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Pastor's Corner:

3rd Sunday of Lent

Dear brothers and sisters,
Peace!

In the first reading this Third Sunday of Lent we have an encounter between God and Moses. God comes to Moses in the form of a flame. Moses is quite surprised, "How come this bush is burning but is not consumed?"

God described as the flame of love that does not destroy anyone even if it continues burning within us. And this manifests his mercy and compassion.

Let us as a parish and school community put our trust in the mercy and compassion of God. And like Moses, let us be the extension of God's mercy and love to others.

God bless you and your family.

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



Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Next week,

please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and **help Jesus in disguise**.



A Stewardship Moment <http://catholicstewardship.com/>

In today's Gospel Jesus offers his parable about last chances. The fig tree will have one last chance to bear fruit before it is cut down and destroyed. Good stewards realize that, like the fig tree, they are endowed with God-given gifts that are meant to "bear fruit" for God and neighbor. God has legitimate expectations of them. They also realize they do not know how much time they have left before the gardener returns for an accounting of their fruitfulness. How are we using our God-given gifts? How might we use our gifts to bear more fruit? The answer requires some urgency.

Parish Mission Statement:

Centered on the Word of God and the Eucharist we gather as a Parish and School community. Together as disciples of Jesus Christ 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 and our faith and commit ourselves to the full development of all people. With Saint Joseph as our patron we offer our gift of self for the greater glory of God.

Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will

Scripture Readings



Sunday, Feb. 28

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15
Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
Lk 13:1-9

Monday, Feb. 29

2 Kgs 5:1-15b
Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 01

Dn 3:25, 34-43
Ps 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 02

Dt 4:1, 5-9
Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 03

Jer 7:23-28
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9
Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 04

Hos 14:2-10
Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 05

Hos 6:1-6
Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b
Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 06

Jos 5:9a, 10-12
Ps 34:2-7
2 Cor 5:17-21
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

The Season of Lent

Article 3

For the previous two articles, this has offered a deeper understanding of the Lenten Season through a deeper understanding of our baptism. The Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) welcomes and draws us into divine passionate love and perfect communion of life. This communion also unites us to all humanity and all creation. Our baptism commits us to sharing this divine love and communion with all. Lent prepares us to renew our baptismal promises at Easter.

Catholic social teaching is at the core of our identity as God's People. The "common good" is a divine law of creation recognizing that God has provided for the basic human needs of all people. When people are denied their basic human needs, creation is distorted. We call this distortion "sin". As God's People, we are responsible for restoring creation to its divine intention.

The Lenten Season is also a season especially for the catechumens. Now officially designated as The Elect, Lent is their final time of spiritual preparation before entering into the full sacramental life at the Easter Vigil. **The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** designates three Scrutiny Rites as a major component of their Lenten journey. For the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, we celebrate these "scrutinies" for the elect.

What are the "scrutinies?" The RCIA describes them as "rites for self-searching and repentance and above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life." (#141)

The Catholic faithful are called to walk with the elect in their journey of spiritual cleansing and growth. Through the ancient penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and charitable works, we search our own hearts and souls for those areas of darkness still in need of God's bountiful mercy and healing. As the elect pray that their sins and weaknesses be removed to embrace the life of faith, so we make the same journey, removing any spiritual darkness in our own lives. At Easter the whole Church stands renewed in the waters and the promises of baptism for our salvation and the salvation of the world.

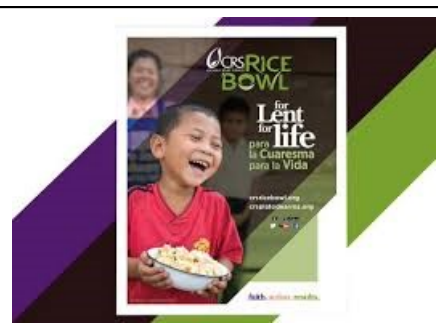
The Church calls us to extend this moral evaluation to our society, culture and nation. Every nation, culture and society has their own strengths, virtues, and cultural expressions that build dignity into the human community. As the RCIA states, "bring out, then strengthen all that is upright strong and good". Every one of these same nations and cultures, contains cultural symbols and messages that tear at human dignity and break down human communities. Again from the RCIA, "uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful..."

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Hungry for a Healthy Start...

The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation of Rwanda, where we're reminded to care for the unborn. This week we pray for pregnant mothers, that they may have the medical and nutritional support they need to raise healthy, thriving children.

Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.



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.

Visit our parish website at www.stjoehilo.com.

For more information to join one of the many parish ministries, call 935-1465 and ask for one of the coordinators or email us at stjosephchurch@stjoehilo.com

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, Feb. 29

- 10:00 am •Prayer Service (+Frank Mattos)/Dodo Chapel
- 5:30 pm •Youth & Young Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church
- 6:00 pm •RCIA Class/Library

TUESDAY, March 1

- 5:00 pm •Life Teen Core Team Meeting/Conf. Room
- 6:00 pm •Chrism Mass/St. Michael's—Kona
- 7:00 pm •Mother of Perpetual Help Novena (Rosary 6:30 pm)/Church

WEDNESDAY, March 2

- 6:00 pm •Stewardship Committee/Mtg. Room
- 6:30 pm •Alabare Choir Rehearsal/Church

THURSDAY, March 3

- 9:30 am •SJS Penance Service/SJS Campus
- 6:30 pm •St. Joseph Choir Rehearsal/Church
- 7:00 pm •Wake Service (+Robert Carvalho)/Dodo Chapel

FRIDAY, March 4

- 10:00 am •Funeral Mass (+Robert Carvalho)/Church
- 3:00 pm •Stations of the Cross/Church
- 4:30 pm •Teen Council Meeting/Conf. Room
- 7:00 pm •Stations of the Cross/Church

SATURDAY, March 5

- 8:15 am •Church Cleaners (#2-Social Ministry)/Church
- 10:00 am •Bible Sharing (Mary Ann Leite)/Library
- 5:00 pm •High School Youth Ministry/Library
- 7:45 pm •San Lorenzo Choir Rehearsal/Church

SUNDAY, March 6

- 10:15 am •R E Classes/SJHS
- 1:30 pm •Parish Recollection/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

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

2016 St. Joseph Church Elect to Full Communion.



St. Michael The Archangel welcomed these catechumen as well as all catechumen on the Big Island at the 4pm mass on Sunday, February 14, 2016.

Please pray for these 8 individuals as they continue their faith journey to Easter Vigil. They will undergo 3 scrutinies and their formation retreat as well as continue their deep study of catechesis. May we all discover the joy of God's revelation in the desert of our lives this Lenten season.

Youth & Young Adult Mass

March 6

@

11:45 am



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

+Agnes Bello

+Frank Mattos

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT		Year to Date	Year to Date
January 4, 2016		Totals	Budget
Offertory Collections:	\$7,655.25	\$319,982.29	\$325,110.17
Other Collections:	\$2,678.15	\$146,944.90	\$167,232.64
Total Deposit:	\$10,333.40	\$466,927.19	\$492,342.81
Parish Hall Collection	\$393.25	Restricted Savings:	\$388,544.15
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