

Church Dedicated in 1919

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43 Kapiolani Street Hilo, HI 96720 (808) 935-1465 www.stjoehilo.com 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

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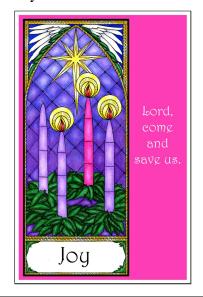
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Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will!

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation







3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday - Year C - 2024

### "What should we do?"

John the Baptist was telling the people to repent in preparation for the coming of the Lord, the Messiah. Wanting to be prepared they ask St. John: "What should we do?"

How about us? Has this also been our concern during the Advent season?

John's responses were practical and direct, urging them to prepare not just outwardly but inwardly as well. First of course was the call to repent and turn back to God. Advent is the time to examine what habits or sins are blocking our path in welcoming the Lord. Second, we must learn to share – "Advent is a season of sharing, not just out of abundance but out of love. "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none.. " Third, we must learn to act justly in our daily life. True preparation requires integrity and justice in our dealing with one another. And finally, John tells us "Bear fruit worthy of repentance." And all the while approaching the Lord with humility and trust.

And while it seems too much to ask, we are exhorted to do so with joy and grateful expectation – "Rejoice in the Lord always. I say it again: rejoice." The rose-colored candle on our Advent wreath and the rose-colored vestments remind us that we are drawing closer to the fulfillment of our hope, and the coming of Christ, and our hearts should be rejoicing.

May the joy of Christ fill our hearts and overflow into the lives of those around us and together we pray: "Come, Lord Jesus, our joy and our hope!"

### December 2024

### Office hours are from 9-1 M-F

15	16	17	18	19	20	21
7:00 Mass-FP	6:00 Mass-FP	6:00 Mass-FF	6:00 Mass-FF	6:00 Mass FP	6:00 Mass-FF	7:00 Mass-FF
9:00 Mass-FP	12:15 Mass-FF	12:15 Mass-FP	12:15 Mass-FP	12:15 Mass-FF	12:15 Mass-FP	10:00 Confession
11:45 Mass-FF			6:00 Simbang Gabi-FP			
6:00 Mass-FF	6:00 Simbang Gabi-FP	6:00 Simbang Gabi-FF	6 p Alabarae	6:00 Simbang Gabi -FNiko	6:00 Simbang Gabi -FF	
			Choir rehearsal-			5:00 Mass-FP

### **Daily Readings**

Sunday, Dec 15

Zep 3:14-18a Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6. Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

Tuesday, Dec. 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17

Thursday, Dec. 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25

Sg 2:8-14

Lk 1:39-45

Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

Saturday, Dec. 21

Monday, Dec. 16

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-

Mt 21:23-27

Wednesday, Dec. 18

Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25

Friday, Dec. 20

Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38

Sunday, Dec 22

Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. Heb 10:5-10

Confession are offered weekdays during Advent at 4 pm in addition to our regular Saturday schedule. No appointments are needed!



Santa's Breakfast Draws Over 200 Attendees for a Festive Morning!

Mahalo Nui to all of Santa's Helpers!



Stewardship Report of Treasury for:						
Dec 03-0	9	YTD Actual				
Collections	11,906.25	252,863.02				
Other Regular Income	547.32	26,261.72				
<b>Unusual Income:</b>						
Choirs	0.00	225.00				
Convent Lease	0.00	34,000.00				
R&M Collection	190.00	6,965.00				
Security Project	5.00	1,281.00				
Feed the Hungry	40.00	7,570.00				
Other Unusual Income	0.00	3,409.13				
Total Income	12,688.57	332,574.87				
Designated Funds		521,243.38				
Restricted Parish Hall Funds		460,699.04				

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### **Engaged Encounter, February 22-23, 2025**

One of the steps that is required for marriage in the Diocese of Honolulu, is a couple's attendance at an Engaged Encounter retreat. This retreat allows couples to learn to communicate more deeply within the couple, and it asks the questions each couple needs to ask one another. It has been shown that couples who attend this retreat have happier, more committed relationships in their marriages. For the convenience of parishioners in East Hawaii, this retreat is held annually at St. Joseph Church in Hilo. Our next retreat takes place on the weekend of February 22 and 23, 2025. If you intend to get married in the next year or so, this is the retreat for you. There are, however, retreats throughout the year on

the other islands, but this is the only one here. For more information, contact your parish or Fred Basilio at (808) 896-5432, Rose Nunogawa at (808) 935-1465, or Deacon Charley Mapa at (808) 935-1465/(808) 987-8713

"Please drop off Christmas flowers (white, red, pink) from Dec 16-23 at Church office weekdays (9a-1p daily) or leave at Sacred Heart side altar when church is open (6a & 12:15p masses or 4-5p Adoration).

On weekends, @ regular confession and mass times. Plastic sheet will be placed in the area to preserve the red carpet. Altar decorating starts at 8a on Tues, Dec 24.

Call Office (808) 935-1465 with questions and Mary Correa will return your call. "



Immaculate Conception Youth Mass held at St. Joseph School gym and celebrated by Fr. Poli.



Our next Hot Meal is scheduled for Thursday, December 19th. Your contributions can be dropped off at the rectory office between 9 and 1 pm Monday through Friday. Volunteers are also needed and welcomed.

Please call Bernie Rasay at (808) 640-8709 for more information.

St. Joseph parish has begun offering the Precious Blood at Communion at the weekend Masses only. Please be aware of the following:

- 1) to drink of the Cup is a choice and nobody is obliged to do so;
- 2) only one Cup will be offered on the Kapiolani Street side, so please seat yourself accordingly;
- intinction (dipping the consecrated host into the Precious Blood) is not allowed.
  Please be patient as we restore the offering of the Communion Cup: adjustments will be made as needed.



### **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 12th.





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