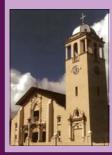
Issue: March 2, 2008 HILO ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent 6:30 pm St. Joseph Church

Mass Schedule

St. Joseph Church Weekdays: Mon. - Fri. 6:00 am & 12:15 pm Legal Holidays: 7:00 am

Saturday: 7:00 am Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm Spanish Mass: 7:00 pm

Sunday: St. Joseph Church 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:30 am & 6:00 pm

Malia Puka O Kalani Church Sunday: 9:00 am

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.



Fr. Lovell lays hands on Isaac Mangauil

2nd Scrutiny Sunday, March 2 Mass, 6:00 pm

3rd Scrutiny Sunday, March 9 Mass, 6:00 pm

<u>Kona</u>

Chrism Mass Tuesday, March 11 7:00 pm St. Michael Church



Mark your calendar! Parish Mission

March 10-12, Monday – Wednesday 6:00 am or 7:00 pm each day at St. Joseph Church

Concludes with Penance Service Wednesday, March 12 7:00 pm St. Joseph Church

Feast of St. Joseph Husband of Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil Mass Fri., March 14, 7:00 pm St. Joseph Church

<u>Feast Day Mass</u> Sat. March 15, 7:00 am St. Joseph Church

Pastor's Corner

Part 6b, (continued from last week) Give Thanks and Praise — A Popular Explanation of the Mass

MEANING OF THE EUCHARIST

So rich is the meaning of the Eucharist that it can be viewed from any number of aspects. Space allows us to focus on only eight of them.

Banquet of the Church: The Eucharist is a meal, a banquet in which the Church shares at the table of the Lord. It is an eating and a drinking together that is done without speed and efficiency, so different from our fast-food meals common today. As we take time to be with one another and the Lord, we are nourished to become one people by receiving the sacramental body and blood of the Lord.

Sacrifice of Christ and the Church: In the Eucharist the Church enters into the total selfgiving of Christ. The sacrifice of the cross is made present and perpetuated till Christ comes again. We enter into this sacrifice by our surrender to Christ, by our dedication to doing the will of God.

Memorial of Christ: The word "memorial" or "memory" might be misleading to some who understand the term to mean just a "recalling" of something that took place centuries ago. By celebrating the Eucharist, however, we do much more. We enter the timelessness of God in order to be touched and changed by God's loving action which extends beyond the past and into the future. We share in what Christ once did; we continually experience it anew. What was once accomplished lasts till the present and is the basis for our hope that Christ will indeed come again.

Sign of the Kingdom: The Eucharist is a sign foreshadowing the eternal banquet in heaven to which we are all invited. By participating in the Eucharist we anticipate that day when we shall enjoy eternal communion with the Lord. For this reason the Eucharist is called a "pledge of future glory given to us" (Feast of Corpus Christi, Evening Prayer II, Antiphon for the Canticle of Mary). **Transformation:** It is our strong belief that at Mass the material elements of bread and wine are changed, are transformed into Christ's body and blood. This belief is grounded in the very words of Christ "this is my body," "this is my blood." It is also our belief that the purpose of this change is that we too may be changed or transformed into one people, into the body of Christ on earth, into a people who know that we have been redeemed and made holy by the saving action of Christ.

Our Central Action: The Eucharist is our central sacrament. We are called to celebrate it every week. And in that celebration we are nourished and shaped as Church. Thus, the Eucharist is at the center of our lives as Christians. It is an affirmation of what we believe and the nourishment that enables our belief.

A Sunday Celebration: Although through venerable tradition the Eucharist has come to be celebrated on weekdays, it is especially on Sunday, the Day of the Lord, that the Church has constantly gathered to do what Jesus did. The Sunday Eucharist has been the hallmark of the Church. It has even been said that Christians have a right to the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. But due to lack of ordained priests, Sunday services without the celebration of the Eucharist are becoming more common. Yet this can never be considered the norm. The norm, as is evident from the command of Christ, is for the whole Eucharist to be celebrated, including the Eucharistic prayer.

A Call To Justice And Peace: The whole life of Jesus was one of self-giving, an action which reached its high point in the giving over of his body and the pouring out of his blood on behalf of the world. Our own sharing in the Eucharist then demands that we follow his example, giving ourselves as reconcilers and peacemakers.

Next time we will consider the preparation of the altar and the gifts.

Give Thanks and Praise: Part 6 of 10 ©1987, Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions

Sunday Reflection

Fr. John M. Mbinda

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A

Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph. 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

This passage was a prophetic and legendary account of the beginning of David's reign through the anointing by Samuel. Since Saul had proven himself unworthy, God rejected his line of descendants and chose a new king—David. This account emphasizes that it was truly God's choice, not anyone else's, by the consistent rejection of the more promising brothers, and the final selection of the youngest and least of them. Subsequent history would see David's reign in relation to the promised Messiah who would come from the line of David.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

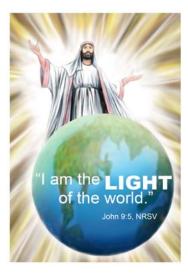
Psalm 23 is one of the most familiar psalms to all Christians, and picks up the theme of the shepherd in the first reading. The office of leadership of God's people, symbolized by a shepherd, is also a symbol of God's lordship. Response: "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

The theme of light overcoming darkness is one of the most consistently recurring themes in early Christian literature. The point emphasized by Paul here is that our Baptism introduces an absolute break with the darkness of the past; there can be no question of looking back to past ways and habits. The new light does away with all our spiritual darkness and hints at the themes of the Gospel.

Gospel: John 9:1-41

The healing of the man born blind in the Gospel passage leads to a controversy with the Pharisees quite similar to the discussion between Jesus and the Samaritan woman on salvation and revelation in the Gospel of last Sunday. The blind man gives Jesus the opportunity to show forth once again his own true divine nature for all to see and believe. The point being made is that the Pharisees do not understand their own spiritual blindness (vss. 40-41). On the other hand, the man born blind understands both his physical and spiritual blindness, and makes his confession of faith (vss. 35-38). John intends to show here a clarification of the difference between those who are willfully blind, and those who trust in Jesus, the Son of God.



Hilo Roman Catholic Community Mission Statement

We, the Hilo Roman Catholic Community of St. Joseph and Malia Puka O Kalani, guided by the Holy Spirit, Our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, gather as a family of believers in the celebration of the Eucharist. Blessed with many cultures, talents and inspired by the Hawaiian tradition of Aloha, we pledge to share our heritage, our gifts and the principles of our faith, and to commit ourselves to the educational, social and spiritual needs of all our brothers and sisters.



Scripture Readings

Sunday, March 2

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday, March 3

Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13ab Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 4

Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 5

Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 6

Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 7

Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-21, 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25, 30

Saturday, March 8

Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12 Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, March 9

Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



FREE Tax Prep Help

Did you know that the IRS offers FREE tax preparation services for taxpayers with low- and middle-income with special attention to those aged 60 and older? This service is provided through the AARP Tax-Aide program which is the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service. All volunteer counselors are trained and certified every year.

Even if you don't have to pay federal taxes it is usually worth your while to file state because of the low-income tax credits offered by the State of Hawaii to anyone whose income is below \$20,000. Since the state does not recognize Social Security income, employer-funded pension income or investment income from Federal bonds, many people qualify to receive a refund of \$10-\$35 per person.

In Hilo tax counseling is provided at two sites: Kamana Senior Center on Thursday mornings and St. Joseph Church Rectory Meeting Room on Tuesday mornings From Feb. 5 to April 15, 2008. Hours at each site are from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Appointments are required. Please call 961-8777 to make your appointment.

Last year in Hilo Tax-Aide volunteers prepared more than 600 tax returns and e-filed 92.6% beating the national average of 82.8%. Nationwide Tax-Aide volunteers prepared a total of 2,238,352 returns.





Each Tuesday morning from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm the St. Joseph Church Rectory Meeting Room is buzzing with the activity of the Volunteers from AARP Tax aide program.

The Lenten Journey into Self, Others and God

Please join us for the 2008

Parish Mission

Annual Spiritual Retreat

St. Joseph Church, Hilo

March 10 thru March 12

Fr. Mat will speak at all weekend Masses on March 8th and 9th.

Then Monday thru Wednesday, Fr. Mat will preside at the 6:00 am Mass and give his Lenten talk at 6:30 am and repeat the talk at 7:00 pm with Eucharistic Adoration.

You have an opportunity to listen to the uplifting conferences of Fr. Mat, quiet time of prayer and be able to connect with God.

Come away by yourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile..." Mark 6:31.

Will you accept His invitation?

This Parish Mission is presented by

Fr. Mathew Vellankal

Fr. Mat, ordained in 1987, is a priest of the Diocese of Oakland, and is the Pastor at Holy Spirit Church, Fremont. He has served in a variety of settings – Missionary, Youth **Director, High School** Principal, Associate Pastor, Pastor etc. He has served the global church, as the International Chaplain of Youth (MIJARC) for eight years based in Brussels, Belgium. He is also an accomplished magician who has won numerous awards across the world. His inspiring and powerful talks will have his personal touch of magic and humor.



The Stations of the Cross are a Catholic devotion which commemorates the Passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Each of the fourteen stations represent an event which occurred during Jesus' Passion and death on Good Friday, as described in the Scriptures. The devotion of Stations of the Cross also known as "Way of the Cross" from the Latin Via crucis, originated in the fourth century when pilgrims from many parts of the world went to the Holy Land to visit the land of Jesus. Among the places they visited was the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which had been built by the Emperor Constantine in 335 AD on top of the tomb of Jesus. Processions of pilgrims to this church were common. During the time of the crusades (1095 -1270), it became popular for pilgrims in the Holy Land to walk in the footsteps of Jesus to Calvary. Egeria, a woman from Gaul (today's France), who was on her pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the 4th century, reported in her diary how she joined Christians from many parts of the Roman Empire. She says that on Holy Thursday,

they walked westwards from the garden of Gethsemane to the church of the Holy Sepulcher, where they celebrated Jesus' death and resurrection. The Stations of the Cross developed along this route of pilgrim processions beginning at the ruins of the Fortress Antonia ending at the church of the Holy Sepulcher.

Development and Devotion

Christian pilgrims contributed to the devotion in Europe of the Stations of the Cross in its present form. Devotion to the Stations of the Cross spread rapidly throughout the Roman Catholic world. By the twelfth century there was an increased interest on the devotion to the Stations of the Cross as a way of remembering the passion and death of Jesus. When the Franciscans took over the custody of the shrines in the Holy Land in 1342 AD, they encouraged the practice of the creation of shrines in Europe where the Stations of the Cross were erected outside churches and monasteries for devotional purposes. The current number of fourteen stations appeared first in the sixteenth century. Modern liturgists have argued that devotion to the passion of Jesus is incomplete without the reference to the Resurrection, and have thus fostered an additional fifteenth station, "the Resurrection of Jesus".

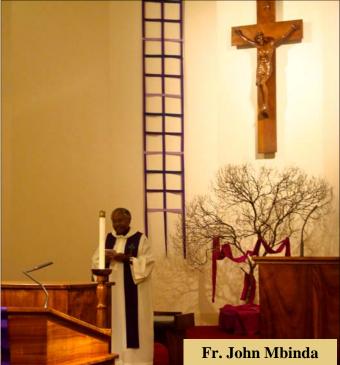
The season of Lent is the natural time for devotion to the Stations of the Cross which normally takes place inside the Church or outside where Stations have been erected for that purpose. In Rome, for example, the Pope leads the Stations of the Cross every Good Friday at the Roman Coliseum in honor of the many early Christian martyrs who died there.

"Dear Jesus, help us to remember, that through the Way of the Cross that helps us to recall your suffering and death on the Cross, you give us hope in the resurrection. Amen."



Oarlene Wingate and daughter Shelly read at the Stations of the Cross







Joanne and daughter Althea read at the Stations of the Cross



Samantha and Kekona read at the Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent 6:30 pm • St. Joseph Church

Malia Puka O Kalani Church

Our Volunteers 2nd Sunday March 9, 2008



Church Cleaning – Maybelle / Shirley Flowers – Maybelle / Shirley Sacristan – Hale Altar Servers – Kalauao / Namele Lectors – Ron / Laverne Money Counters – Moke / Ron Eucharistic Ministers – Natalie / Sam Bell Ringers – Pete / Melody

Alu Like Schedule at Malia Puka O Kalani Church Mon. – Fri. 8:00 am – 1:00 pm (CLOSED WEDNESDAY)

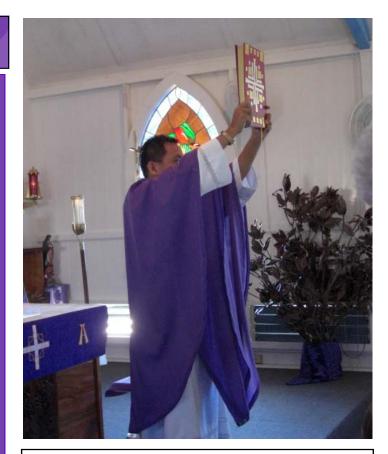


Please keep in your prayers.

Aunty Irene Kondo Kahele Ohana Aunty Patty Grube Aunty Becky Reis Aunty Ginger Moniz Aunty Minnie Alidon

Bret Hoffman Aunty Dorothy Gouveia & Uncle Tommy Gouveia Aunty Dora Costa Aunty Mamo Otineru Aunty Nita Kua

& "all those who are sick."



Financial Notes: FEBRUARY 24, 2008 *Attendance: 48 Adults 6 Children* Koa Bowl: \$ 625.00 *Aloha for all your Kokua!*



"Don't worry. Jesus cast out the unclean spirits. Not the unclean."



EIA MAKOU KA PO'E O KE AKUA HERE WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF GOD

E O, E ALA E YES, IT IS SO, AWAKEN

EIA MAKOU NO KEAUKAHA HERE WE ARE, ON THIS LAND OF KEAUKAHA

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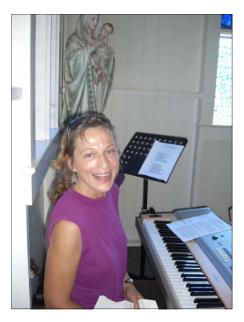












Sunday Collection February 24, 2008		
5:00 pm	\$1,274.00	
7:00 am	\$2,455.00	
9:00 am	\$1,639.00	
11:30 am	\$1,252.00	
6:00 pm	\$1,311.00	
Sunday Total Collection	\$7,931.00	
Candles	\$344.50	
Mass Intentions	\$185.00	
Other Donations	\$682.00	
Thrift Shop	\$382.54	
Spanish Mass	\$43.00	
Total Operating Revenue	\$1,637.04	
School Fund	\$319.00	
Building Fund	\$506.00	
Other Donations	\$2,028.00	
Parish Hall	\$1,068.00	
Rectory Repairs	\$15.00	
Augustine Educa- tional Foundation	\$203.00	
Total	\$4,139.00	
Total weekly Deposit	\$13,707.04	
Donations for the Parish Hall Fund:\$52,184.00		



Are you are willing and able to volunteer some time in assisting with maintenance work for our Church, Rectory and Cemetery? If so, please contact Robert Balga at 935-1465.

This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY, March 2

- 10:15 am •Religious Ed Classes/St. Joseph High School
- 11:30 am •Youth Mass/St. Joseph Church

MONDAY, March 3

- 9:00 am •Graveside Service (+Albert Correa, Jr)/Veteran Cemetery #2
- 1:00 pm Spiritual Support Group/St. Joseph Church Breezeway
- 6:00 pm •RCIA Class/St. Joseph Rectory Library
- 6:00 pm •U H Campus Ministry/U H Campus
- 7:00 pm •Liturgy Committee Meeting/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room
- 7:00 pm •Wake Service (+Leilani Waugh)/Dodo Mortuary Chapel

TUESDAY, March 4

- 8:30 am •AARP Tax Aide/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room
- 10:00 am •Funeral Mass (+Leilani Waugh)/St. Joseph Church
- 5:00 pm •Religious Ed. Board Meeting/St. Joseph School Religious Ed. Office
- 5:00 pm •Faith Against Drugs Board Meeting/St. Joseph Meeting Room
- 7:00 pm •Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/ St. Joseph Church

7:00 pm •Basic Christian Community/YMI

WEDNESDAY, March 5

- 1:30 pm •Sacramental Prep Class/ St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room
- 6:30 pm •Alabare Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church
- 7:00 pm •Young Adult Ministry/YMI

THURSDAY, March 6

- 5:30 pm •Cursillo Meeting/St. Joseph Rectory Meeting Room
- 7:00 pm •SJ Choir Rehearsal/St. Joseph Church

FRIDAY, March 7 "First Friday"

- 1:00 pm •Adoration/St. Joseph Church
- 5:00 pm •Finance Council/St. Joseph Rectory Library
- 6:00 pm •Benediction/St. Joseph Church
- 6:30 pm •Stations of the Cross/St. Joseph Church

SATURDAY, March 8

- 7:45 am •Church Cleaners #1/St. Joseph Church
- 10:00 am •Adult Scripture Study/St. Joseph Rectory Library
- 7:00 pm •Spanish Mass & Fellowship/St. Joseph Church & Rectory Meeting Room

SUNDAY, March 9

10:15 am •Religious Ed Classes/St. Joseph High School

March 1 & 2 Second Collection Catholic Relief Services

Friday, March 14 Schedule Changes

Because of the Vigil Mass for St. Joseph on Friday, March 14, **Holy Hour and Benediction** will be canceled. Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:00 pm followed by the Vigil Mass at 7:00 pm.

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS SWEETBREAD SALE

As part of their continuing efforts to raise funds for tuition assistance at St. Joseph Schools, the Alumni and Friends of SJS will hold another sweetbread sale on Wednesday, March 19, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the rectory carport. (Please note change in time.) A maximum of 600 orders can be taken. You are asked to order early so as not to be disappointed. NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THE 600 MAXIMUM HAS BEEN REACHED, OR MARCH 12, WHICH-EVER COMES FIRST. Call any of the following to place your orders: Vivian Balberde (959-6146); Agnes Crivello (935-7753); Tony Phillips (959-8303); Celia Shinoda (961-939). MAHALO FOR YOUR HELP!

Directory Information

Clergy

Pastor/ Administrator: Rev. Thomas Purayidathil PhD

Associate Priests: Rev. Lovell Soller Rev. John M. Mbinda

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St. Joseph School Principal: Sr. Marion Kikukawa, OSF 935-4936

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Religious Education: Joyce C. Saenz 935-1202

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Liturgy: Cecil Farin

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Engaged Encounter: Fred & Patti Basilio 961-2442

Marriage Encounter: Deacon Jerry & Rose Nunogawa 935-8464

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Carol Denis

Adult Scripture Study: Deacon Don Aanavi

Prison Ministry: John Aguiar 935-8392

Parish Pastoral Advisory Council: John Tolmie

Finance Council: Craig Camello

Bulletin Coordinator: Karen Hotniansky

Prayer Network: Kathy Choi Call rectory: 935-1465 with your prayer request

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the rectory office for arrangements

Baptisms Infant (under 7) Preparation sessions for parents available 9 times a year. Call rectory office to register. 935-1465

(over 7-adult) Baptisms/ First Communion / Confirmation Contact Joyce C. Saenz 935-1202 Hospital Communion: Donna Saiki 935-7801

Home Communion: Joanne Kahaloa 961-2726

Marriages: Contact rectory office at least 6 months in advance

Funerals: Contact rectory office before meeting with funeral director

2008 National Merit Scholarship Finalist

Following in a great Cardinal tradition of excellence, St. Joseph High School senior Hannah Katibah has been selected as a 2008 National Merit Scholarship Finalist. SJS Principal Sr. Marion



Kikukawa, OSF, exclaimed that we are exceedingly proud of Hannah and this indicator of her academic excellence.



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