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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

May 17

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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



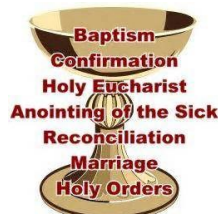
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Dear parents, priests, deacons, youth ministers, faith formation staff and Catholic school administrators,

I am writing this letter to invite you to take an active role by reading the articles regarding the plan to return the sacraments of initiation to their proper order in our diocese, that is: Baptism, Confirmation, and then First Holy Communion. A series of articles explaining the history of the sacraments of initiation, changes to the way children will prepare for these sacraments, and the importance of having comprehensive youth ministry programs in our parishes will be published in the next issues of our Hawaii Catholic Herald. Education plays a most important role in this process, so I invite you to be part of the process. The proposal to return the sacraments of initiation to their proper order has already been discussed with the Presbyteral Council and the Diocesan Pastoral Council. Both groups strongly favored the plan.

If one looks at the "Catechism of the Catholic Church," one notes that the first three sacraments are covered in the proper theological order. Our baptismal covenant with God is sealed in Confirmation; the two sacraments go together like Easter and Pentecost. Received third, the Holy Eucharist is then seen as the summit of initiation. "The Holy Eucharist completes our Christian initiation" ("Catechism" 1322).



Over the course of history in the Western (Latin) Church, great emphasis was placed on the importance of Baptism soon after birth, opening the door of salvation to our youngest members. Unfortunately, delays started occurring with the reception of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Pope St. Pius X in 1910 addressed the problem of children receiving First Holy Communion at too late an age and directed that children be given Holy Communion at the age of reason, that is, about age 7. This resulted, however, in the sacraments being given out of order. Current practice is like counting 1, 3, 2.

Some may point out that we have been doing what we are doing for 100 years, so why change now? The reason is simple: What we are doing is not working very well. Confirmation is often experienced more as a graduation from the Church than as a free gift of God's grace. Pope Francis acknowledged this: "There was this experience: the sacrament of Confirmation — what is this sacrament called? Confirmation? No! Its name has changed: the 'sacrament of farewell.' They do this and then they leave the Church. ... Many young people move off after receiving Confirmation, the sacrament of farewell, of goodbye, as I said. It is an experience of fail-

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Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will

Pastor's Corner

The Ascension of the Lord

Dear brothers and sisters

Peace in the risen Lord!

It is Ascension Sunday. We profess that Jesus "ascends to heaven". This means that after his passion and resurrection he is now received by God. Jesus is revealed to us fully for what he truly is. He is God's Son, seated at the right hand of the Father. What does this mean to us?

First of all, Jesus is not with us physically. Secondly, since we are now on our own, we continue his work, God's work. He sends us, his disciples to be stewards of creation. He sends us as witnesses telling us, "Go into the whole world." So Jesus, seated at the right hand of the Father is present to the world not only in spirit but through us, his disciples, through our mission, through our witness, through our being his stewards. Jesus empowers us, sharing with us the power of being witnesses of God in the world.

Let us renew our missionary calling. Let us respond to the gift of the risen Lord, the gift of being his witnesses. Let us be stewards of our time, talent and treasure to build up our lives, our homes, our communities, our parish, and our society. In our mission work, we are assured of his presence.

God bless you.

In Jesus, our fullness of Life,
Fr. Samuel E. Loterte, SSS



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ure, an experience that leaves emptiness and discourages us. Is this true or not?" (Sept. 22, 2013).

Sadly this is true in the Diocese of Honolulu, as it is true in many other places. While Confirmation programs do meet with success in many of our young people, who do become faithful disciples of the Lord, we are still missing the mark with many others. It is apparent that we are not accomplishing the goal of converting the hearts of all our young people to the Lord. Still the problem is bigger than that. A review of statistics shows that half of the children we baptize are never confirmed. Confirming children at the time of their First Holy Communion will increase the numbers of those being confirmed and receiving the grace of the sacrament. Some may fear that the children will not come back after that. Anecdotal evidence shows that family involvement is the most likely indicator of retention in faith formation programs, not the age of Confirmation.



**There will be Listening Sessions held in each vicariate:
Thursday, August 20, 7:00 p.m. St. at Joseph Church, Hilo**

To view complete letter visit the link below:
<http://www.catholicahawaii.org/news-events/news-articles/2015/april/bishops-message-on-proper-order.aspx>

Scripture Readings



Sunday, May 17

Acts 1:1-11
Ps 47:2-3, 6-9
Eph 1:17-23
Mk 16:15-20

Monday, May 18

Acts 19:1-8
Ps 68:2-5d, 6-7b
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 19

Acts 20:17-27
Ps 68:10-11, 20-21
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 20

Acts 20:28-38
Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 21

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11
Jn 17: 20-26

Friday, May 22

Acts 25:13b-21
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 23

Acts 28:16-20, 31-31
Ps 11:4-5, 7
Jn 21:20-25
Vigil:
Gn 11:1-9
Ps 104:1-2a, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30
Rom 8:22-27
Jn 7:37-39

Sunday, May 24

Acts 2:1-11
Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
Jn 20:19-23

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT April 27, 2015		Year to Date Totals	Year to Date Budget
Offertory Collections	\$7,494.25	\$ 431,555.00	\$ 446,222.42
Other Collections	\$3,942.92	\$ 201,015.57	\$ 220,691.15
Total Deposit	\$11,437.17	\$ 632,570.57	\$ 666,913.57
Parish Hall Fund	\$351.25		\$ 827,490.06

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, May 18

- 10:00 am •Funeral Mass (+Ah Lan Hiro)/Church
- 11:30 am •Food Pantry/SJ Social Ministry Center
- 5:30 pm •Young Adults Choir Rehearsal/Church
- 6:00 pm •Adult Faith Formation (aka RCIA)/Library

TUESDAY, May 19

- 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)/Mtg. Room

WEDNESDAY, May 20

- 6:30 pm •Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Library

THURSDAY, May 21

- 6:30 pm •St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/Church

FRIDAY, May 22

- 4:00 pm •SJS Baccalaureate Mass & Graduation/Church & Mtg. Room
- 6:00 pm •Young Adults Ministry/Library

SATURDAY, May 23

- 8:15 am •Church Cleaners (#7-M. Aizawa)/Church
- 9:00 am •NAMI Family-to-Family Workshop/Mtg. Room
- 10:00 am •Bible Sharing (Marianne Leite)/Library
- 1:30 pm •**NO** Sacramental Prep Class (Memorial Day)
- 5:00 pm •High School Youth Ministry/Library
- 7:45 pm •San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal/Church

SUNDAY, May 24 "Pentecost"

- 8:00 am •SJ Filipino Catholic Club Coffee Hour/Mtg. Room
- 9:00 am •Mass (Confirmation)/Church
- 10:15 am •**NO** R E Classes (Memorial Day)



Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, May 24, 9:00 am Mass
CONFIRMATION W/ BISHOP
LARRY SILVA.

Sunday, May 31, 10:15 am LAST DAY
OF RE CLASSES

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

+Ah Lan Hiro
+Harry Matsuoka
+Aileen Van Gieson
+Robert Perreira, Sr
+Arpinia Sampaga
+John Benjamin Kahaka, III



Alumni & Friends Luau Needs You!



May is right around the corner and so is the Alumni & Friends of Saint Joseph School's annual luau (May 23, 2015) that will recognize the 50th reunion of the Class of '65. Beginning with a tour of the school at 4:00 p.m. the class will then join others at 5:00 at the luau at the high school gym. Delicious Hawaiian food and Hawaiian entertainment are planned, plus a program honoring the graduates and a raffle and auction to benefit the school, its students and programs. And, dance to a few tunes while you're at it.

Auction and raffle items are needed (contact Mona Victorino at 966-4219 or Colette Tyrin at 959-3485) and tickets can be purchased from Jean Alves (938-9283), ticket chair or Melveen (935-8443) at the high school Business Office. This is also an opportunity for mini-reunions. Call Jean and we can arrange for a section for your class to celebrate as well. Just contact your classmates, let us know how many are coming, buy your tickets and leave the rest up to us. Classes of '75, '85, '95 and 2005 – how about meeting your classmates for your 40th, 30th, 20th or 10th reunion?

For more information, contact Marlene Hapai, 966-9894.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY CORNER:

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There is no such cozy combination as man and wife. ~Menander



2nd Collection: Catholic Communication Campaign, May 16-17

Today, we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Please be generous in this week's collection and support this important work. Remember, half of your donation stays in our (arch)diocese to support local communication needs. The CCC is how we share our experience of faith, worship, and witness.



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