

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation



Mar. 15, 2026

*Church Dedicated on
February 23, 1919*



**Stations of the Cross
will be offered on the
Fridays of Lent at 3 pm
and 6 pm**

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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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Parish in your will!*

Homily for Laetare Sunday (4th Sunday of Lent) 2026

From Blindness to Sight

Today the Church celebrates **Laetare Sunday**—a moment of joy in the middle of Lent. The word *Laetare* means “Rejoice.” Even as we continue our Lenten journey, the Church reminds us that Easter is drawing near and that the light of Christ is already breaking into our lives.

The Gospel tells the story of Jesus healing a man born blind. But this Gospel is not only about physical sight. It is about spiritual sight. It is about the journey from darkness to light.

Confronted by the mystery of human suffering, The disciples begin with a question that people still ask today: “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” They were trying to explain suffering by blaming someone. Jesus does not spend time assigning blame. Instead, he brings healing.

As the healing unfolds, we see a great irony. The man who was physically blind begins to see more and more clearly who Jesus is. Meanwhile, the religious leaders who claim to see clearly become more spiritually blind. They refuse to accept what God has done because it does not fit their expectations. This Gospel invites us to reflect on our own lives. We may be blind to our own weaknesses. Blind to the needs of others. Blind to the ways God is working in our lives.

Laetare Sunday reminds us that Christ is the light who removes our blindness. He opens our eyes through his word. He heals our hearts through his mercy. He guides us out of darkness and into truth.

If we open our hearts to him, he will lead us from darkness to light—and prepare us for the joy of Easter.

Confession Schedule for Lent:
Monday—Thursday from 11am to 12 noon
Saturday—10 am

15 7:00 Mass-FP 9:00 Mass-FP 11:45 Mass-FF 1:30 Micronesian Mass 6:00 Mass-FF	16 6:00 Mass-FP 12:15 Mass-FF	17 6:00 Mass-FF 12:15 Mass-FP 6 PM Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer Group	18 6:00 Mass-FF 12:15 Mass-FF	19 6:00 Mass-FP HOT MEAL 12:15 Mass-FF 2 pm & 6 pm Adult Faith Formation 6:00 Mass-FF	20 6:00 Mass-FP 9:30 Mass +C.Nobriga-FP 12:15 Mass-FP 3pm & 6 pm Stations of the Cross	21 7:00 Mass-FP 10:00 Confessions 1:00 Baptism 5:00 Mass-FF
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Daily Readings

Monday, Mar. 16

Isaiah 65:17-21
Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b
John 4:43-54

Tuesday, Mar. 17

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12
Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
John 5:1-16

Wednesday, Mar. 18

Isaiah 49:8-15
Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18
John 5:17-30

Thursday, Mar. 19

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Friday, Mar. 20

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22
Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, Mar. 21

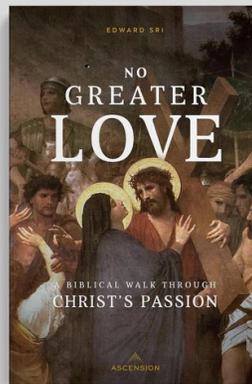
Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12
John 7:40-53

Sunday, Mar. 22

Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	Mar. 3-9	FYTD Actual
Collections	11,374.50	436,687.00
Other Regular Income	1,173.19	46,875.71
Unusual Income:		
Choirs	0.00	100.00
Convent Lease	0.00	59,500.00
R&M Collection	550.00	43,728.00
Security Project	195.00	1,735.00
Feed the Hungry	0.00	4,506.72
Other Unusual Income	0.00	6,503.87
Total Income	13,292.69	599,636.30
Designated Funds		657,898.51
Restricted Parish Hall Funds		466,501.29



Adult Faith Formation continues on Thursday, March 19th.

We will have both sessions, 2pm and 6 pm in the library this week.

We hope to see you there.

The Knights of Columbus will have their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 17th at 6 pm. This month's meeting will be held at

Malia Puka O Kalani Church.

See you there.





Saint Joseph School- Hilo, HI
Second Collection Envelope

We will have a second collection for St. Joseph School on March 14-15. Envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church.

SAVE THE DATES:

Women's Retreat Sat., May 16

Our theme "Life in the Holy Spirit and our Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary." Women of all ages are invited to join us for this inspiring day.

All Parish Retreat Sat., May 23

Our theme "Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Universal Call to Holiness." Inviting all men, women and youth to join us for this retreat to prepare our hearts and souls to receive the outpouring gifts of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost!

St. Joseph Church welcomes Catholic Speaker Dina Marie Hale of FAITH MOMENTS for these special events.



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celebrate

the

**Solemnity of St. Joseph,
Spouse of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

on

March 19, 2026

@ St. Joseph Church, Hilo Hawaii

Mass starts at 6pm
followed by a
potluck dinner
and
simple program



Hawaii Council of Filipino Catholic Clubs

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, APRIL 12 AT 10:30 FOR OUR DIVINE MERCY &
SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND PRAYERS



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