

St.Joseph Parish School Parent Newslettetter May 19,2025

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PASTOR'S REFLECTION FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 14:21-27 | Revelation 21:1-5a | John 13:31-33a, 34-35



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Peace be with you! What is love? Love is often seen as a sentimental feeling, a fleeting emotion that sometimes fails to endure.

However, the Scriptures in the 5th Sunday of Easter present love as a powerful force, a call to action, and a commitment that reflects our relationship with God and each other.

In the first reading from Acts of the Apostles (14:21-27), we witness the profound impact of love in action. The apostle Paul and Barnabas returned to the communities they had established, sharing not only the gospel of Jesus Christ but also the experiences of trials they faced.

Love is not simply about comfort; it is also about perseverance. They encourage the believers to remain steadfast in their faith, demonstrating that love includes the commitment to support one another through challenges and to remain rooted in the teachings of Christ.

Love, in this context, is about building communities of faith that uplift and empower one another, even amid adversity.

The reading from Book of Revelation (21:1-5a) brings us to a vision of divine love's fulfillment. Here, the promise is made that God will dwell among us, wiping away every tear and making all things new.

This imagery speaks to the ultimate expression of love – God's desire to be in relationship with us. Love is creation restored, harmony restored. It is not merely about the absence of pain but an active and transformative presence that seeks to heal, renew, and bring joy.

In this passage, we see that love is the promise of hope and the assurance that God's eternal presence will bring us into a reality beyond our current understanding.

Finally, in the Gospel of John (13:31-33a, 34-35), Jesus redefines love not just as an emotion but as a commandment – a radical call to action. He instructs His disciples to love one another as He has loved them.

This love expresses itself in service, humility, and sacrifice. It is the type of love that seeks the good of others, prioritizes relationships, and embodies the essence of the Kingdom of God.

Jesus shows us that love must be tangible; it should be evident to all, a living testimony to our faith. The mark of a true disciple is not doctrinal correctness but the intensity and authenticity of love shared within the community.

So, what is love? It is the active, purposeful commitment to seek the well-being of others, grounded in the grace of God. It is love that perseveres through trials, is foundational to our hope, and is evidenced in our actions towards one another.

As we reflect on these readings this weekend, let us ask ourselves: How do we embody this divine love in our lives? How do we share it in our families, communities, and the wider world? May we strive, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to be vessels of love in all that we do.

In this Easter season, let us allow God's love to transform our hearts so that we, in turn, might transform the world around us. Amen.



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IN CHRIST'S LOVE,

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Special Dates & Events

Wednesday May 21st

School Mass at 8:15 am

Grade Sponsor: Grade 4 Formal uniform required.

Thursday, May 22nd

Pre Kindergarten Graduation at 8:30 am in Church

Friday, May 23rd

EARLY DISMISSAL AT 11:00 AM-NO AFTERSCHOOL SERVICES

Grade 8 Graduation Mass and Award Ceremony at 1:00 pm in Church

Saturday, May 24th

"One 'Ohana for the Environment"

Bring your cans and bottles for recycling from 10am to 12 pm

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

THEME: LOVE AND STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

Dear Faithful Stewards of Saint Joseph's,

Peace! In our journey of faith, we often reflect on the teachings of Christ and how they shape our lives. One of the most profound teachings comes from the gospel of John 13:31-35, where Jesus emphasizes the commandment to love. In this passage, He speaks to His disciples about the importance of love in the context of community and stewardship.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35) The Foundation of Stewardship: LOVE

At the heart of stewardship is love. When we think of stewardship, we often associate it with the management of our resources-time, talents, and treasures. However, the foundation of all stewardship must be rooted in love. Jesus calls us to love one another as He loves us. This love is selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional.

When we adopt a lifestyle of stewardship, we are essentially responding to this divine commandment. Our actions-whether in our homes, our churches, or our communities—should be a reflection of Christ's love. How we choose to use our resources should demonstrate care for others and an investment in their well-being.

Loving Through Stewardship

Stewardship goes beyond merely managing what we have; it's also about how we love others through our stewardship. Consider:

Sharing Resources:

Just as Christ shared everything with us, we are called to share our blessings with those in need. This can involve financial support, volunteering our time, or offering our talents to uplift those around US.

2. Community Building:

Stewardship in love means actively engaging in our communities. It invites us to invest in relationships, foster connections, and cultivate a spirit of unity. When we love one another, we strengthen the fabric of our community.

3. Caring for Création: Our stewardship extends to caring for the environment. Treating creation with respect and responsibility is another way to demonstrate love—both for God, the Creator, and for our fellow human beings who depend on it. Love as a Witness

Jesus tells us that our love for one another will be the distinguishing mark of His disciples. In a world where division and hostility can often reign, let us remember that our greatest witness is our capacity to love. When we embrace stewardship as a way of life, we invite others to see the transformative power of Christ's love at work within US.

A Call to Action

As we reflect on this teaching from John 13, let us commit ourselves to embody love in all areas of our stewardship. Take time to consider how you can demonstrate love through your resources this week. Ask yourself:

Who can I partner with to make a positive impact in our community?

- Where can I give my time or talents to serve others?

- How can I foster a spirit of love and unity in my relationships? Let us strive to be known by our love, creating a ripple effect of grace and kindness that points others to Christ.

In Christ's Service, Fr. Eric Castro, MS

st. Joseph Stewardship Repc COLLECTIONS FROM MAY 5 - MAY 11, 2025

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Sunday Envelopes Donation	11,444.55
Sunday Loose Donation	7,464.35
2nd Collection: Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund	5,548.98
Adoration Chapel	22.00
Baptisms	100.00
Blessings	385.00
Box Offering	95.00
Candles	1,168.82
Church Donation	1,158.03
Confirmation Mass	2,924.00
CRS: Rice Bowls	10.53
Development & Building Fund	492.00
EADM	60.00
Funerals	1 <i>5</i> 0.00
Healing Mass	731.00
Mass Intentions	2,512.00
Mother's Day Envelope	1,693.00
Ohana In Christ	10.00
OLPH Wednesday Mass	451.00
Outreach	20.00
Pew Project Donation	5.00
Repair & Maintenance Fund	20.00
Servant of God Joseph Dutton Fund	4.00
St. Joseph School	28.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$36,497.26



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IMPORTANT UP	COMING DATES
Wednesday, May 21st	 School Mass at 8:15 am Grade Sponsor: Grade 4 Formal uniform required Grades close for grades K-7 Pre Kindergarten Graduation at 8:30 am in church Early dismissal for the Pre Kindergarten Class will follow the graduation prayer service and award ceremony.
Friday, May 23rd	 EARLY DISMISSAL AT 11:00 AM NO AFTERSCHOOL SERVICES Grade 8 Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony at 1:00 pm in church No balloons or inflatables will be allowed in church. "One 'Ohana for the Environment" Bring cans and bottles for recycling from 10 am to 12 pm
Monday, May 26th	NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 28th	 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL End of the School Year Mass at 8:15 am Formal uniform required 4th Quarter and End of the Year Awards Ceremony will follow the Mass Early Dismissal following the Awards Ceremony NO AFTERSCHOOL CARE SERVICES

WHY CHOOSE OUR SCHOOL?

- PROVIDES QUALITY CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN A SAFE, CARING, FAMILY ENVIRONMENT
- INTEGRATES FAITH, CULTURE, AND LIFE SKILLS THROUGH SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING
- ACCREDITED BY WCEA AND WASC

Now Accepting Applications!

- TECHNOLOGY DEVICES ARE PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS
- FIRST LEGO LEAGUE ROBOTICS
- BEFORE/AFTER-SCHOOL CARE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE
- ONGOING COLLABORATION WITH ST. JOSEPH CHURCH INCLUDING SCHOOL-LED MASSES, COMMUNITY EVENTS, AND FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

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Father Eric Castro, M.S., Pastor

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP SY2025 - 2026



St. Joseph Parish School Tuition Assistance Application

ONE APPLICATION PER FAMILY

TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION YOU WILL NEED TO INCLUDE:

- Complete 2023 Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ
- Written statement about current financial situation and how this scholarship will help your family
- Acceptance/denial letter from Augustine Educational Foundation
- Completed application and supporting documents may be emailed to: <u>financialaid@stjosephwaipahu.org</u>

Parents(s) of student(s) who apply for the SJPS Scholarship must submit a completed application and supporting documents to the school office by May 23, 2025.

Name of Student	Grade in SY2025-2026	Applying for scholarship funds (check if yes)

PURPOSE:

To provide financial assistance to students in need in order to receive a quality Catholic education

SCHOLARSHIP FUND AWARD:

Amount of award will be based on the strength of its donors

RECIPIENTS:

Any student enrolled at St. Joseph Parish School, must be in good academic standing, demonstrate financial need.

LENGTH OF SCHOLARSHIP:

One school year- applicants must apply each year, award amounts may differ year to year

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Recommendations will be presented to Ms. Beverly Sandobal, Principal, and Pastor from St. Joseph Church for final approval.

LAST NAME

A	PARENT, GUARDIAN o	OF OTHER ADULT (RESPONSI	BLE FOR	TUITION)		B PARENT, GUARD	IAN or O	THER A	DULT (RESPONSIBLE FOR	TUITION)
Circle one: Father Mother Stepfather Stepmother Legal Guardian			Circle one: Father Mother Stepfather Stepmother Legal Guardian								
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C DEPENDENTS (DO NOT LEAVE BLANK) Please list all dependent children in order of oldest to youngest, including college students. Indicate each dependent's relationship to Parent/Guardian A: Child, foster child, grandchild etc.											
	Dependent Last Name	Dependent First Name	Age	Relationship To Parent/ Guardian A		e of school student plans nter in the Fall of 2025 CITY / STATE	Grade Applying In the for aid Fall of elsewhere? 2025 (check one)		Amount we can pay towards tuition	Tuition charged Yearly Per Student	
1								Yes			
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HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION 1. Number of individuals who will reside in my/our household during the 2024-2025 school year: Parents/Guardians Children Other * If other, please explain relationship to Parent			2. Current marital status/housing arrangement of Parent/Guardian A: a. □ Single, Never Married* d. □ Divorced* g. □ Residing w/Significant Other b. □ Married e □ Remarried* h. □ Other: c. □ Widowed f. □ Separated*								
Ε	DIVORCED SEPARATE	D OR SINGLE PARENTS (TO) BE CO	MPLETED BY PAI	RENT OR	GUARDIAN LISTED IN SECTI	ON A)				
 Date of separation (Month/Year)			 Who claimed student as a tax dependent in 2023? Who is responsible for the tuition for the dependent(s) listed in Section C? Father% Name 								
Last Name First Name MI 6. Do you receive or pay child support? Receive \$ per year				Dther % Name							

F MONTHLY EXPENSES						
List approximate <u>monthly totals</u> for each category:						
- Consumer credit (credit cards, loans, etc.)	\$					
- Automobile payments	\$					
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- Rent / Mortgages (include 1^{st} , 2^{nd} , HELOC)	\$					
- Utilities (electric, gas, water, sewer, etc.)	\$					
- Other outstanding bills (medical, insurance, etc.)	\$					
- Educational expenses	\$					
List any other financial payments you would like the committee to take into consideration:						
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By signing this application, I/we certify that all information that is provided is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge. If there are any important changes you will notify us in writing immediately. Applications will need to be submitted on a yearly basis. Awards and amounts are not guaranteed and may differ depending on the strength of the scholarship fund and its donors. All information contained on this application, supporting documents, and award decisions will be held in strict confidence.

Parent A:

Signature		Printed Name	Date
Parent B:			
Signature		Printed Name	Date
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



ADULTS, DO YOU NEED HELP GETTING YOUR SACRAMENTS? STILL NEED BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND/OR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION? WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU! **ADULT FAITH** FORMATION "BASIC CLASSES" ARE AS FOLLOWS: MAY 24 & MAY 31 REGISTER TODAY TO START YOUR **JOURNEY! QUESTIONS?** CONTACT DCN. KEITH GALANG AT THE CHURCH OFFICE (808) 677-4276.

THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS FOR LAY-ECCLESIAL **MINISTERS** (TF-LEM) THURS, MAY 22 THURS, MAY 29 **THURS, JUNE 5** 6:30PM-8:30PM MUSIC ROO

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) MON, MAY 26 6:30PM-8PM

LECTORS **COMMENTATORS (LC) MON, JUNE 2** 6:30PM-8PM

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION. **MAHALO!**

SJ OUTREACH SPAM FOOD PANTRY

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NEXT FOOD DISTRIBUTION: June 10 (3:00pm-4:30pm) WE NEED THE FOLLOWING: EVERY 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH OF WALK-IN EMERGENCY FOOD. PROPER ID REQUIRED. FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED *DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE* Mahalo! **CANNED FRUITS**

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- **VIENNA SAUSAGE**
- **CANNED TUNA**
- RICE CANNED VEGETABLES CANNED SOUPS
- CEREAL RICE

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- **PASTA SAUCES**

Outreach Coordinators: AL & GERI SIMBAHON | Ph: 808-676-3493 / 808-429-2755

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"FLOWERS OF MAY" MAY IS THE Month of Mary

- All are invited to dress in their cultural attire!
- Bring fresh flowers and/or lei to offer to our Blessed Mother!

Contact the Church Office for more information: (808) 677-4276

St. Joseph Church Waipahu

Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

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PILGRING Saturday, June 14, 2025 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM St. Elizabeth Church

> 99-312 Moanalua Rd Aiea, HI 96701



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St. Joseph Church

BETTER TOGETHER HAWAII BLOOD DRIVE SATURDAY AUGUST 9, 2025 7:00am to 1:00pm



ROOM A101

94-675 Farrington Highway Waipahu, HI 96797 808-848-4770 Sponsor ID#1392



To schedule an appointment, talk to your Lifesaver Club coordinator, visit bbh.org or call (808) 848-4770.



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Spring Into Healthy Habits!

Create a Balanced Plate

Involve the family to make a colorful, balanced plate at every meal. Incorporate fruits and vegetables which are packed with vitamins to support immune health and energy.

Family Fitness Fun

Go for a hike, play catch at the beach – make physical activity a fun family event! It not only strengthens the body, but also builds teamwork and emotional connection.

Hydration is Key

Add slices of oranges or limes to your water for a tasty twist. Staying hydrated supports concentration, energy, and overall well-being.

Encourage Restful Sleep

Set a consistent bedtime routine to ensure your child gets enough sleep. Kids need 9-11 hours of sleep each night for healthy growth and brain development. Make the bedroom a relaxing space—dim the lights, limit screen time before bed, and consider a calming bedtime story.

Embrace Outdoor Play

Hawaii's beautiful weather is a perfect invitation to get outdoors! Encourage your child to spend at least 30 minutes each day outdoors —whether it's riding a bike, going for a walk, or playing in the park. Nature and fresh air can help boost mood, enhance physical health, and improve focus for schoolwork.

Promote Acts of Kindness

Teach your child about the power of kindness, both to others and when they speak to themselves. Whether it's helping a friend at school or saying something nice to themselves in the mirror, kindness fosters positive mental health. When children feel good about themselves, they are more likely to spread joy to others.

LOVE & STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE. WEEK IN REVIEW.



CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION | MAY 10 We give thanks to God for our newly confirmed students from both St. Joseph Parish School and from the Youth and Young Adult Formation. Many of them also received their First Holy Communion. Bishop Larry presided at both liturgies, tying in the Feast of St. Damien.



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Our Special Intentions

We Pray For....

- Our La Salette Community.
- All family members of Father Eric Castro, MS.
- Juanita Castro, mother of Father Eric Castro, MS.
- Family Members of Stister Judith Abique, SPC.
- Repose of the soul fo Sister Judtith Abique, SPC and her brother Willy Abique.
- All first liners, priests, religious, health workers, essential workers, families, and everyone around the world.
- Mr. Pio Guerrero.
- Mrs. Irene Sandry, grandmother of Tania Ma'afala (SJPS alumni.
- Mr. Seji Tokuda, father of Ms. Grace (Cafeteria Manager) and Tricia Alquisa (Cafeteria Assistant).
- Ms. Sandobal.
- Miles and Avelino Arbues.
- Dr. Rick Yamashiro & Family (Counselor & Dean of Students).
- Genny Inase, cousin of Ms. Sandobal.
- Repose of the soul of Regina Salisbury.
- Bryce, Jason, and their families.
- Repose of the soul of Peter Akuna.
- Everette Davis, grandson of Ms. Davis (former Jr. High teacher).
- Mrs. Susan Ganibe, mother of Mrs. Calzada (Music teacher).
- Mrs. Grace Montemayor (mother of Alfredo, alumni).
- Mrs. Ashley Rupert (former teacher).
- Mrs. Michelle Izon (former teacher).
- Brenda Strimpfel, alumni of SJPS.
- Mr. Wendell Bacnis, former teacher.
- Special intention for Krista Chang.
- Jonathan Bueno, father of Mrs. Carlson (Gr. 1 teacher).
- Sharon Rose Gasmen, mother of Alexander (alumni).
- Samantha Calumpit (alumni).
- William D. Brandt, father of Mrs. Cashman and her husband Jason Cashman (Office Manager, Admissions Director).
- Arne Kawamata and family (Facilities Director).
- Cora Tubana (former Parish Business Manager).
- John C. Basso, grandfather of Journey Ramento and her

brother Alika Magnani.

- Laverne Suster (former teacher).
- Mr. Dave Sebastian (Grade 4-5 Social Studies Teacjer).
- Helen Andres, parish staff.
- Mrs. Christal Rosales and her family (Pre K teacher).
- Jenny Basitas Resando, sister of Sister Emilie Basitas, OP (Grade 2 teacher).
- Mr. Tosatto, father of Ms. Tosatto (Art teacher).
- Mrs. Leonida Policarpio, mother of Arnold Policarpio (Parish Pastoral Council President)
- Papa Tony, Antonio Cabanilla, grandfather of Julia Valenzuela (Grade 4A).
- Mrs. Kaylin Ala, Kayani Grace, and her family.
- Mr. Mark Carlson, husband of Mrs. Carlson (1A Teacher)
- Sister Mary Mark Berdin, OP.
- Mr. Tosatto, father of Ms. Tosatto (Art Teacher.)
- Mr. Jesse Gregorio, father of (alumni Jesse, Landon, Gr. 8 and Jensen 5A).
- Gary Patacsi Quiming, (SJPS alumni).
- Healing for Deacon Raffy Mendoza, SJPS Financial Advisor
- Healing for Sister Teresa Ebanen, OP.
- Special intention for Miguel Ruiz Machado, brother Of Mrs. Machado (1B Teacher).
- Special intention for Mrs. Kastl, mother of Bentley (KA).
- Special intention and healing for Bianca-Lyn Ramento, mother of Journey (3B).
- Repose of the soul of Theresa Tamayo,(former SJPS staff member) mother of Baron and Tyler Alumni of SJPS.
- Repose of the soul of James Kimo Regohos, alumni of SJPS.
- Repose of the soul of Constantino Gopez, Deputy Grand Knight .
- All the people affected by the typhoon and flooding in the Philippines.
- All the people suffering due to inclement weather.
- All the people affected by the wild fire in California.
- Healing for Anthony Shellnut and Marylin Shellnut.