

February 18, 2018

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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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



ST. JOSEPH

PRAY FOR US!



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“At once the Spirit drove him out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.”

-Mark 1:40

The 2017 Statement of Contributions were mailed on February 14, 2018.

Weekly Reflection: 1st Sunday of Lent – Cycle B

"Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel"

We began the Lenten season last Ash Wednesday with the imposition of ashes on our foreheads while admonishing us to: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel." And we have this 40 d days to prepare ourselves to welcome into our lives the Risen Lord come Easter Sunday.

On this First Sunday of Lent we do not hear the familiar story of the three-fold temptation of the Lord in the desert but only that he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. This tells us how real and how cunning Satan is in wanting to tempt us. It gives us a chance to realize that if Jesus was tempted to a great extent, we too will have to go through the same. But this should not cause us to live in fear and anxiety. Because with the coming of Jesus is the promise of salvation. He announced the coming of the Kingdom with repentance as the prerequisite for acceptance into it: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Salvation is at the reach of everyone. It is a gift that God offers to all of us. And our reply to the call of Christ to salvation should be repentance, in other words conversion, and faith. Conversion, turning away from sin, is a crucial moment in the life of any person. Without it we cannot say that we are truly Christians. And a true conversion is conversion to the person of Jesus. It is to live our lives in communion with God, Our Father, the way Jesus did.

We know that sin does not come from God. He is all good and would only desire our good. But neither can the devil force us to sin. True, the devil is the Prince of Darkness. But he can only tempt and threaten us to do evil. But for us to sin, we do it ourselves. We choose to do it! But let us not forget, we also have the choice to say No to sin and so live in God's grace!

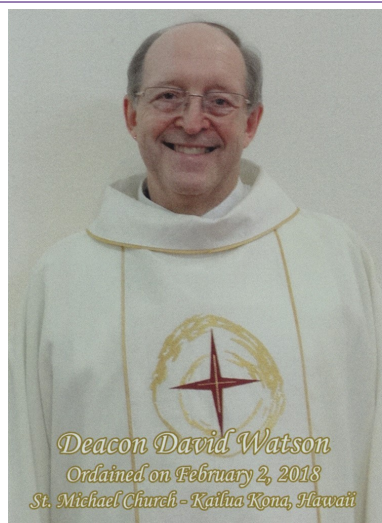
Dearest Parishioners of St. Joseph Church,

Gloria and I would like to express our heart-felt thanks to everyone who came out to help us celebrate my ordination and Mass of Thanksgiving. The formation process has been a wonderful experience for us both. Your kind words, thoughts and prayers helped to sustain us and encourage us. Be assured of our continuing prayers for all of you.

Many thanks to all who were involved in the set-up, serving, and clean-up process at the Mass of Thanksgiving fellowship. May God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely,

Deacon Dave Watson



*Deacon David Watson
Ordained on February 2, 2018
St. Michael Church - Kailua Kona, Hawaii*

"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."
St Jerome

Sunday, Feb. 18

Gn 9:8-15
Ps 25:4-9
1 Pt 3:18-22
Mk 1:12-15

Monday, Feb. 19

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18
Ps 19:8-10, 15
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Is 55:10-11
Ps 34:4-7, 16-19
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Jon 3:1-10
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, Feb. 22

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

Friday, Feb. 23

Ez 18:21-28
Ps 130:1-8
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, Feb. 24

Dt 26:16-19
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, Feb. 25

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Ps 116:10, 15-19
Rom 8:31b-34
Mk 9:2-10



I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN

40 CANS FOR LENT

What is 40 cans for Lent?

It is a program designed to help fight hunger. An opportunity to take a small sacrifice and turn it into a big difference in the lives of others.

The Program:

Collect one can of food per day during the 40 days of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, and then one extra can per person on Easter Sunday. Drop off your cans at any time throughout the Season to the church, or the Knights of Columbus who collects and distributes food to those in need.

Parish food pantry inventory is LOW.

Ka 'Aha O Kāna Meleama
Hawaii State Council 15952

Thank you for showing your support to the Augustine Educational Foundation's Second Collection

Mahalo St. Joseph Church, Hilo

On behalf of all the students and their families that will benefit from this collection this upcoming September ~ thank you!

It's never too late to support the Second Collection

Each Student is a Star –

Give the Gift of Education Campaign!

Visit us online at: www.augustinefoundation.org



Lent

GET THE MY PARISH APP!

Look for the **NEW LENT** button! It contains Lenten reflections to aid in your preparation for **EASTER!**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Calendar

Monday, Feb. 19 “Presidents’ Day” Holiday—Rectory office closed

7:00 am Mass/Church—NO 12:15 pm Mass

6:00 pm RCIA Class/Library

Tuesday, Feb. 20

6:00 am Mass/Church

12:15 pm Mass/Church

7:00 pm Mother of Perpetual Help Novena (Rosary 6:30)/Church

Wednesday, Feb. 21

6:00 am Mass/Church

8:00 am SJS Graduates Walkthrough/Church

12:15 pm Mass/Church

6:00 pm Wake Service (+Benedict Uyetake)/Dodo Chapel

7:00 pm Healing Mass/Church

Thursday, Feb. 22

6:00 am Mass/Church

8:30 am Viewing (+Benedict Uyetake)/Church

10:30 am Funeral Mass (+Benedict Uyetake)/Church

12:15 pm Mass/Church

6:30 pm St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/Church

7:00 pm Wake Service (+Paul Layaoen)/Dodo Chapel

Friday, Feb. 23

6:00 am Mass/Church

9:00 am Viewing (+Paul Layaoen)/Church

10:00 am Funeral Mass (+Paul Layaoen)/Church

12:15 pm Mass/Church

5:00 pm Engaged Encounter Weekend/Mtg. Room

6:00 pm San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal/Church

Saturday, Feb. 24

7:00 am Mass/Church

7:00 am Engaged Encounter Weekend/Mtg. Room

8:15 am Church Cleaner's #1 (F. Veriato)/Church

9:30 am Bible Sharing/Library

10:00 am Reconciliation/Church

10:00 am Prayer & Graveside Service (+Florendo dela Cruz)/Dodo Chapel & Alae Cem.

5:00 pm Mass/Church

5:00 pm High School Youth Ministry/Library

Sunday, Feb. 25

7:00 am Mass/Church

7:00 am Engaged Encounter Weekend/Mtg. Room

9:00 am Mass/Church

10:15 am Religious Education Classes/SJHS

11:45 am Mass/Church

6:00 pm Mass/Church

7:00 pm Wake Service (+Francisco Cariaga)/Dodo Chapel

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	Week (2/6-2/12)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Collections	7,759.97	316,517.23	331,523.80
All Other Income	11,588.73	212,255.11	217,678.69
Deposited to Bank	19,348.70	528,772.34	549,202.49
Parish Hall	161.25	Parish Savings	
		Loan to school	146,051.33
		Designated Funds	336,330.58
		Restricted Funds	428,130.92
			910,512.83

Pro-life Update:

-from the Respect Life Ministry

The state legislature will deal with two life issues this year:

HB 559- “The legislature is concerned with the health, safety, and welfare of all the people of Hawaii, including military personnel, veterans, and visitors.” The purpose of this Act is to establish a suicide prevention task force to reduce suicides by 25% by year 2025.

THE DIOCESE OF HONOLULU SUPPORTS THIS BILL, HB559

On the other hand there are four bills that advocate and PROMOTE suicide:

HB 2212; HB 2736, HB 2739 & SB 2727 facilitate suicide but cleverly avoid using the word “suicide”, but instead refer to “voluntary assisted dying substance” or “medication to end a patient’s life”.

THE DIOCESE OF HONOLULU DOES NOT SUPPORT THESE BILLS!

All is needed for evil to exist is for Good people to do nothing. What can you do?

HB 2212; HB 2736, HB 2739 & SB 2727

⇒ Sign the petition that will be circulated at THIS WEEKEND’S masses (Feb. 17 & 18)

⇒ Call Senator Kai Kahele 808-586-6760 and Representative Chris Todd and ask them to vote in support of HB 559 AND to vote against any form of assisted suicide.

⇒ Urge others to sign the online petition on the Hawaii Catholic Conference website. <http://www.catholichawaii.org>

Let us pray for the souls of our dearly departed. May they find peace.

+Rudy Rabang
+Felicidad Andres
+Jane Wong
+Robert Alan Galima



Aloha!

Please be advised that we have installed gates at the Haili entrance to our parking lot. These are installed to control the nighttime traffic through our lot. In accordance with county regulations we are required to close and lock these gates for 48 hours to establish that this is a private lot. We are planning to do this **closure on Monday, February 19 and Tuesday, February 20**. Access to the parking is still available through the Kapiolani Street entrance for those two days.

We hope that this does not prove inconvenient for those who utilize our parking lot regularly. After the 20th our gates will be opened before the 6 am Mass and then closed at night only. If you have any questions please call the office at 935-1465. Mahalo!

Peace be with you.

Dcn. David Watson, Business Manager



Aloha and blessings from the Building and Maintenance Committee.

We want to keep our parishioners informed on current and future projects.

Here goes.

The church entrance apron is in the process of being redone. The contractor indicated that he will do HALF of the area first (makai lower step and the half that is closest to the parking lot, then the Kapiolani St. half) thus providing parishioners with an entry and exit from the main entrance at all times. Drains have been installed to help drain water that falls on the aprons at the entrance. The concrete will be dug up; compacted gravel will be in place before new concrete is placed.

The plans for the additional stairwell on the Kapiolani St. side of the church are in the process of being completed. We want to make sure that all structures are built to current Hawaii County code.

March 16, 2019 is the date of our centennial celebration. We are developing a “wish list” of projects that we hope to be able to work on. Among these are the following, painting the church (outside); clean the gutters especially those that are difficult to reach; install LED lighting in the parking lot to replace old lighting that is unreliable and needs constant maintenance; replacing (or repairing) the clocks in the bell tower; maintaining the St. Joseph cemetery, particularly trimming the large banyan tree; cleaning out and organizing the basement storage area of the rectory; checking the entire gutter system around the church---possibly replacing/repairing areas.

We are in need of ideas and people-power to help us meet our goals. Please consider joining our committee and/or giving us input and suggestions. We continue to thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed on our parish community and we continue to ask for guidance.

Second Collection
for Building, Repair &
Maintenance, THIS WEEKEND
(Feb. 17 & 18) Use the envelopes in this
weekend bulletin for your convenience

BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES UPON YOU; AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT ME EVERYWHERE EVEN TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH...ACTS 1:8

Healing Mass

February 21, 2018
6:30 Praise & Worship
7pm Mass



Religious Education Update:

The students of the parish program in grade 2 continue their process with lessons on Confirmation along side their parents. Grades 3 to 7 will get their parent meeting in the next few weeks. Please stay tuned into the weekly bulletin, myParish App and class handouts.



Congratulations and thank you to Boy Scouts Troop 82 for their presence and service at the 11:45 a mass on Sunday Feb. 11 as they celebrated Boy Scout Sunday at our parish.





“Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his Word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor.”

—Pope Francis



Dear Families of St. Joseph Church,

During Lent our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter our neighbor, as companions on the journey, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We will reflect on how an encounter with our neighbor can be transformative. We will see how our *prayers, fasting and alms* can support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities. As we prepare for this holy season, it is **especially meaningful to come together in prayer as a family.**

Reflecting on the crosses of hunger, poverty and war carried by our brothers and sisters forced to flee their homes, we have an opportunity to also reflect on our roles in caring for them as members of our human family.

Please consider these suggestions in your family’s Lenten plan:

- * Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar daily to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- * Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey— and guide your Lenten almsgiving.
- * Prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.
- * Visit crsricebowl.org/stories to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gifts to CRS Rice Bowl.

We will collect your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent, so stay tuned to learn more.
Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family.

Sincerely,

Chrislyn Villena
St. Joseph Director of Religious Ed & Family Formation

**P.S. Did you know that CRS Rice Bowl has a web page specifically for families?
Visit crsricebowl.org/families for activities that will help your family grow in our Catholic faith this Lenten season**

Looking for community this Lent?

Join ours.



Share your Lenten journey, get insider CRS Rice Bowl tips and join Catholics across the country in solidarity this Lent with the new CRS Rice Bowl Facebook Group.

crsricebowl.org/FBgroup

**Rice bowls are available at all entrances
or with any hospitality minister.**

CRS Rice Bowl is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. CRS is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist poor and suffering people in more than 100 countries on the basis of need, without regard to race, religion or nationality