

Preparing for Sunday's Mass

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2011

First Reading: Reading 1 Sir 27:30-28:7 **Second** Reading: Rom 14:7-9

Gospel: Mt 18:21-35

Reflection: How does mercy and justice go together? The prophet Amos speaks of God forgiving transgression three times, but warns that God may not revoke punishment for the fourth (see Amos 1:3-13; 2:1-6). When Peter posed the question of forgiveness, he characteristically offered an answer he thought Jesus would be pleased with. Why not forgive seven times! How unthinkable for Jesus to counter with the proposition that one must forgive seventy times that. Jesus made it clear that there is no reckonable limit to forgiveness. And he drove the lesson home with a parable about two very different kinds of debts. The first man owed an enormous sum of money -- millions in our currency. In Jesus' time this amount was greater than the total revenue of a province -- more than it would cost to ransom a king! The man who was forgiven such an incredible debt could not, however bring himself to forgive his neighbor a very small debt which was about one-hundred-thousandth of his own debt. The contrast could not have been greater! No offence our neighbor can do to us can compare with our debt to God! We have been forgiven a debt which is beyond all paying; to ransom our debt of sin God gave up his only begotten Son. If God has forgiven each of us our debt, which was very great, we, too must forgive others the debt they owe us.

Jesus teaches that one must forgive in order to be forgiven. If we do not forgive one another, how can we expect God to forgive us! James says that *judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy* (James 2:13). Mercy is truly a gift and it is offered in such a way that justice is not negated. Mercy "seasons" justice as "salt" seasons meat and gives it flavor. Mercy follows justice and perfects it. To pardon the unrepentant is not mercy but license. C.S. Lewis, a 20th century Christian author wrote: "Mercy will flower only when it grows in the crannies of the rock of Justice: transplanted to the marshlands of mere Humanitarianism, it becomes a man-eating weed, all the more dangerous because it is still called by the same name as the mountain variety." If we want mercy shown to us we must be ready to forgive others as God has forgiven us. Do you allow any grudge or resentment to keep you from treating others with love and forbearance?

"Lord, you have been kind and forgiving towards me. May I be merciful as you are merciful. Free me from all bitterness and resentment that I may truly forgive from the heart all who have caused me injury or grief."



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PHYSICAL EDUCATION and Drama
P.E. Uniform Required.

Monday,
September 12th (B)
7A, 7B, 8A, 8B

Tuesday,
September 13th (C)
KA, 1A, 1B, 4A, 4B

Wednesday
September 14th
NO ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Thursday,
September 15th (D)
KB, 3A, 3B, 6A, 6B

Friday,
September 16th (E)
3A, 3B, 5A, 5B

Important Upcoming Dates

Sunday,
September 11th

Happy Grandparents' Day



10th Anniversary of
September 11, 2001



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
All students are required to wear their formal uniform.

Thursday,
September 15th

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



Sunday,
September 18th

Catechetical Sunday

Please join our faculty/ staff, PTG and School Board at the 10:00 a.m.

Mass at St. Joseph. There will be special commissioning service during the Mass.

Join our La Salette Missionary Priests celebrate in honoring our Lady of La Salette. **The Feast Day Celebration: is on Sunday,**

September 18, at the 2:30 pm Tagalog Mass (Taglish). Refreshments will follow the Mass. We thank Father Greg, Father Nap, and Father Fred for their dedicated service at St. Joseph.

Let us Remember 9/11 and Pray...



In response to a U.S. Senate resolution calling on our nation to commemorate this anniversary by ceasing all work or other activity, churches, firehouses and other institutions will ring bells and sound sirens at 1:00 pm Eastern daylight time (7:00 am for Hawaii) on September 11, 2011. Every person across the country is being asked to observe a Moment of Remembrance at that time. Let us join together to pray for healing, peace and reconciliation for our country and world.

Collecting Canned Goods

As part of our school's mission, we collect canned goods and non perishable products to replenish the parish food pantry for needy families. We are asking that each student bring at least one item that will be collected until Wednesday, September 14. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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.

How can you help your child earn a FREE DRESS DAY ?

Every family who turns in \$249 or more of their Foodland receipts or \$250 or more of donated monies *by Friday, September 16th* will earn a FREE DRESS DAY on *Friday, September 23rd.*

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.

Welcome to St. Joseph...

We wish to welcome Sister Judith Abique, SPC, who will be our Religion Coordinator ,and Sister Fidelia Villa, SPC, who will be our Music Teacher. Both Sister Judith and Sister Fidelia have been busily preparing for their classes and working with our faculty, staff, and students for the upcoming liturgical celebrations. They are from the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Paul De Chartres. We are very happy and blessed to have both these Sisters share their gifts and talents with our school and parish community.

Our Special Mahalo to All the Families who.....

- *donated gently used uniforms that were sold at our first PTG meeting.*
- *have continually donated canned goods for our Parish Outreach Office.*
- *turned in both their conference form and 2011-2012 Fundraiser form by Wednesday, September 7th. We also congratulate our **Pre Kindergarten class** who was the only class with 100% of their forms returned. Besides having a modified free dress day, our Pre K class earned a free dress for Tuesday, September 13th.*
- *are supporting their children in working on completing their community service hours for this first quarter. It is especially wonderful to hear the many ways families are working together to share God's love and caring to others.*

In closing, 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
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 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.	

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