

Preparing for Sunday's Mass

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 4, 2011

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9 **Second Reading:** Romans 13:8-10 **Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20

Reflection: What's the best way to repair a damaged relationship? Jesus offers his disciples spiritual freedom and power for restoring broken or injured relationships. Jesus makes clear that his followers should not tolerate a breach in relationships among themselves. Sin must be confronted and help must be offered to restore a damaged relationship. When relationships between brothers and sisters in the Lord are damaged, then we must spare no effort to help the brother or sister at fault to see their error and to get things right again. What can we learn from this passage about how to mend a damaged relationship? If you feel you have been wronged by someone, Jesus says the first step is to speak directly but privately to the individual who has done the harm. One of the worst things we can do is brood over our grievance. This can poison the mind and heart and make it more difficult to go directly to the person who caused the damage. If we truly want to settle a difference between someone, we need to do it face to face. If this fails in its purpose, then the second step is to bring another person or persons, someone who is wise and gracious rather than someone who is hot-tempered or judgmental. The goal is not so much to put the offender on trial, but to persuade the offender to see the wrong and to be reconciled. And if this fails, then we must still not give up, but seek the help of the Christian community. Note the emphasis here is on restoring a broken relationship by seeking the help of other Christians who hopefully will pray and seek a solution for reconciliation based on Christian love and wisdom, rather than relying on coercive force or threat of legal action, such as a lawsuit.

Lastly, if even the Christian community fails to bring about reconciliation, what must we do? Jesus seems to say that we have the right to abandon stubborn and obdurate offenders and treat them like social outcasts. The tax-collectors and Gentiles were regarded as "unclean" by the religious-minded Jews. However we know from the gospel accounts that Jesus often had fellowship with tax-collectors, ate with them, and even praised them at times! Jesus refuses no one who is ready to receive pardon, healing, and restoration. The call to accountability is inevitable and we can't escape it, both in this life and at the day of judgment when the Lord Jesus will return. But while we have the opportunity, we must not give up on stubborn offenders, but, instead make every effort to win them with the grace and power of God's healing love and wisdom. Do you tolerate broken relationships or do you seek to repair them as God gives you the opportunity to mend and restore what is broken?

"Lord, make me an instrument of your healing love and peace. Give me wisdom and courage to bring your healing love and saving truth to those in need of healing and restoration."



SJS PARENT BULLETIN

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

**Monday,
September 5th
NO SCHOOL**

**Tuesday,
September 6th (F)
KA, 7A, 7B, 8A, 8B**

**Wednesday
September 7th (G)
5A, 5B**

**Thursday,
September 8th (H)
KB, 2A, 2B**

**Friday,
September 9th (A)
1A, 1B, 6A, 6B**

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday,
September 5th

**No School
Labor Day**



Tuesday,
September 6th

*Morning
Prayer
Service led
by 6B*



Wednesday,
September 7th

**Begin collection of
canned goods**

*We appreciate your help in
donating non perishable food
items for our parish food
pantry. This is one way we
can help our less fortunate
families.*

**Parent Teacher
Conference Form Due**
This form was sent home
in the Family Envelope
with the youngest child
today.

Sunday,
September 11th
**Happy Grandparents'
Day**



Monday,
September 12th

*Morning
Prayer
Service led
by 5A*



Wednesday,
September 14th

**Feast Day of Our Lady
of LaSalette Liturgical
Celebration
8:30 a.m.**

Sponsored by Grade 6

Thursday,
September 15th

Application
Form for
administration
of Flu Shots or Mists
are due in the office.



St. Joseph Parish Music Ministry

The St. Joseph Parish Music Ministry is inviting everyone to a night of singing as we learn the New Roman Missal Music that will be implemented on November 27th. Come prepared to sing!!!! The date is Thursday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. It is a great opportunity for us to join our parishioners in this music ministry.

Our Special Intentions



We pray for...

- Our LaSalette community.
- Mr. Julian Esdicul, husband of Diane, former Vice Principal.
- Aunty Nicole and Grandma W. by Chaz 5A and Cody (graduate).
- Mrs. Alejandra Lopez, mother of Mr. Lopez (3B Teacher), who passed away.
- Janet Snow, grandmother of Caden Townsend (KB) and Samuel Hallyburton (5A).
- Mrs. Regina Salisbury.
- Special intention for Mrs. Miyashiro (2B Teacher)
- 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.
- Jason Davis and Family.
- Bryce Davis and Family.
- Prayers of thanksgiving & blessings for Kelly from Waianae who rescued Ms. Gantner (7A Teacher) when she was stranded on H1 Freeway.

REMINDER ABOUT UPLOADING PHOTOGRAPHS, VIDEOS, and OTHER INFORMATION TO SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES

There are many memorable moments in the lives of our children that we would like to share with friends and relatives, near and far. We would just like to remind you that respecting the privacy of others is also important. As such, we encourage you to make sure that any information uploaded relating to other people is done with their knowledge and consent.

The Internet/Network Usage Agreement for our students includes the following to reflect the importance of respecting the privacy of others.

Students, whether on or off campus, will not post or transmit names, photographs, or any other information about St. Joseph School, other students, faculty, staff, administrators or any other members of the school community on *any website social media/networking sites such as, but not limited to, FaceBook, MySpace, YouTube, Twitter, and other similar sites, newsgroups, instant messengers, email or smart phones* without consent from the school principal, parents or legal guardians (for individuals under the age of 18), or the individual.

WAIPAHU JACKRABBIT FOOTBALL 2011

Seeking football players between the ages of 12-13 with a weight limit below 125 pounds. Contact Person: Rudy or Lucy at 677-3378 or go to Waipahu Recreation Center Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 4-6 p.m. Phone

2011 ST. JOSEPH VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Support our Girls and Boys Volleyball Teams. They have been practicing and preparing for the upcoming games. See page 6 or go to Edline to fine the schedule.

Earn a Modified Free Dress Day for Your Child

1. Complete and Sign the Parent Conference Form

2. Complete and Sign the 2011-2012 School Fundraiser Commitment Form

Both forms must be turned into the office by Wednesday, September 7th to earn the Modified Free Dress Day on Friday, September 9th.

On Friday, September 2nd, both forms were in the Family Envelope that was sent home with the youngest child.

How can you help St. Joseph School raise \$119,000?

The Foodland Give Aloha Program is a great fundraising opportunity that can help us raise \$119,000.

The Foodland Give Aloha Program is a great way to get family and friends to donate money for our school and also be able to use the donation as a tax deduction. **Saint Joseph School will receive 100% of your donation PLUS a percentage of the matching fund bonus offered through this program. Essentially the school will receive “free money” based on the total amount donated in the school’s name. We have 298 families in our school. Our school would receive \$119,200 if every family fulfills the \$400 donation through the Foodland Give Aloha Program. Every dollar makes a difference. Be sure to read the instructions for your donation and complete your 2011-2012 School Fundraiser Commitment Form. Thank you for your continued support.**

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend and May God Bless you always! Ms. Sandobal

**2011 St. Joseph School Volleyball Schedule
Blue Team**

Date	Opponent	Team	Time	Site
Friday, September 2	St. Michael	Girls White	3:30 p.m.	St. Michael
		Girls Blue	4:30 p.m.	
Friday, September 9	St. Ann	Girls	3:30 p.m.	St. Joseph
		Boys	4:30 p.m.	
Monday, September 12	St. Elizabeth	Girls	3:30 p.m.	St. Joseph
		Boys	4:30 p.m.	
Monday, September 19	St. John Vianney	Girls	3:30 p.m.	St. Joseph
		Boys	4:30 p.m.	
Monday, September 26	St. Anthony Kailua	Girls	3:30 p.m.	St. Anthony Kailua
		Boys	4:30 p.m.	
Tuesday, September 27	Our Lady of Good Counsel	Girls Blue	3:30 p.m.	St. Joseph
	St. Michael	Girls White	4:30 p.m.	
Saturday, October 1	Holy Family	Girls	3:30 p.m.	Holy Family
		Boys	4:30 p.m.	
Tuesday, October 4	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Girls	3:30 p.m.	St. Joseph
		Boys	4:30 p.m.	

Tournament Dates:

Girls October 8-October 15

Boys October 15-October 22

2011 St. Joseph School Volleyball Schedule White Team

Date	Opponent	Team	Time	Site
Friday, September 2	St. Michael	Girls White	3:30 p.m.	St. Michael
		Girls Blue	4:30 p.m.	
Thursday, September 8	St. John Vianney	Girls	3:30 p.m.	St. John Vianney
		Boys	4:30 p.m.	
Friday, September 16	St. Ann	Girls	3:30 p.m.	St. Ann
		Boys	4:30 p.m.	
Tuesday, September 20	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Girls	3:30 p.m.	St. Joseph
		Boys	4:30 p.m.	
Thursday, September 22	Holy Family	Girls	3:30 p.m.	St. Joseph
		Boys	4:30 p.m.	
Tuesday, September 27	Our Lady of Good Counsel	Girls Blue	3:30 p.m.	St. Joseph
	St. Michael	Girls White	4:30 p.m.	
Thursday, September 29	St. Anthony Kailua	Girls	3:30 p.m.	St. Joseph
		Boys	4:30 p.m.	
Wednesday, October 5	St. Elizabeth	Girls	3:30 p.m.	St. Elizabeth
		Boys	4:30 p.m.	

Tournament Dates:

Girls October 8-October 15

Boys October 15-October 22