



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Jan. 25, 2026

*Church Dedicated on
February 23, 1919*

Priests:

Rev. Apolinario Ty, SSS

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Deacons:

Dcn. Charley Mapa

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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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*Please remember St. Joseph
Parish in your will!*

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL



Parishioner Day & Open House

Meet our Teachers, Explore our School
and Scholarship Opportunities

Sunday, January 25, 2026

10:00 Am - 1:00 Pm

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**JOIN US THIS SUNDAY
AT THE SCHOOL GYM
FOR OUR COFFEE
HOUR AND SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE!**



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2026

To sit in Darkness

To sit in darkness is not first about sin or failure; it is to live **without having God at the center of one's life.**

Darkness is what happens when we rely only on ourselves—our plans, our strength, our understanding. We may still be busy, successful, even religious, but without God, direction slowly fades. We move, but we do not truly see.

That is why the Gospel says, *“The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light.”* The light is not an idea or a rule. The light is a Person – Jesus Christ. When Christ enters a life, clarity returns. Hope replaces confusion. Meaning replaces fear. Walking in the light does not mean life becomes easy; it means life becomes guided. We still struggle, but we no longer walk alone.

Jesus comes not to condemn those in darkness, but to lead them out of it. And the first step into the light is simple: to let God back into the center of our lives.

May we choose the light—not by our own brilliance, but by following Christ, who alone shows us the way.

January

Office hours are from 9-1 M-F

25 7:00 Mass-FF 9:00 Mass-FF 11:45 Mass-FP 6:00 Mass-FP	26 6:00 Mass-FP 12:15 Mass-FF	27 6:00 Mass-FF 12:15 Mass-FP	28 6:00 Mass-FF 9:00 Catholic Schools Week Mass-SJS gym 12:15 Mass-FP	29 6:00 Mass-FP 12:15 Mass-FF 6:00 EPIC-Library	30 6:00 Mass-FF 9:30 Mem. Mass +M.Soares 12:15 Mass-FP	31 7:00 Mass-FP 10:00 Confessions 5:00 Mass-FF
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Daily Readings

Monday, Jan. 26

2 Timothy 1:1-8
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10
Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday, Jan. 27

2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19
Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10
Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday, Jan. 28

2 Samuel 7:4-17
Psalm 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30
Mark 4:1-20

Thursday, Jan. 29

2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29
Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14
Mark 4:21-25

Friday, Jan. 30

2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday, Jan. 31

2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17
Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17
Mark 4:35-41

Sunday, Feb. 1

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12a

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	Jan. 13-19	FYTD Actual
Collections	9,338.50	353,482.85
Other Regular Income	744.21	37,528.36
Unusual Income:		
Choirs	0.00	100.00
Convent Lease	0.00	51,000.00
R&M Collection	25,315.00	39,857.00
Security Project	10.00	1,325.00
Feed the Hungry	20.00	3,795.00
Other Unusual Income	0.00	5,556.19
Total Income	35,427.71	492,644.40
Designated Funds		648,698.78
Restricted Parish Hall Funds		466,105.26

Prison Ministry Training - There will be a State mandated volunteer training in March for **women** interested in developing a ministry to women housed in Hale Nani Makai jail in Hilo.

This day-long training will also prepare those interested in a prison ministry at Kulani men's prison.

Please call Deacon Jim Dougherty (808) 315-1319 to register for the March training, which is only offered infrequently throughout the year.

World Marriage Day

The symbol of World Marriage Day uses a man and a woman candle-like figures that are meant to show that the love of a marriage is often used to help bring light to the world. The symbol then joins the couple with a heart, representing the power of love and unity that can give life and inspiration to others.

At St. Joseph parish married couples and widows/widowers will be blessed at all masses February 7-8, 2026.

Holy Trinity Hermitage Fundraiser Sunday, February 18



Congratulations to Dcn. Charley Mapa who will celebrate the 5 year anniversary of his Ordination on Friday, January 30th.



May God bless you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

YOUNG ADULT GATHERINGS AGES 18-39
USUALLY MEETS EVERY 2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS

JANUARY 08 <small>THURSDAY</small>	The Manifestation of the Lord White Elephant Gift Exchange St. Joseph Church Hilo 6pm	
JANUARY 16-18 <small>FRI-SUN</small>	Ignite Retreat A Catholic Retreat for Young Adults-Registration ends 1/14 1/16 5:30pm - 1/18 3:00pm Volcano, HI	
JANUARY 22 <small>THURSDAY</small>	Saint & Sip Mocktail Making featuring the Saint of the Month St. Joseph Church Hilo 6pm	
JANUARY 31 <small>SATURDAY</small>	Season 3 Huaka'i Project Small Group Host Training Small Group Host Training 8:00 am Location: TBD	

ADDITIONAL EVENTS THIS MONTH!

For the latest EPIC updates:
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The "Inspiring Hope: Spiritual Wellness" Ministry will meet on Monday, January 26, 2026 at 6:00 pm at St. Joseph Church in Hilo in the lower meeting room. Formerly called the Spiritual and Mental Health Ministry, this activity 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 group and walk with us through God's scripture...experience His healing found in the Word and in our Catholic faith. The topic for our January meeting is depression. Please call Deacon Jim Dougherty at (808) 315-1319 for more information.

A Hopeful Prayer for the New Year

Heavenly Father,

As we enter this new year, we rise together to stand in the gap before You. We lift our voices in faith, believing that You hear us from heaven and that You answer in Your perfect time.

Lord, we pray for our families—for love, unity, healing, and protection.

We pray for our church, that it may be a light of hope, truth, and compassion.

We pray for our careers and work, asking for wisdom, provision, and open doors.

We lift our children and spouses, asking that You guide their steps, guard their hearts, and surround them with Your peace.

We pray for our communities and our country, that justice, peace, and righteousness may prevail.

Father, we also remember those who are hurting:

The homeless, may they find shelter and dignity.

The sick and needy, may they experience comfort, strength, and healing.

The displaced and persecuted, may You be their refuge and defender.

The depressed, oppressed, crushed, and broken, may Your light reach them and restore hope to their hearts.

Lord, remind us not to grow tired or weary in prayer. Renew our strength when we feel weak. Help us to rise again and again, knowing that praying for one another is both our responsibility and our privilege.

We trust that You hear us today. We trust that answers are on the way. We trust that this new year is held securely in Your hands.

May the God of heaven and earth receive our prayers and release His grace, mercy, and peace upon us all.

We begin this year in hope, faith, and love.

Amen.

-pope Leo XIV

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



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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.

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