

# SOME NEWS HIGHLIGHTS....

**Wednesday, January 25th:** *School Liturgy at 8:30 a.m. to celebrate the Feast of St. Paul and Feast Day of Sister Fidelia and Sister Judith. **Students must wear their formal uniform.***

**January 17-February 3rd:** *Campus Creations 10% OFF Uniform Sale: (see flier on page 7).*

**January 26:**

## **PTG Meeting**

1. All parents / guardians who attend will earn a modified free dress day for their child.
2. Display of student work from grades Pre K-8 in the cafeteria
3. Special performance by the students in grades 1-8 in Youth Music Ministry
4. Grade level discussion groups with teachers on ways parents and guardians can volunteer for the Fun Run, Catholic Schools Week Carnival and other activities
5. Gently used uniforms and modified free dress shirts will be on sale 1/2 before and after the meeting.

## **How are we celebrating Catholic Schools Week?**



**Our School is planning a wonderful Catholic Schools Week Celebration.**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>January 30th</b>	9:00 –11:00 a.m. Carnival Fun with food, games, and activities Pre sale tickets will be available. Information forthcoming.
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>January 31st</b>	Talent Show
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>February 1st</b>	8:30 a.m. School Liturgy <b>Students are required to wear their formal uniform.</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>February 2nd</b>	School Excursion Day Students need to complete and turn in his/her permission slip

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE UPCOMING SJS FUN RUN AND HAWAII 5210 KEIKI RUN

<b>SJS Fun Run</b>	<b>Hawaii 5210 Keiki Run</b>
Date: Friday, January 27, 2012	Date: Saturday, February 18, 2012
Place: St. Joseph School	Place: Neal Blaisdell Center – Honolulu
Start Time: 8:00 a.m. (Mr. Kawamata has been preparing to set a minimum goal for each grade)	Start Time: 8:00 a.m. (1.5 mile untimed run)
Attire: P.E. uniform	Attire: SJS modified free dress T-shirt
<p>Registration Forms and other information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every student must complete the permission slip by <b><u>Wednesday, January 25th.</u></b></li> <li>• Every adult who wishes to participate must complete the Adult Entry Form and turn it in to the school office by <b><u>Tuesday, January 17th.</u></b></li> <li>• Every student must complete and turn in the Fun Run Lunch Order form with their monies by <b><u>Friday, January 20th.</u></b> Students who do not order a lunch will need to bring a home lunch.</li> <li>• Every student can earn a T-shirt and other great prizes by asking family and friends to support their efforts in the run. There is a student contributor log that is due by <b><u>Monday, February 6th</u></b> to qualify for the prizes.</li> <li>• All forms can also be downloaded from the “Fun Run Packet” link found on our website and Edline.</li> </ul>	<p>Registration Forms: Must be done on line. Here is the registration link to the Keiki Run: <a href="http://www.greataloharun.com/events/keikirun">http://www.greataloharun.com/events/keikirun</a></p> <p>The event will be very similar to last year, held on the Saturday of the Great Aloha Run Sports, Health and Fitness Expo at the Neal Blaisdell Center. Here are some of the changes we have made this year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sponsoring organization is Kaho’omiki: Hawaii Council on Physical Activity</li> <li>• Only on-line registration this year. We thank PSE, the organizers of the Honolulu 5K for creating a parent-friendly on-line application process that makes it easy to register.</li> <li>• There is a \$1.50 online convenience fee per application that goes to Paypal. Sorry it can’t be avoided.</li> <li>• <b>There is a drop down list of schools. Your school should be on that list.</b></li> <li>• Of the registration fee, we hope to donate back 80-100% back to your school. This will depend on the donations we are able to get from the community to offset the costs of this event. We will work very hard to donate 100% back, but can not guarantee it at this time. There is still no better return on your fundraising dollar.</li> <li>• 100% of additional donations will go to your school</li> <li>• This is not just about fundraising. We want your parents to learn how they can create healthy families and healthy schools.</li> <li>• The race will be capped, for sure, at 2,500 participants. Don’t wait until January to sign up!</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>BE SURE TO CHOOSE ST. JOSEPH, WAIPAHU FROM THE DROP LIST OF SCHOOLS.</u></b></p>

# Preparing for Sunday's Mass

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: January 22, 2012

**First Reading Jon 3:1-5, 10 Second Reading 1 Cor 7:29-31 Gospel Mk 1:14-20**

What is the *gospel of God* which Jesus came to preach? The word "gospel" literally means "good news". When a king had good news to deliver to his subjects he sent messengers or heralds throughout the land to make a public announcement – such as the birth of a new king or the defeat of an invading army or occupied force. God sent his prophets to announce the coming of God's anointed King and Messiah. After Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan and anointed by the Spirit he begins his ministry of preaching the gospel – the good news that the kingdom of God was now at hand for all who were ready to receive it. What is the kingdom of God? The word "kingdom" means something more than a territory or an area of land. It literally means "sovereignty" or "reign" and the power to "rule" and exercise authority. The prophets announced that God would establish a kingdom not just for one nation or people but for the whole world. The scriptures tell us that God's throne is in heaven and his rule is over all (Psalm 103:19). His kingdom is bigger and more powerful than anything we can imagine because it is universal and everlasting (Daniel 4:3). His kingdom is full of glory, power, and splendor (Psalm 145:11-13). In the Book of Daniel we are told that this kingdom is given to the *Son of Man* and to the saints (Daniel 7:14,18,22,27). The *Son of Man* is a Messianic title for God's anointed King. The New Testament word for "Messiah" is "Christ" which literally means the "Anointed One" or the "Anointed King". God sent us his Son not to establish an earthly kingdom but to bring us into his heavenly kingdom – a kingdom ruled by truth, justice, peace, and holiness. The kingdom of God is the central theme of Jesus' mission. It's the core of his gospel message. As soon as John the Baptist had finished his testimony, Jesus began his in Galilee, his home district. John's enemies had sought to silence him, but the gospel cannot be silenced. Jesus proclaimed that *the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand*. Jesus takes up John's message of repentance and calls disciples to *believe in the gospel—the good news he has come to deliver*. What is the good news which Jesus delivers? It is the good news of peace (restoration of relationship with God - Ephesians 6:15), of hope (the hope of heaven and everlasting life - Colossians 1:23), of truth (God's word is true and reliable - Colossians 1:5), of promise (he rewards those who seek him - Ephesians 3:6), of immortality (God gives everlasting life - 2 Timothy 1:10), and the good news of salvation (liberty from sin and freedom to live as sons and daughters of God - Ephesians 1:13). How do we enter the kingdom of God? In announcing the good news, Jesus gave two explicit things each of us must do in order to receive the kingdom of God: *repent and believe*. When we submit to Christ's rule in our lives and believe the gospel message the Lord Jesus gives us the grace and power to live a new way of life as citizens of his kingdom. He gives us grace to renounce the kingdom of darkness ruled by sin and Satan, the father of lies (John 8:44) and the ruler of this present world (John 12:31). That is why repentance is the first step. Repentance means to change – to change my way of thinking, my attitude, disposition, and life choices so that Christ can be the Lord and Master of my heart rather than sin, selfishness, and greed. If we are only sorry for the consequences of our sins, we will very likely keep repeating the sin that is mastering us. True repentance requires a contrite heart (Psalm 51:17) and sorrow for sin and a firm resolution to avoid it in the future. The Lord Jesus gives us grace to see sin for what it really is – a rejection of his love and wisdom for our lives and a refusal to do what is good and in accord with his will. His grace brings pardon and help for turning away from everything that would keep us from his love and truth. To believe is to take Jesus at his word and to recognize that God loved us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to free us from bondage to sin and harmful desires. God made the supreme sacrifice of his Son on the cross to bring us back to a relationship of peace and friendship with himself. He is our Father and he wants us to live as his sons and daughters. God loved us first and he invites us in love to surrender our lives to him. Do you believe that the gospel – the good news of Jesus – has power to free you from bondage to sin and fear?

When Jesus preached the gospel message he called others to follow as his disciples and he gave them a mission – "to catch people for the kingdom of God". What kind of disciples did he choose? Smelly fishermen! In the choice of the first apostles we see a characteristic feature of Jesus' work: he chose very ordinary people. They were non-professionals, had no wealth or position. They were chosen from the common people who did ordinary things, had no special education, and no social advantages. Jesus wanted ordinary people who could take an assignment and do it extraordinarily well. He chose these individuals, not for what they were, but for what they would be capable of becoming under his direction and power. When the Lord calls us to serve, we must not think we have nothing to offer. The Lord takes what ordinary people, like us, can offer and uses it for greatness in his kingdom. Do you believe that God wants to work through and in you for his glory?

Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the gospel. Paul the Apostles says, *But thanks be to God, who in Christ Jesus always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing* (2 Corinthians 2:15). Do you witness to those around you the joy of the gospel and do you pray for your neighbors, co-workers, and relatives that they may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in the knowledge of his love?

"Lord Jesus, you have called me personally by name, just as you called your first disciples, Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Help me to believe your word and follow you faithfully. Fill me with the joy of the gospel that your light may shine through me to many others."



# SJS PARENT BULLETIN

January 20, 2012

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

**Monday,**  
**January 23rd (F)**  
**7A, 7B, 8A, 8B**

**Tuesday,**  
**January 24th (G)**  
**KA, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B**

**Wednesday**  
**January 25th**  
**NO ENRICHMENT CLASSES**

**Thursday,**  
**January 26th (H)**  
**KB, 2A, 2B**

**Friday,**  
**January 27th**  
**SCHOOL FUN RUN**

## Important Upcoming Dates

Sunday,  
January 22nd  
March for Life at the State Capitol



Monday,  
January 23rd

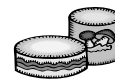
*Morning Prayer Service led by 6A*



Tuesday,  
January 24th  
**Free Dress Day ONLY** for the students who turned in their papers for the Fun Run by Wednesday, January 18th

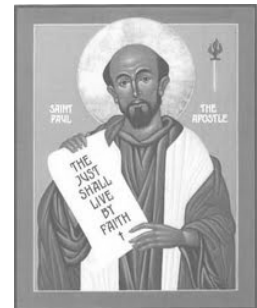
Wednesday,  
January 25th

*Start Canned Goods Collection*



**SCHOOL LITURGY at 8:30 a.m.**  
**Formal uniform is required.**

**On January 25th we will be celebrating the Feast Day of St. Paul and Sister Judith and Sister Fidelia of the St. Paul of Chartres Community**



Thursday,  
January 26th

**General PTG Meeting at 7:00 p.m. and Student Displays**

### **Do you have Gently Used Uniforms?**

If the answer is yes, please donate your washed uniforms to our school office by Wednesday, January 25th. Our PTG Board will be selling these uniforms before and after our PTG meeting.

### **Would you like to purchase a Modified Free Dress T-shirt?**

If the answer is yes, Campus Creations will also be selling these T-shirts before and after our PTG meeting.

# Our Special Intentions

## *We pray for...*

- Our LaSalette community.
- Mr. Julian Esdicul, husband of Diane, former Vice Principal.
- Mrs. Regina Salisbury.
- Rodrigo Salacup, grandfather of Azaleigh Salacup (PreK).
- 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).
- Mrs. Kanani Matautia, friend of Mrs. Aipoalani.
- Dorothy Gates, mother of Mrs. Kanani Matautia, friend of Mrs. Aipoalani.
- Jason Davis and Family.
- Bryce Davis and Family.
- Yasuo Miyahira, father of Ms. Eileen (Teacher Assistant 1A).
- Speedy recovery for Mrs. Brenda Strimpfel, mother of Andrew (2B)
- Mrs. Tokuda, mother of Ms. Grace (Cafeteria Manager).
- David and Sandie Gantner.
- Ms. Sandobal.
- Mrs. Irene Sandry.
- Reverend Clarence Guerreiro, ss.cc., Pastor of St. Patrick Church.
- Tomasa Rios, aunt of Mrs. Soto (Computer Teacher).
- Cassidy Kiaha, former student of St. Joseph, sister of Cherilen (alumni of St. Joseph).
- For speedy recovery and healing mercy of Gerondia A. Mallonga and Angelito Mallonga, sister and brother-in-law of Sister Judith Abique, SPC. (Religion Coordinator).
- Rudolfo Ramiro, dad of Melissa and Rosemarie (alumni) and uncle of Charlene (5A).
- Ruby Leialoha Richard Wood, friend of Mrs. Sua (Librarian) who passed away.
- Mr. Rodney Onaka, cousin of Ms. Sandobal, who passed away.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Sunday, January 22

Thursday, January 26

Friday, January 27

Monday, January 30 –February 3

Saturday, February 18

March for Life at the State Capitol

General PTG Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

PTG Fun Run

Catholic Schools Week

Hawaii 5210 Keiki Run



## Augustine Educational Foundation Tuition Scholarship Program: Application Information



Are you interested in receiving some financial assistance? The Augustine Educational Foundation offers scholarships every year. We also are hoping that our St. Joseph Community may be able to provide some type of assistance. **Thus every family who wants to be considered for any type of financial aid must complete the Augustine application.** All families must turn in only ONE application to the school office by Monday, March 5th. Be sure to make a copy of your application before submitting it to the school office. The applications will be available online at [www.augustinefoundation.org](http://www.augustinefoundation.org) and on our school website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our school office.

### **SOME FINAL THOUGHTS...**

*We are very excited about the many wonderful activities being planned for this month. Our students have been preparing for our upcoming school liturgies, selecting their work for display, planning for the talent show and carnival, and getting physically in condition for the Fun Run. With your support as volunteers, we are assured that all these activities will be a great success. Thank you for your time and enthusiastic spirit to help our school community be a safe caring family environment where we work together as “One People of God, United in One Spirit.” Have a safe and enjoyable weekend and God Bless you always! Ms. Sandobal*