

January 29, 2017

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

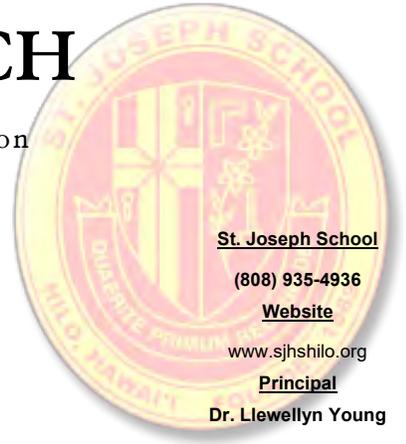
Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation  
Church dedicated in 1919

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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



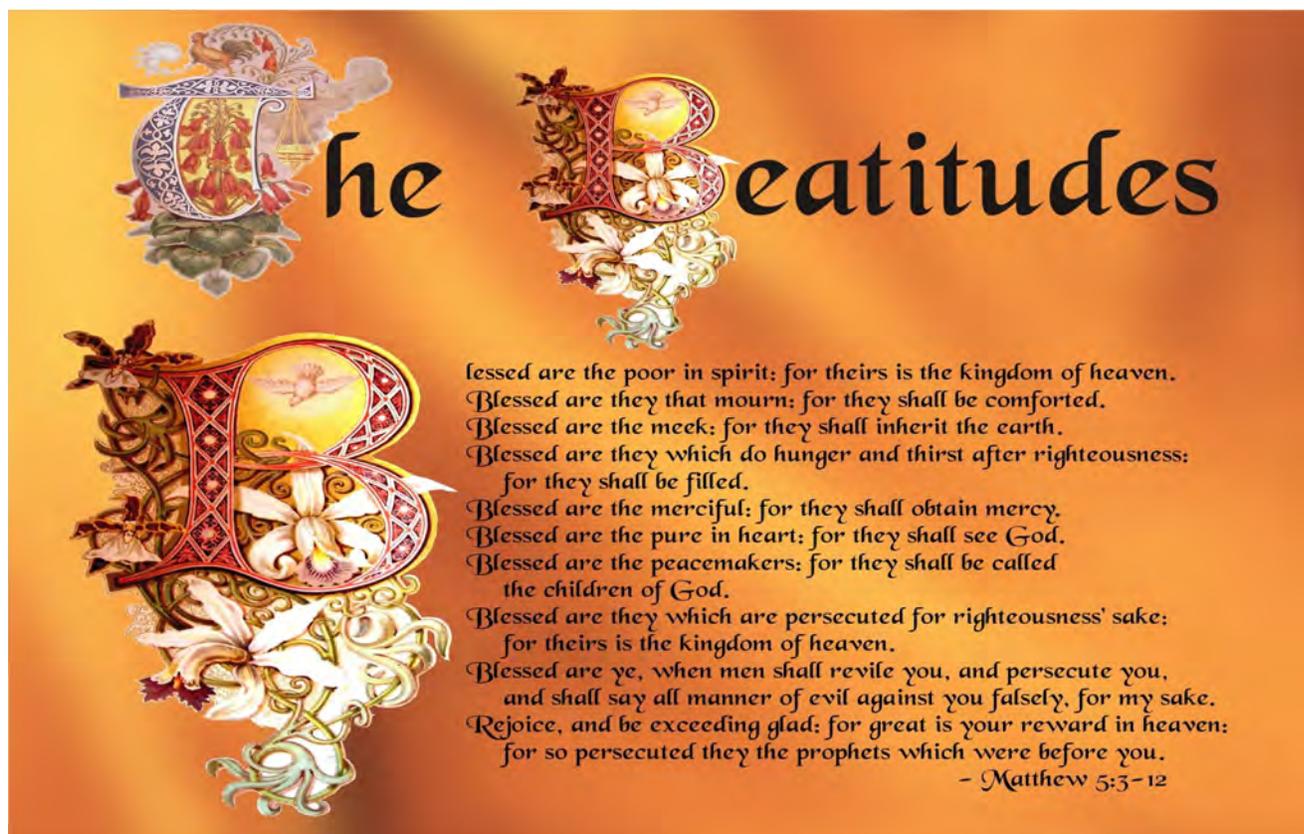
*“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven”*

Everyone wants to be happy. It is part of our human nature to seek what will make us happy. However, we have different understandings of what it means to be happy and what will bring happiness. Some believe happiness lies in acquiring great wealth, others seek it in physical beauty, some in success in their professional career, others try to find it in relationships, only to discover that these means can only bring fleeting happiness and we end up feeling: "is that all there is?"

At the beginning of our Lord's sermon on the Mount, the Lord proclaims who are those that are to be considered "Blessed", which is also translated as *happy or favored*. For Jesus it is the poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted, who have found divine favor. Jesus turned the world upside-down. Not the rich, nor the strong, nor the powerful, nor the well-fed, nor the good-life chasers, but those who place their total trust in God are the truly happy or blessed ones. The Beatitudes tell us then that we are not losers but winners because God is on our side. This being with God is the real source of happiness that knows no disappointment. As St. Augustine puts it: "I have made you (man) for myself, and your heart will be restless until it rests in me." Jesus knows what we were made for and what can make us really happy. And the good news is that He is making it accessible to all.

While we cannot all be wealthy, beautiful, successful or powerful. We all can be poor in spirit, meek or merciful when we want to be. We can endure suffering and sorrow while placing our hope in God. We can promote peace. Neither must we think that the vision of the Lord is only focused on the world yet to come for we see it in the lives of those who have the courage to live by Jesus' Beatitude that they have found a spirit of contentment and serenity – the likes of St. Francis, St. Therese, St. Damien, Mother Teresa and so many others. They require little to be happy but they are happy indeed!

Let us pray for the grace to live the wisdom of the beatitudes and experience what it means to be blessed.



## Parish Mission Statement

Centered on the Word of God and the Eucharist we gather as a Parish and School community. Together as disciples of Jesus Christ we seek fullness of life. Blessed with diversity of cultures and gifted with the spirit of Aloha, we pledge to become stewards of our time, talent and treasure by sharing our heritage and our faith and commit ourselves to the full development of all people. With Saint Joseph as our patron we offer our gift of self for the greater glory of God.

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

### **Peace!**

The sermon of Jesus on the mount about the Beatitudes has a tremendous impact in our Christian life. It is quite a comforting message in a world gone wrong because of so many scandals. There is Good News amid of tribulations and animosities that we are dealing with in this complex world. We draw strength from Him that is why we don't get tired of seeking Him. Certainly, He will never disappoint us when we come to Him for help. For whatever reasons, God blessed us in a mysterious way.

At St. Joseph's, we are blessed to host the Fatima Centennial U.S. Tour for peace on Monday, January 30. I hope you will find time to participate in this historic event in our parish. Schedules of activities are posted in the bulletin. I would like to take this opportunity to announce to you that we are going to revive our Island Treasure tradition. We will select deserving parishioners to be honored and acknowledged for their hard work for the parish. Please participate by casting your votes in the ballot box located inside the church and in the rectory office.

On behalf of the Centennial Committee, I'm soliciting your brilliant ideas on how are we going to Celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the Parish dedication in the next two years. We will be launching our Centennial celebrations on March 19 this year on the Feast Day of our Patron, St. Joseph.

Thank you for all your love and support to all our Parish Programs and Activities. Rest assured of my prayers together with my brother priests.

May the Blessings of the Almighty God Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you always!

Fr. Will, SSS

*Eternal rest grant unto them  
O Lord  
and let perpetual light shine  
upon them.*

*+Ida Villamor  
+Paul Rapoza, Sr*



## **HOW MANY TIMES DO WE NEED TO PRAY?**

*-Fr. Zaldy Nobra, SSS*

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" "Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times (Matthew 18:21-22)." This Gospel passage reminds us that there is no limit in terms of forgiveness. We need to forgive as we ought.

In view of Peter's questioning Jesus about forgiveness, can we also unsheathe a question like, "How many times do we need to pray?" Do we really have to count on how many times we need to pray in a day?

Saint Paul says, "we should pray at all times." "At all times" means that there should be no limit in prayer. It also underlines that there is no quantity in terms of prayer. But I think that in prayer is of quality. Every prayer is a quality time spent with God for prayer is about our relationship with God. Like any relationship, it requires time.

Some of us are used to praying on the run, while driving in a heavy traffic, riding on the bus or train, etc. there is nothing

wrong with that. But our relationship with God cannot blossom unless we find time to be fully present to God: speaking and listening to one another, being in silence with Him and enjoying His Divine Presence. Where can we find God's Divine Presence? We can find God's Divine Presence in the Tabernacle, in the Blessed Sacrament exposed! In order for us to enjoy His Presence, we need to be in constant relationship with Him. Thus, when there is a constant relationship with Him, there intimacy grows. Intimacy grows when we devote ourselves in this kind of quality time. If we want to deepen our relationship with God, we need to pray. If we want to encounter God, we need to pray. If we want to be strengthened, we need to pray.

Prayer is a necessity to everyone. It is not simply an option, but a way of life. We can never say that we are too busy, so we forget to pray. We need to take time to pray. And we really have to find time to pray. Finally, let us be reminded of this poem whose author is unknown. The title is "Time to Pray."

I got up early one morning  
and rushed right into the day;



I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray. Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task. "Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered.

He answered, "You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, gray and bleak;

I wondered why God didn't show me.

He said, "But you didn't seek."

I tried to come into God's presence;

I used all my keys at the lock. God gently and lovingly chided,

"My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day;

I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.

Let us never cease from prayer who has once begun it, be our life ever so wicked; for prayer is the way to amend it, and without prayer such amendment will be much more difficult. (St. Teresa of Avila)



January 21, 2017 (Bayfront, Hilo)

### **What is the March For Life?**

The March for Life began in Washington, D.C., as a small demonstration and rapidly grew to be the largest pro-life event in the world. The peaceful demonstration that has followed on the somber anniversary of Roe v. Wade every year since 1973 is a witness to the truth concerning the greatest human rights violation of our time, legalized abortion on demand.

The mission of the March for Life is to provide all Americans with a place to testify to the beauty of life and the dignity of each human person. Both in January, on the anniversary of legalized abortion in the US, and throughout the year we bring together pro-life leaders and groups to organize, unite and strategize around a common message, and to communicate this message to the government, the media and the nation in a way that is powerful and life affirming.

<b><u>Sunday, Jan. 29</u></b> Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 Ps 146:6-10 1 Cor 1:26-31	<b><u>Sunday, Feb. 05</u></b> Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16	<b><u>Sunday, Feb. 12</u></b> Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37	<b><u>Sunday, Feb. 19</u></b> Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48
<b><u>Monday, Jan. 30</u></b> Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20-24 Mk 5:1-20	<b><u>Monday, Feb. 06</u></b> Gn 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35 Mk 6:53-56	<b><u>Monday, Feb. 13</u></b> Gn 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 Mk 8:11-13	<b><u>Monday, Feb. 20</u></b> Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Mk 9:14-29
<b><u>Tuesday, Jan. 31</u></b> Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26-28, 30-32 Mk 5:21-43	<b><u>Tuesday, Feb. 07</u></b> Gn 1:20—2:4a Ps 8:4-9 Mk 7:1-13	<b><u>Tuesday, Feb. 14</u></b> Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Ps 129:1a, 2, 3ac-4 Mk 8:14-21	<b><u>Tuesday, Feb. 21</u></b> Sir 2:1-11 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mk 9:30-37
<b><u>Wednesday, Feb. 01</u></b> Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a Mk 6:1-6	<b><u>Wednesday, Feb. 08</u></b> Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Ps 104:1-2, 27-30 Mk 7:14-23	<b><u>Wednesday, Feb. 15</u></b> Gn 8:1-13, 20-22 Ps 166:12-15, 18-19 Mk 8:22-26	<b><u>Wednesday, Feb. 22</u></b> 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6 Mt 16:13-19
<b><u>Thursday, Feb. 02</u></b> Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40	<b><u>Thursday, Feb. 09</u></b> Gn 2:18-25 Ps 128:1-5 Mk 7:24-30	<b><u>Thursday, Feb. 16</u></b> Gn 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18, 19-23, 29 Mk 8:27-33	<b><u>Thursday, Feb. 23</u></b> Sir 5:1-8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mk 9:41-50
<b><u>Friday, Feb. 03</u></b> Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9 Mk 6:14-29	<b><u>Friday, Feb. 10</u></b> Gn 3:1-8 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk 7:31-37	<b><u>Friday, Feb. 17</u></b> Gn 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-15 Mk 8:34—9:1	<b><u>Friday, Feb. 24</u></b> Sir 6:5-17 Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35 Mk 10:1-12
<b><u>Saturday, Feb. 04</u></b> Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-6 Mk 6:30-34	<b><u>Saturday, Feb. 11</u></b> Gn 3:9-24 Ps 90:2-6, 12-13 Mk 8:1-10	<b><u>Saturday, Feb. 18</u></b> Heb 11:1-7 Ps 145:2-5, 10-11 Mk 9:2-13	<b><u>Saturday, Feb. 25</u></b> Sir 17:1-15 Ps 103:13-18 Mk 10:13-16



Robert Balga currently oversees the coordination of the Food pantry. He and his volunteers cater to the hungry in extreme emergency situations only. Individuals may come to the rectory during business hours and ask for assistance.

*The Corporal Works of Mercy, found in the teachings of Jesus gives the Service Pillar a model for how we as disciples of Jesus accomplish this stewardship pillar.*

### The 7 CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY are

- Feed the Hungry
- Give Drink to the Thirsty
- Clothe the Naked
- Shelter the Homeless
- Visit the Imprisoned
- Visit the Sick
- Bury the Dead

The following Ministries are a part of our Service Pillar:

1. **HOT MEALS**
2. **FOOD PANTRY (Emergency Only)**
3. **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**
4. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
5. **SPECIAL NEEDS**

### 6. CULTURAL -- ETHNIC

### 7. HOMELESS MINISTRY

The service that these Ministries provide are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs. Being a part of these Ministries is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting St. Joseph Church while enhancing your own faith to become good stewards of our time, talent and treasure according to your heart. Let us journey together towards the fullness of life so we may ALL be able to attain a state of true happiness.

May St. Joseph, Our Patron, continue to guide us as we build a stronger future for Our Parish and School Community here at St. Joseph.



**SERVICE**

## Hawaii Catholic Engaged Encounter

The Engaged Encounter Weekend offers couples a unique opportunity to look at their commitment to each other in a deeper way as they prepare for marriage.

Though Catholic in sponsorship, this experience is open to any man and woman who are engaged to be married wanting to prepare for a deeper, more meaningful life together. The Weekend is an in-depth, private, personal, marriage preparation experience within the context of Catholic faith and values.



## Mission Statement:

“We are a group of couples and ordained clergy committed to working in the Catholic Church through the ministry to the pre-married. We offer with this apostolate an experiential weekend that calls a man and a woman a couple to strive for a sacramental way of life through the vocation of marriage.”

Dates for Big Island Engaged Encounters:  
**Hawaii Island (St. Joseph Rectory)**

February 25-26, 2017    October 28-29, 2017

Hawaii Island Coordinators:  
Fred & Patti Basilio

If you are engaged and seeking to be married in the Catholic Church, please contact Rose Nunogawa at the rectory office for more information.

## What is Children's Liturgy?

Children's Liturgy of the Word is an age appropriate liturgy of the Word offered to ages 5 through 13 at the 7:00 am & 9:00 am Sunday masses. No pre-registration is necessary and all children are welcome to attend each week. Just before the liturgy of the Word begins for the assembly, these children are invited to go with their weekly leaders from the church to the downstairs rectory meeting room during this special time. The volunteers lead the children in prayers, hymns and scripture that is simplified for the children. The children learn about the same scriptures as the rest of the assembly. They are taught about the main themes from the readings and are encouraged to share that same message with their families after mass. Sometimes there are service projects that are created during liturgical season such as Advent, Lent & Easter.

*Volunteers are needed to teach the lessons each week as well as assist with the supervision of the children. If you are interested, please Chrislyn Villena at the rectory office, 935-1465.*

*Training is provided.*





The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2017 is “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.” Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

### **What is National Catholic Schools Week?**

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2017 is January 29 - February 4.

St. Joseph School will be celebrating National Catholic Schools Week and Homecoming Week from **January 30- February 4**. *Exciting events are open to the public:*

#### **Monday: January 30, 2017**

**8:30 A.M. Homecoming Proclamation & Court Presentation at the Walter Victor Gymnasium**  
**9:30 A.M. Catholic Schools Week Mass Celebration**  
**10:30 A.M. Motorcade Procession of Our Lady of Fatima US Centennial Tour for Peace.**

#### **Friday: February 3, 2017**

**5:30-8:00 P.M. Cardinal Café (SJS Cafeteria) Dinner /Ice cream Sale**  
**Presentation of the Homecoming Court**  
**7:30 P.M. Lighting of the Letters “SJS” Elementary yard on Kino’ole St. area of Elementary School.**

#### **Saturday: February 4, 2017 HOMECOMING Basketball Game**



#### **6:00 P.M. SJS vs. Kamehameha at Ah-Fook Chinen Civic Auditorium**

SJS JV vs. Kamehameha  
Homecoming Court Presentation  
Varsity Homecoming Game  
Half-time Cheerleader Presentation  
After Game – Alma Mater, Senior Athlete Recognition (Senior Night)

### **St. Joseph School Outstanding Leadership and Distinguished Service Award Nominations being accepted Now!**

Nomination Form for 2017 SJS Outstanding Leadership and Distinguished Service Awards  
Saint Joseph School (SJS) would like to recognize outstanding Alumni and Friends who have distinguished themselves as leaders in their respective fields in the community. This recognition will occur at its annual **Cardinal Ball** in April date & location TBD.

**At this time we are seeking nominations for these awards and ask that nominations be submitted no later than Monday, February 20, 2017.**

We are looking for leadership and service in the following: Community Organizations, Athletics, Administration, Government, Visual and Performing

Arts, Business, Church and other appropriate areas. Service awards will focus on anyone providing service to SJS, while leadership awards will be given to those SJS alumni who have shown leadership at many levels to include the school and local, statewide, national and international communities.

Please provide a letter nominating the person and mentioning their areas of leadership/service and how they distinguished themselves. A **current resume or list of leadership/service roles** they have held and the length of time in these roles is also required.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Weekly Calendar

### Monday, January 30

9:30 am SJS Mass (Catholic Schools Week)

6:00 pm Adult Faith Formation (RCIA)

### Tuesday, January 31

6:30 pm Novena Rosary

7:00 pm Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

### Wednesday, February 01

11:00 am Mass (Life Care Center)

6:30 pm Alabare Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, February 02

6:30 pm St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, February 03

### Saturday, February 04

8:15 am Church Cleaner's #4 (V. Coloma)

9:30 am Bible Sharing

10:00 am Reconciliation

12:00 pm Prayer Service (+Ida Villamor)

5:00 pm High School Youth Ministry

7:45 pm San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, February 05

10:15 am Sunday RE Class

## Service Men and Women

Are you or a member of your family an active member of the United States military? St. Joseph Church would like to recognize all of our many parishioners who are currently serving our country.

Please e-mail Christopher Ho at [sjchurchbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:sjchurchbulletin@gmail.com) with the name (s) of the service members and the branch of military they are serving in. Please also include a picture as an attachment for use in a later church bulletin and to update our bulletin board in the back of the church.

From all of us here in Hawaii and especially at St. Joseph Church we thank you for your dedication and commitment to our country and pray for your safe return.



## Presentation of the Lord (Feast)

Feb. 2

6:00 am &  
12:15 pm

Parishioners are encouraged to bring white candles for blessing at the masses.



## Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	January 23, 2017	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<b>Collections</b>	7,504.00	286,023.96	314,155.85
<b>Other</b>	2,604.48	207,132.42	189,897.57
<b>Deposit</b>	10,108.48	493,156.38	504,053.42
<b>Parish Hall</b>	180.00	<b>Parish Savings</b>	
		Designated	520,759.66
		Restricted	408,537.07
			929,296.73

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND!

Next weekend we will be taking up a collection for the "Repair & Maintenance" of our parish. Your donations help with the upkeep of the grounds and structures on the property. We appreciate your generosity, thank you.

