



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation



Jan. 4, 2026

*Church Dedicated on
February 23, 1919*

Priests:

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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

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord - 2026

“We saw His Star...”

As we celebrate this Sunday’s solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, we are confronted with this simple but searching question: What guides our journey? Is it the desire for success or fear or habit or the Star of Christ?

The Magi in the Gospel are travelers like us. What moves them is desire—a desire for truth, for meaning, for something greater than themselves. Their desire leads them to kneel and *worship* Him, who they were searching.

How different this is from the desires that often guide our own journeys. The desire for success can slowly become the desire to prove ourselves. It promises security but often leaves us restless. Fear can also guide us—fear of losing what we have, fear of change, fear of uncertainty. Like Herod, fear makes us anxious and defensive, unable to rejoice when God is doing something new. Then there is habit. Habit is not always bad, but it can quietly replace faith. We do things because we have always done them, not because our hearts are still searching. Habit can keep us moving, but not necessarily *growing*. The Magi show us another way. They follow the star of Christ—a light they do not control and do not fully understand. At times the star disappears, and they must listen, ask, and trust again. Yet they keep going. When they finally reach the Child, they are filled with joy, not because they have arrived at success, but because they have encountered truth.

Epiphany invites us to examine our own hearts. What truly guides my decisions? What shapes my priorities? What light am I following when the road becomes unclear?

May we ask for the courage to let go of false guides and to follow the star of Christ. For only His light leads not just to a destination, but to joy, peace, and a life transformed.

Forgot your Check Book?

Make your offering to

St. Joseph Church, Hilo online.

Simply click on the QR Code and
process your offering.

Thank You and God Bless.



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

January

Office hours are from 9-1 M-F

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|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| 4 7:00 Mass-FP 9:00 Mass-FP 11:45 Mass-FF 6:00 Mass-FF | 5 6:00 Mass-FP 12:15 Mass-FF | 6 6:00 Mass-FF 12:15 Mass-FF | 7 6:00 Mass-FF 12:15 Mass-FF | 8 6:00 Mass-FP 9:30 +G.Lehano-FF 12:15 Mass-FP | 9 6:00 Mass-FP 9:30 Mass +P.Babiera-FP 12:15 Mass-FF | 10 7:00 Mass-FF 10:00 Confessions 5:00 Mass-FP |
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Daily Readings

Monday, Jan. 5

1 John 3:22-4:6
Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, Jan. 6

1 John 4:7-10
Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8
Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday, Jan. 7

1 John 4:11-18
Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13
Mark 6:45-52

Thursday, Jan. 8

1 John 4:19-5:4
Psalm 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc,
17
Luke 4:14-22

Friday, Jan. 9

1 John 5:5-13
Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19
-20
Luke 5:12-16

Saturday, Jan. 10

1 John 5:14-21
Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a
and 9b
John 3:22-30

Sunday, Jan. 11

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

| Dec. 23-29 | | FYTD Actual |
|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Collections | 32,507.00 | 314,485.77 |
| Other Regular Income | 233.14 | 1,368.84 |
| Unusual Income: | | |
| Choirs | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Convent Lease | 0.00 | 42,500.00 |
| R&M Collection | 1,215.00 | 13,417.00 |
| Security Project | 110.00 | 1,305.00 |
| Feed the Hungry | 330.00 | 3,235.00 |
| Other Unusual Income | 0.00 | 35,273.93 |
| Total Income | 34,395.14 | 411,685.54 |
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| Designated Funds | | 639,506.86 |
| Restricted Parish Hall Funds | | 465,709.56 |

Annual Memorial Remembrance

St. Joseph Church will remember and honor those parishioners and your loved ones who died in the 2025.

The names will be displayed in Church on the weekend of January 24-25, 2026.

If you have a loved one who died in 2025, please call the rectory office at (808) 935-1465, to submit their name.

All name must be submitted by Wednesday, January 21st.



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

CONTACT

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Please note that in collaboration with our school, we will hold our January monthly Coffee hour at the school gym.

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minds and futures.



JANUARY

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY
08
THURSDAY

The Manifestation
of the Lord

White Elephant Gift Exchange
St. Joseph Church Hilo 6pm



JANUARY
16-18
FRI-SUN

Ignite Retreat

A Catholic Retreat for Young
Adults-Registration ends 1/14
1/16 5:30pm - 1/18 3:00pm Volcano, HI



JANUARY
22
THURSDAY

Saint & Sip

Mocktail Making featuring the
Saint of the Month
St. Joseph Church Hilo 6pm



JANUARY
31
SATURDAY

Season 3 Huaka'i
Project Small Group
Host Training

Small Group Host Training
8:00 am Location: TBD

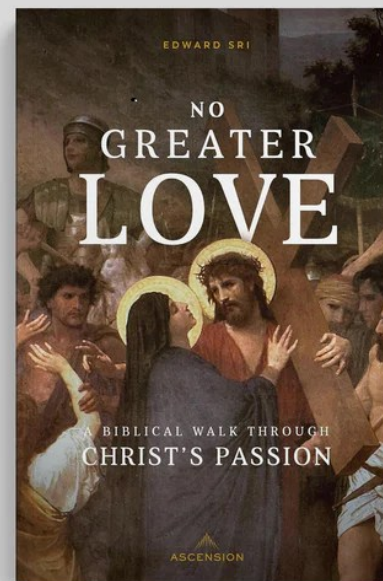


ADDITIONAL
EVENTS
THIS
MONTH!

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**Adult Faith Formation continues on
Thursday, January 15th.**

**2 sessions will be offered on the 1st and 3rd
Thursday of the month as follows:**

**2-3:30 pm in the Library
6-7:30 pm downstairs.**

We hope to see you there.

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, JANUARY 11 AT 10:30 FOR OUR
SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND PRAYERS**



Mahalo to everyone who has helped with our Feed the Hungry program! Your contributions of time, talent and donations are very much appreciated.

The Feed the Hungry Ministry

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