

# Hilo Roman Catholic Community



## **St. Joseph Church**

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## **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

Sunday:

St. Joseph Church

7:00 am, 9:00 am,

11:30 am & 6:00 pm

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.

Prayer Times

Morning Prayer

& Benediction

Mon.-Sat. Immediately  
after Mass

Evening Prayer

& Benediction

Sun. - Friday: 4:30 pm

Saturday: 3:30 pm

### **Malia Puka O Kalani Church**

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND:

5:15 pm Saturday Vigil

9:00 am Sunday

4:00 pm (Spanish  
Mass)

WEEKDAY:

5:15 pm Mon.—Friday  
during lent

## *Laetare Sunday*

The LORD is my Shepherd;  
I shall not want. In verdant  
pastures he gives me repose;  
beside restful waters he  
leads me; he refreshes  
my soul.

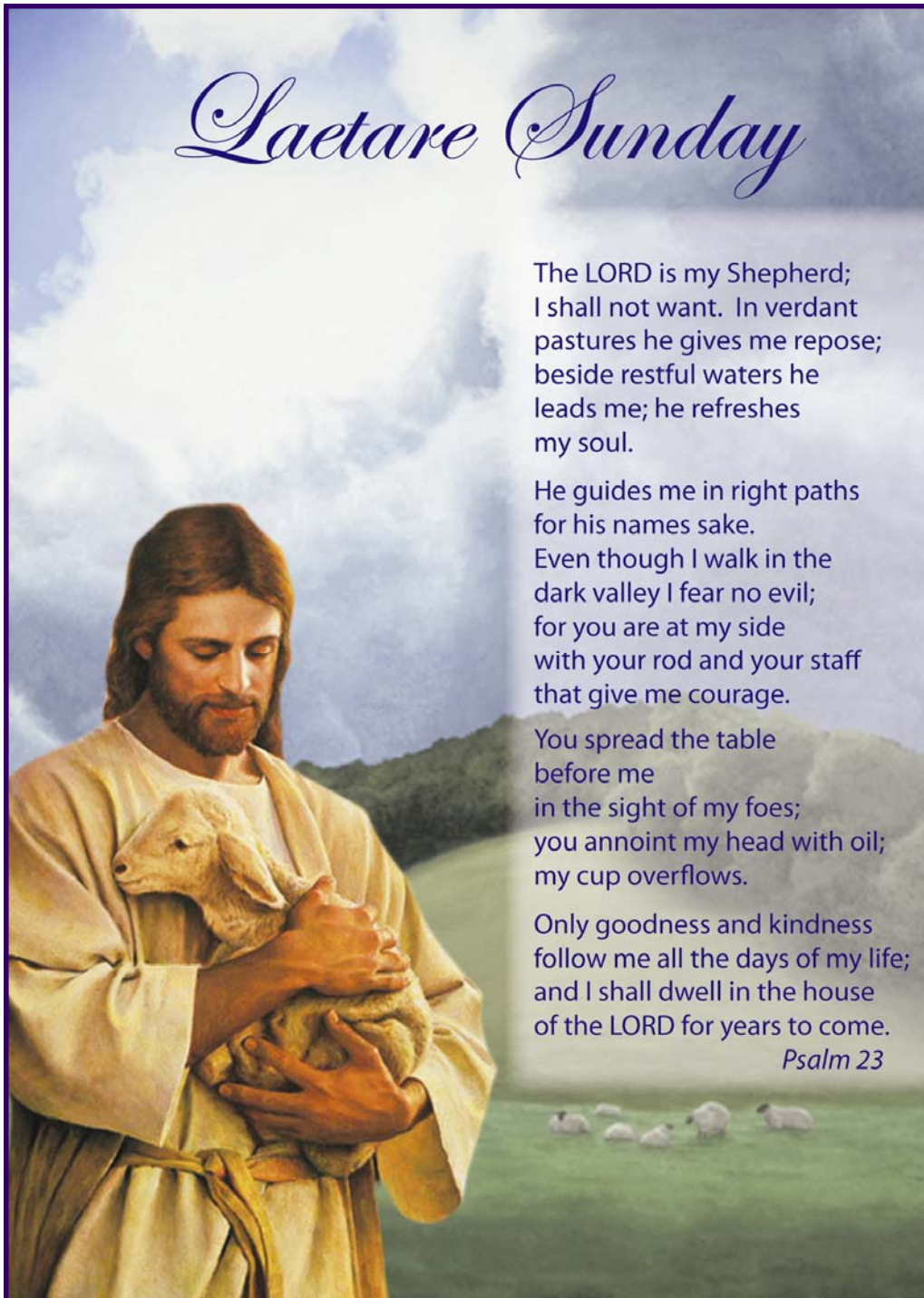
He guides me in right paths  
for his names sake.

Even though I walk in the  
dark valley I fear no evil;  
for you are at my side  
with your rod and your staff  
that give me courage.

You spread the table  
before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Only goodness and kindness  
follow me all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house  
of the LORD for years to come.

*Psalms 23*



## IMPORTANT DATES:

### Stations of the Cross



Malia—12:30 pm  
each Friday in the patio

St. Joseph—3:00 pm  
& 7:00 pm  
each Friday.



### St. Joseph Feast Day

Mass Schedule:  
**Thursday March 18**  
**7:00 pm**  
(Fellowship with light  
refreshments to follow)

**Friday, March 19**  
**6:00 am and 12:15 pm**



### Taize' Prayer

**On Friday, March 19**  
**there will be a Taize'**  
**prayer service at 7:00 pm**  
(no 7:00 pm Stations of the  
Cross).

This is a special opportunity  
to help prepare our hearts  
and minds for Holy Week.  
The Taizé Prayer Service is  
a quiet, contemplative  
form of community  
worship.

A light meal of soup and  
bread will follow the  
service.

*See Taize article on page 4*



**Youth Mass**  
**March 28 at 11:30 am**  
**St. Joseph Church**

## Pastor's Corner

Rev. Samuel Loterte, SSS

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 14, 2010

Dear Parishioners,

The Fourth Sunday in Lent is Laetare Sunday, a day of rejoicing. This rejoicing is very much reflected in our gospel story. Jesus presents to us God as a father of a prodigal son who squandered all of his inheritance and an older son who sees himself not as a son but as a slave to his father.

That the prodigal son should one day come to his senses and decide to return to his father is predictable. There is always the way home where one can be accepted back. That the older son should react the way he did to the welcome party his father accorded to the wayward son is also understandable.

But that the father should be so welcoming to his erring sons is entirely way beyond normal expectation. It is at this point that Jesus' story grips us to the core. **THERE IS NO ROOM FOR DESPAIR TO US SINNERS WHO SINCERELY REPENT AND COME BACK TO THE FOLD OF THE FATHER.**



In the final analysis it is really the Father who is prodigal with his love. He does not count the cost of loving. He is ever willing to squander everything for us his children.

Let us be assured of God's bountiful love for each one of us.

God bless you,  
Fr. Samuel E. Loterte, SSS

### Reflection: The Younger Son

The gospel parable should aptly be called "The Man Who Had Two Sons" because all three main characters are central to the story. Since it is popularly called the parable of the "Prodigal Son," let us examine the story of the younger son in the context of the Mediterranean world of the time.

In this culture, the family, not the individual, was the primary unit and the psychological center of life. Solidarity with the village came next. The identity of the person was determined by his position in the family and the village.

The younger son does an unthinkable thing when he asks the father his share of his estate. Fathers then were discouraged from distributing the inheritance during their lifetime (Sir 33: 20-24). What the son does is tantamount to wishing his father dead. Then he sinks deeper into shame when he sells the family wealth (land). He has been given the legal right to possession, but not the right of disposition — the father still has control of the property. However, the son does not respect this either. Then he loses his money to non-Judeans through wasteful spending — another insult.

When he comes to his senses and decides to go home, he is facing not just the ire of his father and older

brother but also rejection and even physical abuse from the village people. What the father does in receiving him is intended to protect him from harm. He runs to him—a very inappropriate action for an elder. The son is given a signet ring, symbol of enormous trust; and sandals, sign of his being a free man. Killing a fatted calf which can feed more than a hundred people means that the entire village is invited and will be prodded to forgiveness. The father acts totally out of the culture of his time to show his great love which is the mirror of the love and mercy of the Father in heaven.

*Gil Alinsangan, SSP*



## Sunday Reflection:

by Father Greg Friedman, O.F.M.

### Fourth Sunday of Lent (C) March 14, 2010

"Sunday Soundbite" for St. Anthony Messenger Press,  
on the Web at FranciscanRadio.org

Jo 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Did you know God has a "dream for the world"?

From the dawn of creation, described in the Book of Genesis, the story of the Bible relates how God created the world to be a place of harmony. The Garden of Eden is a beautiful symbol of this harmonious world. The Promised Land, as it's depicted in our first reading this Sunday, also shows us a vision of what God has in store for the human family. There, Joshua leads God's people into the "land of milk and honey."

Jesus captures God's dream for the world in the Gospel story today. It's the familiar story of the Prodigal Son, better titled "The Father Who Couldn't Forget." There, our God is portrayed as the parent who waited day after day for his errant child to return. What a beautiful picture of God!

Throughout history, though human beings have strayed constantly, following their own ideas for happiness, God has held fast to a dream of harmony and made it come true with forgiveness. Jesus, and Christians who seek to follow him, embody that dream in our world today.



### MAHALO

Mahalo to everyone who participated in the St. Joseph 91<sup>st</sup> anniversary celebration!

It was an enjoyable event that was made so by your contributions and attendance.

May God's blessings be on all of us as we continue on our journey of faith and love. Fr. Samuel

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR



March 14	No RE classes spring break
March 21	Regular RE classes
March 27	Sacramental Prep 9 - 12
March 28	RE classes

### AKUA RUN /WALK for Vocations



A group of priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, seminarians, and lay people will run or walk the marathons (according to their pre-determined distance) to be held in the Islands of Hawaii as a way to raise awareness, solicit prayers, and make sacrifices in support of our future priests and deacons, consecrated of our Church. By gathering all our prayers and offering pledges, we can make a difference.

Our St. Joseph youth & young adult ministry will be having a PRAYER-STATION located close to the finish line at BAY FRONT. Look for us across the Canoe Hales.

Youth & Young adult members will lead rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and praise and worship songs from 6-11 am. All are invited to join.

**Mahalo for supporting the  
Diocese of Honolulu**

### General Church Cleaning



Please note that our next scheduled general cleaning for the Church will be held on **Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. We hope to get even more people involved...please consider coming to help us.

### Scripture Readings

#### Sunday, March 14

Jos 5:9a, 10-12  
Ps 34:2-7  
2 Cor 5:17-21  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

#### Monday, March 15

Is 65:17-21  
Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b  
Jn 4:43-54

#### Tuesday, March 16

Ez 47:1-9, 12  
Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9  
Jn 5:1-16

#### Wednesday, March 17

Is 49:8-15  
Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18  
Jn 5:17-30

#### Thursday, March 18

Ex 32:7-14  
Ps 106:19-23  
Jn 5:31-47

#### Friday, March 19

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16  
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or  
Lk 2:41-51a

#### Saturday, March 20

Jer 11:18-20  
Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12  
Jn 7:40-53

#### Sunday, March 21

Is 43:16-21  
Ps 126:1-6  
Phil 3:8-14  
Jn 8:1-11



### Deaconate Formation Weekend

The Deaconate formation class is meeting this weekend. Please keep our Deaconate couple and all those participating in your prayers.



## Taizé

The Taizé Community is an ecumenical Christian monastic order in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France. It is composed of a little over 100 brothers who come from Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant traditions. The brothers come from about 30 countries across the world. The monastic order has a strong devotion to peace and justice through prayer and meditation. It was founded in 1940 by Brother Roger Schutz. The community has become one of the world's most important sites of Christian pilgrimage. Over 100,000 young people from around the world pilgrim to Taizé each year for prayer, Bible study, sharing, and communal work. Through the community's ecumenical outlook, they are encouraged to live in the spirit of kindness, simplicity, and reconciliation.

## St. Joseph School

## Cardinal News



## St. Joseph School at the State Basketball Tournament

A great time was had by all who attended both the Oahu Alumni Brunch and the state basketball tournament last weekend. Congratulations to the team for playing with so much heart and making us all so proud. Great job boys!



## Oahu Alumni Brunch

An alumni brunch was held at the Oahu Country Club the same weekend with over 150 people in attendance. Lots of aloha and positive energy was exchanged during the event. Mahalo to all who came out for a wonderful day of school support and fellowship.



## Social Ministry

### Hot Meal Day

March 23, 2010

- Tuesday

11:30 am -

12:30 pm



### Hot Meal Menu:

Hot Dog, Hot Dog buns,  
pork and beans, dessert,



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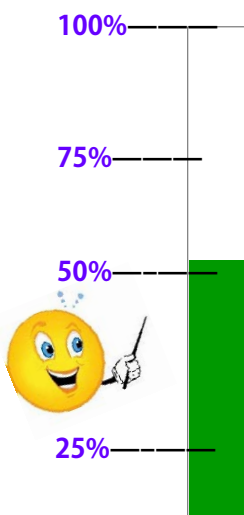
Thank you so much. Sr. Ruth



**PARISH COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

LITURGY COMMITTEE will meet on Saturday, March 20 at 9:30 am. This meeting will be in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Anyone with talents and time to help with flowers, make banners, etc. is encouraged to make yourself known by speaking to chairman Joe Farias or calling the parish office.

FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet Saturday, March 27 at 9:30 am. We will start looking toward the budget for the next fiscal year which will decide what programs we can afford.



**RE-ROOFING PROJECT:**

We are over 50% of our way toward our goal of reaching \$12,000.00 to put a new roof on our church. This, in two weeks! It is remarkable and a credit to the deep faith and generosity of our parishioners. All who have not yet contributed to this project are encouraged to consider a commitment. The Finance Committee is staffing a table outside church for you to pick up a pledge card, get an envelope to make your pledge payment, and/or give money for the project. We hope to reach our goal by Easter. Over \$2,000.00 was raised by the Sweet Bread project headed by Shirley, Maybelle, and Joanne. They sold tickets for over 700 sweet breads! They will be at a table after Mass so that you can give them the money from your ticket sales. MAHALO to all.

**BAPTISM CLASS:**

There will be a class on Saturday, March 20 for parents of children to be baptized in April, May, June, or July. The class will be from 12:30 – 2:00 and will be held in the first floor of the rectory. At least one parent must attend. Godparents are encouraged to attend but it is not mandatory. The course will be a mini course in Catholicism. Any adult interested in some adult education is invited to attend. The course will be conducted by Fr. Joe. To register for this class please call the parish at 935-9338 or email me at maliapas-tor@gmail.com.



**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE:**

There will be a Communal Lenten Penance Service on Saturday, March 27 at 8:30 am. This will be the final Penance Service before Holy Week and Easter. The Penance Service will include an opportunity for individual confession and absolution.

**WEEKDAY MASSES DURING LENT:**

Mass is celebrated every weekday at 5:15 during the Season of Lent. This is a good way to prepare for the approaching Holiest Week of the Year. We also have outdoor Stations of the Cross in our patio every Friday at 12:30.



***Please keep in prayer:***

*Fr. Joseph Hennen  
Ernest Matsumoto  
Aunt Patty Grube  
Uncle Tony Moniz  
Aunt Minnie Alidon  
Aunt Dora Costa  
Aunt Mamo Otineru  
Aunt Nita Kua  
Aunt Elizabeth Dulatre  
Aunt Mabel Silva  
Aunt Irene Kondo  
Shirley Rizzo  
Grace Carter  
Rupert Tripp Jr.  
John Tardino  
Rita Branco  
Daniel Richards  
Uncle Warren Curtis  
Gloria Watson  
Kathleen Yamamoto  
Aunt Babes Viverios  
Terry Tardino  
and all those who are sick.*

***Names will remain on our Prayer List unless we are notified differently.***

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ROOFING DONATIONS	\$ 1,840.00
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TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$ 5,271.98



## Directory

### Pastor:

Rev. Samuel Loterte, SSS  
Associate Pastor  
Rev. Gregorio de Guzman, SSS.

### Deacons:

Rev. Don Aanavi  
Rev. Jerry Nunogawa  
Rev. Julio Akapito

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Ms. Victoria Torcolini  
935-4936

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Deacon Don Aanavi  
Prison Ministry: John Aguiar:  
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Council: Anna Teixeira  
Finance Council: Evelyn Pacheco  
Prayer Network: Kathy Choi  
Call rectory: 935-1465 with your  
prayer request

## Sacraments

### Anointing of the Sick:

Contact the rectory office  
for arrangements.

### Baptisms: Infant (under 7)

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:

Sr. Lusika Sangma 935-1202

### Hospital Communion:

Donna Saiki 935-7801

### Home Communion:

Joanne Kahaloa 961-2726

**Marriages:** Contact rectory office  
at least 6 months in advance.

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

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5:00 pm	\$ 1,430.00
7:00 am	\$ 2,110.00
9:00 am	\$ 1,433.50
11:30 am	\$ 1,625.00
6:00 pm	\$ 1,704.10
Sunday Total Collection	\$ 8,302.60
Candles	\$ 235.50
Donations/Others	\$ 1,847.50
Total Other Revenue	\$ 2,083.00
RESTRICTED DONATIONS	
Parish Hall Fund	\$ 1,254.00
School Fund	\$ 416.00
Bldg. Maint. Fund	\$ 772.00
Convent Rent & Property Tax	\$ 14,489.57
Apartment Rent	\$ 3,500.00
Misc.	\$ 4,591.00
Total Restricted Donations	\$ 25,022.57
Total Weekly Deposit	\$ 35,408.17
Parish Hall Fund to Date	\$ 377,566.58

*Eternal Rest Grant  
unto them O Lord &  
let perpetual light  
shine upon them*

† Jose Lagrimas  
† Emma Oliveira

## This Week's Calendar

### SUNDAY, March 14 "4th Sunday of Lent"

11:30 am •Youth Mass/St. Joseph Church  
4:00 pm •Spanish Mass/Malia Puka O Kalani Church  
4:30 pm •Evening Prayer & Benediction/St. Joseph Church

### MONDAY, March 15

10:00 am •Aloha Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church  
12:30 pm •Food Pantry/St. Joseph Church  
4:30 pm •Twen (Jr. High) Ministry Leader Meeting/SJ Rectory Library  
4:30 pm •Evening Prayer & Benediction/St. Joseph Church  
5:30 pm •Youth & Young Adults Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church  
6:00 pm •RCIA Classes/St. Joseph Rectory Library

### TUESDAY, March 16

8:30 am •AARP Tax Aide/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room  
4:30 pm •Evening Prayer & Benediction/St. Joseph Church  
7:00 pm •Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/St. Joseph Church

### WEDNESDAY, March 17

12:30 pm •Food Pantry/Malia Puka O Kalani Church  
3:30 pm •Spiritual Growth Group/St. Joseph Church Breezeway  
4:30 pm •Evening Prayer & Benediction/St. Joseph Church  
6:30 pm •Finance Council Meeting/St. Joseph Rectory Library  
7:00 pm •Alabare Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church  
7:00 pm •Basic Christian Community/YMI

### THURSDAY, March 18

4:30 pm •Evening Prayer & Benediction/St. Joseph Church  
5:30 pm •Cursillo Group/St. Joseph Rectory Library  
6:30 pm •St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Rectory Library  
7:00 pm •Vigil Mass (Feast of St. Joseph)/St. Joseph Church

### FRIDAY, March 19 "Feast of St. Joseph"

6:00 am •Mass (Feast of St. Joseph)/St. Joseph Church  
12:15 pm •Mass (Feast of St. Joseph)/St. Joseph Church  
3:00 pm •Stations of the Cross/St. Joseph Church  
4:30 pm •Evening Prayer & Benediction/St. Joseph Church  
7:00 pm •Taize Prayer/St. Joseph Church  
—Fellowship follows in Rectory Meeting Room

### SATURDAY, March 20

8:45 am •Church Cleaners #2/St. Joseph Church  
10:00 am •Reconciliation/St. Joseph Church  
10:00 am •Adult Scripture Study/St. Joseph Rectory Library  
11:30 am •A Bridge to Health/St. Joseph Rectory Library  
1:00 pm •Youth & Young Adults Leadership Training/St. Joseph  
Rectory Library  
3:00 pm •Youth Executive Board Meeting/St. Joseph Rectory Library  
3:30 pm •Evening Prayer & Benediction/St. Joseph Church  
5:00 pm •High School Youth Ministry (MANDATORY BIYD Orientation &  
Work Party/St. Joseph Rectory Library

### SUNDAY, March 21 "5th Sunday of Lent"

6:00 am •Akua Run Prayer Station/Bayfront Canoe Hale  
1:00 pm •Tween (Jr. High) Ministry/St. Joseph Rectory Library  
4:00 pm •Spanish Mass/Malia Puka O Kalani Church  
4:30 pm •Evening Prayer & Benediction/St. Joseph Church  
7:00 pm •Young Adults Ministry (Faith Formation)/St. Joseph  
Rectory Library



*A loving father  
shows us the  
ways of God*

March 19

## Feast of St. Joseph

The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a "just" man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts.

When the Bible speaks of God "justifying" someone, it means that God, the all-holy or "righteous" One, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God's own holiness, and hence it is really "right" for God to love him or her. In other words, God is not playing games, acting as if we were lovable when we are not. By saying Joseph was "just," the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God.

The rest we can easily surmise. Think of the kind of love with which he wooed and won Mary, and the depth of the love they shared during their marriage.

It is no contradiction of Joseph's manly holiness that he decided to divorce Mary when she was found to be with child. The important words of the Bible are that he planned to do this "quietly" because he was "a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame" (Matthew 1:19).

The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage.

**Quote:** "He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife. He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying: 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord'"

(St. Bernardine of Siena).

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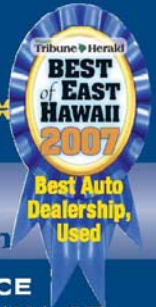
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