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www.stjoehilo.com 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 CHURCH

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation

Church Dedicated in 1919





A beautiful sonnet has been attributed to many saints such as **St. John of the Cross and St. Teresa of Avila:** 

"I am not moved to love you, Lord, By promises of paradise;
Nor does the hell that terrifies Move me to want to sin no more.
You are the one that moves me, Lord, When to your cross I turn my eyes
To see your wounds, hear insults, lies; I'm grieved to know you're dying, Lord.
Your love moves me in such a way That without heaven I'd love you still,
And without hell, I'd fear to stray.

I need no goads or giveaway; For even if my hopes were nil, I'd love you as I do today."

# Weekly Reflection: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter - 2019

"Yes Lord, I love you."

Addressing Peter, Jesus asked, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" What right does he have to respond positively when he had denied him three times. Peter knew full well his failings. It must have taken him all the humility to say: "Yes Lord, I love you."

And I am sure we would also respond likewise. But the lord also wanted Peter to understand the consequence of loving him - "Feed my lambs.... Tend my sheep... Feed my sheep." It's as if he is telling Peter, "My friend, I believe you, but it will demand more from you. Now you have to be my loving presence to my people."

And he's telling <u>us</u> the exact same thing this day. It's easy to **convince** ourselves that we love God. It's easy to **say**. It's easy to say we **believe**. It's relatively easy to **mean sincerely**. But there's one small problem — it's not at all **easy to live out**. And if we believe Jesus, that's **all that really matters**.

When was the last time you said: "Yes Lord, I love you."?



# New Principal for St. Joseph School in Hilo

The Pastor of St. Joseph Church in Hilo, Father Wilbert Laroga, recently announced the hire of Mr. Michael Pa'ekukui as the new principal of St. Joseph School for school year 2019-2020. He will succeed Dr. Llewellyn Young who, after his five years as principal, was recently appointed as the associate superintendent for Hawaii Catholic Schools.

"I am very happy that we found someone to help St. Joseph School continue to grow and thrive," Father Wilbert said. "While we will miss Dr. Young and his leadership as he moves to his new position, we welcome Mr. Pa'ekukui with all his knowledge and experience to help St. Joseph School continue its strong legacy in the Hilo community."

Dr. Young also commented, "Mr. Pa'ekukui comes with an impressive background which I believe will help St. Joseph School flourish. He is passionate about Catholic education and understands the mission of Catholic schools. He is also extremely innovative and creative, and he possesses strong skills as an administrator. I'm confident that his background along with his deep understanding of Hawaii culture and customs will serve our school and community well!"

Originally from Oahu, Pa'ekukui attended Windward Community College and the University of Hawaii for his undergraduate degrees in Liberal Arts and Spanish respectively. He received his master's degree in Education specializing in Curriculum and Instruction from Grand Canyon University in Arizona.

Mr. Pa'ekukui is currently the Dean of Personalized Learning at St. Louis School on Oahu, and he held numerous administrative positions in the past. He served a principal, vice principal, and teacher of Cathedral Catholic Academy during his tenure from 2002 through 2016. As principal, Mr. Pa'ekukui was recognized for creating the first fully project-based Catholic school in Hawaii. He also has experience in designing preschool curricula and serving as a master teacher and 21st Century technology trainer. He has a passion for the arts as an actor, singer, and musician and has been with the Honolulu Community Theater Productions for almost thirty years.

"He is highly respected in the Catholic education community, and he is a person of strong faith and devotion to the Church. I know that his expertise in administration, curriculum development, and technology will help take St. Joseph School to the next level of innovation and still hold true to the values, principles, and traditions we all hold dear. I'm very excited for the school and the Hilo community at large," Young said.

Mr. Pa'ekukui will assume his new duties and responsibilities as principal of St. Joseph School on July 1.

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

### Sunday, May 5

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19

#### Monday, May 6

Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

#### Tuesday, May 7

Acts 7:51—8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab Jn 6:30-35

#### Wednesday, May 8

Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a Jn 6:35-40

#### Thursday, May 9

Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

### Friday, May 10

Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1b-2 Jn 6:52-59

## Saturday, May 11

Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69

## Sunday, May 12

Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30

# SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND! Repair, Maintenance & Improvements

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# **Weekly Calendar**

Monday, May 6

6:00 am Mass/Church
10:15 am Mass/Legacy
12:15 pm Mass/church

6:00 pm RCIA Class/Library

Tuesday, May 7

6:00 am Mass/Church 12:15 pm Mass/Church

5:15 pm SJHS Graduates & Parents

Rehearsal/Church

5:30 pm Maintenance Committee/Meeting

Room

7:00 pm Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

(Rosary 6:30 pm)/Church

Wednesday, May 8

6:00 am Mass/Church

10:00 am Stewardship Meeting/Conference

Room

12:15 pm Mass/Church

6:30 pm Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday, May 9

6:00 am Mass/Church 12:15 pm Mass/Church

6:30 pm St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/Church Friday, May 10 "Feast of St. Damien of Molokai"

6:00 am Mass/Church 12:15 pm Mass/Church

6:00 pm San Lorenzo Family Choir Rehearsal/

Church

Saturday, May 11

7:00 am Mass/Church

8:15 am Church Cleaners #7 (M. Aizawa)/Church

9:30 am Bible Sharing/Library 10:00 am Reconciliation/Church

5:00 pm High School Youth Group/Library

5:00 pm Mass/Church

Sunday, May 12 "World Day of Prayer for

Vocations" & "Mother's Day"

7:00 am Mass/Church 9:00 am Mass/Church 10:15 am R E Classes/SJHS 11:45 am Mass/Church 6:00 pm Mass/Church

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:			
Apr. 24 to 29		YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Collections	7,913.25	411,759.68	457,385.00
R&M Collection	1,822.25	65,590.94	
All Other Income	2,475.05	316,963.22	296,043.21
Deposited to Bank	12,210.55	794,313.84	753,428.21
		Parish Savings	
Parish Hall	126.25	Loan to school	96,189.03
		Designated Funds	371,210.90
		Restricted Funds	450,661.13
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### St. Joseph Recognizes our 2019 Island Treasures.

Photo (left to right): Richard & Mary Hudak, Gwen De-Coito, Mary Correa, BJ Pang Ching, Bishop Larry Silva, Pastor Wilbert Laroga, Maureen Saturnio, Rose Nunogawa, Charlene Miyashiro, Fern Madrona, Josie & Nick Balingit, Vivian & Don Coloma At the Centennial Celebration mass on March 24, 2019, St Joseph Parish awarded these 13 parishioners the "Island Treasures" award in recognition of their generous service for being disciples of Jesus Christ.



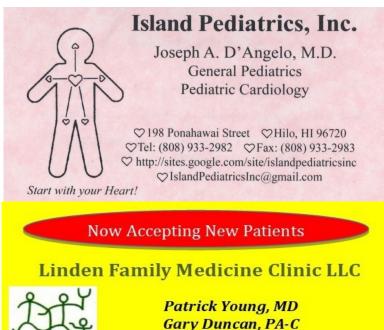


others and family. Proceeds will go to the on-going maintenance of our church to help us with the needed repairs of the church, buildings & property. Parishioners may purchase a copy of the book for \$20 from the parish office during business hours.





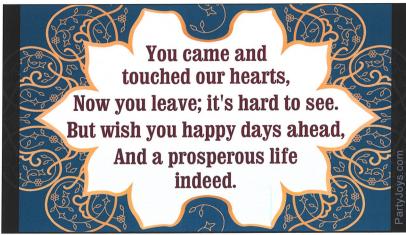
Thank you to all the wonderful people who donated treats & plastic eggs. We collected over 3,000 eggs this year, 2x more than last.



Call 808-961-0146 for appointments
Walk-Ins Welcome
400 Hualani St. - Suite 196 - Hilo

Join us for a Farewell Potluck Celebration

Honoring Dr. Young as he starts a New Journey



When: Sunday, May 19, 2019 Time: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Where: St. Joseph School Cafeteria

Bring a dish to share



## A Hui Hou, Malama Pono!

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

St. Joseph School continues to thrive and grow! Many of you have supported St. Joseph School for a long time. It is partly because of you that we are thriving! It has been a great honor and privilege to serve as the school's leader over the past five years. Our enrollment is getting stronger, and as evidenced by our successful accreditation visit last March, the catholicity, quality, and integrity of our school remain firmly intact. Without your support, none of this would be possible.

Catholic education is changing rapidly throughout the state, and there is a great need to assist all Catholic schools to grow and thrive. As my contract with St. Joseph School comes to an end this academic year on June 30, the Bishop has offered me the position of Associate Superintendent for Hawaii Catholic Schools starting in July 2019. While I initially had no intention of leaving Hilo, I realized that given the current needs of Catholic education in this state and with all the challenges faced by our church and schools, my help is needed elsewhere. My faith is extremely important to me, and I believe the Lord has called me for another mission. As such, I have formally accepted the Associate Superintendent's position, but I pledge to do all I can to help St. Joseph School in my new role.

It was not an easy decision. I've come to love and cherish this school along with all its students, faculty, staff, parents, and parishioners who have helped St. Joseph succeed. I cherish being a part of St. Joseph Church, the Hilo community, and Hawaii Island as a whole. This has become my new home, and God willing, I still intend to make it so in the future.

For the remainder of my term this school year, I will do all I can to help create a smooth transition for the next Principal, Mr. Michael Pa'ekukui, and ensure that the vision and mission of the school continues to flourish.

I shall miss all of you at St. Joseph Church, and I sincerely hope you will understand my decision and know that my love for and devotion to St. Joseph and all of you will never cease!

May God Bless you all and may He continue to Bless St. Joseph School and Church! Yours in Christ,

Dr. Llewellyn Young

