

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation



**Mar. 8, 2026**

*Church Dedicated on  
February 23, 1919*



**Stations of the Cross  
will be offered on the  
Fridays of Lent at 3 pm  
and 6 pm**

**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!*

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent – 2026

### God Is Waiting At The Well Of Our Lives

The story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well is more than a conversation. It is more than a moral lesson. It is more than a story about conversion. It is a love story. Not a romantic love story — but a divine love story. It is the story of a God who seeks, who waits, who thirsts for us.

The Gospel begins so simply: Jesus is tired. He sits at the well at noon — the hottest hour of the day. The Samaritan woman comes at noon to avoid encounter with others because of her reputation. And Jews avoided Samaritans. But love crosses boundaries.

This is the first movement of the story: God takes the initiative. Before the woman asks for anything, Jesus is already there, waiting. Lent reminds us: God is always waiting at the well of our lives.

And Jesus asks for a drink. On the cross, Jesus will say, “I thirst.” At the well, He is already revealing that thirst. He thirsts — not only for water — but for her faith, for her heart, for her salvation. God thirsts for us. That is the astonishing truth of this Gospel. We think we are the ones searching for God. In reality, He is searching for us.

And Jesus reminds her that “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and truth.” True worship is not about location — mountain or temple. It is about relationship. It is about allowing God into the truth of our lives — without masks. Lent is precisely this: coming to the well honestly. Bringing our sin, our wounds, our emptiness — and letting Christ meet us there. This Lent, allow yourself to sit at the well with Him.

**Confession Schedule for Lent:**  
Monday—Thursday from 11am to 12 noon  
Saturday—10 am

|                          |                          |  |                           |                           |                                  |                           |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>8</b><br>7:00 Mass-FF | <b>9</b><br>6:00 Mass-FP | <b>10</b><br>6:00 Mass-FF                  | <b>11</b><br>6:00 Mass-FF | <b>12</b><br>6:00 Mass-FP | <b>13</b><br>6:00 Mass-FF        | <b>14</b><br>7:00 Mass-FP |
| 9:00 Mass-FF             |                          | 12:15 Mass-FP                              | 12:15 Mass-FP             | 12:15 Mass-FP             | <b>9:00 SJS Mass at Church</b>   | 10:00 Confessions         |
| 11:45 Mass-FP            | 12:15 Mass-FP            |  |                           |                           | 12:15 Mass-FP                    | 5:00 Mass-FF              |
| 6:00 Mass-FP             |                          | 6 PM Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer Group |                           |                           | 3pm & 6 pm Stations of the Cross |                           |

## Daily Readings

### Monday, Mar. 9

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

### Tuesday, Mar. 10

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

### Wednesday, Mar. 11

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

### Thursday, Mar. 12

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

### Friday, Mar. 13

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

### Saturday, Mar. 14

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

### Sunday, Mar. 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:

|                                     | Feb. 24- Mar. 2  | FYTD Actual       |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Collections</b>                  | 15,245.75        | 425,312.50        |
| <b>Other Regular In-</b>            | 171.47           | 45,702.52         |
| <b>Unusual Income:</b>              |                  |                   |
| <b>Choirs</b>                       | 0.00             | 100.00            |
| <b>Convent Lease</b>                | 0.00             | 59,500.00         |
| <b>R&amp;M Collection</b>           | 690.00           | 43,178.00         |
| <b>Security Project</b>             | 45.00            | 1,540.00          |
| <b>Feed the Hungry</b>              | 130.00           | 4,506.72          |
| <b>Other Unusual In-</b>            | 0.00             | 6,503.87          |
| <b>Total Income</b>                 | <b>16,282.22</b> | <b>586,343.61</b> |
| <b>Designated Funds</b>             |                  | 657,898.51        |
| <b>Restricted Parish Hall Funds</b> |                  | 466,501.29        |



## LECTORS

**THERE WILL BE A MEETING FOR ALL LECTORS ON SATURDAY MARCH 14 FROM 1-3 PM IN THE DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM**

**The Filipino Catholic Club will have a meeting on Wednesday 3/11, at 6pm in the downstairs meeting room. We welcome current members and those interested in joining us.**

**Please be aware: On Thursday, Feb. 26th at around 3:30 am an unidentified woman walked in to the grotto area and proceeded to pick-up and throw most of the potted plants and flower arrangements into the drainage area. She also broke off the ti plant stems and threw those as well. After she proceeded down the steps and overturned and scattered the rubbish from the garbage can.**

**We have provided the police with footage from our cameras. We are making you aware of this and urging everyone to be alert and be careful. Mahalo!**





Saint Joseph School- Hilo, HI  
Second Collection Envelope

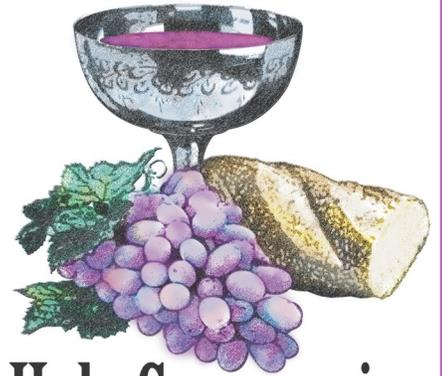
We invite all alumni and friends of SJS to our special Mass on March 13 at SJ Church, 9 am. We honor our Blessed St. Joseph and will also acknowledge alumni who are priests and deacons.

We will have a second collection for St. Joseph School on March 14-15. Envelopes are now available at the entrances of the Church.

## THE PROPER WAY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

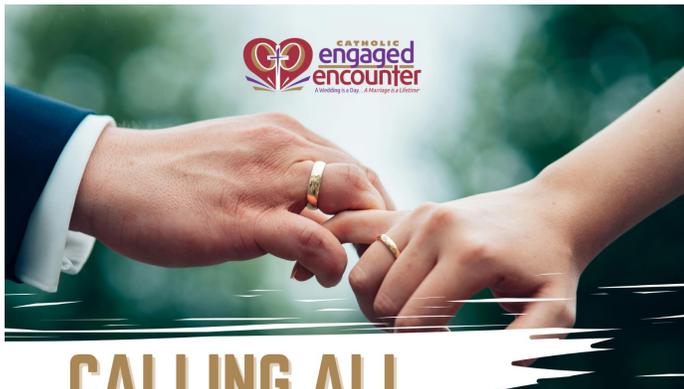
You may either receive Holy Communion on your tongue or in the hand as allowed in the United States by decision of the American Bishops.

If one is receiving in the hand the following is normative: upon approaching the minister of the Host extend the hands in the middle of the chest. The left hand is extended, with the right hand under the left in support (left handed persons may wish to place the left hand under the right). In essence, a throne is formed in the sign of an X-cross to receive the Sacred Host. The response of "Amen" is given to the proclamation "The Body of Christ," and the Host is received. The individual should then step to the side and receive the Host carefully and reverently in front of the altar before returning to your seat. It is unseemly to "pop" the Host into the mouth as one walks away. **Remember "Who" you are receiving!**



# Holy Communion

Please note that it is never acceptable to put out only one hand due to the danger of dropping the host. Those who do not have the easy use of both hands (or whose hands are not perfectly clean for whatever reason) should receive on the tongue.



## CALLING ALL MARRIED Couples

- ✓ Have you been married 2 years or more?
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### SAVE THE DATES:

#### Women's Retreat Sat., May 16

Our theme "Life in the Holy Spirit and our Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary." Women of all ages are invited to join us for this inspiring day.

#### All Parish Retreat Sat., May 23

Our theme "Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Universal Call to Holiness." Inviting all men, women and youth to join us for this retreat to prepare our hearts and souls to receive the outpouring gifts of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost!

**St. Joseph Church welcomes Catholic Speaker Dina Marie Hale of FAITH MOMENTS for these special events.**

## 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.

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



### Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is a united effort that supports the vital ministries of our Church across the islands. It is an opportunity for all Catholics to come together in faith and generosity, *Sharing God's Gifts* to carry out Christ's mission in our communities today.

Make your gift by scanning the QR code, visiting the [Appeal.CatholicHawaii.org](http://Appeal.CatholicHawaii.org), or completing a pledge form available at all entrances.  
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