online.

Simply click on the QR Code and process your offering.

Thank You and God Bless.



4th Sunday of Advent

“Let it be done to me...”

When was the last time you heard God speaking to you? The gospel this Sunday recounts the story of the visit of the angel Gabriel to Mary with the good news: “You shall conceive and bear a son and give him the name Jesus.” And after carefully listening and weighing the angel’s message, she replied: “*May it be done to me according to your word.*” With her simple yes to God’s invitation, Mary opened the doors for the recreation of the world. Finally, salvation has come.

All because Mary listened. She heard the word and she acted on what she heard.

This story is also played out in our daily lives. God speaks His word to us. It might not be as dramatic as an angel appearing before our very eyes. It could be through an inspiring words we encounter during a homily or reflection. Or it could be an innocent rumbling of a child who spoke straight-forwardly of a simple truth. Or just a quiet knocking in our hearts as we spend a moment of quiet prayer or as we are moved by the beauty of creation. Indeed God speaks to us in many ways.

Like Mary, we too are graced by the Lord. He chose each one of us for a particular mission which nobody else can accomplish. And God is waiting for our Yes to this mission.

And come Christmas, Our yes can very well be the best gift we can offer to Our Lord Jesus, who, Himself said Yes to the Father’s will and become “the Emmanuel – the “God with us.”

A Blessed Christmas to all of you and my your homes and families be filled with the Lord’s abundant blessings!

Recently, Fr. Poli posed this question to some of our parishioners, **“Why do you choose to remain a Catholic?”**

Here are some of their responses:

Father

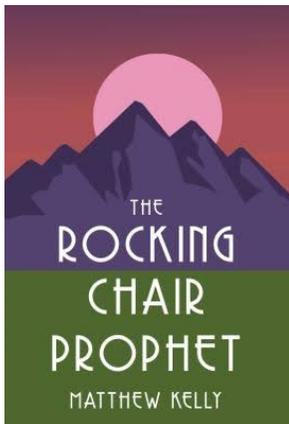
My mother raised us, her three children by, herself. I do not know how she did it but she managed. But every Sunday, we all went to Church and attend Holy Mass. And she will always light a candle and silently pray before the image of Our blessed Mother. And when once I ask her why do we have to go to mass every Sunday : She replied: We have to thank the Lord for providing for us!

Looking back, I realized the sacrifices she had to go through raising us, but she never complained. And I believe it was her trust in God that sustained her. And this trust in God is what she has passed on to us. And I cannot imagine any other church that I can encounter God except in the church I grew up with.

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I love the Catholic Church for all her traditions – like this Christmas tradition and also Holy Week. And likewise her devotion to Mary and the Saints.

So, what are your reasons?



This year's book is the third of Matt Kelly's books selected and follows *“Life Is Messy”* and *“Holy Moments”* - all of which provide inspirational reading of rediscovery for our SJ Family and friends. We are fortunate to have donors who believe and support this Christmas project. At each of six **Christmas masses**, we invite every family to take this gift to support your Advent journey that begins our new liturgical year! This year's book *‘The Rocking Chair Prophet’* will be available at each exit on Dec 24-25 only at our Christmas masses. Please take **one copy per household**...so that all may enjoy this gift.

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	December 12-18	YTD Actual
Collections	14,778.47	249,292.63
Other Regular Income	180.75	24,586.90
Unusual Income:		
Choirs	0.00	275.00
Convent Lease		34,000.00
R&M Collection	140.00	12,958.00
Security Project	100.00	828.00
Feed the Hungry	60.00	1,946.00
Other Unusual Income		6,782.34
Total Income	15,259.22	330,668.87
Loan to School		20,619.05
Designated Funds		352,101.43
Restricted Parish Hall Funds		456,488.02

DONATE TO FEEDING THE HUNGRY!

We are currently seeking monetary donations for a new certified kitchen, or donations of the items below for our monthly feeding the hungry ministry. Contact Bernie at (808)640-8709 for more information.

- Corn (#10 size can)**
- Tomato Sauce (#10 size can)**
- Kidney Beans (#10 size can)**
- Tomato Paste (#10 size can)**
- Mild Salsa (Gallon)**
- Hickory BBQ Sauce (Gallon)**

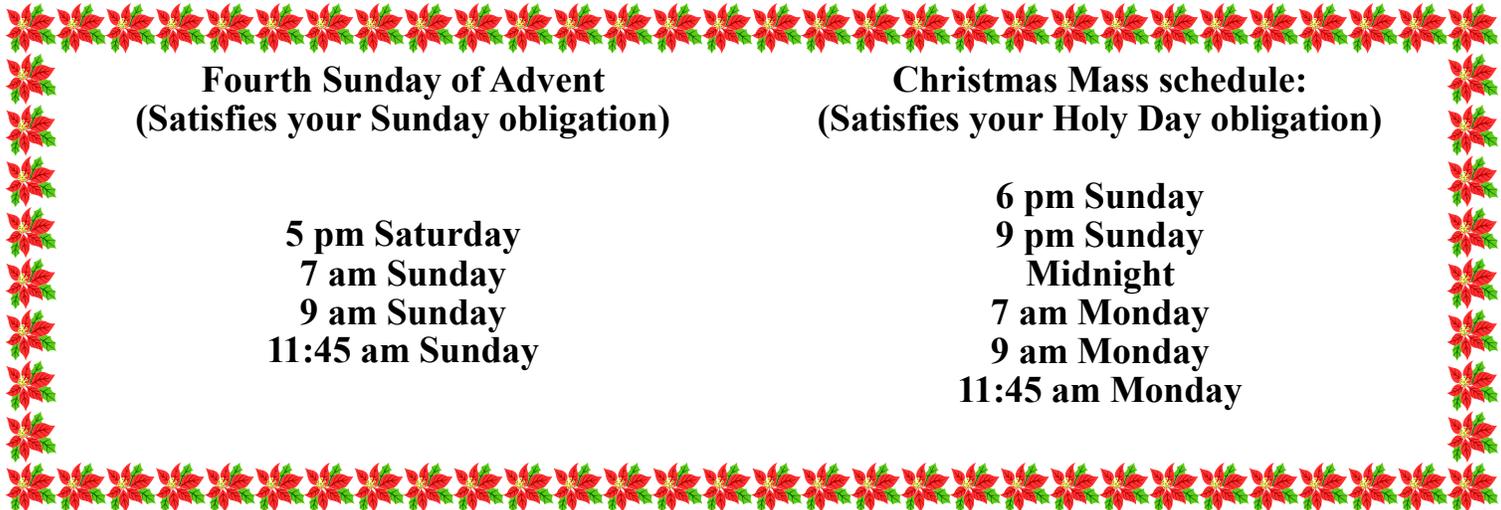
Supplies: Paper 5-Part Luau Plates & 3-Section To-Go Containers, Napkins, Paper Drinking Cups, Utensils (Compostable), Sandwich size ziploc bags

We would like to thank everyone who donated all other ingredients we have in stock. Mahalo for your generosity! We appreciate anything you can do to contribute to our current above list.



**Mahalo,
Service Pillar**

24 7:00 Mass-FF 9:00 Mass-FF 11:45 Mass-FP 6:00 Mass-FP 9:00 Mass-FF Midnight Mass-FP	25 7:00 Mass-FF 9:00 Mass-PP 11:45 Mass-FF 	26 7:00 Mass-FP 	27 6:00 Mass-FF 12:15 Mass-FF	28 6:00 Mass-FP 12:15 Mass-FF	29 6:00 Mass-FF 12:15 Mass-FP	30 7:00 Mass-FF 10:00 Confession 5:00 Mass-FP
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Fourth Sunday of Advent
(Satisfies your Sunday obligation)

5 pm Saturday
7 am Sunday
9 am Sunday
11:45 am Sunday

Christmas Mass schedule:
(Satisfies your Holy Day obligation)

6 pm Sunday
9 pm Sunday
Midnight
7 am Monday
9 am Monday
11:45 am Monday



NATIONAL
Eucharistic Revival

National Eucharistic Revival Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you give us your flesh and blood for the life of the world, and you desire that all people come to the Supper of the Sacrifice of the Lamb. Renew in your Church the truth, beauty, and goodness contained in the Most Blessed Eucharist.

- Jesus living in the Eucharist, come and live in me.
- Jesus healing in the Eucharist, come and heal me.
- Jesus sacrificing yourself in the Eucharist, come and suffer in me.
- Jesus rising in the Eucharist, come and rise to new life in me.
- Jesus loving in the Eucharist, come and love in me.

Lord Jesus Christ, through the paschal mystery of your death and resurrection made present in every Holy Mass, pour out your healing love on your Church and on our world. Grant that as we lift you up during this time of Eucharistic Revival, your Holy Spirit may draw all people to join us at this Banquet of Life. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Our Lady of Peace, Mother of the Eucharist, Pray for us.
 St. Joseph, silent adorer of the Eucharist, Pray for us.

As part of our response for the Year of Eucharistic Revival,
 St. Joseph Church will offer Eucharistic adoration on the 2nd Sunday of each month from
 10:30 to 11:30 am.

Please plan to join us on January 14th.

