

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation



Aug. 24, 2025

*Church Dedicated on
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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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21st Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon Peter answered him,
“Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal
life.” - Jn 6:68

21ST Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2025

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate...”

To the question in the Gospel: “Lord, will only a few people be saved?, Jesus chose to redirect it by replying: “Strive to enter through the narrow gate...”

While salvation is a gift being offered to all, it needs to be accepted by the person. In fact, Jesus says, “**STRIVE**”. In Greek, the word used is “*agonizomai*”, which means to struggle, to wrestle, to give everything you have. And the reason for the striving is that the Gate is narrow! And not because God wants to keep people out, but because it requires a certain letting go of everything and anything that can not fit. Self-centeredness won’t fit, and neither is selfishness. Likewise, unforgiveness, apathy, lukewarmness of faith, and a host of contradictory values will also not fit.

It is a matter of personal decision if one chooses to enter this narrow gate. And more than just a path, this narrow gate is Jesus. Thus, it is all about entering into a real, living relationship with Our Lord Jesus.

As we go on in life in life we will need to pass through many gates. And finally, at the end, we will have to enter either a gate that leads to eternal damnation or a gate that leads to heaven. Thus, “Will only a few be saved?” is not the issue because God loves all of us and wills us to be saved. The issue is “Are we taking his invitation seriously?”

3rd Annual Big Island Walk and Roll to Cure ALS

Saturday, September 6, 2025, at Wailoa River State Park – Big Pavilion.

♦ **Check-in & Registration: 9:00 AM**

♦ **Walk and Roll Start: 10:00 AM**

24 7:00 Mass-FP 9:00 Mass-FP 11:45 Mass-FP 6:00 Mass-FF	25 6:00 Mass-FP 12:15 Mass-FF	26 6:00 Mass-FF 12:15 Mass-FP 6:00 Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer group	27 6:00 Mass-FF 12:15 Mass-FP 6:00 Knights of Columbus	28 6:00 Mass-FP 12:15 Mass-FF	29 6:00 Mass-FP 12:15 Mass-FF	30 7:00 Mass-FF 10:00 Confessions 5:00 Mass-FP
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Daily Readings

Monday, Aug 25

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10
Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday, Aug 26

1 Thes 2:1-8
Psalm 139:1-3, 4-6
Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday, Aug 27

1 Thes 2:9-13
Psalm 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab
Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday, Aug 28

1 Thes 3:7-13
Psalm 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17
Matthew 24:42-51

Friday, Aug. 29

1 Thes 4:1-8
Psalm 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12
Mark 6:17-29

Saturday, Aug 30

1 Thes 4:9-11
Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9
Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, Aug 31

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

- ♦ Are you interested in becoming a member of St. Joseph Church Catholic Faith Community? Do you know a family member or friend interested in a deeper relationship with God through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist?
- ♦ OCIA is preparation for adults who have yet to be baptized. *AND*. for baptized adults who wish to be in full communion with the Catholic Church through receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.
- ♦ Join us on Monday August 11 at 5:30 PM in the rectory Library for a brief "talk story" on adult faith formation and sacramental preparation.

TEENS!

St. Joseph Church Religious Education has something just for you! Our Teen classes are designed for your unique age group. Your study will be led by a very dynamic couple, and the study will address different needs. If you have already received your Sacraments, this class will allow you to study at a deeper level with your peers. If you need First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, this class is for you. If you are not Catholic, but think God is calling you to Baptism, we welcome you. Bring your friends! Registration time is now, and class starts on Sunday, September 7, between the 9am and 11:45 Masses. Look for applications at the church exits, or call our office at (808) 935-1465 for information.
Peace, Deacon Charley

REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER MASS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND TO ASSIST WITH SIGN UP

TEMPORARY SCHEDULE CHANGE

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE AFTERNOON ADORATION HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE MORNING
11:00-12:00 MONDAY-THURSDAY
WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING

Aloha, Friends,
Our next "Spiritual Wellness" ministry meeting will be held on Monday, September 1 (Labor Day) at 6 pm, in the St. Joseph Parish Hall in Hilo in the downstairs meeting room.

We will be discussing RELATIONSHIP(S).

I look forward to seeing you.

Blessings,

Deacon Jim Dougherty SOLT

PS We will return to our last Monday of the month meeting date at the end of September

For more information please contact Deacon Jim Dougherty 808-315-1319

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	Aug 12-18, 2025	FYTD Actual
Collections	9,835.50	70,476.10
Other Regular Income	411.10	4,905.59
Unusual Income:		
Choirs	0.00	0.00
Convent Lease	0.00	0.00
R&M Collection	335.00	2,200.00
Security Project	5.00	285.00
Feed the Hungry	50.00	665.00
Other Unusual Income	0.00	0.00
Total Income	10,636.60	78,531.69
Designated Funds		593,897.66
Restricted Parish Hall Funds		463,761.52

JESUS

THE WAY, THE TRUTH,
AND THE LIFE

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 4 at 6 pm.
 Hope to see you there.

Did you just move to Hilo? Or maybe you've been here, but been looking for like minded young adults to follow Christ with..

Come check out our August Events



Young Adult Gatherings ages 18-39
 Every 2nd & 4th Thursdays
 We meet 2 additional times this month!

AUGUST

HOLY HOUR & FELLOWSHIP
 Adoration at St. Joseph Church 4pm & fellowship to follow at Hilo Town Night Market

FRIDAY AUG 01

CHOSEN FOR MORE
 Sacraments of Service
 St. Joseph Church 6pm-8pm

THURSDAY AUG 14

SAINT & SIP
 Mocktail making featuring the Saint of the Month
 St. Joseph Church 6pm-8pm

THURSDAY AUG 28

COFFEE HOUR
 EPIC Ministry hosts Coffee Hour come join us after 9am mass
 St. Joseph Church

SUNDAY AUG 31

For the latest EPIC updates:
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Safety Tips for St. Joseph Church

Keep exits clear during mass.

No chairs by exits

Accompany children under 16 to the restroom.

In the event of an emergency:

Stay calm

Avoid panic

Follow instructions

Emergency instructions may vary.

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



PLEASE JOIN US ON
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AT 10:30 FOR OUR
SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND PRAYERS



Sr. Avia and Sr. Ursula wish to thank everyone who stopped by to say hello and /or purchased last weekend. They also wanted to remind you that you can always submit your prayer intentions to them via their webpage <https://holytrinityhermitage.com/>. Again, thank you very much and may God bless you.



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