

Church Dedicated in 1919

**Priests:** 

Rev. Apolinario Ty, SSS Rev. Ferdinand Tomo, SSS

**Deacons:** 

Dcn. Charley Mapa Dcn. David Watson



## **Mass Schedule**

6 am & 12:15 pm Monday—Friday 7 am Saturday Morning

Saturdays at 3:00 p

5 pm Saturday Vigil Mass 7 am, 9 am, 11:45 am and 6 pm Sunday

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## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Baptism of the Lord -2025 - (C)

"You are my beloved son..."

With today's celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, we culminate the Holy season of Christmas. Today's feast is considered the "second manifestation" of our Lord Jesus Christ. The first is the solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord which we celebrated last Sunday.

What's the significance of Jesus' baptism? First, the voice from heaven reveals WHO Jesus truly is – "You are my beloved son, with you I am well pleased." These words reveal Jesus' identity, mission, and relationship with the Father

When John the Baptist summoned all Israel to repentance, Jesus could not shy away from it. He, too, must go. Jesus understood that His participation was not for the remission of sin but for His solidarity with the rest of the people amid their sin-soaked reality. He chose to be fully identified with them in their journey towards God.

In other words, baptism was not necessary for Jesus Christ. He was always God's beloved Son on whom His favor rests. And yet He chose to be baptized to identify Himself with our need for forgiveness and with our longing for redemption. To lead us into the kingdom, He would enter by the same and only door open to us, the door of baptism and also the door to other sacraments So to speak, He was baptized to be in solidarity with us.

May the baptism of the Lord remind us of our calling and duties as baptized Christians. And may our hearts be filled with gratitude for this wonderful gift of our Baptism in the Lord.

#### Office hours are from 9-1 M-F

12	13	14	15	16	17	18
7:00 Mass-FP	6:00 Mass-FP	6:00 Mass-FF	6:00 Mass-FF	6:00 Mass FP	6:00 Mass-FF	7:00 Mass-FF
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6:00 Mass-FF				6 pm Faith For- mation Video series		
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#### **Daily Readings**

Sunday, Jan 12 Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25,27-28,29-30 Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 Tuesday, Jan 14 Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 1:21-28 Thursday, Jan 16 Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 Mk 1:40-45 Saturday, Jan 18 Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mk 2:13-17

Monday, Jan 13 Heb 1:1-6 Ps 97:1 & 2b, 6 & 7c, 9 Mk 1:14-20

Wednesday, Jan. 15 Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 1:29-39 Friday, Jan 17 Heb 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8 Mk 2:1-12 Sunday, Jan 19 Is 62:1-5 Ps96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 John 2:1-11

## FOR ALL CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS OF ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL!!

# FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR TUITION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM Deadlines & Notifications

Application Window – January 10 to March 1, 2025 Completed applications, required documents and \$45 application fee are due to FACTS. Late applications WILL NOT be accepted.



## **Stewardship Report of Treasury for:**

Dec 31-Ja	YTD Actual		
Collections	10,472.00	326,574.02	
Other Regular Income	158.89	31,052.40	
<b>Unusual Income:</b>			
Choirs	0.00	275.00	
Convent Lease	0.00	42,500.00	
R&M Collection	130.00	7,815.00	
Security Project	100.00	1,526.00	
Feed the Hungry	0.00	7,890.00	
Other Unusual Income	0.00	4,214.76	
Total Income	10,860.89	421,847.18	
Designated Funds		530,319.44	
Restricted Parish Hall Funds		461,076.81	

St. Joseph School upcoming events: January is Open House Month:

January 13-31 Public Tours January 26th Parishioner Day

Please see flyers posted by the entrances for more details!

On Tuesday, **January 21st** there will be only 1 Mass at 6:00 am due to the East Hawaii Vicariate meeting in Pahala..

Thank you for your understanding!

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### Engaged Encounter, February 22-23, 2025

One of the steps that is required for marriage in the Diocese of Honolulu, is a couple's attendance at an Engaged Encounter retreat. This retreat allows couples to learn to communicate more deeply within the couple, and it asks the questions each couple needs to ask one another. It has been shown that couples who attend this retreat have happier, more committed relationships in their marriages. For the convenience of parishioners in East Hawaii, this retreat is held annually at St. Joseph Church in Hilo. Our next retreat takes place on the weekend of February 22 and 23, 2025. If you intend to get married

in the next year or so, this is the retreat for you. There are, however, retreats throughout the year on the other islands, but this is the only one here. For more information, contact your parish or Fred Basilio at (808) 896-5432, Rose Nunogawa at (808) 935-1465, or Deacon Charley Mapa at (808) 935-1465/(808) 987-8713

## When You Pray:

## A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God

You know that prayer is important but still find it challenging. Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Or maybe you feel discouraged by your weaknesses and your inability to overcome them.

If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints struggled in prayer. They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God's grace.

What God did in the lives of countless saints, he wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. And that's what this study is about: the journey of prayer God wants to take us on.

Join us for When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God on Thursday, January 2nd at 6 pm.

For more information please call the Rectory office at 808-935-1465.

## **ANNUAL MEMORIAL 2025**

St. Joseph Church will remember and honor those parishioners & their loved ones who died in the past year (2024). The names will be displayed in the Church on the WEEKEND of JANUARY 25-26, 2024.

If you have a loved one who died in 2024, please call the rectory office at (808)-935-1465, to submit their name.
All names MUST be submitted by January 22.

Congratulations to deacon candidate

Julian Taifmai who receives the Rite of Acolyte

this weekend on Oahu.
This Rite is the last step before
Ordination.

Please keep Julian and Joan in your prayers.

## The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,

may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole Cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.





## PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 AT 10:30 FOR OUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION







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