



# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation

**Feb. 8, 2026**



*Church Dedicated on  
February 23, 1919*



**Priests:**  
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*Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament begins  
Monday-Thursdays at 11 am &  
Fridays & Sundays at 4:00 p  
Saturdays at 3:00 p*

## Mass Schedule

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

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

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*Please remember St. Joseph  
Parish in your will!*

**PLEASE JOIN US ON  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 AT 10:30 FOR OUR  
SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND PRAYERS**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of ordinary Time - 2026**

### To be salt of the earth

In the Gospel, Our Lord Jesus exhorts his disciples, “*You are the salt of the earth.*” This is meant to be a compliment but also a responsibility. Salt is valuable not because of what it is, but because of what it does. Salt does not exist for itself. It exists to give flavor, to preserve, to bring out what is good in others. But He also warns his disciples that salt can lose its taste. When that happens, it is no longer good for anything.

Faith, too, can lose its flavor. Not all at once, but slowly. When disciples begin living for comfort rather than conviction, approval rather than truth, safety rather than love, the Gospel becomes bland. Faith remains—but its power fades.

Salt loses its taste when it refuses to mix. When it stays separate, afraid of being spent. A Christian life that is closed in on itself, concerned only with self-preservation, no longer transforms the world. To be salt means being willing to disappear so that others may live more fully. It means allowing Christ to shape our words, our choices, our relationships.

Today, Jesus reminds us: we were not created to exist for ourselves. We were created to give flavor to the life of humanity.

**Please bring your blessed palm branches from  
last year so that they may be used for Ash  
Wednesday.**



# February 2026

Office hours are from 9-1 M-F

<b>8</b> 7:00 Mass-FP	<b>9</b> 6:00 Mass-FP	<b>10</b> 6:00 Mass-FF	<b>11</b> 6:00 Mass-FF	<b>12</b> 6:00 Mass-FP	<b>13</b> 6:00 Mass-FF	<b>14</b> 7:00 Mass-FP
9:00 Mass-FP	9:30 Mass +C. Vallente-FF	10 Vicariate Meeting	12:15 Mass-FP	12:15 Mass-FF	9:30 Mass +H. Ganir-FP	10:00 Confessions
11:45 Mass-FF	12:15 Mass-FF	<u>NO 12:15 Mass</u>			12:15 Mass-FP	
6:00 Mass-FF	6 PM Spiritual Wellness	6 PM Novena	6 PM SJFCC- Downstairs	6:00 EPIC-Library		5:00 Mass-FF

## Daily Readings

### Monday, Feb. 9

1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13  
Psalm 132:6-7, 8-10  
Mark 6:53-56

### Tuesday, Feb. 10

1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30  
Psalm 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11  
Mark 7:1-13

### Wednesday, Feb. 11

1 Kings 10:1-10  
Psalm 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40  
Mark 7:14-23

### Thursday, Feb. 12

1 Kings 11:4-13  
Psalm 106:3-4, 35-36, 37  
and 40  
Mark 7:24-30

### Friday, Feb. 13

1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19  
Psalm 81:10-11ab, 12-13,  
14-15  
Mark 7:31-37

### Saturday, Feb. 14

1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34  
Psalm 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21  
-22  
Mark 8:1-10

### Sunday, Feb. 15

Sirach 15:15-20  
Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18,  
33-34  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
Matthew 5:17-37

## Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

Jan. 27-Feb. 2		FYTD Actual
Collections	17,093.80	379,307.65
Other Regular Income	947.72	38,670.13
Unusual Income:		
Choirs	0.00	100.00
Convent Lease	0.00	51,000.00
R&M Collection	1,760.00	41,898.00
Security Project	30.00	1,365.00
Feed the Hungry	91.72	4,036.72
Other Unusual Income	0.00	5,556.19
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>19,923.24</b>	<b>521,933.69</b>
Designated Funds		648,698.78
Restricted Parish Hall Funds		466,105.26

**Prison Ministry Training** - There will be a State mandated volunteer training in March for **women** interested in developing a ministry to women housed in Hale Nani Makai jail in Hilo.

This day-long training will also prepare those interested in a prison ministry at Kulani men's prison.

Please call Deacon Jim Dougherty (808) 315-1319 to register for the March training, which is only offered infrequently throughout the year.

**HOPE TO COPE** - The "*Inspiring Hope: Spiritual Wellness*" Ministry will meet a second time each month simply to pray for one another and those who are suffering from spiritual and emotional difficulties. If you or someone you know is experiencing mental health challenges, please join us for this Christ-centered outreach. **We will meet for this expanded and prayerful opportunity on Monday, February 9 at 6:00 pm** in the lower-level meeting room at St. Joseph Church in Hilo. (Please also note that we will continue to meet for our regularly scheduled ministry activity later in the month on February 23 at the same time and location.) If you have any questions or desire more information on our special prayer meeting on February 9, please contact Estelle Kobayashi at (805) 204-1945 or Deacon Jim Dougherty at (808) 315-1319.

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**Holy Trinity Hermitage Fundraiser**  
**Sunday, February 15**



**BIG ISLAND YOUTH DAY**



MORE INFO >>



**Feb. 21, 2026 | 10am to 5pm**  
**St. Joseph High School Gym, Hilo**  
**all youth in grades 6 - 12 invited**

**For more information please contact**  
**Christlyn Villena by calling the**  
**High School office at**  
**(808) 935-4936**



**FEBRUARY**

**YOUNG ADULT GATHERINGS AGES 18-39**  
**USUALLY MEETS EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAYS**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**HILLO**  
*Chapter*

**FEBRUARY**  
**12**  
**THURSDAY**

**Saint & Sip**

Mocktail Making featuring  
the Saint of the Month  
St. Joseph Church Hilo 6pm



**FEBRUARY**  
**26**  
**THURSDAY**

**Lenten Pillars**

Prayer, Fasting,  
Almsgiving  
St. Joseph Church Hilo 6pm



**HUAKA'I SMALL GROUP SEASON BEGINS IN MARCH!**  
**ASK US ABOUT JOINING A SMALL GROUP.**

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## Prayer to St. Joseph, Patron of Our Parish

Beloved St. Joseph, Patron of our Parish,  
at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home.  
As God's humble servant, you welcomed Jesus as your own son and with Our Blessed Mother  
provided Our Lord with the warmth of a family.  
We praise God and are grateful that as their faithful protector,  
you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you.

Most watchful guardian of the Holy family, with confidence we likewise entrust our Parish and  
families to your loving care.

Teach us, as a Church, to listen attentively to God's will  
and to carry it out with quiet courage and trust.

Help our parish to be a home of faith, where Christ is loved and adored, families are strengthened,  
and all who come find peace and belonging.

Help our homes to be places of prayer, where God is honored. Protect our children and the  
vulnerable; and assist and take care of those who toil to provide for their families.

St. Joseph, we thank you through the years that you have watched over us. Continue, we beg, to  
help us to find God in all that we do and pray that our parish may grow in holiness, unity, and  
charity, and always reflect the heart of Christ.

Amen. St. Joseph, pray for us.

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**Ka Hui Holo Lio O Ka Lei Lehua -  
Nā Mamo Ha'aheo**

Malasada Sale 9-12  
Sunday, February 15, 2026  
Gilbert Carvalho Park  
\$15/Dozen

**February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**  
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*"Let all that you do be done in love."*  
1 Corinthians 13:4



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