

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation



Feb. 22, 2026

Church Dedicated on February 23, 1919

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins Monday-Thursdays at 11 am & Fridays & 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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Stations of the Cross will be offered on the Fridays of Lent at 3 pm and 6 pm

1st Sunday of Lent – 2026 (A)

Was led by the Spirit into the desert

On this First Sunday of Lent, the Church invites us into the desert with Jesus. Lent is not simply about giving up chocolate or taking on extra prayers. It is about entering the desert of the heart — that place where we face our temptations, our weaknesses, and ultimately discover who we really are before God.

In the Gospel, we hear of Jesus' temptation in the desert. After His baptism, the Spirit leads Him into the desert. The desert is not an accident. The Spirit leads him into it. The desert is part of God's plan. He entered the desert for us — to show us something essential: we are not powerless over temptation.

For forty days, Jesus fasts. He is hungry. He is vulnerable. And it is precisely then that the tempter comes. The three temptations are not random. They strike at the core of human weakness.

The First temptation is to “Turn these stones into bread.” This is the temptation to reduce life to material needs. And to satisfy oneself first. But Jesus responds, “Man shall not live by bread alone.” He reminds us that we are more than our appetites. We are made for God.

The Second temptation is to “Throw yourself down.” This is the temptation of pride and testing God. It is the desire to manipulate God. But Jesus refuses. Trust does not demand proof; trust rests in love.

Third temptation is the promise that “All these kingdoms I will give you.” This is the temptation of power and control. Worship something other than God, and you can have it all. But Jesus says, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him alone shall you serve.”

Lent, then, is not just about our struggle with temptation. It is about walking with Christ this 40 days into the desert of our interior life and ultimately make that choice to live for God.

22 7:00 Mass-FF 9:00 Mass-FF 11:45 Mass-FF 6:00 Mass-FF	23 6:00 Mass-FP 12:15 Mass-FF	24 6:00 Mass-FF 12:15 Mass-FF 6 PM Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer Group	25 6:00 Mass-FF 12:15 Mass-FF 6 PM K of C with Rosary downstairs	26 6:00 Mass-FP 12:15 Mass-FF	27 6:00 Mass-FF 12:15 Mass-FF 3pm & 6 pm Stations of the Cross	28 7:00 Mass-FF 10:00 Confessions Engaged Encounter weekend 5:00 Mass-FF
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Daily Readings

Monday, Feb. 23

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15
Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday, Feb. 24

Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19
Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday, Feb. 25

Jonah 3:1-10
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, Feb. 26

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
Matthew 7:7-12

Friday, Feb. 27

Ezekiel 18:21-28
Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8
Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday, Feb. 28

Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday, Mar. 1

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22.
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-9

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

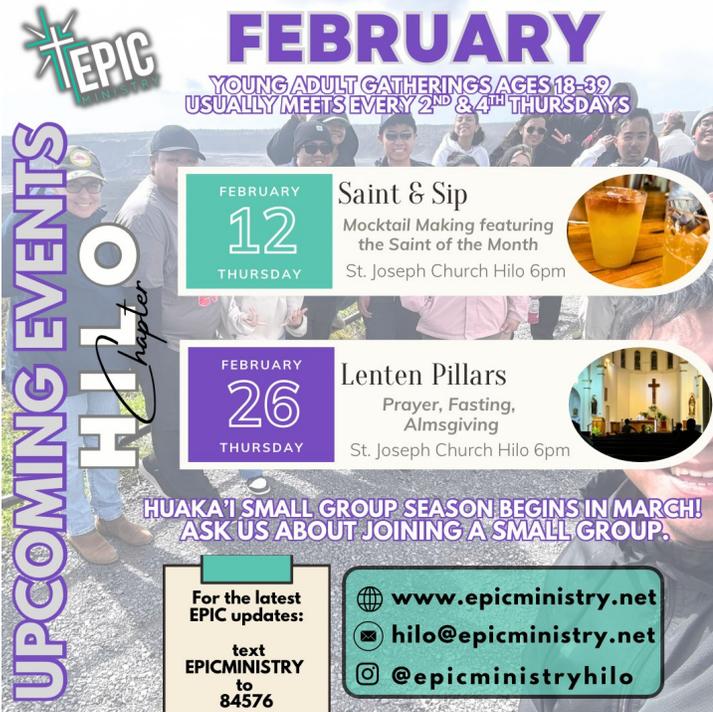
	Feb. 3-10	FYTD Actual
Collections	10,123.00	398,029.15
Other Regular Income	1,154.96	40,626.17
Unusual Income:		
Choirs	0.00	100.00
Convent Lease	0.00	51,000.00
R&M Collection	295.00	42,378.00
Security Project	10.00	1,485.00
Feed the Hungry	220.00	4,376.72
Other Unusual Income	0.00	5,556.19
Total Income	11,802.96	543,551.23
Designated Funds		648,698.78
Restricted Parish Hall Funds		466,105.26

The **Inspiring Hope: Spiritual Wellness Ministry** will meet on Monday, February 23, 2026 at St. Joseph Church in Hilo in the lower meeting room at 6 pm.

This Ministry is a unique, spiritual approach to mental health in the Diocese of Honolulu developed under the sponsorship of Bishop Larry Silva. It is tailored to the cultural diversity in Hawaii. As far as is known, there is no other ministry like this addressing mental health through the Holy Spirit and based on Catholic teaching and spirituality. Come and sit with the **Inspiring Hope: Spiritual Wellness Ministry** and walk with us through God's scripture...experience His healing found in the Word and our Catholic faith.

At this February meeting we will be discussing the emotional healing graces available through the sacraments, particularly the **Eucharist and Reconciliation (Confession)**.



Pope Francis Fasting Tips

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate on simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



We are looking for people interested in serving our Church as altar servers, lectors, choir members, church cleaners and/or hospitality ministers. Anyone who would like to join a ministry can obtain a volunteer form from the back bulletin board. Just fill it in and place it in the collection box. Upon receipt of the form, Coordinators will contact with you. Thank you.

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

Join us today as we joyfully launch the **Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal!** This is an exciting opportunity for our parish community to come together and *Share God's Gifts* in support of the vital ministries that strengthen our Church across the islands.

Make your gift by scanning the QR code or completing the pledge form. Your generosity supports Catholic schools and faith formation programs, outreach to individuals and families in need, evangelization efforts, and the formation of seminarians preparing for the priesthood. Together, we can make a lasting difference!

Prayer to St. Joseph, Patron of Our Parish

Beloved St. Joseph, Patron of our Parish,

at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home.

As God's humble servant, you welcomed Jesus as your own son and with Our Blessed Mother provided Our Lord with the warmth of a family.

We praise God and are grateful that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you.

Most watchful guardian of the Holy family, with confidence we likewise entrust our Parish and families to your loving care.

Teach us, as a Church, to listen attentively to God's will and to carry it out with quiet courage and trust.

Help our parish to be a home of faith, where Christ is loved and adored, families are strengthened, and all who come find peace and belonging.

Help our homes to be places of prayer, where God is honored. Protect our children and the vulnerable; and assist and take care of those who toil to provide for their families.

St. Joseph, we thank you through the years that you have watched over us. Continue, we beg, to help us to find God in all that we do and pray that our parish may grow in holiness, unity, and charity, and always reflect the heart of Christ.

Amen. St. Joseph, pray for us.

**PLEASE JOIN US ON
SUNDAY, MARCH 8 AT 10:30 FOR OUR
SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND PRAYERS**



Safety Tips for St. Joseph Church



**Keep exits clear during mass. No chairs by exits
Accompany children under 16 to the restroom.**

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"Let all that you do be done in love."
1 Corinthians 13:4

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