

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation



December 29, 2024

Church Dedicated in 1919

Priests:

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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

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Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will!

Feast of the Holy Family – Year “C” - 2024

The Holiness of the Family

Celebrating today the Feast of the Holy Family invites us to look at how our own families have been a seedbed for nurturing our Christian faith.

The family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus mirrors a simple but deep piety by keeping up with the custom of going to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast of Passover. Nothing extraordinary for every pious Jewish family is expected to do the same. But when done wholeheartedly and not only as an obligation, it becomes an expression of true faith and love for God. And we know this because the boy Jesus grew up with the consciousness that the temple was truly the home of his Father. Visiting the temple must have been something Jesus looked forward to. This could only have happened because Joseph and Mary have witnessed to the young Jesus how they are at home with the Father and have a loving relationship with God.

But despite this loving communion with the Father, which is the foundation of their life of holiness, like all ordinary families of their time and even our time, the Holy Family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus have their share of problems and worries, The holiness of the family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus lies in their recognizing God’s will as it unfolds before them in events of their ordinary everyday life and choosing to be faithful to God’s will whatever the consequence might be.

And the life witness of every Christian Family, who strives to be faithful in their own little way in the midst of all the tensions and difficulties, is one grace that could transform our society and which we should always be grateful. Are we ready to take up the challenge?

A Blessed and Holy New Year to all of You!

29 7:00 Mass-FP	30 6:00 Mass-FP	31 7:00 Mass-FF	Jan 01 7:00-FF	02 6:00 Mass FP	03 6:00 Mass-FP	04 7:00 Mass-FP
9:00 Mass-FP	12:15 Mass-FF			12:15 Mass-FF	9:30 Mass +B.Macanas	10:00 Confession
11:45 Mass-FF					12:15 Mass-FF	5:00 Mass-FF
6:00 Mass-FF		Office Closed		6 pm Faith For- mation		

Daily Readings

<u>Sunday, Dec 29</u>	<u>Tuesday, Dec. 31</u>	<u>Thursday, Jan 02</u>	<u>Saturday, Jan 04</u>
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5. Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Lk 2:41-52	1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 Jn 1:1-18	1 John 2:22-28 Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 John 1:19-28	1 John 3:7-10 Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9 John 1:35-42
<u>Monday, Dec. 30</u>	<u>Wednesday, Jan. 01</u>	<u>Friday, Jan 03</u>	<u>Sunday, Jan 05</u>
1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Lk 2:36-40	Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21	1 John 2:29-3:6 Psalm 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 John 1:29-34	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13. Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

FOR ALL CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS OF ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL!!

FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR TUITION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Deadlines & Notifications

Application Window – January 10 to March 1, 2025
Completed applications, required documents and \$45 application fee are due to FACTS. Late applications WILL NOT be accepted.



Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	Dec 17-23	YTD Actual
Collections	17,150.00	283,451.02
Other Regular Income	402.45	30,704.59
Unusual Income:		
Choirs	0.00	275.00
Convent Lease	0.00	42,500.00
R&M Collection	90.00	7,385.00
Security Project	0.00	1,386.00
Feed the Hungry	170.00	7,840.00
Other Unusual Income	0.00	4,214.76
Total Income	17,812.45	377,756.37
Designated Funds		530,319.44
Restricted Parish Hall Funds		461,076.81

In this **Jubilee Year of Hope**, may you all have a very Blessed and Holy New Year!

Fr. Poli
Fr. Ferdie
Dcn David
Dcn Charley & Gwenda





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**

When You Pray:

A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God

You know that prayer is important but still find it challenging. Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Or maybe you feel discouraged by your weaknesses and your inability to overcome them.

If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints struggled in prayer. They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God's grace.

What God did in the lives of countless saints, he wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. And that's what this study is about: the journey of prayer God wants to take us on.

Join us for *When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God* on Thursday, January 2nd at 6 pm.

For more information please call the Rectory office at 808-935-1465.

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Mahalo to Fathers Poli & Ferdie for their support, guidance and prayers. Thank you for making it a successful and blessed event.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole Cosmos
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.



Franciscus



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SUNDAY,
JANUARY 12 AT 10:30 FOR OUR
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



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