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Pastor's Corner:

The Holy Family of Jesus

Dear brothers and sisters,

Peace!

The family is a living community. It has dynamism, vitality, and life. Today as we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph we are reminded of our vocation that every Christian family has a mission. And what is our mission? Our mission is LOVE. We find in the story of the Holy Family the beauty of a family that submits to God and therefore submit to one another in love.

Let us end the year 2015, with a prayer to the Holy Family of Nazareth by Pope Francis.

Fr. Samuel E. Loterte, SSS

PIHA ME KA 'OLA O KAKOU A ME KA PO'E APAU.

(Fullness of Life for us and for all.)

A Stewardship Moment:

http://catholicstewardship.com/

The ultimate aim of Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians is to teach the community how to deepen its relationship with Christ Jesus. His list of virtues summarizes the ideals of com munal stewardship: compassion, kindness, humility, gentle ness and patience. For Paul, practicing these virtues opens our hearts to Christ as individuals and as a worshipping com munity. This is how the Christian community ought to live. This is how its members should behave in their dealings with others, particularly with fellow believers. As we approach the new year, how might we embrace one or more of these virtues more fully in our parish community in order to deepen our relationship with Jesus?

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection, and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

Amen.

Parish Mission Statement:

Centered on the Word of God and the Eucharist we gather as a Parish and School community. Together as disciples of Jesus Christ as we seek fullness of life. Blessed with diversity of cultures and gifted with the spirit of Aloha, we pledge to become stewards of our time, talent and treasure by sharing our heritage, 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.

Scripture Readings



Sunday, Dec. 27

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:41-52

Monday, Dec. 28

1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Ps 124:2-5, 7c-8 Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday, Dec. 29

1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday, Dec. 30

1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40

Thursday, Dec. 31

1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-13 Jn 1:1-18

Friday, Jan. 01

Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

Saturday, Jan. 02

T Jn 2:22-28
Ps 98:1-4
Jn 1:19-28
Vigil:
Is 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

Sunday, Jan. 03

Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12



RE News

Happy New Year! We are on Winter Break. NO CLASSES on December 27 and January 3. Classes resume on January 10. There is also **NO YOUTH GATHER-INGS** on Saturdays during that same time. Youth ministry will resume on January 9th. Confirmation Retreat for all teens in the parish Sunday Confirmation Year 2 classes will be on January 17-18. This is a required event for all teens in Confirmation Year 2.

RCIA News

We have begun sessions for the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) process and are well on our way to Easter with this year's cohort of adults. However, if you are an adult seeking initiation sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion) into the Catholic Church, our doors are always open to you. Our sessions are on Mondays from 6:00-7:30 pm at the rectory library. For more information please call Christyn Villena at 935-1465.

We are asking our fellow parishioners to assist us in inviting more to our sessions. **Here's how to help:** 1) *Pray*-prayer is a powerful method to inspire the Holy Spirit to speak to the hearts of those seeking God. 2) *Welcome* families or individuals to mass on Sundays; Introduce yourself to anyone you are unfamiliar with at mass; and inform them about parish events. And 3) *Sing* like you mean it—Christmas time is a time where joy is contagious just from the music you hear. We all know the songs and the most of the words, so smile bright as you sing your heart out. You'll never know who you'll inspire to join in.

Celebrating Sundays with Family by: Barbara Matera

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Hearing the Word: Luke 2:41-52 (read this Gospel at your designate family time)

Reflecting on the Word: "Who is this child?" It is a question Mary ponders when the shepherds relay the message of the angels at Jesus' birth. Now that he is twelve years old and transitioning to adulthood in his culture, Jesus himself speaks words that she must ponder. Jesus know who his Father is; it is not Joseph, who searched for him. Christians reflected for nearly two thousand years on what it means that Jesus is both God and Man. It is a startling revelation.

Ouestions for deeper reflection:

Have your parents ever lost sight of you in a public place? What was it like when they found you?

Living the Word: Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. The Bible does not tell us about Jesus' life at home with Mary and Joseph, except to say that he grew in "wisdom and age and favor before God and man." This is a good job description for a child! We all received the gift of wisdom at our Baptism. Talk with your family about what wisdom is and who they think is wise. Ask them to think about how they spend their time and what helps them to grow in wisdom and favor before God and man.

Close the gathering by holding hands and praying the Lord's Prayer.



We are a welcoming parish. Be a family member, today!

Parish registration forms are located in the rear of the church or at the rectory office.

Visit our parish website at www.stjoehilo.com.

For more information to join one of the many parish ministries, call 935-1465 and ask for one of the coordinators or email us at stjosephchurch@stjoehilo.com

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, Dec. 28

5:30 pm •Youth & Young Adults Choir Rehearsal/Church 6:00 pm •Adult Faith Formation (aka RCIA) Class/Library

TUESDAY, Dec. 29

5:00 pm •Life Teen Core Team Meeting/Conf. Room

7:00 pm •Mother of Perpetual Help Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/Church

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 30

6:00 pm 6:30 pm •Stewardship Committee/Mtg. Room •Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Church

THURSDAY, Dec. 31 "New Year's Eve" Holiday—Rectory office closed

7:00 am •Mass/Church—NO 12:15 pm Mass FRIDAY, Jan. 01, 2016 "Mary, Mother of God"

New Year's Day Holiday—Rectory office closed

6:30 am •Morning Prayers/Church

7:00 am •Mass/Church—NO 12:15 pm Mass

SATURDAY, Jan. 02

8:15 am
10:00 am
7:45 pm
Sunday
San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal/Church
SUNDAY, Jan. 03 "The Epiphany of the Lord"
11:45 am
Church Cleaners (#4-V. Coloma)/Church
San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal/Church
"The Epiphany of the Lord"
Youth & Young Adult Mass/Church



Parish Family Registration UPDATES!

Aloha parish 'ohana ,
As we close the 2015 year and prepare for the
new year, we kindly ask that you send in any
current contact information by completing the
parish registration from found at the rectory
front office or on the parish website
(www.stjoehilo.com). Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT		Year to Date	Year to Date
Dec. 07, 2015		Totals	Budget
Offertory Collections:	\$7,175.35	\$212,114.61	\$231,043.34
Other Collections:	\$19,584.63	\$119,077.47	\$119,963.54
Total Deposit:	\$26,759.98	\$331,192.08	\$351,006.88
Parish Hall Collection	\$156.25	Restricted Savings:	\$386,302.15
		Designated Savings:	\$477,079.66
		Total Savings:	\$863,381.81

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

CONFESSION

Saturday: 10:00 am-11:00 am St. Joseph Church

or by appointment
*Please note: confession

*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

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Evening Prayer & Benediction

M-F 5:00 pm Sat 3:30 pm

Sun 4:30 pm

Youth & Young Adult Mass

Jan. 3

@ 11:45 am



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

+Bruce Kawamura

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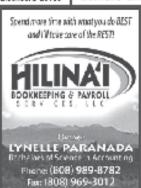




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