

Preparing for Sunday's Mass

**First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2011**

First Reading: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 **Second Reading** 1 Cor 1:3-9 **Gospel** Mk 13:33-37

Reflection: What do you do when someone you love very dearly and miss very much has been gone a very long time but promises to return soon? Do you ignore their absence, or do you anticipate their return and send them messages to let them know how much you long to be with them again? Jesus' parable about the long-expected return of the Master to his household brings this point home. Wealthy landowners often left their estates in the hands of their trusty servants and stewards. This gave them freedom to travel, trade, and expand their business ventures. They expected loyalty and hard work from their servants and rewarded them accordingly. Dutiful servants would eagerly anticipate their master's return by keeping the house and estate in good order. Jesus doesn't tell us in his parable whether the servants were ready to receive the unexpected return of their master. Were these servants excited or anxious about their master's return? The watchful servants, no doubt, looked forward to the future because they knew their master would be pleased and would reward them for their vigilance and hard work. Disaster and reprisal, however, awaited those who were unprepared because of carelessness or laziness.

When we expect some very important event to happen, we wait for it with excited anticipation. The Lord Jesus expects us to watch in great anticipation for the most important event of all – his return in glory at the end of time! The prophets foretold the coming of the Lord when *he shall judge between the nations and decide for many peoples* (Isaiah 2:5). The Advent season reminds us that we are living in the end times. The end times begins with the first coming of Christ (his Incarnation which we celebrate at Christmas) and culminates in his final return on the Day of Judgment. Jesus spoke of his return in glory at the end of time as a for certain fact. Jesus' audience understood the title, *Son of Man*, as referring to the Messianic prophecy of the Anointed King who comes to establish an everlasting kingdom over the earth (see Daniel 7:13). While the second coming is for certain, the time is unknown. The Lord's judgment comes swiftly and often unexpectedly. Jesus warns his listeners to not be caught off guard when that day arrives. It will surely come in God's good time! Do you earnestly pray for God's kingdom to come – here and now!

The prophet Isaiah tells us that God will surely reward those who wait for his visitation: "From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who works for those who wait for him" (Isaiah 64:4). Our Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, entrusts us with his gifts and grace and he expects to be ready for action and prepared for the future. Our call is not only believe, but to watch with expectant faith; not only to love, but to wait with eager longing; not only to obey, but to prepare with joyful anticipation! What are we to watch, wait, and prepare for? The greatest event to come – the return of our Master and Lord Jesus Christ when he comes again in glory to meet us at the end of the age. The kind of watching our Lord has in mind is not a passive "wait and see what happens" approach to life. The Lord urges us to vigilance and to active prayer that his "kingdom may come" and his "will be done on earth as it is in heaven". We are not only to watch *for* Christ, but to watch *with* Christ. The Lord wants us to have our hearts and minds fixed on him and his word. He wants us to be ready for his action and grace in our lives and in our world. Those who "wait" for the Lord will not be disappointed. He will surely come with his grace and saving help. Do you watch for the Lord's action in your life with expectant faith and with joyful hope?

The season of Advent is a time for rousing our minds and hearts for the Lord's coming. As his servants we watch for his will – continually seeking him; we watch for his word and his power – that he may act now to save and to deliver; and we watch for his visitation – he will surely come again! Servants of the Lord rouse yourselves! Be vigilant, be alert, be "watchmen" for the Lord pointing the way for his coming. Are you ready to meet the Lord?

"Lord Jesus, awaken my heart and mind to receive your word and to prepare for your coming again. Free me from complacency, from the grip of sin and worldliness, and from attachments to things which pass away. May I always be eager to receive your word and be ready to meet you when you came again."



SJS PARENT BULLETIN

November 23, 2011

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**PHYSICAL
EDUCATION
and Drama
P.E. Uniform
Required.**

**Monday,
November 28th (H)
2A, 2B**

**Tuesday,
November 29th (A)
KA, 1A, 1B, 6A, 6B**

**Wednesday
November 30th (B)
8A, 8B**

**Thursday,
December 1st (C)
KB, 1A, 1B, 4A, 4B**

**Friday,
December 2nd
NO ENRICHMENT
CLASSES**

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday,
November 28th

*Morning
Prayer
Service
led by KB*



*Advent prayer service
will be in church. At
7:20 a.m., our students
will begin proceeding to
church so that we will all
be settled and ready for
prayer by 7:30 a.m.
There will be **NO FLAG
RAISING***



Wednesday,
November 30th

*Reconciliation for
grades 3&4 at
8:30 a.m.*

Thursday,
December 1st

*Begin
collection
of canned
goods.*



Friday,
December 2nd
*2nd Sunday of
Advent Prayer
Service*

*At 7:20 a.m., our
students will begin
proceeding to church so
that we will all be settled
and ready for prayer by
7:30 a.m. There will be
NO FLAG RAISING*

Saturday,
December 3rd
*1st Reconciliation at
10:00 a.m. for Gr. 2*

Monday,
December 5th

*Morning
Prayer
Service led
by Pre K*



Thursday,
December 8th

*Feast of the Immaculate
Conception
Liturgical Celebration at
8:30 a.m. All students
must wear their formal
uniform.*

Friday,
December 9th
*Christmas Program
begins at 8:30 a.m.*

*Early Dismissal following
the program*

Tickets for our Christmas Program

See page 3 for the flier that went home in the family envelope with your youngest child on Wednesday, November 23rd.

Fundraising Monies for Tanioka Tickets are due

*All money was due on Friday,
November 18th. No tickets may be
returned to our office.*

Christmas Program Tickets

November 23, 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are very excited about our upcoming Christmas program and hope you will be able to attend this memorable performance. **Please complete the form below as we are allowing a maximum of 2 tickets per family.** Note that the ticket-holder is not guaranteed a seat in the church. The people who cannot be accommodated in the church will be able to view the program in the cafeteria. Thank you for your continued support! May God Bless you always!

Ms. Sandobal

**Please complete and return by
Wednesday, November 30, 2011**

TICKET REQUEST FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Family Last Name _____

Name of Youngest or Only Child Attending St. Joseph School

_____ Grade _____

Please check one of the following:

_____ I(We) would like **two** tickets for the Christmas Program.

_____ I(We) would like **one** ticket for the Christmas Program.

_____ I(We) are unable to attend the Christmas Program.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____

Our Special Intentions

We pray for...

- Our LaSalette community.
- Mr. Julian Esdicul, husband of Diane, former Vice Principal.
- Aunty Nicole by Chaz (5A) and Cody (graduate).
- Janet Snow, grandmother of Caden Townsend (KB) and Samuel Hallyburton (5A).
- Mrs. Regina Salisbury.
- Leonard Medeiros, brother of Mrs. Deponte, grand uncle of Trey (8A).
- Rodrigo Salacup, grandfather of Azaleigh Salacup (PreK).
- Sherna Reonal (6A).
- Christen Hernandez, friend of Ms. Tamashiro (KA Teacher)
- Alicia Concepcion, grandmother of Christina (8A) and Christian (2A) Andres.
- Dianne Dela Vega, grandmother of Shyanne (8A).
- Mr. Felipe Alcain, father of Mrs. Miyashiro (2B Teacher) who passed away.
- Albert Kia, grandfather of Robbie (2B) and Noah (KB) Kia.
- Leoncia Balisacan, great grandma of Saydi (Pre K) and grandmother of Mrs. Joyce (KB Teacher Assistant)
- Mrs. Tokuda, mother of Ms. Grace (Cafeteria Manager).
- David and Sandie Gantner.
- Ms. Sandobal.
- Great grandfather of Robbie(2B), Noah (KB),and grandfather of Mrs. Kia (4A Teacher).
- Mrs. Irene Sandry.
- Reverend Clarence Guerreiro, ss.cc., Pastor of St. Patrick Church.
- Jason Davis and Family.
- Bryce Davis and Family.
- Loretta Apostadiro, great grandmother of Courtney Everett (6B).
- Hitoye China.
- Mrs. Deidra Pinho, mother of Mr. Mark Pinho (6B Teacher).
- Samuel Hallyburton (5A).
- Tomasa Rios, aunt of Mrs. Soto (Computer Teacher).
- Victoriano Abel , grandfather of Jovic (alumni Class of 2011).
- Cassidy Kiaha, former student of St. Joseph, sister of Cherilen (alumni of St. Joseph).
- Silvino Dela Cruz, grandfather of Jessica Sargent (2A).

ORDER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK T-SHIRTS NOW

The 2012 Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from January 29-February 5. The T-shirt order form can be found on page 6 of this week's bulletin. Order forms and payments are due by Monday, November 28.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PLAY SOUVENIR BOOK 2011

This year our students will be presenting a Christmas play and every class will also be singing special Christmas songs. Our souvenir book is a way to have families, friends, businesses, and other people extend their congratulations and/or best wishes to all our students. See page 5 for more information.



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PLAY SOUVENIR BOOK 2011

NAME OF ORGANIZATION/
BUSINESS: _____

CONTACT
PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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PHONE: _____ CELL: _____

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EMAIL: _____

ALL ADS ARE IN BLACK & WHITE

Please check your selection:

- () Full Page – Print Ready - **\$75**
Payment enclosed (*Please make checks payable to: St. Joseph School*)
Emailed digital copy to: contact@stjosephchurchwaipahu.org
Turned in “print ready” hard copy to my child’s teacher

- () Full Page – to be created/formatted by staff - **\$100**
Payment enclosed (*Please make checks payable to: St. Joseph School*)
Photo(s) / Message enclosed

- () Half Page – Print Ready - **\$50**
Payment enclosed (*Please make checks payable to: St. Joseph School*)
Emailed digital copy to: contact@stjosephchurchwaipahu.org
Turned in “print ready” hard copy to my child’s teacher

- () Half Page – to be created/formatted by staff - **\$75**
Payment enclosed (*Please make checks payable to: St. Joseph School*)
Photo(s) / Message enclosed

- () Quarter Page – Print Ready - **\$25**
Payment enclosed (*Please make checks payable to: St. Joseph School*)
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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY MATTER

Marriage and Family Forum (MFF) works to link programs and services available within the Diocese of Honolulu. The forum is a collaboration of lay associations to promote, sustain and enrich Christian Marriage and the family. Its purpose is to provide a coordination process through which the rich array of marriage and family programs can be widely and coherently made available to serve the pastoral needs of parish leaders.

Mark your calendars for Thanksgiving weekend, on Saturday 26 November and be sure to attend the first annual Marriage and Family Festival. We will begin with Mass at 0900 celebrated by Bishop Silva at Holy Family Parish. The festival will follow from 10 am- 2pm. Each of the Ministries will have information tables, and the day will be marked with music, activities for the children and fellowship! See the flier on page 6.

CELEBRATING ART CONTEST

All students and parents visit your Edline account and click on the Art News link "Celebrating Art Contest" to see the online art slideshow. We thank Mr. Dagdag for all the wonderful he inspires our students to do in art.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday, December 9, 2011

Thursday, January 26, 2012

Friday, January 27, 2012

Christmas Program

General PTG Meeting

PTG Fun Run

Happy Thanksgiving

On behalf of our administration, faculty, and staff, we extend our Thanksgiving Blessing and prayers to you and your family.

As our educational partners, you have worked collaboratively with us to accomplish our mission of evangelization and assist you in the faith formation of your child to become all that God calls him/her to be. Thank you for all your continual support and generosity. Have a safe and enjoyable vacation and May God Bless you always! Ms, Sandobal

