



### Diocese of Honolulu Mission Statement:

To give WITNESS TO JESUS! We, who encounter the risen Lord Jesus himself in the Eucharist, are sent out by him, in the power of his Spirit, to give flesh and bone.....

### St. Joseph's Church Mission Statement:

St. Joseph's Church Parish is a faith community in Makawao, Maui.

We are dedicated to the call of God, to support the Diocese of Honolulu in its mission, to celebrate the Eucharist, and to commit and make Jesus present in our lives.

### Stewardship Mission Statement:

Give Witness to Jesus; to empower Stewardship

### Stewardship Committee

- Rev. Michael Tolentino
- Deacon Pat Constantino
- Arsie Anderson
- Helen Souza
- Patricia Balinbin
- Donna Pico
- Christine AhPuck
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- Nanette Salcedo
- David Sereda

# STEWARDSHIP NEWSLETTER

## Sharing Our Time, Talents and Treasures...

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December 2022

### Words from the Pastor

Rev. Michael L. Tolentino

The word "Christmas" comes from the words *Cristes maesse* or "Christ's Mass" Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Savior of all humankind.

Christmas is an occasion of joy. We come to an even greater appreciation of what Christ has done for us. We rejoice in the fact that his birth in that simple manger in Bethlehem opened for us the way to salvation.

On this Year of Eucharistic Revival, let us reenergize, re-focus, and renew our belief of the real presence of Christ. He is *Emmanuel* meaning "God is with us." The presence of God is everywhere, and it comes in many ways. However, there is a very special and unique way that Jesus comes into us and remain with us, it is through the Eucharist. This Christmas, it is good to recommit our life to him, through deep appreciation of the Eucharist in our lives.

In the Eucharist we continue what Jesus commanded us, "*Do this in memory of me.*" This celebration gives us the opportunity to encounter Jesus and in experiencing Jesus we have the strength to move forward in life despite of struggles and challenges we experience every day, thus, we are empowered. In the celebration of the Eucharist, we are united or in union with one another, our community, the Church. In the community of the faithful, we experience oneness in Spirit. In Communion we become one with Jesus in the Eucharist; Christ is in us as we are in Him. We unite as God's people in sharing our faith, our love, and our blessings. The birth of Jesus and the celebration of the Eucharist are the promise and the fulfillment of our salvation. They are both manifestation of God's love to us.

Christmas is the greatest blessing for each one of us. It is because God has given us a gift that none of us can ever repay. It is not only the birth of Christ, but it is more of the birthday of all those blessed to be baptized into the saving death and resurrection of our Incarnate Lord. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 504) has this to say about the Incarnation: "Jesus is conceived by the Holy Spirit in the Virgin Mary's womb because He is the New Adam, who inaugurates the new creation: 'The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.' (1 Cor 15:45, 47) From His conception, Christ's humanity is filled with the Holy Spirit, for God "gives" Him the Spirit without measure.' (Jn 3:34) From 'His fullness' as the Head of redeemed humanity 'we have all received, grace upon grace,'" (Jn 1:16).

This Christmas, let us always be grateful and thankful to the Lord, in making his presence always, for He is truly "the Emmanuel." Merry Christmas and Grace filled New Year to all!



We at St. Joseph Church send a heartfelt aloha to Donna Pico upon her retirement on December 31, 2022. During her 26 years of service at St. Joseph Church, she provided responsibilities as a Business Administrator in the management of accounting, business operations and administrative duties for the parish and school. We bid Donna a fond aloha and best wishes in her new endeavors during her retirement.



# SJC STAINED GLASS WINDOWS & STATUES RESTORATION PROJECT

## Stained Glass Donors (1927)

Manuel Tavares & Maria Victoria Da Cambra  
 Frank Gomes, Sr. & Teresa Da Costa  
 John Costa & Helena Souza Medeiros  
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 Tam Sing & Rebecca Uluihi Alana  
 Frank Da Costa & Izabel Caldeira  
 Jose De Coite & Margarita Da Costa  
 Manuel F. Caires & Ludvina Souza  
 Jose Antonio Rodrigues & Sabina Rodrigues  
 John & Rosa Gouvea  
 St. Joseph Choir

## Stained-Glass Windows

St. Anthony of Padua  
 St. Agnes  
 St. John the Apostle  
 St. Theresa the Little Flower  
 Jesus of Nazareth  
 St. Bernadette and Our Lady of Lourdes  
 St. Joseph  
 St. Elizabeth Queen of Portugal  
 St. Michael the Archangel  
 St. Cecilia  
 Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

***The Stewardship Committee would like to invite current families in 2022 who are related to the above-named families to become part in the restoration of the stained-glass windows at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Makawao, Maui.***

St. Joseph's Church Building/Master Planning Committee began its plans in the repair and restoration of religious statues and the stained-glass windows. The windows were donated by ten families when the church was first built. A special invitation is presented to families whose ancestors made a special donation to purchase these one-of-a-kind windows.

Families are invited to continue their family's historical legacy by giving a loving donation to complete the restoration of these beautiful windows, purchased from Holland in 1927. St. Joseph's Church wishes to continue this inspiring relationship your family has given to this community of faithful. Your ancestors, as well as present and future generations, will be greatly honored as an integral part of this project. Imagine the connection of present and future generations that will always be a part of St. Joseph's Church history.

Your once-in-a-lifetime gift from your family/families will grow and spread the love of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in every place you live, visit and celebrate the foster father of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a valuable connection not only to your family/families, but also to all generation of this faith community. This is evangelization at its best. What a wonderful gift for all future generations to know and appreciate the heartfelt gift of your ancestors to the future of St. Joseph's Church.

It is with such pride and joy to know that we are all connected to the first generation of faithful; and will continue many years bringing all people to a greater relationship with our God, with the Holy Family and with the souls who will come to know our love of God, love of St. Joseph, and the to bring many into the loving presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please join us in this extraordinary restoration project. Contact our pastor, Fr. Michael Tolentino at St. Joseph's Church should you decide to contribute to the restoration project of the stained-glass windows.

Sincerely in Christ,

Stewardship Committee:

Pat Balinbin  
 Helen Souza

Chris AhPuck  
 David Sereda  
 Nanette Salcedo

John Gorman  
 Arsie Anderson

Fr. Michael Tolentino (Ex-Officio)

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH STAINED-GLASS/STATUES RESTORATION PROJECT DONATION FORM

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Mail to : St. Joseph Church Restoration Project,  
 1294 Makawao Ave., Makawao, HI 96768

# BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATES

December 06, 2022



**Our Future:** The St. Joseph's Church Master Plan created by Chris Hart & Partners, Inc. in 2004 concluded, "the existing gym was of "questionable serviceability." Problems include dry rot and termite damage and deficiencies in the electrical system. Replacement of this building with a new multi-purpose parish center building would better serve the St. Joseph's Parish and school communities over the long-term future." There are two permits that are still pending with Maui County:

- State Historic Preservation Department (SHPD) –Mason Architects on Oahu has completed all documents required and submitted these documents to the State Historic Preservation Department. The Maui County Engineering Department will review these documents and issue permits after the review is complete.
- Maui County Water Department has asked for more information regarding installing a backflow and fire prevention sprinkler system. That permit is still pending

**Our Legacy:** Restoring the Church: Work has begun with the cleaning and water sealing of the statue of Jesus facing Makawao Avenue. Arrangements are being made with Tri-Isle Transportation to move five religious statues from the church to artist Kim Mosley's studio in Kihei. The artists are also in the process of replicating the spires on the Stations of the Cross. After they are replicated, they will be installed. When restoration of the stained-glass windows begins, a work day will be scheduled to have parishioners participate in the cleaning of the windows before restoration begins.

Another major project that the committee is currently working on is repair of the steeple. During high winds and rain, the steeple rocks and water leaks in through the bell tower. A request has been submitted to the finance committee to provide funding needed to begin the planning process.

**Our Present:** The committee is also seeking an assessment from No Presha Plumbing to repair the plumbing in the convent.

The committee is assessing the lighting at the school building to upgrade to modern LED lights.

The committee is assessing the need for a security system with updated locks and cameras to protect parish members and church treasures.



## **Recently Completed Projects:**

Repair church eaves  
Install rain gutters on church eaves  
Patch holes in parking lot asphalt  
Repair school building leaking roof  
Repair leak in office  
Install parking bumpers in parking lot  
Repair playground equipment border  
Install hand railing to choir loft  
Improved WIFI for the church and school



Pictured: Artists, Kim Mosley & Michael Gilbert is restoring the marble statue. So far, they have cleaned part of it and repaired the broken nose and broken beard areas. Weather permitting they will continue to do the remaining repairs to the statue and start on the stained-glass restoration.

Photos by: Bruce Anderson

# Renew, Re-energize & Refocus



On September 24th, St. Joseph's Church Stewardship Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council members attended a spiritual retreat at St. Anthony Church. Presenter, Rev. Ese'ese "Ace" Tui, Parochial Vicar of St. Anthony Catholic Church focused on the theme: RENEW – RE-ENERGIZE - REFOCUS.

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith: his Real Presence in the Eucharist.

## SJC Leaders Commissioned



Fr. Michael commissioned the members of the SJC Parish Pastoral Council and Stewardship Committee on October 30th. As leaders and stewards of the parish, they will fulfill the PARISH MISSION: St. Joseph's Church Parish is a faith community in Makawao, Maui. We are dedicated to the call of God, to support the Diocese of Honolulu in its mission, to celebrate the Eucharist, and to commit and make Jesus present in our lives.

### Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Chris AhPuck, Chair  
 Rochelle Alo  
 Cora Constantino  
 Deacon Pat Constantino  
 Eileen Corpuz  
 Diane Jacinto  
 Tracy Jones  
 John Metz  
 Carol Stenger  
 Fr. Michael Tolentino (Ex-Officio)  
 Donna Pico (Ex-Officio)

The Pastoral Council is to provide the primary and established means for the pastor and parishioners to respond to the pastoral mission of the Church and listen to the needs and hopes of the parish. The Council is consultative and collaborative.

### Stewardship Committee Members:

Chris AhPuck  
 Arsie Anderson, Co-Chair  
 Pat Balinbin  
 Deacon Pat Constantino  
 John Gorman  
 Nanette Salcedo  
 David Sereda  
 Helen Souza, Co-Chair  
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The Stewardship Committee exists to **create an awareness in the parish community that everything we have comes from God** and that we in gratitude are called with the other commissions and the Parish Pastoral Council to promote recognition that by sharing our time, talents and treasures with our faith community and our community as a whole, we serve God and respond to God's call to adopt stewardship as a way of life to further His Kingdom here on earth.

## Congratulations Altar Servers



On Sunday, August 14, 2022, Fr. Michael and Deacon Pat Constantino installed two new Altar Servers for St. Joseph's Church at the 9 a.m. Mass. Izaiah Garcia and Emalani Fabregas

Photo by: Helen Souza

# Fr. Michael's Celebration

Mahalo to everyone who shared their time, talents and treasures in making Fr. Michael's 18th Ordination Anniversary and Priesthood Sunday a success. Father expresses his sincere appreciation to all!

Photo by Arsie Anderson



## 2022 OCTOBER BLOCK ROSARY

October was the month of the HOLY ROSARY, a devotion to Our Lady Mary, (who loves and asks to pray frequently and daily). Families and households prayed the Block Rosary novena daily at 6 p.m. at the church or at their homes.



**All Souls Day** On November 2, 2022, Fr. Michael, Deacon Pat, Diaconates Jason Jacinto and John Metz blessed the tombs and held a graveside service in memory of the reposed souls. This annual tradition was sponsored by SJC Religious Education and Youth Group who prepared the cemetery with the lighted candles.

Photos by: Linda Mitchell & Helen Souza



# Congratulations to our Diaconate Candidates



SJC Diaconates **Jason Jacinto** and **John Metz** was among the eight Hawaii candidates for the permanent diaconate that Bishop Larry Silva conferred them to the ministry of acolyte, on Sept. 11, at St. Stephen Diocesan Center Chapel.

As acolytes, they will have the duty of assisting clergy in liturgical celebrations, particularly the Mass. The Rite of Acolyte is the last major step before their ordination as deacons.

In February, the candidates received the title of lector, allowing them to read the Word of God, except for the Gospel, at liturgical assemblies.

Photo by: Jacob Metz

**St. Joseph Church Men Movements** - Please call the leaders if you are interested in joining.

Holy Name Society Members

Michael Asami

Justin Bajadali

Sam English

**Ed Ferreira (808) 572-0015**

Earl Lamadora

Alfred Perry

Deacon Al Phillips

Clayton Soares

The Knights of Columbus from Council 8578

Dcn Pat Constantino

David Diaz

Eduardo Fabregas

John Gorman

Jason Jacinto

Earl Lamadora

John Metz

**Steve Rinaldi (808) 573-1840**

David Sereda

David Wilson

# SJC Filipino Catholic Club Board Members



On December 4th, Fr. Michael Tolentino inducted St. Joseph's Church Filipino Catholic Club Board Members:

New President—Ed Fabregas

Vice-President—Deacon Pat Constantino

Treasurer—Cora Benosa

Secretary—Fe Sanchez

Auditor—Jose Vince-Cruz

Spiritual Director—Fr Michael Tolentino.

Photo by: Jacob Metz

# 2022 NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE



St. Joseph's Church Youth, Halia Garcia, attended the National Catholic Youth Conference in Long Beach, California on 11/10 to 11/22. She was accompanied by Pua & Jeremy Kaialiili, EPIC MAUI Coordinator & other youth members from Maui.



## St. Joseph's Early Learning Center

St. Joseph's ELC celebrated Thanksgiving with a Prayer Service on November 23 with Deacon Pat Constantino presiding. The children dressed up as pilgrims and Wampanoags as they sang and danced during the service. For offertory, the students brought forth their donations of canned goods and non-perishable products for the parish food pantry. They donated more than 200 pounds of goods. Thank you to Deacon Pat for celebrating with us. On behalf of the staff, families and students of St. Joseph's ELC we wish everyone a blessed and Happy Holidays.





## LORD, Teach us to be your Steward

Almighty Father, teach us to be your steward with a joyful heart.

Teach us to celebrate our gifts for the growth of God's kingdom.

Teach us to be dedicated to your call and to support our Diocese in its mission.

Bless us when we celebrate the Eucharist and show us how to make Jesus present in our lives. By following your son, Jesus Christ, empower us to share our time, talents and treasures as stewards of this parish, St. Joseph's Church.

We humbly ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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**SCRIPTURAL ROSARY:** On the second Thursday of each month, beginning November 10, 2022 @ 6 pm in the church - households and families are invited to pray the Scriptural rosary with the Diaconate candidates, Jason Jacinto and John Metz.



### Eucharistic Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

St Joseph's Church Silent Holy Hour with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every 1st Thursday of the month from 5pm-6:30pm and Adoration every 1st Friday after the 7am mass.

.... All are Welcome!



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Offering Sacramental preparation classes for first grade and up. We apologize as there will be no pre-K/kindergarten classes this year. For more info please call RE Coordinator, Sheri Harris at 572-2273.



### WHAT IS RCIA....

RCIA which stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church. (It is also for those baptized in a different faith tradition who wish to become Catholic, or baptized Catholic and would like a refresher course, or baptized Catholic but never confirmed) It includes several stages marked by study, prayer and rites at Mass. Participants in the RCIA are known as catechumens. They undergo a process of conversion as they study the Gospel, profess faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church, and receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

Classes will be held every Thursday at 7 p.m. and will began on August 25, 2022.

If you know someone who would be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith please contact Chris AhPuck 463-1585.



### SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRY

The Food Pantry holds a drive by distribution, every third Thursday from 8-9 a.m. or while supply last. To qualify simply sign up as you drive by.

The food pantry accepts non-perishable donations. Thank you!

### THRIFT SHOP HOURS

The Thrift Store hours of operation is every Tuesday from 8 a.m. - 12 noon.

### 4 WAYS TO GIVE

to help support the mission of St. Joseph Church

Drop off your donations at the church or the parish office.

Mail your donations to:

St. Joseph Church  
1294 Makawao Avenue  
Makawao, HI 96768

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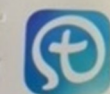
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### CANNOT MARRY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH DUE TO A PRIOR MARRIAGE?

Pope Francis streamlined the process to petition for a declaration of nullity to make the process shorter. He also eliminated the mandatory fee. If a person is able to prove in this process that their prior marital bond was invalid for some reason, then he or she can marry in the Catholic Church or validate a current civil marriage. For assistance in petitioning, please contact the Pastor.

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