

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

December 11, 2022

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation

Church Dedicated in 1919



**Priests:**

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*Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament begins  
Weekdays &  
Sundays at 4:00 p  
Saturdays at 3:00 p*

**Mass Schedule**

6 am 12:15 pm Monday—Friday  
7 am Saturday Morning

5 pm Saturday Vigil Mass  
7 am, 9 am, 11:45 am and 6 pm Sunday



*Please remember St. Joseph  
Parish in your will!*

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – A (2022)

**“What did you go out to the desert to see?”**

On this Third Sunday of Advent also known as the Gaudete Sunday or Sunday of Rejoicing, we are invited in the Gospel to enter into the desert and there be able to encounter the Prophet! But why is this necessary for our spiritual journey especially during Advent?

“What did you go out to the desert to see?” For many people, the desert is both a place of adventure as well as danger. It is only for the tough and resilient For with just the barren expanse of desert wilderness – one can only but be forced to look into the depth of one’s person and life and thus reveal one’s true substance and nature.

And this is what a prophet must initially recognized – who one really is. Minus the masks that individuals are asked to wear to protect themselves, minus the pretenses, minus disguises! To be confronted by simply who we really are before the eyes of the Lord. Because then an encounter with the Lord becomes a moment of true communion.

And that is our reason to rejoice – God meeting us where we are and for who we are and loving us unconditionally.

**“What did you go out to  
the desert to see?”**



### ***POPE FRANCIS PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH***

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and  
courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen

# Scripture OF THE WEEK

**Sunday,  
December 11,**

Is 35:1-6a, 10  
Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10.  
Jas 5:7-10  
Mt 11:2-11

**Monday,  
December 12,**

Zec 2:14-17 or  
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,  
10ab  
JDTH13:18 BCDE, 19  
Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday,  
December 13,**

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13  
PS 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18,  
19 & 23  
Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday,  
December 14,**

Is 45:6C-8, 18, 21C-25  
Ps 85:9AB & 10, 11-  
12, 13-14  
Lk 7:18B-23

**Thursday,  
December 15,**

Is 54:1-10  
Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6,  
11-12a and 13b  
Lk 7:24-30

**Friday,  
December 16,**

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8  
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8  
Jn 5:33-36

**Saturday,  
December 17,**

Gn 49:2, 8-10  
Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8,  
17  
Mt 1:1-17

**Sunday,  
December 18,**

Isaiah 7:10-14  
Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6.  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-24



THIS WEEK'S FINANCIAL REPORT  
IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.  
SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE

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**YOU'RE  
INVITED!**

Join us for a potluck  
gathering on Friday,  
Dec. 30 at 5:30 pm in the  
downstairs rectory  
meeting room.

As we celebrate  
Fr. Ferdie's birthday &  
the return of Fr. Poli Ty  
to our parish.

## Welcome to Children's Liturgy



meet in the downstairs meeting room.

**The Children's Liturgy Ministry** would like to re-start our ministry on Nov. 27, 2002, the first Sunday of Advent. Children's Liturgy is for children ages 5 to 12 years of age. Our children will leave the church and we

They will hear the same readings you are hearing, followed by a short activity or presentation. We will be called back during the offertory and the children will return to the families.

Like all ministries, we are in need of volunteers to make this happen. If the Spirit moves you, please call the office and leave your name and phone number and I will return your call.

-Mary Ann Leite (coordinator)



## **The Meaning of Advent:**

Have you ever wondered why the church's liturgical year starts near the end of the calendar year? It's because the seasons of the church start with Advent, which begins four Sundays before Christmas. In joyful hope we prepare to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ and count down the Sundays by lighting the candles on the Advent wreath. The first, second, and fourth candles in the wreath are purple, the same color as the altar linens and priest's vestments.

**The third Sunday of Advent is also known as "Gaudete" or "Rejoice" Sunday.** Its color is rose or pink to signify a lighter mood as we near the season of Christmas. Although we are nearing the end of the calendar year, we are just beginning our journey through the earthly life and ministry of Jesus Christ. In all the hurry of the season, perhaps spend a few minutes as a family to light your own Advent candle and say a prayer for the coming of the Christ Child.



## **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE-December 12**

People in Mexico and in the United States celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. Mary is the Patron Saint of Mexico and Patroness of the Americas. Every year, thousands of people from all over the country make a pilgrimage to the Basilica in Mexico City. The day commemorates her apparition to Saint Juan Diego in the hills of Tepeyac in 1531. She asked him to go to the bishop and tell him that the Ever Virgin

**Blessed are you, daughter, by  
the Most High God, above all  
the women on earth;**

Mary, Mother of God, sent him to ask for a church to be built atop Tepeyac hill.

Today, as a sign of their devotion to Mary, many pilgrims travel to this site on their knees for many miles. They do this as a sign of their devotion to Mary and to show gratitude for favors received from her. Outside of the shrine there are groups of mariachis, folk musicians, and ethnic dancers who have come to celebrate. Inside, vari-

ous priests and bishops from all over Mexico gather to celebrate Mass. In the evening, the entrance of the basilica is filled with pilgrims from different regions of the country. Many other fiestas or popular celebrations take place in honor of La Virgen Morena, or the dark-skinned Madonna, all over Mexico. Almost every household erects an altar to the Virgin Mary for the day and the faithful demonstrate their joy by lighting fireworks throughout their cities.

Mary's apparition in Mexico to Saint Juan Diego aided the Catholic Church's effort to bring the Gospel to the Americas. This is why the bishops of the United States affirm: "Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation."

(<http://saintsresource.com/our-lady-of-guadalupe>)



# December 2022

11	12	13	14	15	16	17
7:00 Mass	6:00 Mass	6:00 Mass	6:00 Mass	6:00 Mass	6:00 Mass	7:00 Mass
9:00 Mass	12:15 Mass	12:15 Mass	12:15 Mass	12:15 Mass	12:15 Mass	10:00 Confessions
11:45 Mass	<u>Office open 9-1</u>		<u>Office open 9-1</u>		<u>Office open 9-1</u>	5:00 Mass
6:00 Mass	Advent Reconciliation Service 7:00pm at IHM Papaikou		Advent Recollection 6:00pm (Church)			

**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY**



## BIG ISLAND DELIGHTS HOLIDAY GOODY BAG FUNDRAISER

**PICK UP ON FRIDAY, DEC. 16 2PM-4PM**  
**ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL FRONT GATE**  
**1000 ULULANI ST. HILO**

**Each Goodybag includes:**

- Furikake Maui Onion Chips (2.5 oz)
- Signature Party Mix (3.0 oz)
- Macadamia Snowball Delights (4.5 oz)
- Li Hing Arare (2.5 oz)
- Chocolate Covered Rice Krispies Treat
- Macadamia Nut Shortbread Cookies (4.5 oz)
- Candied Popcorn (1.5 oz)
- Candy Covered Milk Chocolates (2.5 oz)
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- Li Hing Gummi Bears (2.5 oz)
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**What is a recollection?**

Recollection, as understood in respect to the spiritual life, means **attention to the presence of God in the soul**. It includes the withdrawal of the mind from external and earthly affairs in order to attend to God and Divine things. It is the same as interior solitude in which the soul is alone with God. Join Fr. Ferdie on **Wednesday Dec 14 6:00pm (Church)** to focus your mind, body & soul on the coming of the Christ Child as we continue this Advent Season.

## 2022 - 2023 Boy's Basketball Schedule





Saturday (11/26)+	v HPA	6:00p
Wednesday (11/30)+	v Konawaena	5:00p*
Friday (12/09)	@ Kea'au	5:00p*
Wednesday (12/14)+	v Pahoa	5:00p*
Tuesday (01/03/23)	@ Hilo	5:00p*
Thursday (01/05/23)	@ Kamehameha	6:30p
Saturday (01/07/23)	@ Ka'u	5:00p*
Thursday (01/12/23) ++	v Wai'akea	5:00p*
Saturday (01/14/23)+	v Kealakehe	5:00p*
Tuesday (01/17/23)	@ Honoka'a	6:00p
Thursday (01/26/23)+	v Kohala	6:00p

**+All home games will be played at the Afook-Chinen Civic Auditorium**  
**++ 1/12/23 game will be played at the University of Hawai'i - Hilo Gymnasium**

*\*Parker JV will be playing prior to our SJS Varsity Team.  
 JV game will start at 5:00p with the Varsity Game to follow.*

**Parents & Guardians:**

Please accompany ALL minors (ages 17 & younger) to the restrooms. It is **YOUR** kuleana to keep them safe while attending Mass & parish events.



**SAFETY NEEDS TO BE EVERYONE'S PRIORITY**

Effective immediately the bathrooms will remain locked during **Sunday 6pm mass**. Please see a Hospitality Minister to accompany you to the bathroom.