



St. Joseph Parish School

Parent Newsletter October 20, 2024

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PASTOR'S REFLECTION

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Is 53:10-11, Heb 4:14-16, Mk 10:35-45.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Peace be with you!

As we gather on this 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, our readings invite us to reflect deeply on the nature of true leadership and service.

The First Reading, from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, speaks of the suffering servant—God's chosen one who bears our iniquities and brings about redemption through his own suffering. This prophetic vision culminates in Jesus Christ, our Savior, who took upon Himself the weight of our sins and modeled what it truly means to serve others.

In the letter to the Hebrews, we are reminded of the compassion of our High Priest. Jesus understands our struggles and invites us to approach the throne of grace with confidence, knowing that we are heard and loved.

This theme of empathy connects beautifully with the Gospel of Mark, where James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approach Jesus with a request for power and prominence. Jesus turns their aspirations upside down by teaching them that true greatness lies not in authority but in humility and service.

In a world often motivated by achievement and status, we are called to remember that greatness in the Kingdom of God is measured by our willingness to serve.

The call to discipleship is not just about following Jesus but actively participating in His mission of love and service to all, echoing His words in the Gospel.

As we go forth this week, let us ask ourselves: How can we embody the spirit of service in our daily lives? What specific action can I take this week to serve someone in my life selflessly, following the example of Christ?

Whether in our families, workplaces, or communities, let us seek opportunities to serve without expecting anything in return, reflecting the love and humility of Christ.

May God bless you and guide your hearts this week as you seek to serve and love as He did.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Eric Castro, MS

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Special Dates & Events

OCTOBER: CHOOSE KINDNESS MONTH

Monday, October 21st

Outdoor Morning Prayer Assembly at 7:30 am Students will report to their homeroom first before coming to the covered passageway for the assembly.

Wednesday, October 23rd

School Mass @ 8:15 am and Celebration of Life Sponsor Grade 3B All students must wear their formal uniform. Be sure to bring your Stewardship Envelope that you will donate during the Mass.

See pages 6-7 for all the specific activities for this upcoming week.

THEME: Understanding True Leadership in Practicing Stewardship (Based on Mark 10:35-45)

In the gospel of Mark 10:35-45 this Sunday, Jesus redefines what it means to be a leader in His kingdom. True leadership is rooted in service and humility, not in power and authority. As stewards of God's gifts, we are called to embody this principle in our lives and communities.

Let us reflect on three key points to better understand true leadership in our stewardship journey.

1. Leadership as Service:

In this passage, Jesus teaches that the greatest among us must be the servant of all. True leaders prioritize the needs of others above their own desires. As stewards, we are called to serve our families, our church, and our communities with love and dedication, using our resources to uplift those around us.

2. Embracing Humility:

Jesus contrasts worldly ambitions with the humility required in God's kingdom. A true leader recognizes that their position is not for personal gain but for the glory of God. As stewards, we must approach our roles with humility, acknowledging that all we have is a gift from God to be used for His purposes.

3. Sacrifice and Commitment:

Jesus exemplified true leadership through His willingness to sacrifice Himself for others. Effective stewardship often requires us to give of ourselves—our time, talents, and treasures—for the benefit of others. By committing to sacrificial living, we reflect Christ's love and serve as powerful examples of true leadership.

Conclusion:

As we practice stewardship in our lives, let us remember that true leadership is found in serving, embracing humility, and making sacrifices for the sake of others.

May we follow Christ's example and lead with a heart of a steward, transforming our communities through love and service.

God bless you all!

Fr. Eric Castro, MS



Stewardship in Action: A Special Mahalo from our Parish Outreach Food Pantry

What a blessing! Please extend a big **THANK YOU** to the students, parents and staff. This donation of food has arrived at time when our Parish Food Pantry was definitely in need of food for the needy. We again extend our **THANK YOU !!!** Mr. Al Simbahon



Stewardship in ACTION



Thank you to the many helping hands, parishioners, Knights of Columbus, SJPS alumni, students, faculty, staff, parents, grandparents and for the many bags of recyclables that made the 'Ohana One for the Environment a great success. Great Stewards in Action!

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HELP OUR CHILDREN WALK THE PATH OF STEWARDSHIP
A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Peace be with you!

As we embark on Choose Kindness Month, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your unwavering support in nurturing a spirit of love and compassion in our children. This is a wonderful time for us to reflect on the importance of gratitude and stewardship.

In our rapidly changing world, it is crucial that we teach our children the value of giving back and making small sacrifices for the benefit of others. Throughout this month, I encourage you to help your children understand how even the smallest donation can make a significant impact.

We will be collecting donations in stewardship envelopes, which will assist our adopted parish in the Philippines, the Parish of St. Joseph of Nazareth, Calasiao, Pangasinan.

This parish is actively engaged in some stewardship initiatives that reach out to five local public elementary schools, offering catechism classes, providing weekly meals for children in need, and extending a helping hand to poor families, the elderly, and those who are incarcerated.

Your child's contributions will not only bring hope and nourishment to those less fortunate but will also teach them the joy of giving and sharing.

As I often remind our children and parishioners, the greatest gift we have received is the Eucharist—the ultimate expression of love and sacrifice from Christ. Our stewardship is our heartfelt response to this divine gift.

By instilling an attitude of gratitude and a servant's heart in our children, we prepare them to become compassionate leaders.

Thank you for collaborating with us in this mission. Let us all work together to encourage our children to choose kindness, live with gratitude, and embrace the spirit of stewardship.

May God bless you and your families abundantly.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Eric Castro, MS
Pastor

HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILDREN MAKE STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE?

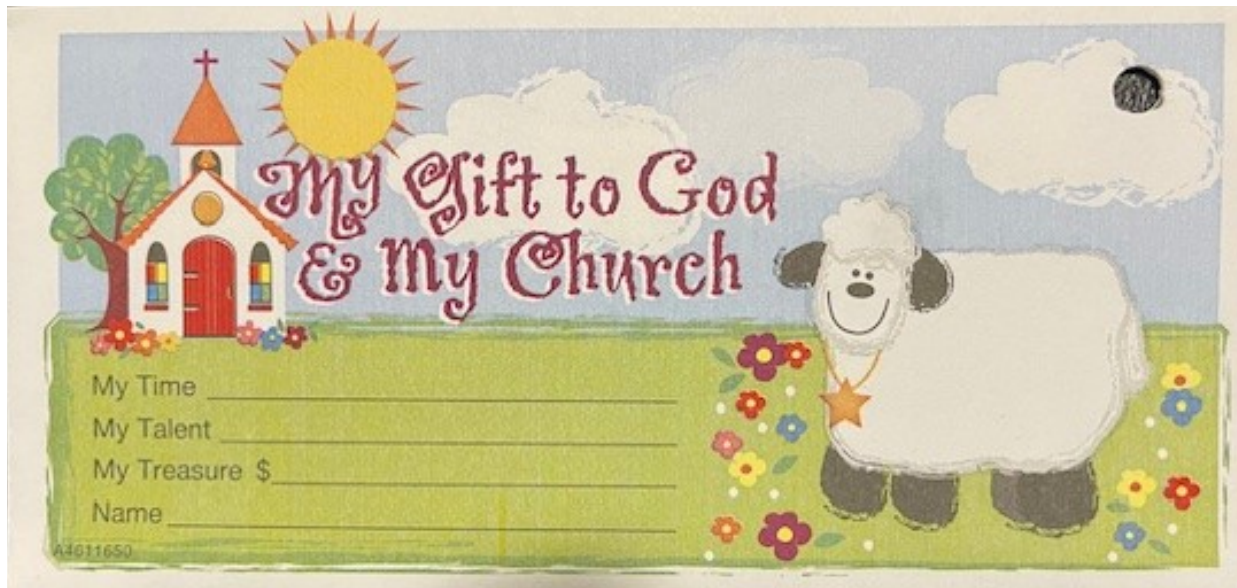
On Wednesday, October 23rd our students have a wonderful opportunity to put their **FAITH INTO ACTION** by reflecting upon how they can share their resources with the Parish of St. Joseph of Nazareth, Calasiao, Pangasinan.

- We want the students to **donate their own money** by sacrificing their snacks or treats, sharing their monetary gifts, or even their allowance.
- This is one way they can walk the path of stewardship as a way of life.
- Discuss with your children about Father Eric's Message.
- Have them pray, discern, and decide what amount they can share as a donation to the needy families and schools that the Parish of St. Joseph of Nazareth is trying to support.
- In the stewardship envelope attached. Have them write their name and the amount they are donating. In the back of the envelope, please also complete the parent information.
- **During our school mass on Wednesday, October 23rd, each student will put their own Stewardship Donation envelope in the collection basket to be offered. Even \$1 can make a significant difference.**

We appreciate your support in assisting your child to discuss and decide their sacrifice for others.

Sincerely in Jesus Christ,

Ms. Beverly Sandobal



CHOOSE KINDNESS SPIRIT WEEK



OCTOBER 21-25



2024

**MON
21**

**HATS OFF TO
KINDNESS**

↘ Wear your favorite or silliest hat.



**TUE
22**

**TEAM UP FOR
KINDNESS**

↘ Wear your favorite sports team gear.



**THUR
24**

**LET YOUR
KINDNESS SHINE**

↘ Wear your brightest, sparkly,
or neon colored clothing.



**FRI
25**

**ROUND-UP
KINDNESS**

↘ Wear maroon or Western gear.



St. Joseph Parish School



Chooses Kindness

Monday: Hats off to Kindness

Students may wear appropriate casual attire with school shoes and socks. **We look forward to see all the different types of hats.**

Join us for our Outdoor Morning Prayer Assembly at 7:30 am. The students will go to their homeroom first before coming outside to the covered passageway.

Tuesday: Team Up for Kindness

Who is your child's favorite team? Have them wear their favorite team's shirt. **We look forward to seeing which teams are the most popular among our students.**

Wednesday: School Mass and Celebration of Life

Join us for our school mass at 8:15 am. Sponsor: Grade 3B
All students are required to wear their formal uniform.

On Friday, a special Message from our Pastor Father Eric, MS and Stewardship Envelope was sent home. Please see pages 3-4. All money donated by the students will be for the St. Joseph Parish of Nazareth in the Philippines. The students will give their stewardship envelopes at our Mass.

Thursday: Let Your Kindness Shine

What bright, sparkly or neon colored clothing does your child have? You could take a shirt and decorate it with a sparkly design.

Every student is made in God's image and is blessed with many unique gifts. We want our students to share these gifts and be kind to everyone now and always.

Friday: Round—Up Kindness

Students may wear maroon or Western gear. **We are very excited as Aloun Farms Hawaii will be delivering pumpkins to our school.** All our students will have a chance to pick a pumpkin to take home and share. There will be picture taking and activities for each class as we close our Spirit Week to celebrate Kindness.

Congratulations!



(Back Row Middle) Coach Noel and Coach Richard

(Second Row Left to Right) Coach J (Mrs. Carlson) Chloe Deliz, Samantha Cabico, Chloe Mendoza, Mahina Alipio, Charlize Roces, Kylie Rosales, Jozel Roces, D'Isabelle Cacal, Danika Dapon

(Front Row Left to Right) Alyssa Barba, Julia Valenzuela, Rienne Ramirez, Julianna Chua, Brooke Moore, Samantha Quinata, Maya Ramos

We Congratulate our students in grades 4-5 who defeated St. Patrick School for the Championship trophy. We especially thank their coaches Mr. Richard Hernandez, Mr. Noel Gil, Mrs. Josephine Carlson, and our Athletic Director Mr. Arne Kawamata for their dedication and commitment.



GLOW with **GOD** **Dance Party**

Saturday, October 26

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

School Cafeteria



Children: \$5



Parents/Guardians: \$2



**Bring a canned good for the Outreach
Pantry for a free glow bracelet**



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAT., OCT. 26 @ 7-8:30PM
GLOW WITH GOD DANCE PARTY
 PARISH HALL

Join us for our "Glow with God Dance Party" on Sat, Oct 26, from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall! Admission is \$5 for children and \$2 for parents/guardians. Bring a canned good for the Outreach Pantry and receive a free glow bracelet. Don't miss out on this exciting and fun-filled evening!

WED., OCT. 30 @ 5-6PM
HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS
 CHURCH

Join us for Holy Hour for Vocations on the last Wednesday of the month, from 5-6pm - next one is on Wed., Oct. 30. Let us continue to pray for more priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers in our community and in the world.

FRI., NOV. 1 (FIRST FRIDAY)
 (6:30AM, 8:15AM [SCHOOL] & 6:30PM)
ALL SAINTS DAY
 CHURCH

Join us as we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on Wed., Nov. 1. Masses are as follows: 6:30am, 8:15am (school) and 6:30pm.

SAT., NOV. 2 @ 7AM
ALL SOULS' DAY
 CHURCH

Join us as we commemorate the Faithful Departed on All Souls Day, Sat., Nov. 2. at 7am.

ALL SOULS INTENTIONS (ENVELOPES)

You may place your 'All Souls' Intentions (envelopes) inside the 'All Souls' Vessel near the Altar. November is dedicated to 'All Souls' - Individual names will not be read at Mass, all names in the vessel will be offered at every Mass in the month of November.

ALL SOULS' DAY
SUBMIT YOUR 5 X 7 PICTURES OF YOUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES BY OCT. 20

In preparation for All Souls Day (Sat, Nov 2), we would like to remember our departed loved ones by having their 5x7 picture placed in front of the altar. Please submit your picture no later than Oct 20 using the provided envelopes with the name of your loved one and your contact info (name & telephone number). Let us come together to pray and remember the souls of our dearly departed.

TUES., NOV. 12 @ 6:30PM
 (PRAISE & WORSHIP STARTS AT 6PM)
HEALING MASS
 CHURCH

Healing Mass is on the second Tuesdays of the month. Next one is on Tues., Nov. 12. Praise and Worship starts at 6pm, Healing Mass with 'laying of hands' and 'anointing' to follow at 6:30pm.

THUR., NOV. 28
 (6AM, 8AM & 10AM)
THANKSGIVING DAY MASS
 CHURCH

Let us give thanks to our God! We will have three Masses on Thanksgiving Day, Thurs., Nov. 28 at 6am, 8am & 10am. Please bring a canned good for our brothers and sisters in need during this Holiday Season. Please drop-off to the church or church office. Mahalo!

SAVE THE DATE!
SAT, DEC 14 @ 5PM
DIACONATE ORDINATION OF PRESTON-JAY CASTRO



PRESIDED BY
 BISHOP LARRY SILVA

+ PRAYER CORNER

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

For Pope Francis and all church leaders: that their obedience to God's inspiration and direction will result in a rich harvest for the kingdom.

For all those who have died: that they may enjoy perfect happiness and total fulfillment in eternal life with God.

WED., NOV. 6 @ 5-6PM
HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS
(NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK)

(SUN., NOV. 3-SAT. NOV. 9)
 CHURCH

November's Holy Hour for Vocations will be on Wed., Nov. 6 from 5-6pm. National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated Nov. 3-9 is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

TRUE LEADERSHIP. WEEK IN REVIEW.



LITURGY DAY | OCT. 5 Parish Liturgical Ministers gathered for the Annual Liturgy Day. Fr. Ace Tui gave an inspiring talk on the Eucharist and presided the Mass with Fr. Eric concelebrating. Ministers renewed their commitment and ended the day with lunch and fellowship.



DIOCESAN ROSARY CONGRESS | OCT. 9 St. Joseph participated in the Diocesan Rosary Congress with Eucharistic Adoration from 12pm to 6pm. Various ministries and groups recited the Rosary, led prayers and hymns at each hour as they prayed for peace in our cities, nation, & world.



WHITE SUNDAY | OCT. 13 On 'White Sunday,' a Samoan tradition dedicated to the children, was celebrated at the 6am Mass. The Samoan Youth shared scriptures through word, song and dance. Thanks be to God for our youth!

Our Special Intentions

We Pray For....

- Our La Salette Community.
- All family members of Father Eric Castro, MS.
- Juanita Castro, mother of Father Eric Castro, MS.
- Family Members of Stister Judith Abique, SPC.
- Repose of the soul fo Sister Judtith Abique, SPC and her brother Willy Abique.
- All first liners, priests, religious, health workers, essential workers, families, and everyone around the world.
- Mr. Pio Guerrero.
- Mrs. Irene Sandry, grandmother of Tania Ma'afala (SJPS alumni).
- Mr. Seji Tokuda, father of Ms. Grace (Cafeteria Manager) and Tricia Alquisa (Cafeteria Assistant).
- Ms. Sandobal.
- Miles and Avelino Arbues.
- Dr. Rick Yamashiro & Family (Counselor & Dean of Students).
- Genny Inase, cousin of Ms. Sandobal.
- Repose of the soul of Regina Salisbury.
- Bryce, Jason, and their families.
- Peter Akuna.
- Everette Davis, grandson of Ms. Davis (former Jr. High teacher).
- Mrs. Susan Ganibe, mother of Mrs. Calzada (Music teacher).
- Mrs. Grace Montemayor (mother of Alfredo, alumni).
- Mrs. Ashley Rupert (former teacher).
- Mrs. Michelle Izon (former teacher).
- Brenda Strimpfel, alumni of SJPS.
- Mr. Wendell Bacnis, former teacher.
- Special intention for Krista Chang.
- Jonathan Bueno, father of Mrs. Carlson (Gr. 1 teacher).
- Bonnie Boquer, mother of Mrs. Velasco (Counselor and IT Director).
- Sharon Rose Gasmen, mother of Alexander (alumni).
- Samantha Calumpit (alumni).
- Yvonne Fukumoto, wife of Kainoa, (former St. Michael's principal).
- William D. Brandt, father of Mrs. Cashman and her husband Jason Cashman (Office Manager, Admissions Director).
- Repose of the soul of Loretta Rodgrigues (former staff member).
- Arne Kawamata and family (Facilities Director).
- Cora Tubana (former Parish Business Manager).
- John C. Basso, grandfather of Journey Ramento and her brother Alike Magnani.
- Laverne Suster (former teacher).
- Mrs. Machado and her brother (Grade 1 teacher).
- Mr. Dave Sebastian (Grade 4-5 Social Studies Teacjer).
- Helen Andres, parish staff.
- Mrs. Christal Rosales and her family (Pre K teacher).
- Jenny Basitas Resando, sister of Sister Emilie Basitas, OP (Grade 2 teacher).
- Mr. Tosatto, father of Ms. Tosatto (Art teacher).
- All of the people affected by the typhoon and flooding in the Philippines.
- Mrs. Leonida Policarpio, mother of Arnold Policarpio (Parish Pastoral Council President).
- Mrs. Kaylin Ala, Kayani Grace, and her family.
- Mr. Mark Carlson, husband of Mrs. Carlson (1A Teacher).
- All the people affected by the typhoon and flooding in the Philippines.
- All the people suffering due to inclement weather.