

December 17, 2017

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation

Church Dedicated in 1919

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays:

Mon.-Fri.

6:00 am & 12:15 pm

Saturday: 7:00 am

Legal Holidays: 7:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00 pm

Sunday

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
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

Evening Prayer & Benediction

M-F 5:00 pm

Sat 3:30 pm

Sun 4:30 pm

ST. JOSEPH



PRAY FOR US!



He said: “I am ‘the voice of one crying out in the desert,
“Make straight the way of the Lord,” as Isaiah the prophet said.”

-John 1:19-28

Weekly Reflection: Sunday of Advent – Cycle B

“He came for testimony, to testify to the light...”

What difference will it make to us to know that the Lord whom we are awaiting is already here in our midst just as we have heard it proclaimed by John the Baptist in the gospel: “but among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me, I am not worthy to untie the thong of His sandals.”

Would we be more eager to testify to the Light that is Christ by making sure that we become bearers of light ourselves by the way that we live? With all the violence and terrorism around us, it seems that the darkness of hatred and apathy seemed to have enveloped our world today. Can we then bring the light of compassion that is Christ by our genuine concern for others even how different they may be from us? Would we choose to be a channel and instrument of forgiveness and reconciliation?

Would we be more boldly “the voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘make straight the way of the Lord?’” So many are wandering in the desert of this world lost and fearful because no one is proclaiming to them the Gospel of Hope who is Jesus and who alone can give meaning to our life. Are we ready to take up that challenge to be the voice of faith and truth of the Kingdom that Our Lord has announced? Would we choose to be an instrument in dispelling fear in the lives of our brothers and sisters?

And even if we have taken up the challenge of the Lord, are we ready in humility to acknowledge that we have are but unworthy but graced servants of the Prince of Peace who is to come?



***“Ignorance of Scripture is
ignorance of Christ.”***

St Jerome

Sunday, Dec. 17

Is 6:1-2a, 10-11
(Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54
1 Thes 5:16-24
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday, Dec. 18

Jer 23:5-8
Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday, Dec. 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Ps 71:3-6, 16-17
Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday, Dec. 20

Is 7:10-14
Ps 24:1-6
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, Dec. 21

Sg 2:8-14
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
Lk 1:39-45

Friday, Dec. 22

1 Sm 1:24-28
(Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd
Lk 1:46-56

Saturday, Dec. 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14
Lk 1:57-66

Sunday, Dec. 24

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Rom 16:25-27
Lk 1:26-38

**Sunday Dec. 24 Christ-
mas Eve Vigil:**

Is 62:1-5
Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Mt 1:1-25



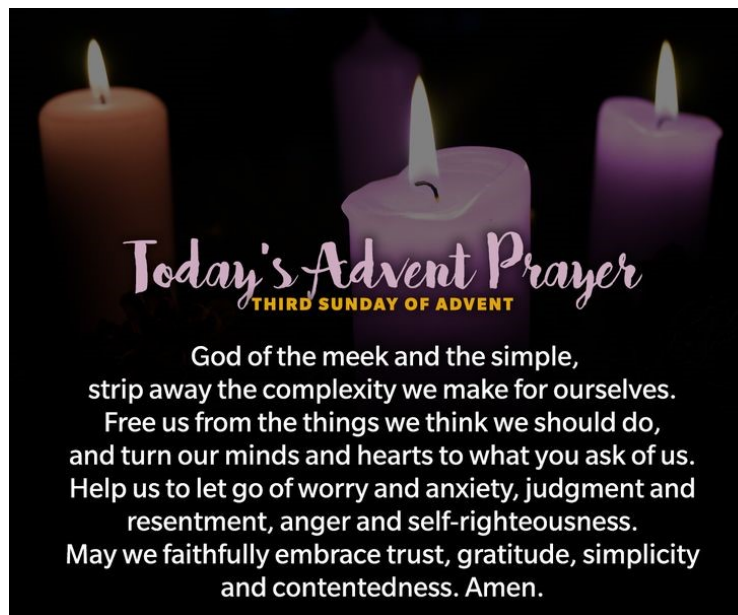
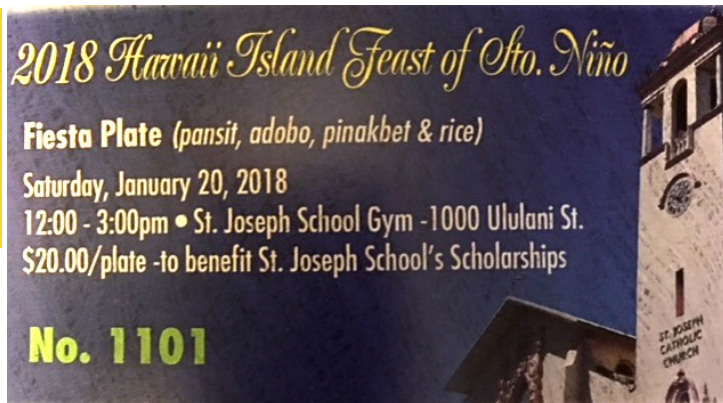
**2018 Hawaii Island Feast of
Santo Nino celebration**

will be held on Saturday,
January 20, 2018 at the
St. Joseph School Gym.

The mass will be concelebrated with all priests on the Big Island at 10:30 A.M. followed by entertainment. As part of the celebration, there will be a fundraising to benefit St. Joseph School scholarships. Fiesta plate (pansit, adobo, pinakbet and rice) will be served for \$20.00 after the mass. Tickets are sold outside the church after the mass.

Everybody is invited.

JOIN US!



**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 of-
fice. Visit our parish website
at www.stjoehilo.com.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Calendar

Monday, Dec. 18

6:00 pm RCIA (Adult Faith Formation)/Library
7:00 pm Simbang Gabi Mass/Church

Tuesday, Dec. 19

7:00 pm Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
(Rosary 6:30)/Mtg. Room
7:00 pm Simbang Gabi Mass/Church

Wednesday, Dec. 20

6:30 pm Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Library
7:00 pm Simbang Gabi Mass/Church

Thursday, Dec. 21

6:30 pm St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/Library
7:00 pm Simbang Gabi Mass/Church

Friday, Dec. 22 "Christmas Eve" observed—

Rectory office closed

7:00 am Mass/Church—NO 12:15 pm Mass
7:00 pm Simbang Gabi Mass/Church

Saturday, Dec. 23

4:00 am Missa de Gallo Mass/Church
8:15 am Church Cleaner's #7 (M. Aizawa)/Church
10:00 am Reconciliation/Church
5:00 pm Mass/Church
5:00 pm NO High School Youth Ministry
(Christmas)

Sunday, Dec. 24 "4th Sunday of Advent"

7:00 am Mass/Church
9:00 am Mass/Church
10:15 am NO Religious Education Classes
(Christmas break)
11:45 am Mass/Church

Sunday, Dec. 24 "Vigil of Christmas"

6:00 pm Mass/Church
9:00 pm Mass/Church
12:00 am Midnight Mass/Church

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

Week (11/28-12/4)		YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Collections	6,960.25	195,516.88	217,650.52
All Other Income	7,777.62	145,501.20	149,032.44
Deposited to Bank	14,737.87	341,018.08	366,682.96
Parish Hall		775.25	Parish Savings
			Loan to school
			Designated Funds
			Restricted Funds
			922,978.88

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

Week (12/5-12/11)		YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Collections	7,109.95	205,009.83	232,619.61
All Other Income	9,824.74	150,621.94	156,865.12
Deposited to Bank	16,934.69	355,631.77	389,484.73
Parish Hall		409.25	Parish Savings
			Loan to school
			Designated Funds
			Restricted Funds
			923,388.23

PARKING AREA



During this Christmas season (Dec. 16-25), we will expect an increase in attendance at the church masses.

- Park in designated marked stalls or use the overflow parking in the St. Joseph Church grassy field AND in the Hilo Union School Parking lot.
- Obey all traffic patterns & parking signs.
- Avoid double parking along the gray canopy and keep the emergency zone (in the front of the church) for ACTIVE loading/unloading only.

We appreciate Hilo Union's "Good Neighbor" arrangement with us that allows us to use each other's parking facilities.

-Parish Pastoral Advisory Council

Marriage & Family Ministry is seeking



volunteers to participate in the planning for the Valentines Family Dance to happen in February of 2018. Please contact Fred & Patti

Basilio by leaving a message for them at the rectory office. Mahalo!



Thank you to all who supported our Youth & Young Adult Fundraiser.
Merry Christmas!

The parish 2018 calendar is now available for parishioners. Please see a hospitality minister for a complimentary calendar or visit the rectory office.

Limit one calendar per household so that all households may have one.

Let us pray for the souls of our dearly departed.
May they find peace.

+Robert Jardine,
Sr.



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● **Dec. 24 (4th Sunday of Advent)**—
7:00 am, 9:00 am & 11:45 am

Christmas Mass Schedule:

● **Dec. 24 (Vigil of Christmas)**
6:00 pm, 9:00 pm & Midnight

● **Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)**—
7:00 am, 9:00 am & 11:45 am

● **Dec. 31**
(The Holy Family)—
7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:45 am & 6:00 pm

● **Jan. 1**
(Mary, the Holy Mother of God)—
7:00 am

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Many in our parish have referred
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This pricing is calculated to cover the cost of publication. For a color ad, please add 20%. If monthly, the month may have 4 or 5 weeks. Your ad will run for all Sunday's in that month. 10% discount for annual commitment paid in advance.

**For more information or to submit your ad,
please call the rectory office and leave
a message for Bernard Balsis, 935-1465.**

Religious give thanks.

A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund

for Religious collection.



NOVENA MASS SCHEDULE:

December 16th @ 4:00 am

December 17th @ 4:00 am

December 18—22 @ 7:00 pm

December 23 @ 4:00 am

December 24 @ 4:00 am

Christmas Nativity Play

Presented By

San Lorenzo Family Choir

December 24 Sunday

5:40pm & 8:40pm

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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