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MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph Church

Weekdays:

Mon.-Fri.

6:00 am & 12:15 pm

Saturday: 7:00 am

Legal Holidays: 7:00 am

Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

Sunday:

St. Joseph Church

7:00 am, 9:00 am,

11:45 am & 6:00pm

Youth Mass

Dec. 21

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11:45 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.

PRAYER TIMES

Adoration:

M-F 4-5:00 pm

Sat 3-3:30 pm

Sun 4-4:30 pm



SIMBANG GABI/MISA AGUINALDO NOVENA MASSES

This celebration is a series of masses for a period of **nine** consecutive days. Each mass is offered as a special gift to the Lord on His birthday, also called MISA AGUINALDO. The tradition remains as a spiritual way of keeping the message of Advent, (*which is to be watchful and to be alert of the Lord's coming*), animated in our hearts as well as our daily lives. Especially during the busy holidays, this celebration is a good reminder for the true meaning of the Advent season.

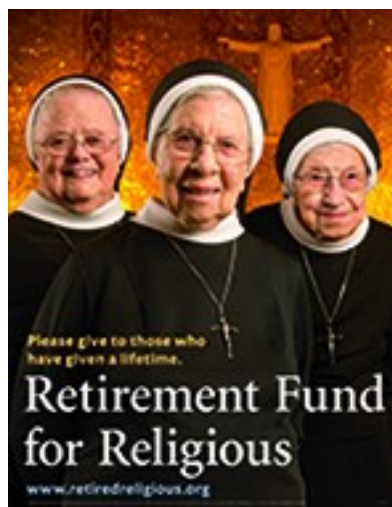
This custom was started in Hawaii when the Ethnic Ministry opened at the Diocese and is being observed in many churches throughout the islands.

This Year's Reflective Theme: God's Sign is a Baby in the Manger

Let us all come together as one body in Christ and prepare ourselves for a truly joyous and blessed Christmas.

All are invited to attend these novena masses. See schedule below:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Day</u> | <u>MASS Times</u> |
|----------------|------------|-------------------|
| December 16-19 | Tues.—Fri. | 7:00 PM (evening) |
| December 20-22 | Sat.—Mon. | 4:00 AM (morning) |
| December 23 | Tues. | 7:00 PM (evening) |
| December 24 | Wed. | 4:00 AM (morning) |



Support religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital support for the retirement needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps to ensure that younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

Mission Statement: Centered on the Word of God and the Eucharist we gather as a community of disciples of Jesus Christ as we seek fullness of life. Blessed with many cultures and gifted with the Hawaiian spirit of Aloha we pledge to share our heritage and our faith, and commit ourselves to the full development of our people. With Saint Joseph as our patron we offer our gift of self for the greater glory of God.

Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will

Pastor's Corner

3rd Sunday of Advent

Dear brothers and sisters

Peace!

It is Gaudete Sunday, a day of rejoicing. St. Paul in his first letter to the Thessalonians spells out for us in concrete terms how rejoicing in the Lord happens. It is through prayer, a prayer that keeps us in communion with God. Another is through discernment of Spirit, being able to discover the actions of God in our lives. And still another is rejoicing in the gift of holiness, the life of grace that we have received at baptism. To live for God and to live for God's cause is a reason for rejoicing.



In the Gospel John the Baptist rejoices and leads us to the way of true rejoicing for the Lord who will come. He identifies himself as the one who will prepare for the coming of the Messiah. He says, "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert. Make straight the way of the Lord."

As Christmas is fast approaching let us make sure that the type of rejoicing that we want is truly in the spirit of our preparation for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

God bless you.

In Jesus, our fullness of Life,

Fr. Samuel E. Loterte, SSS



Scripture Readings



Sunday, Dec. 14

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11

(Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54

1 Thes 5:16-24

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday, Dec. 15

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a

Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9

Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, Dec. 16

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13

Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23

Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, Dec. 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10

Ps 72:3-4, 7-8, 17

Mt 1:1-17

Thursday, Dec. 18

Jer 23:5-8

Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19

Mt 1:18-25

Friday, Dec. 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a

Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17

Lk 1:5-25

Saturday, Dec. 20

Is 7:10-14

Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6

Lk 1:26-38

Sunday, Dec. 21

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29

Rom 16:25-27

Lk 1:26-38

| STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT December 1, 2014 | | Year to Date Totals | Year to Date Budget |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Offertory Collections | \$5,104.25 | \$ 186,726.22 | \$ 200,884.40 |
| Other Collections | \$4,958.40 | \$ 109,826.87 | \$ 127,164.93 |
| Total Deposit | \$10,418.90 | \$ 296,553.09 | \$ 328,049.33 |
| Parish Hall Fund | \$356.25 | Parish Hall Collection to date | \$ 807,177.31 |

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, Dec. 15

- 5:15 pm •Bible Study w/Dale Waltjen/Conf. Room
- 5:30 pm •Youth & Young Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church
- 6:00 pm •Adult Faith Formation (aka RCIA)/Library

TUESDAY, Dec. 16

- 5:00 pm •Life Teen Core Team Meeting/Conf. Room
- 7:00 pm •Mother of Perpetual Help Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/Mtg. Room
- 7:00 pm •Simbang Gabi Mass/Church

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 17

- 6:30 pm •Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Mtg. Room
- 7:00 pm •Simbang Gabi Mass/Church

THURSDAY, Dec. 18

- 6:30 pm •SJ Choir Rehearsal/Library
- 7:00 pm •Simbang Gabi Mass/Church

FRIDAY, Dec. 19

- 6:00 pm •Young Adult Ministry/Library
- 7:00 pm •Simbang Gabi Mass/Church

SATURDAY, Dec. 20

- 4:00 am •Simbang Gabi Mass/Church
- 8:15 am •Church Cleaners (#6-L. Sales/M. Otomo)/Church
- 10:00 am •Bible Sharing (Mary Ann Leite)/Library
- 5:00 pm •High School Youth Ministry/Library
- 7:45 pm •San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal/Church

SUNDAY, Dec. 21 "4th Sunday of Advent"

- 4:00 am •Simbang Gabi Mass/Church
- 10:15 am •**NO** R E Classes (Christmas break)
- 11:45 am •Youth Mass/Church



**Mark Your
Calendars!**

Vicariate Advent Retreat

**Sat. Dec. 13 7-9 pm or
Sun. Dec. 14 1:30-3 pm**

**Simbang Gabi Masses begin on
Tuesday, December 16—join us!**

**Advent Penance Service
Mon. Dec. 22 @ 7:00 pm**

*Eternal rest grant unto them
O Lord
and let perpetual light shine
upon them.*

+Lillian De Morales



FAMILY ADVENT ACTIVITY

Marriage and

Family Corner:

—Hosted by St. Joseph Church
Religious Education Family Ministries

Blessing the Family Christmas Tree

You will need water or holy water (if available) to celebrate this blessing.

Blessing the Christmas tree is a fun way to begin the Christmas season. You may bless the tree as soon as you put it up, or you can wait until after you have decorated it. When you are ready to do the blessing, gather everyone around the tree and designate someone to lead the following prayer.

Leader: Loving God, we stand before you once again. We stand here ready to celebrate the birth of your son, Jesus.

(Have everyone extend a hand in a gesture of blessing. Sprinkle water or holy water on the tree while praying the following prayer.)

Leader: Bless this tree, this sign of life and freshness and perseverance in our midst. It stands as a reminder that you are born anew in us each day. Bless our family and friends as we celebrate this joyous season. Keep us safe in our travels, kind in our conversations, and gracious in our giving and receiving. We ask you this in confidence, because we know you love us.

All: Amen.

(Join in singing a favorite Christmas carol, such as "O Christmas Tree" or "Joy to the World.")

For more information or ideas on Family Advent Activities Visit:
<http://www.loyolapress.com/blessing-the-family-christmas-tree.htm>

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