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MASS SCHEDULE

St. Joseph Church

Weekdays:

Mon.-Fri.
6:00 am & 12:15 pm
Saturday: 7:00 am
Legal Holidays: 7:00 am

Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

Sunday:

St. Joseph Church
7:00 am, 9:00 am,
11:45 am & 6:00pm

Youth Mass

Oct. 9 & 23
11:45 am



CONFESSION

Saturday:
10:00 am-11:00 am
St. Joseph Church
or by appointment

*Please note:
confession schedule
does not apply during
some liturgical seasons.

PRAYER TIMES

Adoration:
M-F 4-5:00 pm
Sat 3-3:30 pm
Sun 4-4:30 pm

**Evening Prayer
& Benediction**
M-F 5:00 pm
Sat 3:30 pm
Sun 4:30 pm



LIFE ISSUES FORUM - The Hollow Men and the Culture of Death

From the Respect Life Office

The culture of death so prevalent in today's society reflects the emptiness and disillusionment so vividly expressed in *The Hollow Men* by T.S. Eliot. This famous poem depicts a world of "stuffed men" who do not fully live life, who go through routine motions awaiting "death's twilight kingdom." The lack of hope in today's secular culture is evidenced by broken or non-existent family life and relationships, a breakdown of manners and common courtesy in social interaction, and indulgence in lavish lifestyles, sex, food, and media as ways to escape the emptiness.

As a result of this pleasure-seeking mentality, there is also a systematic effort to suppress and eliminate the weaker, more vulnerable members of society who present inconveniences to others and are seen as burdens. Legislative efforts to loosen or abandon restrictions on assisted suicide, euthanasia, and abortion are a direct result of the mindset that encourages us to eliminate people who are inconvenient or unwanted in our pursuit of pleasure. The result? "Hollow men" trying to keep themselves entertained on the death march.

The poem's vivid imagery likens the world of hollow men to "a valley of dying stars." Today's dying stars are the unique lives which are unappreciated and disregarded by those who see them as useless. Parents are encouraged to terminate "unhealthy" unborn life. If the "unhealthy" are already present in the world, they are given the option to terminate their own lives so they won't be a burden to others.

But eliminating the weak and defenseless will not lead to more happiness and convenience; it will only lead to increased fear and less freedom. When one category of human beings, such as the unborn, the elderly, or the sick are targeted for elimination, what is to prevent other human lives from being considered

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Mission Statement: Centered on the Word of God and the Eucharist we gather as a community of disciples of Jesus Christ as we seek fullness of life. Blessed with many cultures and gifted with the Hawaiian spirit of Aloha we pledge to share our heritage and our faith, and commit ourselves to the full development of our people. With Saint Joseph as our patron we offer our gift of self for the greater glory of God.

Dear brothers and sister,

Peace be with you!

October is Respect Life month. It is also the month of the rosary. The Church invites us to contemplate the Mysteries of the very person of Jesus Christ through this prayer. May we all find time to say the rosary as we remember Mary's Magnificat.

Let us sing Mary's Magnificat in our lives. Let us, like Mary, welcome God's communication of himself as the foundation of our respect for life.

Let us pray,

O Mary, Mother of Life, intercede for us in contemplating the mysteries in which God the Father gives himself to you and to us.

With the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit may we always desire the fullness of life, the life that Jesus promises to those who believe in him. Amen.

Sunday, Oct. 09

Is 25:6-10a
Ps 23:1-6
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Mt 22:1-14

Monday, Oct. 10

Rom 1:1-7
Ps 98:1-4
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday, Oct. 11

Rom 1:16-25
Ps 19:2-5
Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday, Oct. 12

Rom 2:1-11
Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9
Lk 11:42-46

Thursday, Oct. 13

Rom 3:21-30
Ps 130:1-6
Lk 11:47-54

Friday, Oct. 14

Rom 4:1-8
Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11
Lk 12:1-7

Saturday, Oct. 15

Rom 4:13, 16-18
Ps 105:6-9, 42-43
Lk 12:8-12

Sunday, Oct. 16

Is 45:1, 4-6
Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10
1 Thes 1:1-5b
Mt 22:15-21

Society of St. Damien:

The next general meeting of the Society of St. Damien will be held on October 14th at 10:00 am at the Social Ministry Center.

There will be no general meetings held in November or December. We'll be working on projects!



The Secular Franciscan Order of St. Joseph Parish would like to thank everyone who answered the call for our "Dress A Girl Around the World" request. Because of your generosity and love, 125 dresses were sent with Fr. Gregorio de Guzman to the Philippines. Fr. Gregorio will personally distribute the dresses to an orphanage there. Our special thanks to the following people who sewed the dresses:

**Jane Araujo
Delia Brown
Carol Denis
Lisa Javier
Jeanette Laris**

**Sophia Rohr
Madelyn Troelstrup**

Submitted by Mary Freitas



*Eternal rest grant unto them
O Lord
and let perpetual light shine
upon them.
+Emerenciana Dela Cruz
+Alice Martins*



WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, October 10

- 11:30 am •Food Pantry/Mtg. Room
- 5:15 pm •Bible Study w/Dale Waltjen/Conf. Room
- 5:30 pm •Youth Choir Rehearsal/Church
- 6:00 pm •RCIA Classes/Library

TUESDAY, October 11

- 5:00 pm •Life Teen Core Team Meeting/Conf. Room
- 7:00 pm •Parish Pastoral Advisory Council/Mtg. Room
- 7:00 pm •Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/Church

WEDNESDAY, October 12

- 6:30 pm •Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Library

THURSDAY, October 13

- 6:30 pm •SJ Choir Rehearsal/Church

FRIDAY, October 14

- 10:00 am •Society of St. Damien/Social Ministry Center
- 6:00 pm •Young Adult Ministry/Library

SATURDAY, October 15

- 8:15 am •Church Cleaners #7/Church
- 10:00 am •Bible Study w/MaryAnn Leite/Library
- 10:00 am •Reconciliation/Church
- 5:00 pm •High School Youth Ministry/Library

SUNDAY, October 16

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less valuable or worthy of protection? By what standard is this decided? The elimination and disregard of the weak and defenseless only puts pressure on the "healthy" to work harder to prove that their life has worth so they too, will not be marked for elimination.

Pope Benedict XVI writes in his 2007 encyclical *Spe Salvi* (Saved in Hope): "A society unable to accept its suffering members and incapable of helping to share their suffering and bear it inwardly through 'compassion' is a cruel and inhuman society" (#38). The ability to accept those who suffer, those who are weaker and more vulnerable, makes us more human. Christ himself demonstrated this nobility of heart in his treatment of the sick and rejected members of society.

With Christ, we are no longer hollow and empty; we are instead a people of hope, and therefore a people of life. We must not sit by idly as the "hollow men" systematically create a culture hostile to life at its most vulnerable stages. We must strive every day to counter these efforts by witnessing to the dignity and value of each person.

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Canned Pastas, Pork & Beans,
Rice and Cereal.**

Stewardship Report

Parish Hall Fund	1,059.00
School Fund	420.50
Bldg. Maint. Fund	391.50
Food Pantry	218.00
Mass Collections	7,726.00
Other Collections	1,844.00
Total Deposit	11,659.00
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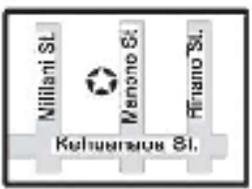
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