

Pastor's Corner:

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear brothers and sisters,

Peace!

The Eucharist is God's love as Abiding Presence in Jesus Christ!

This Sunday's Gospel presents Jesus challenging his disciples' faith by telling them earlier about giving them his Body to eat. Some could not accept this message of Him. One group finds it too hard to believe and that they parted company with Him. The second group headed by Peter meets the challenge by putting their faith in Jesus and accepts Him as indeed the Bread that came down from heaven. He tells Jesus, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words everlasting life."

There are times in our lives when we face challenges and problems that push us to the wall. They can be ordinary occurrences in our home, workplace, in our parish and school community service carrying out our task of stewardship.

At times like these, let us remember that the Eucharist is our strength. It is our food for the journey to face the various challenges and problems we meet everyday. As long as we believe in Jesus and put our trust in Him totally, no problems or challenges will be too heavy and difficult to carry or overcome. Jesus who abides in us will carry them for us. The way to survive in life is to focus on Jesus and not on our problems.

In Christ our Eucharistic King!

Fr. Paterno Labasano, SSS

A Stewardship Moment:

http://catholicstewardship.com/



In today's Gospel, we hear that a number of Jesus' followers left him because his message was too difficult for them to accept. In essence, they did not believe in him. He then asked the Twelve if they wished to leave as well. Peter responds by making a profound profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. The Twelve made a choice and stood by their choice, remaining loyal to their commitment to Jesus. A good question for our reflection might be this: Are we satisfied with the stewardship we exercise over our baptismal commitment? Are we just "along for the ride?" Are we keeping Christ in front of us as we make decisions about our daily activities, our relationships, our parish, issues in the workplace, issues such as peace and justice? What is the quality of our stewardship?

Parish 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 diversity of cultures and gifted with the spirit of Aloha, we pledge to become stewards of our time, talent and treasure by sharing our heritage, 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.

Scripture Readings



Sunday, Aug. 23 Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Ps 34:2-3, 16-21 Eph 5:21-32 Jn 6:60-69

Monday, Aug. 24

Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday, Aug. 25

1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, Aug. 26

1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-12b Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, Aug. 27

1 Thes 3.7-13 Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17 Mt 24:42-51

Friday, Aug. 28

1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1-2b, 5-6, 10-12 Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, Aug. 29

1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-9 Mk 6:17-29

Sunday, Aug. 30

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Ps 15:2-5 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



TIPPING THE SCALE: A Social Justice Teaching

Brought to you by: the Parish Religious Education Ministries in collaboration with the Parish Social Ministries

Give to our brothers and sisters throughout the world as if once more Jesus has come into the world cold, hungry and alone'. -Mother Teresa, 1972



What is JUSTICE?

Justice is essential to who we are as disciples of Jesus. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines it this way: "Justice is the moral and virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and to neighbor" (CCC#1807). Justice is the first and foremost response to God's call in our baptism. It is through this grace we enter into the full responsibility of being good stewards for God's creation and created. "We owe each person what he/she needs to live a full human life because we believe in the intrinsic worth of all people" (Joan Weber, Center for Ministry Development, 2015). Now is the time to wake the sleeping giant of our church and take action in social justice, tipping the scale back into a healthy balance for all humanity.



Heart-

The parish social ministry feeds over two hundred individuals every month through our food pantry and many of the recipients are families with small children. Sometimes there isn't enough food. Many individuals are not homeless but are just below the poverty line where the cost of living is so out of their reach. If every single person in our parish brought only a single item to mass with them each week we would have over a thousand items in our food pantry weekly...Imagine the number of people that we could minister to!

Hands- What can you do? Take Action, Start Today

1. As a family, you can first pray for justice in our world. That is a free and easy act to do. 2. You can collect what you have in surplus in your household food pantry and bring it to the church the next time you come to mass. Canned meats, canned fruits or veggies even boxed grains such as cereal or stuffing helps to feed many through the food pantry.

3. When you go to the market for groceries, add a few items to your list that can be shared with the food pantry.

Our Social Ministry will be hosting a hot meal gathering on Thursday, August 27th (see below for details). If you can donate to their food wish-list or if you're interested in helping on that day to cook or spend time with the people, contact Mario Miguel at 935-1153 to see where he needs assistance.

Be Blessed Beloved and Continue to Pray for Justice.

HOT MEAL WISH LIST-Social Ministry Hot Meal Service

It's that time again, our Social Ministry office is seeking items for the next Hot Meal they will be preparing on THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2015 from 11:30 am-

12:30 pm. For more information, please contact Mario @ 935-1153.

Items needed:

20 lbs. ground beef Hot dogs 10 round onions

Canned corn Cake Juice syrup



We are a welcoming parish. Be a family member, today!

Parish registration forms are located in the rear of the church or at the rectory office. For more information to join one of the ministries above, call 935-1465 and ask for one of the coordinators or email us at stjosephchurch@stjoehilo.com

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, Aug. 24

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11:30 am	•Food Pantry/SJ Social Ministry Center			
5:30 pm	 Young Adults Choir Rehearsal/Church 			
TUESDAY	, Aug. 25			
5:00 pm	•Life Teen Core Team Meeting/Conf. Room			
6:30 pm	 Small Christian Community/Library 			
7:00 pm	•Mother of Perpetual Help Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/Church			
WEDNESL	DAY, Aug. 26			
6:00 pm	•Stewardship Committee/Mtg. Room			
6:30 pm	•Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Church			
THURSDA	<i>Y</i> , <i>Aug.</i> 27			
11:30 am	•SJ Social Ministry "Hot Meal"/Mtg. Room			
6:30 pm	•St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/Church			
FRIDAY, A	1 <i>ug. 28</i>			
4:30 pm	 Teen Council Meeting/Conf. Room 			
SATURDA	Y, Aug. 29			
8:15 am	•Church Cleaners (#7-M. Aizawa)/Church			
10:00 am	•Bible Sharing (Marianne Leite)/Library			
5:00 pm	 High School Youth Ministry/Library 			
7:45 pm	San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal/Church			
SUNDAY, Aug. 30				
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KEEP THE DATE:

Sunday, August 30 10:15 am----

FIRST DAY OF RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES @ SJS High school campus

Saturday, Sept. 12 at 1 pm-

Thanksgiving Holy Mass for **Sr. Lucinda Salboro** as we celebrate her First Religious Profession.



MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT GATHERING

All are welcomed to join us on <u>Friday, August 28, 2015 from 6:30 to</u> <u>8:00 pm</u> at the rectory library. For more information please contact Fred & Patti Basilio at FrdBasilio@aol.com

"FALLING IN LOVE IS EASY. STAYING IN LOVE REQUIRES WORK...BUT ITS TOTALLY WORTH IT!"

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT Aug. 3, 2015			Year to Date Totals		Year to Date Budget	
Offertory Collections	\$8,443.25	\$	46,833.62	\$	46,713.23	
Other Collections	\$1,258.45	\$	17,764.40	\$	24,210.84	
Total Deposit	\$9,701.70	\$	64,598.02	\$	70,924.07	
Parish Hall Fund	\$144.25			\$	844,814.31	

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Emergency numbers

(after hours):

769-7792 or 989-0967

MASS SCHEDULE 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

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



(*a*) 11:45 am



Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

+Infant Caithlyn Martinez

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