

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation



February 16, 2025

Church Dedicated on February 23, 1919

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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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6TH SUNDAY IN OT 2025

Blessing and Woe

After choosing His apostles, Jesus came down the mountain and radically proclaimed “Blessed are the poor... and woe to you who are rich...”. Such is exactly the opposite of what the people of his time valued. If we compare the worldly preaching and the preaching of Jesus, the world preaches efficiency, it glorifies success and worships power. The world announces that happiness comes from wealth, affluence, and freedom from any form of pain while Jesus tells the poor and the hungry, the sorrowful and the hated that the Kingdom of God is for them. They are God’s preferred people. What is the reason? Why are the poor and suffering near to the heart of God?

When Jesus says, “Blessed are you who are poor,” He is not glorifying suffering and saying poverty itself is good. Rather, without the security of wealth and power, Jesus is emphasizing the poor's dependence on God. In contrast, while material prosperity is not evil in itself, it can create a false sense of security, leading people to rely on money instead of God. One has to constantly be reminded that it is a gift from God and therefore must be used for the good of God’s people.

True riches are not found in money, but in a heart that trusts in God. Let us strive for a life that seeks first the riches of the Kingdom of God and is grateful for every blessing.

16 7:00 Mass-FP 9:00 Mass-FP 11:45 Mass-FP 6:00 Mass-FP	17 7:00 Mass-FP 	18 6:00 Mass-FF 12:15 Mass-FP	19 6:00 Mass-FF 12:15 Mass-FP	20 6:00 Mass FP 9:30 Funeral Mass +S.Kaneki FF 11:00 Interment- DC 12:15 Mass-FF	21 6:00 Mass-FF 9:30 Funeral Mass +L.Velez FF 11:00 Interment- DC 12:15 Mass-FP	22 7:00 Mass-FP 10:00 Confession 5:00 Mass-FF
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Daily Readings

Sunday, Feb 16 Jer 17:5-8 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26	Tuesday, Feb 18 Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b & 9c-10 Mk 8:14-21	Thursday, Feb 20 Gn 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 Mk 8:27-33	Saturday, Feb 22 1 Pet 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Mt 16:13-19
Monday, Feb 17 Gn 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1,8, 16bc-17, 20- 21 Mk 8:11-13	Wednesday, Feb 19 Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18- 19 Mk 8:22-26	Friday, Feb 21 Gn 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14- 15 Mk 8:34—9:1	Sunday, Feb 23 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12 -13 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38



ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS:

The Engaged Encounter weekend is coming up February 22/23. We need “prayer warriors” for our couples starting at 6 am on Saturday to 5 pm on Sunday. If you can commit to pray for just 1 hour on that weekend, then please call Gwenda Mapa at 808-935-1465 to set up your time. If you are able and willing to do more, GREAT! We need your help!

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	Feb 4-10, 2025	YTD Actual
Collections	8,246.00	375,082.04
Other Regular Income	252.54	33,381.08
Unusual Income:		
Choirs	0.00	275.00
Convent Lease	0.00	42,500.00
R&M Collection	175.00	10,040.00
Security Project	5.00	1,690.00
Feed the Hungry	90.00	8,415.00
Other Unusual Income	0.00	5,214.76
Total Income	8,768.54	476,597.88
Designated Funds		530,319.44
Restricted Parish Hall Funds		461,076.81



Progress report for St. Joseph, Hilo as of January 31, 2025

Collected	Goal	% vs. Goal
\$13,420	\$18,257	74%

Great job so far!!

Please return your blessed palm branches so they may be burned for our upcoming Ash Wednesday.

Also, please make sure that they are free of any wire, tape, or any other materials.



FEED THE HUNGRY MINISTRY

Donate or Volunteer to Feed the Hungry!
We are seeking donations of the following items for our monthly Feed the Hungry Ministry.
Volunteers are also needed and welcomed.
Contact Bernie at (808) 640-8709 for more information.

Groceries:

Red Hot Dogs
Yellow Whole Kernal Corn
Kidney Beans
Tomato Paste
Mild Salsa
Hickory BBQ Sauce

Paper Supplies:

Paper 5-part Luau plates
3-section To-Go Containers,
Napkins, Paper Drinking cups,
Utensils (compostable)



The Jubilee Cross, installed at the co-Cathedral. A smaller version of this cross will be coming to the Big Island on February 28th and will tour the Churches here.

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, February 20 at 6 pm.

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

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,
 MARCH 9 AT 10:30 FOR OUR
 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



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*"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."
 Colossians 3:14*



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