ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

April 25, 2021

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation

Church Dedicated in 1919

Website www.sjshilo.com

St. Joseph School

Interim Principal Susan Wehrsig



Rev. Apolinario Ty, SSS 808-430-0481

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Joselito Hitosis, SSS 808-785-5761

Deacons:

Den. David Watson

43 Kapiolani Street Hilo, HI 96720 (808) 935-1465 www.stjoehilo.com

Visit our FACEBOOK Page @JosephHilo1465

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



Subscribe to our channel @St. Joseph Church Hilo

Weekend Masses will be streamed, LIVE on:

MAY 1 **(a)** 5pm

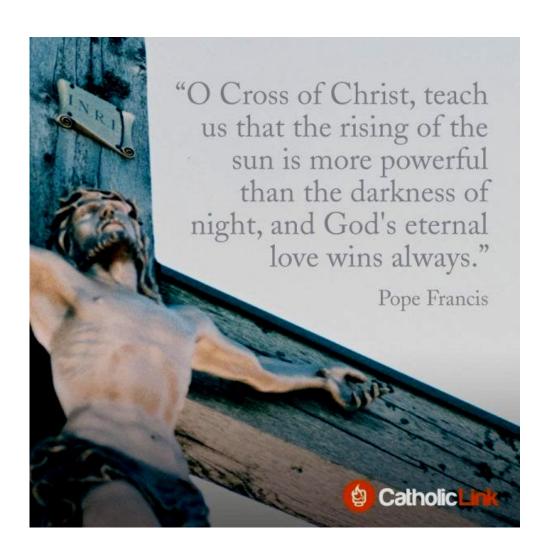
MAY 9 **@ 6pm**

MAY 15 **(a)** 5pm

MAY 23 **@** 6pm

Please continue to pray & show support for St. Joseph School





A huge mahalo to Fr. John Molina, Fr. Sam Loterte and Fr. Constantino "Jong" Atinaja, Jr. for stepping forward to assist St. Joseph Parish with our Masses

Mahalo

and Confessions!



Sunday Apr. 25

Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18

Monday, Apr. 26

Acts 11:1-18 Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, Apr. 27

Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-7 Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, Apr. 28

Acts 12:24—13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, Apr. 29

Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27 Jn 13:16-20

Friday Apr. 30

Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11b Jn 14:1-6

Saturday May 1

Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 14:7-14

Sunday, May 2

Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

There's a saying that circulates among some parenting circles: "You don't just love your children ... you *fall in love* with them."

Beloved, our second reading says, we are God's children now. We are God's children now. Can we imagine a God who doesn't just love us, but who is "in love" with us? A God who will do anything to protect and care for us?

Jesus, the Incarnation of God's perfect and abundant love for us, himself provides an image for this love, an example that would be well understood at the time. *I am the good shepherd*, he says. A good shepherd is not a hired hand who, when trouble comes, flees from it rather than facing it, leaving the sheep exposed to danger and death.

No, the good shepherd is one who knows his own sheep; he cares for his own sheep and leads them to safety; and he never flees from danger. Rather, the good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. In fact, in this relatively short passage, Jesus says five different times that the good shepherd "lays down his life" for his sheep.

As human beings, we face many dangers in our lifetime, many threats to our safety and well-being. We may face sickness, loss, fear. We may face ridicule, or we may worry for our loved ones; we may struggle with loneliness, have anxiety, or we may struggle with sin.

Yet Jesus knows us. We are the sheep of his flock. He "sees us" as we are, with all of our accomplishments and all of our failures. Jesus cares for us, and he shepherds us through this world, and our life of faith.

We can take comfort by trusting in God and in Jesus, the Good Shepherd; and by remembering these things: Jesus *knows* us; he knows what we face. He understands our fears, our loss, our struggles. He knows everything about us, and he does not flee from this information; he does not run away like the hired hand. Rather, our Good Shepherd cares for us and remains with us to protect us. Our Shepherd loves us, and is *in love* with us, so much so that he laid down his life for us.

The Fence is Installed! SJS says "Mahalo to all who helped:

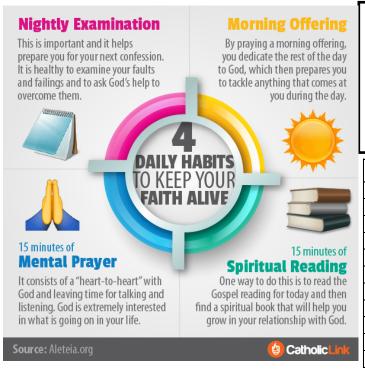






The Play Field in the Upper Elementary is now safe and secure.





OFFICE HOURS SHCEDULE 4/26-4/30

Monday 8a to 2p Tuesday 8a to 2p Wednesday CLOSED Thursday 8a to 2p Friday 1p to 4p

We apologize for the inconvenience.

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:								
April 13-1	19, 2021	YTD Actual	YTD Budget					
Collections	4,414.00	375,694.55	306,865.29					
R&M Collection	315.00	20,243.47	48,166.67					
Security Project	15.00	5,572.00	0.00					
All Other Income	16,238.04	177,673.47	150,914.21					
Deposited to Bank	20,982.04	579,183.49	505,946.17					
Parish Hall	75.00	Loan to school	169,071.21					
		Designated Funds	113,631.71					
	Restricte	460,646.27						
			743,349.19					

Theology and Faith Formation

-Director of Religious Ed & Family Ministries

The liturgy can help us to better understand the Scriptures by guiding our response to the Word of God. In Sacred Scripture, God speaks to man in a human way (CCC 109). The liturgy whether in the Mass or in the liturgy of the hours, allows us to converse with God both individually and communally. We listen and speak to God in ways that, according to Dr. Scott Hann, "allow God to teach and share His Fatherly plan and illuminate our lives fulfilling the covenant he made all throughout the Old and New Testament" (F.U.S., THEO 519,Week 6, Lecture 1).

Scripture from the Gospel of John tells us, Christ said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him" (John 14:6-7). We can come to know God through Christ in the Mass. We can better understand His Word incarnate by studying, listening, and responding to His word inspired with the Traditions handed down from the apostles. It is in this union just like the body and soul unite, we find the Church animated, living. "Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture, then are bound closely together and communicate with one another. For both flowing from the same divine well-spring, come together in some fashion to form one thing and move towards the same goal. Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ..." (CCC, 80).

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Taking the example of Christ as our own we reach out to our own flock to care and comfort their needs. However, we must look not only to our neighbor but to the brothers and sisters in our community and beyond, to show love and mercy. This is our tradition as People of God to extend ourselves for the sake and goodness of our neighbor. We continue in this fourth Sunday of Easter to celebrate the sacrifice made and the rewards that come from Christ's Resurrection. We set our focus on Jesus, the Good Shepherd and place our complete trust in Him.



April 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	
7:00 MASS Fr. Jong 10:30 MASS Fr. Jong 12:00 MASS Fr. Sam 6:00 Mass Fr. John (Stream)	26 6:00 MASS Fr. Jong 12:15 MASS Fr. Sam	27 6:00 MASS Fr. Jong 12:15 MASS Fr. Sam		6:00 MASS Fr. Jong 12:15 MASS Fr. Sam	6:00 MASS Fr. Jong	Due to the extreme circumstances regarding coverage of priests here at our parish, we will be adjusting the times of the Weekend Masses for this week.	



Second Collection for April 2021

I am extremely grateful for the effort your parish made supporting this collection last year. The generosity of your parishioners is inspiring considering the hardships of 2020.

Through your efforts, the parishes within our diocese managed to collect over \$170,000 for our retired diocesan priests.

On **April 24 and 25, 2021** - *Good Shepherd Sunday* - we again implore your support for this annual collection. Peace.

Deacon Keith Cabiles, Chancellor **Roman Catholic Diocese of Honolulu**

