

October 8, 2017

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays:

Mon.-Fri.

6:00 am & 12:15 pm

Saturday: 7:00 am

Legal Holidays: 7:00 am

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00 pm

Sunday

7:00 am, 9:00 am,

11:45 am & 6:00 pm

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

ST. JOSEPH



PRAY FOR US!



***Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken
away from you and given to a people that produces the
fruits of the kingdom.***

Matthew 21:43

Lord, we pray for those who have been devastated by recent tragedies. We remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly. We hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort. Surround them with our prayers for strength. Bless those who have survived and heal their memories of trauma and devastation. May they have the courage to face the days ahead. Help us to respond with generosity in prayer, in assistance, and in comfort to the best of our abilities. Keep our hearts focused on the needs of all the community.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

-<http://www.amm.org/PrayWithUs/tragedy.aspx>

Pastor's Corner:

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Joseph Church and School,
May the peace and love of Jesus Christ be with you and your family.

October is the month of our Holy Mother. I invite you to pray the Holy Rosary daily as an expression of our love and devotion to Our Lady the Mother of Our Savior.

I am so honored to lead the pilgrimage from the Aloha State to Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal on October 12-15, 2017 with the pilgrims around the world to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of our Mother Mary's Apparition to the three children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco in 1917. We will be leaving on the 9th of October. Please pray for us as we bring all your prayers and petitions to our Holy Mother.

One of the members of the Blessed Sacrament Congregation, Fr. Lennen Deciar will be visiting us on October 28-29 for the Mission Appeal on behalf of our Congregation. Please be generous to support the educational needs of our seminarians. We are so blessed to have 45 students for this school year for the Blessed Sacrament Congregation.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to you and your family for committing your service and support to one of our Stewardship Pillar Ministries on Commitment weekend, Sept. 30 - Oct. 1, 2017. You have given your "YES" to God during our mass and we are looking forward to working together to achieve our mission and goals of our Parish Pastoral Plan. Our ministry coordinators will be contacting you for your service and/or support.

My heart is filled with joy to see that the parishioners of St. Joseph love God and His church. I look forward to working with all of you for the good of our parish. Lastly, on behalf of the faculty and staff of our St. Joseph School, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to those who support this year's SJS Country Fair. I do really appreciate your participation to make the event successful.

Blessings of God's love and grace be with you and your family.
Much Aloha and Mahalo,

Fr. Wilbert A. Laroga, SSS
Pastor

Sunday, Oct. 08

Is 5:1-7
Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20
Phil 4:6-9
Mt 21:33-43

Monday, Oct. 09

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11
(Ps) Jon 2:2-5, 8
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday, Oct. 10

Jon 3:1-10
Ps 130:1-4, 7-8
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, Oct. 11

Jon 4:1-11
Ps 86:3-6, 9-10
Lk 11:1-4

Thursday, Oct. 12

Mal 3:13-20b
Ps 1:1-4, 6
Lk 11:5-13

Friday, Oct. 13

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2
Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday, Oct. 14

Jl 4:12-21
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Lk 11:27-28

Sunday, Oct. 15

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

*"Ignorance of Scripture is
ignorance of Christ."
St Jerome*

Weekly Reflection: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."

When God created us, he took a great risk when he gifted us with free will. While it provided us with the opportunity to make an authentic response to his offer of life and love, it also opened the door for some to reject His love. And true enough, we see it happening with Adam and Eve, who chose to use their freedom to disobey God and started the cycle of infidelities and disobedience towards our Creator.

This is theme we find in our gospel this Sunday. The landowner in the parable entrusted his vineyard to some tenants. But when harvest time came, and he sent his servants to collect his due, the tenants seized, beat and killed his servants. And even after He sent his own son to settle with them, they choose to kill the son to take over his property. He gifted them with His trust but they choose not to honor it.

And this is what we are confronted every day in our relationship with God. He is a God who is so generous

and gracious. He has provided us with everything that we need to be able to live our life to the fullest but how have we responded to his offer of life and love? Our acceptance of His offer, is more than just avoiding sins. But that we positively and actively put to good use every gift that God has given to us. This is how we thank Him.



-[The Wicked Tenants by James B. Janknegt](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Calendar

Monday, Oct. 09

6:00 pm RCIA (Adult Faith Formation)/Library
6:30 pm Knight's of Columbus/Mtg. Room

Tuesday, Oct. 10

7:00 pm Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
(Rosary-6:30 pm)/Church

Wednesday, Oct. 11

8:00 am Viewing (+Katherine Smith)/Church
10:00 am Memorial Mass (+Katherine Smith)/Church
6:30 pm Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Church
7:00 pm Praise & Worship Hour/Church

Thursday, Oct. 12

6:00 pm Adult Confirmation Course/Conf. Room
6:30 pm St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/Church

Friday, Oct. 13

6:00 pm San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal/Church

Saturday, Oct. 14

8:15 am Church Cleaner's #4 (V. Coloma)/Church
9:30 am Bible Sharing/Library
10:00 am Reconciliation/Church
5:00 pm High School Youth Ministry/Library

Sunday, Oct. 15

10:15 am Religious Education Classes/SJHS

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	Week (9/26 to 10/02)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Collections	7,311.75	116,877.89	125,006.69
All Other Income	4,995.90	89,740.32	86,300.67
Deposited to Bank	12,307.65	206,618.21	211,307.36
Parish Hall	156.25	Parish Savings	
		Loan to school	170,888.50
		Designated Funds	326,351.16
		Restricted Funds	422,914.57
			920,154.23

Luke, the writer of the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, has been identified with St. Paul's "Luke, the beloved physician" (Colossians 4:14). We know few other facts about Luke's life from Scripture and



from early Church historian It is believed that Luke was born a Greek and a Gentile. In Colossians 10-14 speaks of those friends who are with him. He first mentions all those "of the circumcision" -- in other words, Jews -- and he does not include Luke in this group. Luke's gospel shows special sensitivity to evangelizing Gentiles. It is only in his gospel that we hear the parable of the Good Samaritan, that we hear Jesus praising the faith of Gentiles such as the widow of Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian (Lk.4:25-27), and that we hear the story of the one grateful leper who is a Samaritan (Lk.17:11-19). According to the early Church historian Eusebius Luke was born at Antioch in Syria. In our day, it would be easy to assume that someone who was a doctor was rich, but scholars have argued that Luke might have been born a slave. It was not uncommon for families to educate slaves in medicine so that they would have a resident family physician. Not only do we have Paul's word, but Eusebius, Saint Jerome, Saint Irenaeus and Caius, a second-century writer, all refer to Luke as a physician.

http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=76

On Wednesday, October 18th during the 12:15 pm Mass, St. Joseph Church will honor the physicians of our community active, retired and deceased! All are welcome and invited to attend. A light lunch will be served following the Mass.

2017 Commitment Sunday

Stewardship Committee wishes to thank each parishioner who said, "Yes, to Jesus" and committed to serve on a ministry or provide support through prayer or donation! You are a Witness to Jesus! Thank you and God Bless You!

"Reaching New Heights TOGETHER!"

Let us pray for the souls of our dearly departed. May they find peace.

**+Antone Basque
+Joseph Withers**



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please call the rectory office and leave a message for Ber-
nard Balsis, 935-1465.**

PRAISE & WORSHIP HOUR

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017

7-8pm

St. Joseph Church

Join us as we gather together as the Body of Christ,
to worship and thank the Lord for all He does for us.
As we sing songs of praise, God is with us in a very
special way.

“Let everything that has breath give
praise to the Lord!
Hallelujah!” (Psalm 150:6)



For Healing After Abortion

October 13-15, 2017

**Women, Men, Family Members, and Anyone Wounded by
Abortion are Welcome!**

Rachel's Vineyard is for anyone who has experienced emotional/spiritual pain after an abortion...women and men of all faiths are invited to begin the healing process. **Contact Lisa Shorba at (808) 349-5071 or email: rvinhawaii@gmail.com. More info at: www.rachelsvineyard.org. Suggested donation: \$150/person (covers room/meals/materials). *Need-based scholarships are available.* Confidential/safe place to connect with others and process your experience. Space is limited. A Ministry of the Respect Life Office of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hawaii. *(Retreats take place at a private retreat center on Oahu... we honor our commitment to confidentiality).***

If you are in an abusive relationship, remember:

1.) You are not alone.

2.) It is NOT your fault.

3.) Help is available.



OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

**Living Catholic in the 808: Victims and Perpetrators are Members of the
Body of Christ**

**By: Tyra Lamb
Diocesan Safe Environment Commission Member**

*Job 19:7 Behold, I cry out, "Violence" but I am not answered; I call for help,
but there is no justice.*

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Notice that it says "awareness" month. Our community, our Church, our clergy and parish leaders, we all need to grow to more quickly recognize that there are victims of domestic violence close by - in our circles of influence. Victims and perpetrators are members of our Church, the Body of Christ!

The World Health Organization in 2013 reported that 35 percent of women around the globe have experienced sexual or physical abuse. And according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, 25% of our men are or also have been victims.

If you are a victim or a perpetrator, or if you know someone in a situation of domestic violence, please call the 24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233). Additional information on how you might assist people in this situation can also be found at the diocesan website www.catholicahawaii.org/stopdomesticviolence

Psalm 10:17 O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.