

February 19, 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

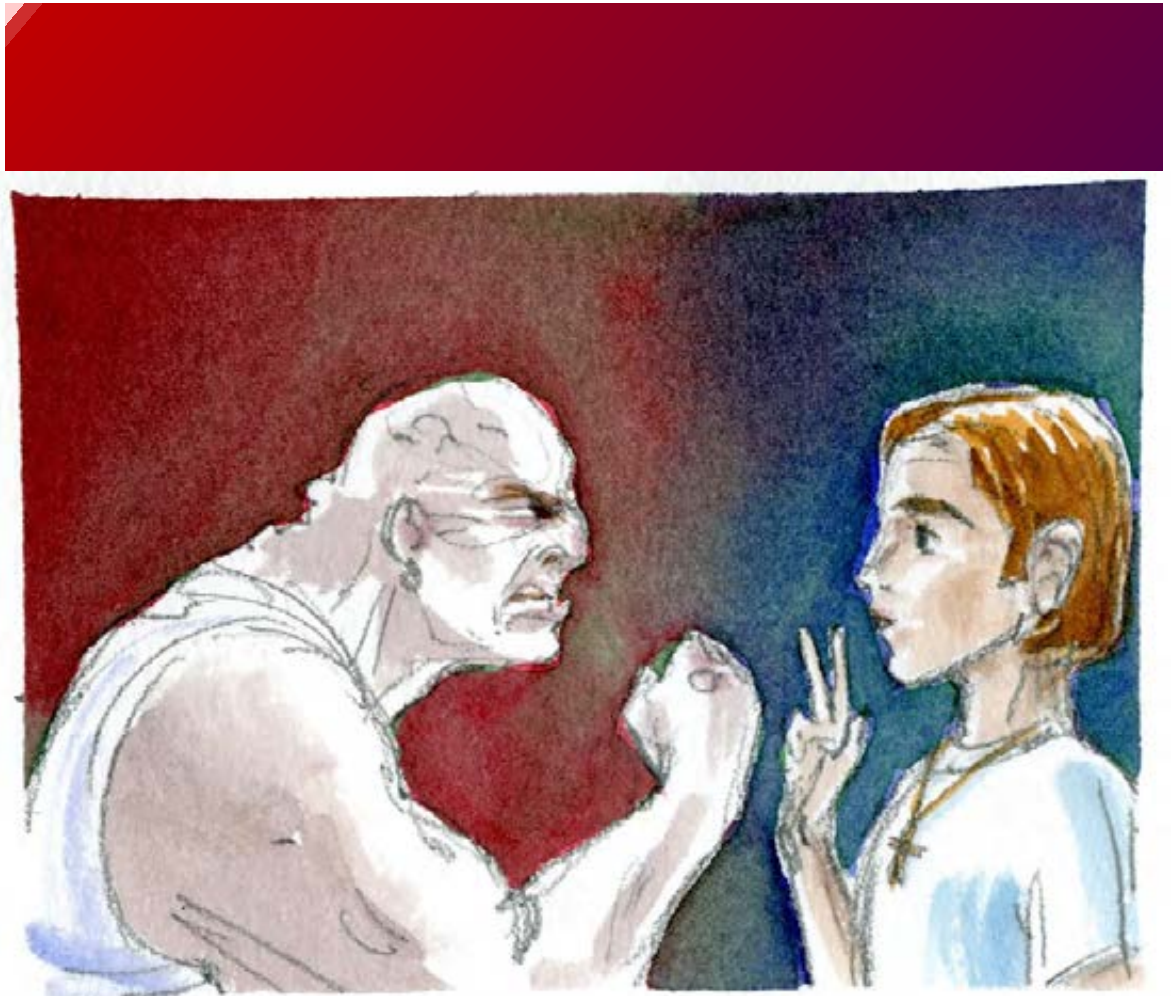
Sun 4-4:30 pm

#### **Evening Prayer & Benediction**

M-F 5:00 pm

Sat 3:30 pm

Sun 4:30 pm



**“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for  
those who persecute you.”  
-Matthew 5:44**

***"So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."***

Can a person be perfect? Isn't there a saying that no man is perfect? Is Christ asking the impossible? But probably we are asking the wrong question. Probably our question should not be "is it possible?". Rather, it should be "HOW is it possible?"

Well first of all, "to be perfect", in Greek "Teleos" as intended by today's gospel does not mean to be free from any flaws or defects. Rather it is to be understood in the sense of "To be complete". Hence, we are not being asked to reach a certain level of perfection to please God but rather to allow God to finish or to complete the work that he has begun in us.

Now we can see the truth in this challenge of Jesus that sheds light to his earlier pronouncement on how to deal with our enemies. "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father." Why? Because this is the way His Father acts - "He makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust." In effect, the Father's love is not only all-embracing but also without limit. This is the kind of love that Jesus wants His disciples to have.

But before we romanticize these words of Jesus especially in a society where revenge and self-centeredness seems to prevail, Jesus Himself is the first to admit that love does not transform enemies into instant friends. In fact, in the end, His enemies succeeded to have Him put to death. Neither will love solve all our personal and the world's problems. But we must keep on loving because that is the way of the Father and the way of Jesus.

To "be perfect even as your heavenly Father is perfect" is therefore to be an icon of God's universal salvific love, to give this love a "face" through distinctive acts of love that go above and beyond the modes of reciprocity that characterize the wisdom of the world

Can we then be perfect? Through the Grace of God this is what we are empowered to be!



**We are called to build a culture of encounter.**

Jesus made that clear from the way he lived, the message he preached. Pope Francis makes that clear by his own daily example. And we have a host of holy men and women who have come before us, who have gone to the margins of society so that every member

of our human family might know the love of God.

Now, it's our turn. With the spiritual pillars of Lent at our disposal, we set out on a 40-day journey, a journey of encounter with ourselves, our neighbors, and our God.

- *Through prayer, we encounter Christ, present in the faces of every member of our human family, so often still walking that long road to Calvary.*
- *Through fasting, we encounter our own obstacles, those things about ourselves that prevent us from loving God and neighbor.*
- *Through almsgiving, we encounter our brothers and sisters around the world, asking what we can give up so that others might have life to the fullest.*

Lent is our time to encounter, to cultivate a spirit of global solidarity. CRS Rice Bowl is our guide, a vehicle through which the stories of communities around the world can be shared, an invitation through which our prayers and Lenten sacrifices can change lives.

**How will you contribute to the culture of encounter this Lent?**

**Lent Begins on March 1,  
2017 with Ash Wednesday.  
CRS Rice Bowls will be  
available next week  
Sunday at every mass.**

**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 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 and our faith and commit ourselves to the full development of all people. With Saint Joseph as our patron we offer our gift of self for the greater glory of God.

## Deacon Class 8 Instituted to the Ministry of Acolyte

Congratulations!



*Submitted by  
Office of Permanent Deacon Formation*

Bishop Larry Silva instituted to the Ministry of Acolyte - eleven laymen and candidates of Class 8 to the Order of the Permanent Diaconate on Sunday, February 12, 2017 at the 9:30 am Mass, St. Stephen's Diocesan Center Chapel. The candidates are in their fifth and final year of formation, with the remaining months in 2017, spent in practical training for diaconal ministry before ordination in 2018 to those who are selected.

The candidates and their wives have been meeting one weekend a month since January 2013 at St. Stephen's Diocesan Center, for academic formation by Chaminade University, homiletics lab and meetings with the Class 8 Core Team Leaders. The candidates have completed one year rotations in Prison Ministry and Hospital/Hospice Ministry.

The Office of Permanent Deacon Formation are co-directed by Deacon John Coughlin and Kathleen Coughlin.

Glenn M. Brown	St. Jude, Kapolei
Ricardo M. Burgos	St. John the Baptist, Kalihi
Craig S. Camello	St. Benedict, South Kona
Andres Emayo, Jr.	Holy Cross, Kalaheo
Raymond L. Lamb	St. John the Baptist, Kalihi
Rafael A. Mendoza	Co-Cathedral St. Theresa
Alfredo Nebre, Jr.	St. Catherine, Kapaa
Christopher S. Ribucan	Holy Rosary, Paia
Gerald E. Streff	St. Jude, Kapolei
David W. Watson	St. Joseph, Hilo



## ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY #2 (OUTDOOR)

On February 11, the members of the Environment Ministry #2 gathered for their work party. Many parishioners came to revitalize the plants and foliage around the rectory and the church buildings. Thank you to all who donated their time and treasure by purchasing the various plants. They ended their day with a potluck fellowship sharing in the community and admiring the fruits of their labor.



HOSPITALITY



## SAN LORENZO CHOIR

**Sundays at 11:45 mass**

COORDINATOR:  
FILIPINA ANDRES

We were invited by Fr Sam Loterte, SSS (our previous pastor) to become an established choir with the parish music ministry on November 27, 2008. When the Diocesan Congress of Filipino Catholic Club rotates it's annual Convention to the Big Island, choir members participate in the coordinating of the liturgy with the Bishop and it is San Lorenzo choir that sings for the convention masses.

San Lorenzo Choir was named after one of the Saints of the Philippines because he was the first Filipino saint canonized for his witness to Christ. We started singing for different occasions such as simbang gabi at neighboring parishes back when we were just a small part of the Big Island Filipino Christian

Community. We also sang at funeral masses and wake services when requested by families. It was our pleasure to serve as part of the bereavement ministry for the Filipino Christian Community. One of our favorite things to do as a choir was to sing Christmas carols to the Hilo and Paauilo communities.

We now sing weekly at the Sunday 11:45 mass. We also share the second Sundays with the Chuukese Choir through our joint choir.



### Our Choir members are:

Marcelino Ganacial  
Jovita Ganancial  
Danie Villena Sr.  
Linda Villena  
Raina Andres  
Myrna Caro  
Adriano Vicente  
Eva Baybayan  
Tina Saldares  
Olivia Santos  
Villanueva Castillo  
Marylina Escobar  
Anthony Ganacial  
Fredda Ganancial  
Flo Soares  
Florentino Blanza  
Sally Blanza  
Cipriano Albano  
Elflida Luis  
Josephine Ganancial  
Milagros Aguinaldo  
Emilio Aguinaldo  
Elinita & Amethyst  
Mary Beth Ballesteros

### Sunday, Feb. 19

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18  
Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13  
1 Cor 3:16-23  
Mt 5:38-48

### Monday, Feb. 20

Sir 1:1-10  
Ps 93:1-2, 5  
Mk 9:14-29

### Tuesday, Feb. 21

Sir 2:1-11  
Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40  
Mk 9:30-37

### Wednesday, Feb. 22

1 Pt 5:1-4  
Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6  
Mt 16:13-19

### Thursday, Feb. 23

Sir 5:1-8  
Ps 1:1-4, 6  
Mk 9:41-50

### Friday, Feb. 24

Sir 6:5-17  
Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35  
Mk 10:1-12

### Saturday, Feb. 25

Sir 17:1-15  
Ps 103:13-18  
Mk 10:13-16



## OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA PRAYER GROUP

Every Tuesday evening, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm, one can find a group of dedicated prayer warriors gathered in our church. These individuals begin with the rosary meditating on the various mysteries of the rosary each week. Then they turn their attention to the Divine Mercy Chaplet as they believe in the powers and promises made by Christ himself. They sing hymns of praise in between their prayers. They pray for world peace, those imprisoned physically and spiritually as well as the personal intentions of the ministry. Mr. John Aguiar is the ministry coordinator and has been serving this ministry for a multitude of years.

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



+Caroline Romero

PRAYER

## **THE ONE TO BE BAPTIZED**

Children who have not reached the "age of discretion" (7 years old) must be initiated using this rite. Children age seven and older must be initiated through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, adapted for children (cf. Rite of Baptism for Children, Introduction, 1; RCIA, 252, ff.; National Statutes, 18 - 21)

### **B. PARENTS**

1. Formation is a fundamental element of Christian Initiation. It must be connected with the sacrament of Baptism, "the sacrament of faith." (Cf. GDC 66) Sacramental preparation for the sacrament of Baptism for parents is a prerequisite for the baptism of an infant. (Cf. CIC, can. 867) Pastoral discretion is required concerning the frequency of such preparation.
2. It is the responsibility of the parents to request baptism as soon as possible after the birth or before the birth of their child. They should go to their pastor or his delegate to request the sacrament for their child. (Cf. CIC, can. 867)
3. In an intact marriage, at least one parent/legal guardian should be a baptized Catholic. The non-Catholic parent must be willing to allow his/her child to be baptized in the Catholic Church. The sacrament should not be celebrated if the non-Catholic parent expresses strong opposition because the event of the sacrament should not

divide the family. In cases where there is opposition, pastoral counseling should present options for future celebration of the sacrament when conditions are more favorable.

4. In case of divorce, the custodial parent may seek baptism. Civil law defines "custodial parent" as the one who at that moment has physical custody of the child.
5. Although the rite is insistent on the preparation of parents/guardians, none of the following may be made requirements for baptism of a child:
  - a. Convalidation of an invalid marriage
  - b. Any demonstrations of financial support, e.g., envelopes.
  - c. Any other obligation not found in Church law concerning baptism. (CIC 868 1.1)
6. According to the precepts of Canon Law (CIC 857 2), parents requesting Baptism of their child should ordinarily be members of the parish. With special permission of their pastor they may request Baptism in another parish.
7. Baptism shall not be refused to parents who have no permanent domicile. People without a parish, e.g. migrants and transients, are to be the objects of special solicitude and need to be dealt with in the best pastoral way possible. Special care should be taken in each individual case.

## **SEEKING VOLUNTEER FACILITATORS**

*The Infant Baptism Ministry is seeking adult volunteers to assist with the facilitating of the preparation class. The class meets monthly for 10 out of the 12 months a year. The curriculum is simple utilizing a training video and various handouts. The amount of time allotted for this ministry is about three hours per month every other month with the rotation of other team members. Training will be provided and support from the parish RE Director. Contact Chrislyn Villena at [cvillena@stjoehilo.com](mailto:cvillena@stjoehilo.com)*



*"Through Baptism, each child is inserted into a gathering of friends who never abandon him in life or death...This group of friends., this family of God, into which the child is now admitted, will always accompany him, even on days of suffering and in life's dark nights; it will give him consolation, comfort and light."*  
-Pope Benedict XVI



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Weekly Calendar

**Monday, February 20 "President's Day" Holiday**

**Rectory office closed**

**7:00 am Mass—NO 12:15 pm Mass**

**6:00 pm Adult Faith Formation (RCIA)**

**7:00 pm San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal**

**Tuesday, February 21**

**8:00 am Viewing (+Jon Hall)**

**10:30 am Memorial Mass (+Jon Hall)**

**6:30 pm Novena Rosary**

**7:00 pm Mother of Perpetual Help Novena**

**Wednesday, February 22**

**10:30 am Prayer & Graveside Service (+Caroline Romero)**

**6:30 pm Alabare Choir Rehearsal**

**Thursday, February 23**

**6:30 pm St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal**

**Friday, February 24**

**Saturday, February 25**

**7:00 am Engaged Encounter Weekend**

**8:15 am Church Cleaners #1 (F. Veriato)**

**9:30 am Bible Sharing**

**10:00 am Reconciliation**

**5:00 pm Mass w/Rite of Sending**

**5:00 pm High School Youth Ministry**

**Sunday, February 26**

**7:00 am Engaged Encounter Weekend**

**10:15 am Sunday R E Classes**

## Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	Week (2/6-2/12)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<b>Collections</b>	7,609.75	313,410.85	344,976.13
<b>All Other Income</b>	5,467.39	230,535.97	210,243.81
<b>Deposited to Bank</b>	13,077.14	543,946.82	555,219.94
<b>Expenses</b>		488,687.09	547,598.85
<b>Net Revenues</b>	13,077.14	55,259.73	7,621.09
<b>Parish Hall</b>	446.25	<b>Parish Savings</b>	
		Designated Funds	524,119.66
		Restricted Funds	409,542.57
			<b>933,215.98</b>

## St. Michael's Golf Tournament

**Saturday, March 25, 2017**

**Kona Country Club-Ocean Course**

**Golf, Lunch, Silent Auction**

**\$300/2-person Team**

**Call Don David at 808-756-6912**



## Kokua Ministry-Hospitality Pillar of Stewardship

This ministry is a group of volunteers dedicated to the service of man-power for the parish. These volunteers will help with transporting of tents, tables, chairs between the St. Joseph School and Church. They will also be in charge of the set up and clean up of facilities for large parish events such as socials and island wide events. Our hope is that there will be a group of volunteers that will make this a regular ministry for the parish.

Here are some dates where this ministry participates:

- **March 19:** St. Joseph Feast Day, transporting tents, tables, chairs, from school to church, etc, cleaning up; and parking lot marshals
  - **March 23:** Chrism Mass-meals for parishioners (downstairs meeting room)--sandwiches, chips, desserts, cases of water
  - **April 15:** Holy Saturday- prepping candles/holders
- If you or someone you know of would like to be a part of this ministry you may call the rectory office and leave a message for Mary Correa, 935-1465.



## RITE OF SENDING & RITE OF ELECTION

### FEBRUARY 25 (5:00 PM MASS)

Rite of Sending: second public rite for those becoming Catholic; marks transition from inquiry period to catechumenate period and "sends" them to the Rite of Election with the Bishop

### MARCH 4 (5:00 PM MASS w/Bishop Silva)

Rite of Election: a liturgical rite that takes place at the beginning of Lent which formally names those who will be baptized at the next Easter Vigil

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