

St. Joseph Parish School Parent Newslettetter May 4, 2025

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PASTOR'S REFLECTION 3RD Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Peace be with you!

"Every call to conversion is a call to follow Christ more closely." - Unknown

As we gather on this 3rd Sunday of Easter, we are reminded of the importance of conversion in our spiritual lives. The readings today invite us to reflect deeply on our commitment to Christ and our call to witness His love and resurrection.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see the apostles courageously proclaiming the message of Jesus, even in the face of persecution. Peter and the other apostles respond to the religious authorities not with retreat but with boldness, declaring, "We must obey God rather than men."

This statement isn't just a defiance of earthly powers; it's a profound commitment to the divine mission bestowed upon them. Each of us is called to examine where our loyalties lie and to whom we give our ultimate obedience.

The passage from Revelation opens our hearts to the heavenly vision of worship and the multitude praising the Lamb. It paints a picture of a universe devoted to Christ, emphasizing that our journey of conversion is not just a solitary endeavor but one that connects us to the broader body of believers across time and space.

This heavenly chorus encourages us to join in the song of praise, recognizing the eternal worth of Christ's sacrifice and the joy of our salvation.

In the Gospel of John, the familiar story of the post-resurrection appearance on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias serves as a personal and intimate moment where Jesus invites His disciples to rediscover their purpose. After a long night of fishing that yielded nothing, the disciples heed Jesus' command to cast their nets once more, leading to an overwhelming catch.

It is in this moment of obedience that their eyes are opened—recognizing the Risen Christ restoring their hopes and renewing their mission.

As Jesus engages Peter, asking, "Do you love me?" three times, we are reminded that true love for Christ involves action. It requires a response—a commitment to feed His lambs and care for His flock.

This call to conversion is not just about personal piety; it compels us to engage actively in the world, reflecting the love of Christ in our actions and words.

Let us take this Sunday as an opportunity for personal and communal reflection. Where is God inviting us to conversion? How is the Risen Lord calling us to deeper discipleship in our daily lives?

May we find the courage to respond with fidelity, to step out in faith, and to live out our calling as witnesses to the resurrected Christ. In our willingness to follow Him more closely, we too become instruments of His love and peace in a world longing for hope.

As we partake in the Eucharist, let us renew our commitment to serve and witness, empowered by the grace that flows from this incredible gift given to us through Christ. Amen.

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Have a Holy Easter Season to all of you.

In Christ's peace,

Fr. Eric Castro, MS Pastor School and Parish Staff

Fr. Geronimo (Eric) Castro, MS
Pastor

Ms. Beverly Sandobal, Principal bsandobal@stjosephwaipahu.org

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Special Dates & Events

Monday-Thursday May 5th-8th

Teacher Appreciation Week

We are blessed!



Wednesday, May 7th

School Mass at 8:15 am

Sponsor 5B; Formal Uniform required

Honoring our Faculty/Staff

Thursday, May 8th

Bubble Fun Day

is the reward for raising over \$60,000 for our Fun Run. Students will wear P.E. clothes and bring a towel and extra clothes and wear slippers.

Friday, May 9th

NO SCHOOL

Faculty/Staff Accreditation Mtg.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



THEME: Renewed Purpose Through Stewardship (John 21:1-19)

Dear Faithful Stewards of the Gospel,

In John 21:1-19, we witness a profound interaction between the Risen Christ and His disciples. This encounter occurs after His resurrection, emphasizing not just the miraculous event of Easter, but also the call to stewardship—a stewardship that reflects our renewed purpose as followers of Christ.

Like the disciples who had returned to their old ways, we too can find ourselves wandering from our calling, needing a fresh encounter with Jesus to restore our focus and commitment.

Three Key Points of Stewardship from John 21:1-19

1. Recognizing the Source of Our Provision (Verses 4-6)

When the disciples went fishing, they toiled all night without success. It wasn't until they listened to Jesus's directive to cast their nets on the other side that they caught an abundance of fish.

This shows us how recognizing Christ as the source of our provision is foundational to effective stewardship. In our lives, we often rely on our own strength and understanding, but true fruitfulness comes when we submit to Christ's guidance.

Challenge:

Are we listening to Christ in our decisions and endeavors? Take time this week to reflect on areas where you may be leaning on your own understanding rather than seeking Christ's direction. Commit to praying about those areas and being responsive to His leading.

2. Responding to Christ's Call (Verses 15-17)

After breakfast, Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves Him, to which Peter affirms his love each time. Jesus responds by telling him to "feed my sheep."

This interaction shows us the idea that stewardship is not merely about managing resources, but about caring for others. Jesus has entrusted us with relationships, talents, and responsibilities; our love for Him compels us to serve and nurture His flock.

Challenge:

Reflect on how you are using your gifts and resources to serve others in your community and church. Is there someone in need of guidance, mentorship, or care whom you could reach out to this week? How can you "feed" those around you with your time, talents, or treasures?

3. Embracing the Call to Follow (Verse 19)

Jesus concludes by saying, "Follow me." This is the ultimate call to discipleship and stewardship. It calls us to a life that goes beyond mere existence or duty; it invites us into a journey of faith, where our stewardship flows from our relationship with Christ. Following Him means having our hearts aligned with His mission, seeking to build His kingdom on earth.

Challenge:

What does it look like for you to "follow" Jesus in your current season of life? Are there areas where you are hesitant to step out in faith? Consider committing to one new step of discipleship that may involve a change in your current practices or priorities. Ask God how you can actively follow Him in your day-to-day life.

Conclusion:

As we reflect on John 21:1-19, let us embrace the truth that the Risen Christ calls each of us into a deeper sense of stewardship, one that encompasses not only our resources but also our relationships and our entire lives.

Remember that our purpose is renewed in Christ, and by responding to His call to follow Him, we can faithfully serve, care for others, and recognize Him as the source of our provision. Let us step boldly into the stewardship for which we are called, assured in the promise of His presence.

Have A Blessed Easter Season to all!

In Christ's Service,

Fr. Eric Castro, MS



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Monday to Thursday, May 5th-8th	Teacher Appreciation Week
	Create a special Thank You Card for your teachers.
	We will be honoring our teachers and staff during the Mass on Wednesday, May 7th.
Monday to Friday, May 5th-7th	STAR TESTING for students in Grades 2-8. More information forthcoming.
Wednesday, May 7th	School Mass at 8:15 am
	Grade Sponsor: 5B Formal uniform required.
	Bring flowers, leis, cards for Teacher Appreciation Day. They will receive a special blessing at the mass.
Thursday, May 8th	Bubble Fun Day: This is the school reward for raising over \$60,000 for our Fun Run Fundraiser.
	Students are to wear their P.E. uniform or other school shirt and slippers. Bring a towel and extra clothes
Friday, May 9th	NO SCHOOL
	FACULTY AND STAFF WILL BE WORKING
Saturday, May 10th	First Communion and Confirmation for Grade 2 students. More information is forthcoming.

WITH HEARTFELT GRATITUDE

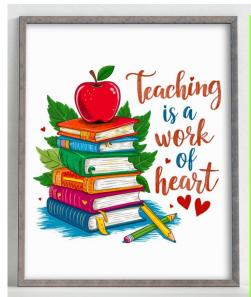
Dear Parents and Families,

On behalf of our entire St. Joseph Parish School 'ohana, mahalo nui loa for your tremendous support and generosity. Your beautiful donations of flowers and greenery transformed our performance area into a space filled with life, joy, and aloha—for both our May Day celebration and our Legacy of Light Luau Fundraiser. These events would not have been possible without the many hands and hearts that came together—faculty, staff, parents, and students—to set up on Thursday afternoon and lovingly take everything down on Saturday. Your time and effort are deeply appreciated.

Our May Day program was a stunning tribute to the rich cultures that make up our school community. It served as a beautiful reminder of how, as pilgrims of hope, we walk together in unity, sharing God's love and mercy with one another.

Saturday's Legacy of Light Luau was also graced with joyful performances from our 1st, 4th, 5th, 8th grade students and faculty and staff, who brought energy and spirit to the celebration. We were blessed to welcome many alumni who shared memories of the past while celebrating the gifts of our present and hope for the future. We are so grateful to each and every one of you for making these events such meaningful, successful, and memorable experiences—all for the glory of God.

With heartfelt gratitude, Ms. Beverly Sandobal



On Wednesday, May 7th, we will honor all our teachers and staff. Father will do a special blessing before the end of the Mass. Following the Mass, we will have our students give their leis, flowers, and cards as their thank you for the dedication and commitment of all faculty and staff. Each of them, share their gifts, sacrifice many hours in a day and week to make sure they are providing Quality Catholic education to every single student. Let us take time to honor them as faithful humble and loving stewards of God in their educational ministry. Most of all keep them in your prayers as we all journey together to be PILGRIMS OF HOPE!

Pre Kindergarten		Mrs. Christal
		Ms. Heidi
KA	•	Mrs. Kaylin
	•	Ms. Kristyn
КВ	•	Mr. Diaz
	•	Mrs. Ofelia
1A	•	Mrs. Carlson
1B	•	Mrs. Machado
2A	•	Mrs. Jolie
	•	Ms. Jhessa
2B	•	Sister Emilie, OP
3A	•	Ms. Manayan
3B	•	Mrs. Fowler
4A	•	Mrs. Eileen
4B	•	Mrs. Lacar
5A	•	Mr. Sebastian
5B	•	Mr. Smith
6A	•	Mrs. Barbero
6B	•	Mr. Cruz

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•	Athletic Director	•	Mr. Kawamata			
•	Facilities Director					
•	Curriculum and Instruction Director	•	Mrs. Yamashiro			
•	Project Based Learning Co Advisor					
•	Counselor	•	Mrs. Velasco			
•	IT Director					
•	Advancement Planning Event Coordinator					
•	Counselor	•	Dr. Yamashiro			
•	Project Based Learning Advisor					
•	Dean of Studnets					

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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: financialaid@stjosephwaipahu.org

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

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.

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L D	HOUSEHOLD INFORMA	ATION										
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:									
DIVORCED SEPARATED OR SINGLE PARENTS (TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN LISTED IN SECTION A)												
3. Date of separation (Month/Year) 4. Date of divorce (Month/Year) 5. Non-custodial parent:			1. Who claimed student as a tax dependent in 2023? 2. 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 ☐ Pay \$ per year ☐ Neither				1 -	Mother9							

F MONTHLY EXPENSES	
List approximate monthly totals for each category:	
- Consumer credit (credit cards, loans, etc.)	\$
- Automobile payments	\$
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- Rent / Mortgages (include $1^{\rm st}$, $2^{\rm nd}$, HELOC)	\$
- Utilities (electric, gas, water, sewer, etc.)	\$
- Other outstanding bills (medical, insurance, etc.)	\$
- Educational expenses	\$
List any other financial payments you would like the commit	tee to take into consideration:

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



THIS TUES, MAY 6 @ 6:30PM (PRAISE & WORSHIP STARTS AT 6PM)

HEALING MASS

Healing Mass is on this Tues, May 6. Praise & Worship starts at 6pm, Healing Mass with 'laying of hands' and 'anointing' to follow at 6:30pm. This month's Healing Mass has been moved up earlier. (Healing Mass is normally on the second Tuesday of the month).

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.

THE ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD OF

BY HIS EXCELLENCY
THE MOST REV. LARRY SILVA
BISHOP OF HONOLULU

WHEN: FRIDAY

MAY 16

TIME: 6PM

WHERE:

CO-**CATHEDRAL**

712 NORTH SCHOOL ST. HONOLULU, HI 96817

MASS OF THANKSGIVING WITH THE NEWLY ORDAINED EV. PRESTO JAY PASCU CASTRO

WHEN: SATURDAY

MAY 17

TIME: 5PM

WHERE: ST. JOSEPH **WAIPAHU**

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WHEN: SUNDAY

TIME: **12PM**

WHERE: ST. JOSEPH WAIPAHU

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE PARISH HALL ON ALL DAYS.

RENEWED PURPOSE. WEEK IN REVIEW.



RECYCLING | APR 26 Our Parish and School held out monthly "One Ohana in the Environment" on Saturday, April 26. We continue to thank everyone who supported our efforts and assisted in the collection of our recyclables.



ST. THERESA KEKAHA SCHOOL CARNIVAL | APR 26/27 Several teachers and staff of St. Joseph Parish and School assisted St. Theresa in Kauai with their fundraiser Carnival for the school. We thank them for their ministry, and we thank the Pastor of St. Theresa, Fr. Edwin Conselva, M.S., for the opportunity to serve.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY | APR 26/27 This past weekend, the Church celebrated the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday. We appreciate the work of our Divine Mercy ministry, which worked hard to spread the message of Jesus' unending mercy for us.

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 Alguisa (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 Lois Wilbur, mother of Mrs. Barbero, (Junior High Math Teacher).
- Repose of the soul of Bruce, dog of Mr. Cruz (Junior High Social Studies teacher).
- 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.