

# Preparing for Sunday's Mass

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 2, 2011**

**First Reading Is 5:1-7 Second Reading Phil 4:6-9 Gospel Mt 21:33-43**

What can a parable about the mis-management of a vineyard tell us about the kingdom of God? Jesus' audience could easily identify with the story about an absentee landlord and his not-so-good tenants. The hills of Galilee were lined with numerous vineyards, and it was quite common for the owners to let out their estates to tenants. Many did it because they could make a lot of money easily by collecting high rent from their tenants. Their wealthy status allowed them to travel and own houses in other places. Jesus' story, however, was unsettling to some of his audience. Why did the scribes and Pharisees in particular feel offended? Jesus' parable contained both a prophetic message and a warning to the religious community and its leaders. Isaiah had spoken of the house of Israel as "the vineyard of the Lord" (Isaiah 5:7). Isaiah warned his people that their unfaithfulness would yield bad fruit if they did not repent and change. Jesus' listeners would likely understand this parable as a healthy reminder that God will in due time root out bad fruit and put an end to rebellion.

What does Jesus' parable tell us about God and the way he deals with his people? First, it tells us of God's generosity and trust. The vineyard is well equipped with everything the tenants need. The owner went away and left the vineyard in the hands of the tenants. God, likewise trusts us enough to give us freedom to run life as we choose. This parable also tells us of God's patience and justice. Not once, but many times he forgives the tenants their debts. But while the tenants take advantage of the owner's patience, his judgment and justice prevail in the end.

Jesus foretold both his death and his ultimate triumph. He knew he would be rejected by his own people and be killed, but he also knew that would not be the end. After rejection would come glory – the glory of resurrection and ascension to the right hand of the Father. The Lord continues to bless his people today with the gift of his kingdom. And he promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him and remain faithful to him (see John 15:1-11). He entrusts each of us with his gifts and grace and he gives each of us a particular work to do in his vineyard – the body of Christ. He promises that our labor, especially what we do for him, will not be in vain if we persevere with faith to the end (see 1 Corinthians 15:58). We can expect trials and difficulties as we labor for the Lord, and even persecution from those who oppose God's kingdom. But in the end we will see triumph. Do you labor for the Lord with joyful hope and with confidence in his victory?

"Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have given us; for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us. O most merciful redeemer, friend, and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, for your own sake." (prayer of St. Richard of Chichester, 13th century)



# SJS PARENT BULLETIN

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

**Monday, October 10th**  
**NO SCHOOL**

**Tuesday, October 11th (C)**  
**KA, 1A, 1B, 4A, 4B**

**Wednesday October 12th (D)**  
**6A, 6B**

**Thursday, October 13th (E)**  
**KB, 3A, 3B, 5A, 5B**

**Friday, October 14th (F)**  
**7A, 7B, 8A, 8B**

## Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, October 10th

NO SCHOOL  
FALL BREAK

Tuesday, October 11th

*Second Quarter Begins*

*Feast Day of St. Damien*  
*Join our parish celebration*

*6:00 p.m. Praise and Worship*  
*Followed by a Healing Mass at 6:30 p.m.*



Wednesday, October 12th

*Morning Prayer Service led by 3A*



Friday, October 14th

*Makeup Day for Picture Taking*



Monday, October 17th

*Morning Prayer Service led by 3B*



Tuesday, October 18th to Wednesday, October 26th

*Terra Nova Standardized Testing for students in grades 2-8*



### PTG Board Officers

President	Mrs. Fagin
1st VP	Mrs. Boquer Wintjen
2nd VP	Ms. Cambra
Secretary	Mrs. Lorenzo
Treasurer	Mrs. Toro
Sergeant of Arms	Mrs. Strimpfel

### Parent Teacher Guild News

Thank you to all the families who completed the blue volunteer form to be on the PTG Ways and Means, Faith Formation, and/or Events Committee. The Board Members will be contacting those who signed up to help with the Spaghetti Bingo night on Saturday, October 22nd. For more information and/or questions, email to [ptg@stjosephwaipahu.org](mailto:ptg@stjosephwaipahu.org). One of the Board Members will be responding to you. Stay tuned for more exciting upcoming info!



give aloha

Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program



MAURICE J. "SULLY" SULLIVAN

SULLY SPENT HIS LIFE  
GIVING TO THE COMMUNITY.  
HIS LEGACY CONTINUES

*Throughout his lifetime, Foodland founder Maurice J. "Sully" Sullivan gave generously to many causes and encouraged the spirit of giving in others. It is in his honor that we present Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program.*

# 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.

*A Special Mahalo to all the families who have already completed your Give Aloha Fundraising Donation. We have over \$30,705.00 that has already been donated. Please continue to encourage your family and friends to designate St. Joseph School for their donation. Friday, September 30th is the last day to make your donation.*

# Our Special Intentions

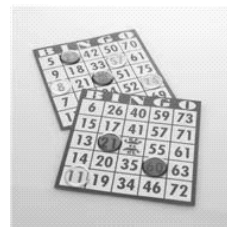


*We pray for...*

- Our LaSalette community.
- Mr. Julian Esdicul, husband of Diane, former Vice Principal.
- Aunty Nicole by Chaz (5A) and Cody (graduate).
- Mona Walker, grandmother of Chaz (5A) and Cody (graduate), who passed away.
- 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.
- Leonard Medeiros, brother of Mrs. Deponte, grand uncle of Trey (8A).
- Rodrigo Salacup, grandfather of Azaleigh Salacup (PreK).
- Sherna Reonal (6A).
- Special intention for Felipe Alcain, father of 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.
- Reverend Clarence Guerreiro, ss.cc., Pastor of St. Patrick Church.
- Jason Davis and Family.
- Bryce Davis and Family.
- Friend of Mrs. Kia.
- Loretta Apostadiro, great grandmother of Courtney Everett (6B).
- Hitoye China.
- Mrs. Deidra Pinho, mother of Mr. Mark Pinho (6B Teacher.)
- Samuel Hallyburton (5A).

## Join our parish community on Saturday, October 22nd

Our school will be sponsoring the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Following the mass will be an alumni sponsored spaghetti dinner and bingo. Children under 10 years old are free. Come Enjoy an evening of fellowship!



## Some Final Thoughts.....

Thank you for attending the parent teacher conferences. This was an important opportunity to discuss and review your child's progress at this point of the school year with your child's teacher. Celebrate your child's accomplishments and discuss ways to improve in the 2nd quarter. In closing, have a safe and enjoyable vacation. May God Bless you always!

Ms. Sandobal

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Site</b>
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 8-15

Boys October 15- 22

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Site</b>
Wednesday, October 5	St. Elizabeth	Girls	3:30 p.m.	St. Elizabeth
		Boys	4:30 p.m.	

\*Please note change in start times because of Parent-Teacher Conferences

Tournament Dates: Girls October 8-15

Boys October 15-22