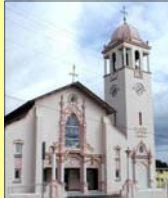


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# Hilo Roman Catholic Community



## St. Joseph Church

43 Kapiolani St., Hilo, HI 96720  
Office Hours: Mon.- Fri. 8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Phone: (808) 935-1465 Fax: (808) 969-1665  
Emergency after-hours number: 899-9453



## Malia Puka O Kalani Church

326 Desha Ave., Hilo, HI 96720  
Office Hours: 8:00 am - 12:00 Noon  
Phone: (808) 935-9338

**WELCOME  
to our  
VISITORS!**

## Mass Schedule

### St. Joseph Church

Weekdays:

Mon. - Fri.

6:00 am & 12:15 pm

Legal Holidays:

7:00 am

Saturday: 7:00 am

Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

Spanish Mass:

7:00 pm

Sunday:

St. Joseph Church

7:00 am, 9:00 am,

11:30 am & 6:00 pm

**Malia Puka O Kalani**

**Church**

Sunday: 9:00 am

## Confession:

Saturday

10:00 am - 11:00 am

St. Joseph Church

or by appointment

\*Please note:

confession schedule

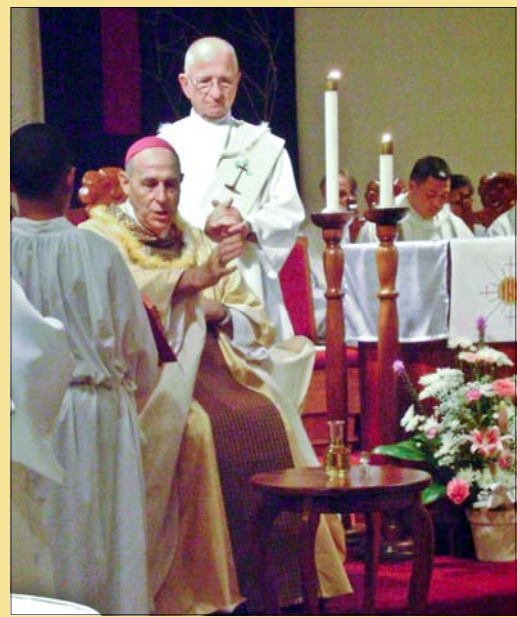
does not apply

during some

liturgical seasons.



## The Hawaii Island *Chrism Mass*



Bishop Larry Silva blesses the Holy Oils at St. Joseph Church  
on March 19, 2009. ( more pictures page 6 & 7)

## Hilo Roman Catholic Community Mission Statement:

We, the Hilo Roman Catholic Community of St. Joseph and Malia Puka O Kalani, guided by the Holy Spirit, Our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, gather as a family of believers in the celebration of the Eucharist. Blessed with many cultures, talents and inspired by the Hawaiian tradition of Aloha, we pledge to share our heritage, our gifts and the principles of our faith, and to commit ourselves to the educational, social and spiritual needs of all our brothers and sisters.

## Important Dates

All regularly scheduled evening programs are cancelled on March 30, 31, and April 1, so all may attend the Parish Retreat.

### **Palm Sunday** **April 5, 2009**

### **HOLY WEEK**

#### **Holy Thursday**

April 9

6:00 pm Malia

7:00 pm St Joseph

#### **Good Friday**

##### **Liturgies**

April 10

Seven last words

of Jesus

10:00 am St. Joseph

Stations of the Cross

10:45 am St. Joseph

The Lord's Passion

3:00 pm St. Joseph

#### **Holy Saturday**

##### **Easter Vigil**

April 11

7:00 pm Malia

7:00 pm St. Joseph

#### **Easter Sunday**

April 12

St. Joseph

7:00 am, 9:00 am

11:30 am, 6:00 pm

## Pastor's Corner

*Rev. Thomas Purayidathil, Ph.D.*



### **Prelude to Lenten Retreat** **at St. Joseph, March 30, 31, and April 1, 2009**

In every generation, somewhere on this earth a few people embody the highest ideals of human-kind: compassion, unconditional love, passion for a dream bigger than themselves, and the courage to be the change they wish for the world.

Fr. Damien of Molokai is our local example. He is a model of what is possible when a person deeply loves God, is dedicated to the well-being of people, and does what is necessary to make a better world.

The needs are great; but we know that the abundance of our God—working through us—is more than sufficient.

We have greatness and heart here in Hawaii. May the work that we do together make the world we live in a little more worthy of our children and our grandchildren.

**WELCOME Rev. Herman Gomes!**

**Do not miss this opportunity! - Fr. Tom**

#### **March 30, Monday:**

**6 am Mass followed by conference**

**7 pm repeat of conference followed by benediction**

#### **March 31, Tuesday:**

**6 am Mass followed by conference**

**7 pm repeat of conference followed by benediction**

#### **April 1, Wednesday:**

**6 am Mass followed by conference**

**7 pm penance service and confessions.**

**Providence Travel**—You are invited to join us in a tour organized by Providence Travel. We embark on a spiritual pilgrimage to *Italy (for the canonization of Fr. Damien) and the Holy Land*. We will depart Honolulu, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and return October 18<sup>th</sup> 2009. For those that do not want to go to the Holy land, they may return on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October.

The tour prices are: \$3,449.00 & \$4,449.00 pp, + airline tax, this includes, roundtrip air, in 1<sup>st</sup> class hotels, breakfast and dinners daily, with English speaking guides, tour bus drivers and entrance fees, tips, and country entrance fees. Single supplemental rooms and travel insurance are available for an additional fee.

I will personally donate \$50.00 to your parish, for each pilgrim identifying themselves as being recommended by you.

For additional information, please call Edward Lam, CTC at 352-7192. Or you may e-mail me at:

[clum\\_provtravel@yahoo.com](mailto:clum_provtravel@yahoo.com)

## March 29, 2009: Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

### First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The prophet Jeremiah in this passage prophesies to the Jews in exile in Babylon that the Lord will establish a new covenant. They are in exile because through their unfaithfulness they broke the previous covenant. That is why they are being punished in exile. But already the Lord paves the way to the new covenant because the Lord is ready to forgive and forget their sins, thereby establishing a binding relationship that ends the alienation of the people from the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

Psalm 51 is attributed to David who expresses repentance and confidence in God's forgiveness. That forgiveness should be ours too through Christ. Response: "Create a clean heart in me, O God."

### Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Jesus carried out the ideal of inner sacrifice — obedience — spoken of by the prophets. Christ is the perfect high priest because only he, as God-the-Son, can make God's very self present and active. Having assumed human flesh, Christ can fully respond in obedience to the Father. He is the only one who can perfectly represent God to us and us to God!

### Gospel: John 12:20-33

In this Gospel passage, Jesus does not seem to grant the request of the Greeks to see him. But he more than fulfills it immediately after Jesus says that when he is glorified, salvation will be available to all peoples. The true meaning of glory is not empty fame or even well-deserved praise. Glory is inner value. Suffering and death itself is the glory of Jesus because he thus manifests his true self in loving obedience to the Father, and this glory is shared with his followers in their joining in his sufferings. The resurrection is not merely a reward for undergoing suffering and death, it is the result of the gracious and loving acceptance of Jesus' self-gift by the Father. Like the grain of wheat dying in order to give much fruit, so too Christ yielding (dying) gives birth to new life in the resurrection.



## First Friday Adoration... an hour with Jesus

In the Garden of Gethsemane, before His crucifixion, Jesus asked His Apostles, "Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?" Spending one hour with Jesus thus became a tradition in the Church.

Pope St. Pius X, who is known as the *Pope of the Eucharist*, stated, "The daily adoration or visit to the Blessed Sacrament is the practice which is the fountain-head of all devotional works." By visiting the Blessed Sacrament, we follow in the footsteps of the first Christians. During this Season of Lent, we are encouraged to find time to pray and meditate on the life, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Come spend some time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration on this First Friday, April 3, 2009, immediately after the 12:15 pm Mass until 5:00 pm Holy Hour. Mahalo nui to those individuals and groups who have been faithful to their commitment to ensure we can continue First Friday Adorations at St. Joseph. For information contact 934-9286.

## Scripture Readings

### Sunday, March 29

Jer 31:31-34  
Ps 51:3-4, 12-15  
Heb 5:7-9  
Jn 12:20-33

### Monday, March 30

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30,  
33-62 or  
13:41c-62  
Ps 23:1-6  
Jn 8:1-11

### Tuesday, March 31

Nm 21:4-9  
Ps 102:2-3, 16-21  
Jn 8:21-30

### Wednesday, April 1

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95  
(Ps) Dn 3:52-56  
Jn 8:31-42

### Thursday, April 2

Gn 17:3-9  
Ps 105:4-9  
Jn 8:51-59

### Friday, April 3

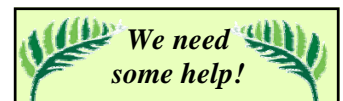
Jer 20:10-13  
Ps 18:2-7  
Jn 10:31-42

### Saturday, April 4

Ez 37:21-28  
(Ps) Jer 31:10-13  
Jn 11:45-56

### Sunday, April 5

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16  
(procession)  
Is 50:4-7  
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24  
Phil 2:6-11  
Mk 14:1-15; 47 or 15:1-39



### April 3, 2009

### Picking Palms

10:00 am at  
McDonalds, downtown

4:00 pm at  
U.H. parking lot

Palms Branches  
can also be brought  
to St. Joseph Church

### April 4, 2009

### Washing the Palms

8:00 am at St Joseph  
Church under canopy  
for more info. call Mario  
990-9137



## Stewardship: "Investing 101--Guaranteed Return."



The lesson of Christmas is to love one another. The lesson of Lent is to show our love by meeting the needs of others. The Lord gives us three tools to meet these needs: Time, Talent, and Treasury.

**Time** is the most precious of these tools. We are granted our share, but the amount is known only to Him. We can't increase it nor can we store it for later use. Once received it is gone forever. We can choose to use it wisely, or we can squander it. Wise stewards show their love simply by using their time in prayer for others, helping the church,

school, and community, visiting the sick and elderly, listening to a troubled soul, or just brightening someone's day with a cheerful smile.

Talent or ability is given all of us by God. None of us shares identical talents, but each of us, rich or poor, educated or not, healthy or otherwise, possesses at least one special gift that could help someone else. An offering of talent frequently means a gift of one's time, and the value is multiplied, be it corporal or spiritual in nature. It may be just giving a ride to the store or to Mass for someone lacking transportation, or helping feed a friend in a nursing home one day a month, or fixing a faucet, or changing a light bulb for a widow, or volunteering in a program preparing tax returns for the elderly, or joining one of the parish ministries such as hospitality ministry, lecturing, Eucharistic ministry, or cleaning the church on Saturday.

Your gift may touch thousands without your knowledge and beyond your earthly life. *The young man had not attended Mass for many years but was drawn to the church in a small town where his uncle had lived. As he sat in the pew he thought of Uncle Frank who died suddenly in 1977. A surveyor by profession, Frank had been a Presbyterian before conversion, and he brought his musical talents as a cantor and composer to his new parish. The young man's reverie halted when the choir sang the "Our Father" to the melody Uncle Frank had composed. Its majestic notes touched the young man as never before, and his eyes moistened as the music rekindled the longing he felt since withdrawing from the Church. It was as if Uncle Frank were beckoning to him through his music.*

*Yes, this is a true story, and it happened here in our own St. Joseph Church. The "Holz Our Father" was Uncle Frank's gift of time and talent not only to his nephew but also to us, his fellow parishioners of St. Joseph's in Hilo.*

Treasury or the gift of possessions is not static. It can grow, it can shrink, or it can be destroyed. Treasury is not given to us, but it is on loan, and we have the duty to share it with those in greater need. Treasury used wisely empowers others to do good on our behalf, be it a dollar to the school, a can for the food pantry, or an item for the parish apartments for the needy. Yet there is so much more to do!

On a diocesan scale Bishop Larry leads our efforts to strengthen our "infrastructure" specifically in *The Witness to Jesus Campaign for Leadership, Youth and*

*Young Adults, Faith Formation, Facilities Repair, New Parish Development, and attention to the Homeless.*

Combining this diocesan drive with our parish hall project is a challenge. However we know that together, and with commitment, time, and patience we will rise above this challenge. If each of us added just one dollar every Sunday (the cost of a bag of chips) that would total \$35,000 a year! Increase that to five dollars weekly and that's over \$160,000 annually. Who among us would regret the loss of that snack?

What about the guaranteed return? God willing, more religious vocations, especially for the priesthood. More effective diocesan and parish leadership. Greater appreciation and love for our faith among all parishioners. A decrease in homelessness. Improved facilities.

We can properly rejoice in the promise found in Hebrews: *"God is not unjust. He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him by your service."* AMEN.

*Submitted by:*  
Dr. Stephen Woo

## Maintenance Committee Update

Drawings are complete for the hip roof replacement for the currently leaking flat roof of the rectory. We had planned to do that roof by itself with funds on hand. Much discussion has caused the committee to decide that this may be a good time to repair or replace the breezeway/walkway that connects the church to the rectory if we can afford it.

Drawings of that breezeway/walkway are currently being done to enable us to offer it in the bid process for the rectory roof replacement. Because the walkway connects two buildings, work is required to bring it up to fire code expectations. There is also weather damage to the supports that must be addressed. With the drawings, cost will then dictate whether we can afford to do this work in conjunction with the roof replacement or add it to our "to do" list for fund availability. Current expectation is that bids for both the roof and walkway will be solicited in May, the chosen contractor applies for the permits and hopefully work can begin in June. There will be ample notice so all interested parties can submit bids.

The rectory roof and the walkway are both on the list of projects submitted to the Diocese of Honolulu for inclusion in the Facility Repair and Maintenance Fund approved for St. Joseph's. This means that contributions to this fund and the interest it earns will not be subject to the diocesan assessment

*Submitted by: Evelyn Pacheco*





# 140 Year Anniversary St. Joseph School St. Joseph Feast Day Mass with Bishop Larry Silva



Bro. Jim Dods presents Sr. Kikukawa with an historic photo of St. Joseph Church, a gift from the Marianist Community.





## *Hawaii Island Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Church*



*A big Mahalo to everyone who helped with the Chrism Mass and reception!*





Bishop Larry Silva gives a blessing to our Hawaii Island priests during the Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Church.

## Empty Space for God

*“For in [Christ] dwells the whole fullness of the deity bodily, and you share in this fullness in him, who is the head of every principality and power.” (Col 2:9-10)*


To be filled, something must first be empty, as anyone knows who has started to fill a water glass at the table, gotten distracted by conversation, and gone on “filling” the glass when there was no empty space left for the water. Saint Paul writes elsewhere about Christ’s self-emptying. What he calls to our attention here is the need for our own. We cannot share in the fullness of the deity that fills us as Christ’s Body unless we make room by emptying ourselves of anything that offers no space for God. Saint Paul’s words call to mind the holy of holies, the room at the heart of the Jerusalem temple kept all but empty to receive God. We sometimes build other rooms in our inmost self and furnish them for other gods. The prophet Ezekiel described an “idol room” in the much-desecrated Jerusalem temple of his day. Do we have an idol room, where we keep all the false gods whom we honor with our obedience and our sacrifices? Their name is legion: public opinion, unnecessary financial gain, self-satisfaction, pleasure, comforts of all sorts. They are all demanding of our time, our attention, our energy. We recognize them best when they decree that we have no time to pray, no time for Mass, no time to do a kindness, no time to listen to our children’s stories or our aging parents’ laments, because we must be at the beck and call of a TV program, an exercise class, a golf game. Overtime work to pay for things we don’t

need...you know them. There is room for only one God in the inner temple of the Christian self—the one “who is the head of every principality and power.” With his help, let us drive out that other crowd, with all its demands, so that our inner emptiness may be filled not with their clutter but with the fullness of God in which we share through Christ.

*O God, empty my heart of everything that crowds you out of my awareness and out of my desires. Fill my emptiness with the fullness of your presence in and through Jesus Christ, so that he may rule my mind and heart with your love.*

Author: Sister Genevieve Glen, O.S.B.





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*A special thank you to the family and friends of the late Emma Medeiros for your very generous donation to our Parish Hall Fund in her honor.*



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*Please keep in prayer:*

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Kahele Ohana  
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Aunty Minnie Alidon  
Aunty Dora Costa  
Aunty Mamo Otineru  
Aunty Nita Kua  
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Eleanor Birney  
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Hale Pekelo  
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Aunty Joann Peralta  
Aunty Irene Kondo  
Fr. Joseph Hennen  
Valentine Gonsalves  
Destry Gacutan

*and all those  
who are sick.*



## Financial Notes:

**3/22/09**

ATTENDANCE

Adults: 68

Children: 25

Koa Bowl

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*The estimated average  
Koa Bowl Collection  
needed each week to  
support ourselves is:  
\$1,500.00 Fr. John*

## Malia Puka O Kalani

### *Presentation of the Gifts at Malia*







**Fr. Tom concludes the Eucharistic Prayer at Malia.**



**Fr. Tom giving the homily at Malia.**



**Joe leads the offertory hymn at Malia.**

Music practice is on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm

**Our Volunteers for *Sunday*, April 5, 2009**

**Church Cleaning**  
*Natalie / Natalie*  
**Flowers**  
*Maybelle / Shirley*  
**Sacristan**  
*Hale*  
**Altar Servers**  
*Kailee / Kalauao*

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*Paulette / Samantha*  
**Bell Ringers**  
*Pete / Melody*  
**Money Counters**  
*TBA*



**Parishioners sing the Our Father**



**Fr. Tom makes announcements at Malia.**



Please remember our brothers and sisters who need our help by bringing food donations every week with you to Mass. **THANK YOU!**

## Directory

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### Pastor:

Rev. Thomas Purayidathil, Ph.D.

Associate Pastors:

Rev. John M. Mbinda

Hispanic Ministry:

Rev. John Fredy Quintero

### Deacons:

Rev. Don Aanavi

Rev. Jerry Nunogawa

St. Joseph School Principal:

Sr. Marion Kikukawa, OSF

935-4936

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Joyce C. Saenz 935-1202

Sr. Lusika Sangma

Youth & Young Adult Ministry:

Christlyn Villena 935-1465

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Engaged Encounter: 961-2442

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Deacon Jerry & Rose Nunogawa

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of Adults: Carol Denis

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Parish Pastoral Advisory

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Karen Hotniansky

Prayer Network: Kathy Choi

Call rectory: 935-1465 with your prayer request

## Sacraments

### Anointing of the Sick:

Contact the rectory office for arrangements.

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Preparation sessions for parents available 9 times a year. Call the rectory office to register at 935-1465.

### Baptisms: (over 7-adult) / First

### Communion / Confirmation:

Joyce C. Saenz 935-1202

### Hospital Communion:

Donna Saiki 935-7801

### Home Communion:

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**Funerals:** Contact rectory office before meeting with funeral director.

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## This Week's Calendar

### SUNDAY, March 29

11:30 am • Youth Mass/St. Joseph Church

6:00 pm • Mass (3rd Scrutiny)/St. Joseph Church

7:00 pm • Young Adults Ministry "Sports Night"/SJS Gym

### MONDAY, March 30

6:30 am • Parish Retreat Presentation/St. Joseph Church

10:00 am • Aloha Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church

12:30 pm • Food Pantry/St. Joseph Church

1:00 pm • Spiritual Support Group/St. Joseph Church Breezeway

7:00 pm • Parish Retreat Presentation/St. Joseph Church

### TUESDAY, March 31

6:30 am • Parish Retreat Presentation/St. Joseph Church

8:30 am • AARP Tax Aid/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room

7:00 pm • Parish Retreat Presentation/St. Joseph Church

### WEDNESDAY, April 1

6:30 am • Parish Retreat Presentation/St. Joseph Church

12:30 pm • Food Pantry/Malia Puka O Kalani Church

7:00 pm • Parish Lenten Penance Service/St. Joseph Church

### THURSDAY, April 2

5:30 pm • Cursillo Group Meeting/St. Joseph Rectory Library

6:30 pm • SJ Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Rectory Library

### FRIDAY, April 3 "First Friday"

1:00 pm • Adoration/St. Joseph Church

6:00 pm • Benediction/St. Joseph Church

7:00 pm • Stations of the Cross/St. Joseph Church

### SATURDAY, April 4

7:45 am • Church Cleaners #1/St. Joseph Church

10:00 am • Adult Scripture Study/St. Joseph Rectory Library


5:00 pm • Youth Ministry/St. Joseph Rectory Library

7:00 pm • Spanish Mass & Fellowship/St. Joseph Church & Rectory Meeting Room

### SUNDAY, April 5 "Palm Sunday"

10:15 am • Religious Ed Classes/SJHS

7:00 pm • Young Adults Ministry /St. Joseph Rectory Library



*Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord  
and Let perpetual light shine upon them.*

† Maria Kela-Whitney

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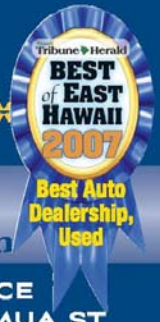


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