

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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May 24, 2020

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation

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*Afternoon streaming of
Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament begins at 4:00 pm*

Announcement/Appointments:

- All Confirmation & First Communion Masses are postponed until further notice.
- The date to re-open the church has NOT been set as of this date. Preparations are being made according to the directives of the Diocese of Honolulu & the County of Hawaii
- **ST. JOSEPH CHURCH (PARKING LOT) DRIVE THRU MOTHER MARY FLOWER EVENT**
 - Date Saturday, May 30th – 9:00 am to 11:00 am

See inside article for more information!



ST. JOSEPH
PRAY FOR US!

Fresh Produce Distribution for registered St. Joseph (SJC) Church Parishioners Impacted by COVID-19

Fifty (50) boxes of fresh produce (various fruits and vegetables) will be distributed at St. Joseph Church parking lot to only registered parishioners of St. Joseph Church who are impacted by Covid-19. Application process details below. Parishioners will receive confirmation for pickup during the six week interval.

- **Why:** This produce distribution event is provided to St. Joseph Parishioners who are in need by the United States Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) as part of the Coronavirus Farm Assistance Program in response to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. This is a collaborative effort of the Roman Catholic Church Diocese of Honolulu, Catholic Charities, Office of Social Ministries, Hope Services, Hilo Products, Inc. and St. Joseph Church.
- **Who:** For St. Joseph Parishioners who are impacted by COVID-19. Please apply for the fresh produce box, 1 per household per confirmation date.
- **How:** Parishioners registered at St. Joseph Church can apply by emailing, texting or leaving a voice mail with the following information: Your name, telephone/cell number(s) and email address. Identify your pickup person. **ONLY one call per household.** Contact: Bernie Rasay: bxocai@gmail.com, cell 640-8709, or Charlene Miyashiro: acmiya@msn.com, cell 895-1811, or Mary Correa, mary.correa.hilo@gmail.com, cell 345-0483. We will email, text or call you with confirmation for a specific date only.
 - A list will be compiled of all names in the order that we receive your call, text or email. The produce box will be distributed according to the list order.
 - If you do not pick up the produce box by 5 pm of the pickup date, it will be given to another parish family.
- **When: Starting May 22nd and Distribution will continue for the next five Fridays : May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26 at 4:00 pm - 5:pm.**
- **Where:** Drive-by pickup at St. Joseph Church-Hilo parking lot.

It is with grateful hearts we are thankful:

Bishop Larry Silva, Roman Catholic Church Diocese of Honolulu

Rob Vantassell, CEO, Catholic Charities

Father Bob Stark, Director, Office of Social Ministries

Brandee Menino, CEO, HOPE Services

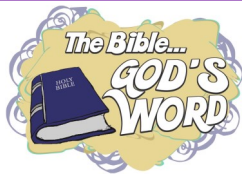
Brandon Bartolome, Hilo Products, Inc.

Lance S. Uchida, Deputy Fire Chief, Hawaii Fire Dept.

Father Poli Ty, Pastor, St. Joseph Church Hilo

Bernie Rasay, St. Joseph Church Hilo Stewardship Service Pillar Coordinator

Gwen DeCoito, East Hawaii Vicariate Stewardship Representative



Sunday, May 24

Acts 1:1-11
Ps 47:2-3, 6-9
Eph 1:17-23
Mt 28:16-20

Monday, May 25

Acts 19:1-8
Ps 68:2-5acd, 6-7b
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 26

Acts 20:17-27
Ps 68:10-11, 20-21
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 27

Acts 20:28-38
Ps 68:29-30, 33-36a, 35bc-36b
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 28

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11
Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 29

Acts 25:13b-21
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 30

Gn 11:1-9
Ps 104:1-2a, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30
Rom 8:22-27
Jn 7:37-39

Sunday, May 31

Acts 2:1-11
Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
Jn 20:19-23

Ascension Sunday - 2020

“And remember, I am with you always, till the end of time”.

We might think that the Ascension of the Lord to heaven is the end of his journeying with us...that He has left us. But actually it is the beginning of His being with us in a new way. He assures us in the Gospel: , “And remember, I am with you always, till the end of time”.

But He also made it clear that from that day on we are called to be witnesses of His saving death and His glorious resurrection. Thus, His ascension is a call for us to continually make Him present by allowing ourselves to become a living “Jesus” to other people. Our task is to proclaim God’s gift of salvation, not only to the “people of Israel” but to “all the nations” – to our homes, offices, schools, and work areas. So as we continue to face the challenge the crisis brought about by COVID 19 remember that we are not left alone in this mission. We are call part of the mission of making known the presence of Christ in the world today.

-Fr. Poli



**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH (PARKING LOT)
DRIVE THRU MOTHER MARY
FLOWER EVENT**

Date Saturday, May 30th – 9:00 am to 11:00 am

9:00a -9:20a Rosary

(-People will not be exiting their vehicle and all vehicles will be parked in designated parked stalls)

9:25a – 11:00a Drive Thru floral offerings will be made to the attending minister/clergy.

(They will drive thru and drop off flowers and/or monetary donations. – estimated contact time less than 3 min per vehicle)

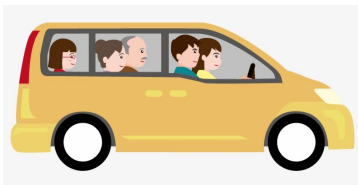
Church building(s) will remain closed.
People will NOT be exiting their vehicle. All individuals **MUST USE A MASK.**
All family members **MUST REMAIN IN THEIR VEHICLE WITH A SEATBELT ON AT ALL TIMES.**

For those with trucks, **NO ONE** is allowed to be in the bed of the truck.
If at any point, a member gets out of the vehicle, they will be escorted out of the line and will not participate in this event.

**Enter through the Kapiolani & Haili Side Entrance
Exit through the Haili Side Exit Only**

All vehicles must follow designated parking lot traffic patterns (do not cut through the lot, please follow the line of vehicles). If there is an overflow of cars in line, you may be directed to a holding area in the grassy field adjacent to our parking lot.

St. Joseph Church is committed to following the directives from the Diocese of Honolulu and the recommendations made by the Hawaii County.
All participants and church members will be wearing face coverings, practice social distancing and will disinfect each time after coming in physical contact with items being dropped off.



May 18, 2020

Dear St. Joseph Hilo Parishioners,

It is with a heavy heart I come to you giving you the status of our parish school but still hopeful.



Over the past years we have supported our parish school. We at the Parish have worked with the school administration and the Diocesan Schools Office to make Catholic Education on Hawaii Island a great first-class education. St. Joseph School received multiple accreditations and is considered a premier educational center for students from pre-school through high school. This has come at a high cost.

Over the years our Parish school has not been able to fully sustain itself requiring assistance from both the Parish and the Diocese. With our recent COVID-19 crisis, this situation has exacerbated. While budgets were balanced, actual tuition receipts were below that anticipated as families have difficulties as the school year progresses. This is the main reason for consistent shortfalls over the past years. The parish and diocese had given as much assistance as it could through the loans that has been extended to the school to cover its necessary expenses.

This past year the school administration has worked very hard to come up with alternatives. With the current COVID-19 crisis new educational models to include numerous on-line courses are being considered. To date, models being considered do not support a self-sustainable St. Joseph School. Many models have been considered to include all or parts of the existing school to continue. With the models considered for the school to continue for one more year outside funding of at least \$500,000 is needed.

Regretfully, neither the diocese nor the parish have the funds to sustain our Parish school for another year. This is especially true now. With the current economic crisis, the parish has laid off employees and continues to pinch pennies just to pay our regular bills (electricity, other utilities, and basic necessities to keep our facilities maintained). With smaller collections, our contribution, and that of other parishes, to the diocese has decreased. Thus, the Diocese is also not able to jump in and help our Parish school.

Nevertheless, in a very recent discussion there are some additional alternatives to be considered. Thus, by June 15, a final decision will be made as to the continued operation of St. Joseph School.

This information is sent to you to provide the most transparency possible. ***If you, or others you know are willing to commit resources to allow St. Joseph School to continue for another year, please share that with me by the end of this month (by May 30).*** We will continue to work with the School administration and Diocesan leadership to look at a couple more alternatives. As time is short, we meet frequently to find ways to continue Catholic education on Hawaii Island.

I promise to keep everyone abreast of our considerations and by no later than June 16, to let everyone know of the fate of St. Joseph Schools in Hilo.

Thank you all for your support of St. Joseph Parish and St. Joseph Schools. Please pray for us and for God's guidance to make the best decision for all.

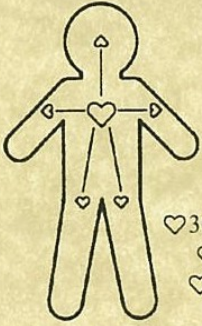
God Bless you all,

In Christ

Fr. Poli Ty



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ON-LINE GIVING PORTAL:

Message from our Diocese:

To help support our parishes during this time, the Diocese has setup an Online Parish Offertory page at:
www.catholichawaii.org/offertory.

On the Online Offertory page, donors can give to any of the parishes within the Diocese of Honolulu. 100% of the donor's gift will go toward his/her selected parish(es). Donated funds will be deposited into the parish PSRF savings account.

There is no cost to the parish for this service. The Diocese will cover the fees (e.g. merchant services). The Diocese will also generate donor tax acknowledgement letters for any gifts given via the Online Parish Offertory page.

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	Deposited:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Apr 22-27	3,391.00	595,974.98	705,474.28
Apr 28-May 4	5,039.00	605,218.29	722,821.15
May 5-May 11	4,760.00	618,561.70	753,082.62
		Loan to school	241,657.86
		Designated Funds	66,249.94
		Restricted Parish Hall Funds	458,596.23
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