

Preparing for Sunday's Mass

Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2011

First Reading Is 40:1-5, 9-11 **Second Reading** 2 Pt 3:8-14 **Gospel** Mk 1:1-8

John the Baptist's life was fueled by one burning passion – to point others to Jesus Christ and to the coming of his kingdom. Who is John the Baptist and what is the significance of his message for our lives? Scripture tells us that John was *filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb* (Luke 1:15, 41) by Christ himself, whom Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth John leapt in her womb as they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:41). The fire of the Spirit dwelt in John and made him the forerunner of the coming Messiah. John was led by the Spirit into the wilderness prior to his ministry where he was tested and grew in the word of God. John's clothing was reminiscent of the prophet Elijah (see Kings 1:8). John broke the prophetic silence of the previous centuries when he began to speak the word of God to the people of Israel. His message was similar to the message of the Old Testament prophets who chided the people of God for their unfaithfulness and who tried to awaken true repentance in them. Among a people unconcerned with the things of God, it was his work to awaken their interest, unsettle them from their complacency, and arouse in them enough good will to recognize and receive Christ when he came. Are you eager to hear God's word and to be changed by it through the power of the Holy Spirit?

Jesus tells us that John the Baptist was *more than a prophet* (Luke 7:26). John was the *voice* of the Consoler who is coming (John 1:23; Isaiah 40:1-3). He completed the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah (Matthew 11:13-14). What the prophets had carefully searched for and angels longed to see, now came to completion as John made the way ready for the coming of the Messiah, God's Anointed Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. With John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to the human race of the "divine likeness", prefiguring what would be achieved with and in the Lord Jesus. John's baptism was for repentance – turning away from sin and taking on a new way of life according to God's word. Our baptism in Jesus Christ by water and the Spirit results in a new birth and entry into God's kingdom as his beloved sons and daughters (John 3:5). Jesus is ready to give us the fire of his Spirit that we may radiate the joy and truth of the gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and truth. His word has power to change and transform our lives that we may be lights pointing others to Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Jesus Christ. Do you point others to Christ in the way you live, work, and speak?

"Lord, let your light burn brightly in my heart that I may know the joy and freedom of your kingdom. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to witness the truth of your gospel and to point others to Jesus Christ."

School Highlights....

A Geologist visited St. Joseph on Thursday, December 1st A geologist from Kiewit, Andrea, had some rocks and minerals that she brought to share with the students in Ms. Espiritu's junior high science class. The students just learned how rocks are classified and how rocks change during the rock cycle. They will be learning more about igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks. The geologist talked about what types of rocks were collected at the different sites.

Repair of the Junior High Roof Our school recently completed the major repair of our Junior High roof. The cost was \$36,000. Our school has representatives on the Parish Planning and Building Commission that oversees the many projects for repair, maintenance, and future capital improvements of St. Joseph. We thank Mr. Kawamata who is one of our school representatives for this commission.

A Special Moment in 5A The students in 5A noticed the unique sunlight on their prayer corner and Mrs. Carino took these photographs. She asked the students what they thought about the photographs and these are two of their responses: "The angels and God are watching over us." "God was telling us that His Son was coming at Christmas."



Sometimes a simple photograph captures our attention and makes us pause to ponder about God encouraging us to take time to listen to what He is saying about our role in building His Kingdom on earth.

News from our Ms. Grace, Cafeteria Manager....

- All cookie orders are due on December 6th
- Breakfast Buffet: On Friday, December 9th, the cafeteria will be serving rice, portuguese sausage, eggs and pog for \$5.00.

Some Final Thoughts...

We are surrounded by the many advertisements to shop early for Christmas and to buy gifts for our loved ones. Instead of spending many hours shopping, let us spend some time with our family and friends sharing a meal, talking about the blessings of the day, and sharing God's love with one another. Time is one of the greatest gifts we can give to one another and most of all give to God. Have a safe and enjoyable weekend and May God Bless you always! Ms. Sandobal



SJS PARENT BULLETIN

December 2, 2011

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

**Monday,
December 5th (D)
3A, 3B, 6A, 6B**

**Tuesday,
December 6th (E)
KA, 3A, 3B, 5A, 5B**


**Wednesday
December 7th (F)
7A, 7B**

**Thursday,
December 8th
NO ENRICHMENT
CLASSES**

**Friday,
December 9th
EARLY
DISMISSAL**

Important Upcoming Dates

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

Monday,
December 5th
*Morning
Prayer
Service led
by Pre K*

*Happy Feast Day
Father Nap!*

Tuesday,
December 6th
Teachers will notify
the students who
earned a free dress
day from the
Tanioka ticket
sales.

Monday,
December 5th,
Tuesday,
December 6th
Parish Advent
Retreat: See note
below.



Wednesday,
December 7th
Parish Penance
Service at 7:00 pm



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**
**NO AFTER SCHOOL
CARE**

*See page 4 for a list of
the costumes for
students who are not in
the play.*

Monday, December 5th and Tuesday, December 6th

**Saint Joseph Church Parish Advent Retreat at
6:30 p.m.** *Everyone is invited to join the parish
community in preparing for the coming of Christ
our Savior! We hope you will take time for this
great opportunity for prayer and reflection.*



**Stay Awake and
Prepare**

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. Kanani Matautia, friend of Mrs. Aipoalani
- 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 Kiahia, former student of St. Joseph, sister of Cherilen (alumni of St. Joseph).
- Silvino Dela Cruz, grandfather of Jessica Sargent (2A).
- Rudolfo Ramiro, dad of Melissa and Rosemarie (alumni) and uncle of Charlene (5A)

St. Joseph's 2011 Christmas Program on Television

Our SJS Ōlelo team of students will be video taping our Christmas program. It is scheduled to air on the following dates:

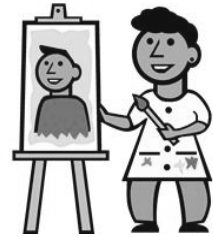
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| 12/26 | Monday | 8:00 p.m. | FOCUS 49 |
| 12/27 | Tuesday | 10:00 p.m. | OAHU 52 |
| 12/28 | Wednesday | 4:00 p.m. | FOCUS 49 |
| 12/29 | Thursday | 12:00 a.m. | OAHU 52 |

CHRISTMAS COSTUMES

| Grade | Girls | Boys |
|----------------|---|---|
| Pre K & Kinder | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Plain white dress (no spaghetti straps) ◆ Hair half-up and half-down in a pony tail ◆ White sandals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Dark (formal uniform) long pants ◆ Plain white shirt polo shirt ◆ Black shoes |
| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Black Pants or Skirts (NO SHORTS OR TIGHTS) ◆ White blouse (NO LOGOS) Short or long sleeve acceptable ◆ Hair: Brushed and neatly groomed. ◆ Black shoes with SJS socks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Black Pants (NO SHORTS) ◆ White top (NO LOGOS) Short or long sleeve acceptable ◆ Hair: Brushed and neatly groomed. ◆ Black shoes with SJS socks |
| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Solid White T-Shirt, tucked in. ◆ Solid Black Pants (NO TIGHTS) ◆ Solid Black Shoes ◆ Christmas Lei (will be used for future events) ◆ Cost is \$5.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Solid White T-Shirt, tucked in. ◆ Solid Black Pants ◆ Solid Black Shoes ◆ Christmas Lei (will be used for future events) ◆ Cost is \$5.00 |
| 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Plain white blouse, ◆ Black pants or skirt (NO TIGHTS) ◆ Half pony tail (half up/half down) ◆ Black shoes or sandals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Plain white shirt ◆ Black pants ◆ Black shoes |
| 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Solid Blue T Shirt (any shade of blue) ◆ Jeans ◆ Girls' hair: High ponytail. Ribbon will be provided ◆ School shoes and socks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Solid Blue T Shirt (any shade of blue) ◆ Jeans ◆ School shoes and socks |
| 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Aloha print dress or muumuu (any color print, follow school dress code) ◆ No spaghetti straps, straps must be at least 1", length not more than 1" above knee ◆ Sandals or school shoes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Aloha shirt (any color print, not tucked in) ◆ Formal uniform pants or any black or dark colored pants ◆ School shoes |
| 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Black skirts ◆ White, red, or green blouse ◆ Dress shoes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Black or navy slacks ◆ White, red, or green polo shirt ◆ Dress shoes |
| 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Plain White blouse with sleeves ◆ Black skirt or slacks (NO TIGHTS) ◆ Black shoes or sandals without heels | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Plain White Collared shirt ◆ Black pants ◆ Black shoes |
| 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ White muu'muu ◆ White dress shoes with heels no higher than 2 inches or white sandals ◆ Leis will be provided for each student; ◆ Cost per student is \$1.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Black pants ◆ Long sleeve white shirt with a collar ◆ Black dress shoes ◆ Leis will be provided for each student ◆ Cost per student is \$1.00 |

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE 11TH Annual Kapolei Hale City Lights Coloring Contest

Abigail Refuerzo 1B, Tonie-Kaprice Oclaray 1B
Breeana Cabigas 1B, Geraldray Ibarra 2A
Karleigh-Von Manoha 2A, Casey Soong 2A
Robbie Kia 2B, Carissa Esta 2B
Tahina Tomaszek 3B, Rheamae Ibarra 3A
Justin Jandoc 4A, Alessandra Ramirez 4A
Angeline Tanjutco 5B



*The art work of these students will be displayed at the Kapolei Hale building.
On December 10, 2011, they will receive their prizes at the Kapolei Hale City Lights Parade
Event. A special Mahalo to Mr. Dagdag our Art Teacher.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| Saturday, December 10th | SJS students will be performing at 5:00 p.m. at the Waipahu Town Center Christmas carnival |
| Monday, December 12th | 3rd Sunday of Advent Prayer Service NO FLAG RAISING |
| Tuesday, December 13th | Free Dress for students whose family member donated blood at St. Joseph on November 12th |
| Wednesday, December 14th | Awards Day 8:15 a.m. for Grades Pre K-2; 8:45 a.m. Grades 3-8 |
| Thursday, December 15th | 4th Sunday of Advent Prayer Service NO FLAG RAISING 9:00 a.m. Toys For Tots program 11:00 a.m. Dismissal |
| Friday, December 16th | 4:30 a.m. Misa de Gallo (Dawn Mass) will be cosponsored by our school. We would love for our students to attend the mass in their formal uniform to represent our school and sit with and/or near our YMM choir to help with the singing. |
| Thursday, January 26, 2012 | General PTG Meeting at 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday, January 27, 2012 | PTG Fun Run |