

# ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!**

## EASTER SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

**BY: FR. JOHN MBINDA**

Proclamation and witness are the two central themes running through this morning's Easter Sunday readings. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter speaks about his own experience and shares that experience with the listening crowds. Peter is filled with the joy of knowing with utter conviction that Jesus, who died on the Cross, is now alive. He simply must share that same joy with others – so that it can be theirs, too.

Similarly, Paul's experience of the resurrection leads him to advise us that we need to keep focus on the risen Christ, since Christ is our life. For Paul, we know that his experience of the *Risen Lord* brought a total revolution to his life, and gave him a total new vision of things and especially of the meaning of Jesus' life and message.

In the Gospel, we have the experience of the empty tomb as a sign that Jesus is risen. The discovery of the empty tomb by *Mary Magdala* leads to her running back to tell the disciples that Lord's body is not in the tomb. Peter and John went to the tomb and found just as Mary of Magdala had reported. That experience may have been very disappointing, but it was also a clear message that Christ is risen as he had said.

John the Evangelist, who writes the Gospel, tells us that he entered into the empty tomb, "*he saw and he believed*". He believed that the Lord is risen indeed. That experience strengthened the faith of the disciples in the resurrection, and completely transformed their lives. Renewed in their conviction, they were moved to witness to the mystery of the resurrection.



The message we take home on this *Easter Sunday* is that Easter is not an event we celebrate annually to remember the resurrection of Christ. Rather Easter is an encounter with the risen Lord that touches us so deeply that we cannot be the same again. Easter is a way of life in which we live our Easter faith without fear.

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekday** (Mon - Sat): 8:00 AM

**Sunday**: (Sat. Vigil) 5 PM,  
(Sun) 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 6 PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturdays**: 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM  
(or by appointment)

### MISSION / VISION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic Christian Community, called to develop a deeper relationship with Christ. Such a relationship is fostered through active participation in: *Word, Sacrament, Renewal Programs, Ministry/Service*, and other ***Spirit-led*** activities. We dedicate our time, talent and treasure to install, in our parish community, the basic building blocks of Christian living, ***to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to all through our words, deeds, and lives.***

**Parish Rectory Hours**

**Monday:** 12:00 PM to 4:30 PM  
**Tues. - Fri.:** 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM  
**Saturday/Sunday:** Closed

**Outreach Office Hours**

**Monday - Wednesday:** 9 AM to 2 PM  
**Thursday - Friday:** 9 AM to 11 AM  
**Saturday/Sunday:** Closed

**FOOD PANTRY Hours**

**Monday - Wednesday:** 9 AM to 12 PM  
**Thursday - Friday:** 9 AM to 11 AM  
**Saturday/Sunday:** Closed

**Religious Ed Office Hours**

**Tuesday - Thursday:** 12 pm - 8:30 pm  
**Fri.:** 10am - 6pm ~ **Sun:** 7am - 3:30pm  
**Saturday & Monday:** Closed

**PARISH CLERGY & STAFF**

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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE****Do Not Be Afraid!**

*"Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised... Come, see the place where he lay."* (Matthew 28:5-6) With these words of the angel to the women at the tomb, I offer you this joyful Easter message.



On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the most unique victory which no human being has ever achieved – victory over the power of death. We celebrate that victory every Easter and every Sunday. Christ's victory over death is good news reminding us that we must not be afraid because Christ lives to give us hope in this life and eternal life in the world to come.

Because of the resurrection, there is nothing we need to be afraid of. We know that Christ's power of the resurrection will indeed lead us to victory. That is the good news Easter brings to all of us. If you are facing health issues, marital crisis, economic crisis, personal crisis, this message is for you. God, is the out to transform all that and lead you out of the crisis, whatever it may be. God intends you to have life in abundance. God gives you abundant life through the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession. Let Christ take over your life. "Do not be afraid!"

I wish you all a blessed and fruitful Easter season. *"Christ is risen, alleluia, alleluia!"*

*Msgr. John S. Mbinda*

**Saint  
of the WEEK****Fidelis of Sigmaringen** (1577-1622)

**Feast Day:** April 24 — Born in Sigmaringen, Germany, Mark Roy studied philosophy and law at the University of Freiburg in Breisgau. After tutoring young aristocrats and traveling Europe with them, he began practicing law in Alsace, where he quickly became "the poor person's lawyer." But, disillusioned over other lawyers' behavior, he gave up the law to follow a vocation in religious life. As an ordained Capuchin friar named Fidelis, he was renowned for his holiness, preaching, and leadership. He was a superior at several houses before being commissioned to go to eastern Switzerland to call

Protestant Calvinists back to Catholicism. This mission, complicated by the politics of the time and hatred against the Catholic Habsburgs, became increasingly dangerous and led to his murder by the sword of his opponents. He was canonized a martyr in 1746.

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017

### First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-28

This passage is one of Peter's addresses given on the day of Pentecost. It is a preface to the central events of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Peter gives witness on four main points: 1)

*That Jesus was sent by God and gave evidence through the miracles he performed; 2) That Jesus was delivered up to die on the cross by God's foreknowledge and plan; 3) That all of Israel was responsible in handing over Jesus to be killed; and 4) That God raised him up, because "it was impossible for him to be held" by death.* All these events about Jesus happened to fulfill the messianic hopes of God's people given to David.



### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Peter quotes Psalm 16 to prove that King David prophesied Christ's resurrection. Christ fulfills that prophesy because David spoke not about himself, but the promised Messiah. The quote is fittingly placed in the mouth of Christ as well as his followers. Response, *"Lord, you will show us the path of life."*

### Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

This text may have been an exhortation to newly baptized adults. As Christians we are not holy by our own effort or merit, but solely on the account of Christ, in whom we have been reborn through baptism. The passage refers to the Passover ritual of the Jews, which the blood of the lamb was the price of their deliverance from slavery in Egypt (*sin*) to the land of promise (*new life in Christ*).

### Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Luke's account in the appearance of the Risen Lord to the disciples on the road to Emmaus is one of the most moving and favorite resurrection stories. It traces the disciples' despair from the death of Jesus to the joy of knowing that he is alive and still with them as he promised. The text reveals a lack of understanding to what Jesus told the disciples about his resurrection. Luke also uses the idea that something prevents the two disciples from recognizing the *Risen Lord* until the Scriptures were interpreted for them. However, Luke develops a context and a climax for the recognition of the *Risen Lord* in the breaking of bread (*the Eucharist*).

### † FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

**Andrea T. Asuncion (RIP)**

**Wednesday, April 19 ~ St. John A&E**

Visit.: 9:30 am ~ Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Mem. Park

### Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, April 17, 2017 (8 am)**

Rosalie Tadda (Blessings/Thanksgiving)

† Richard McNally

† Blas & Ernesto Perlas, Sr.

**Tuesday, April 18, 2017 (8 am)**

† Antonio & Apolonia Acoba

† Francisca Baniaga

† Santiago "Sonny" Aquino

**Wednesday, April 19, 2017 (8 am)**

Asuncion Cortel (Special Intentions)

† Fernando Payomo (Memorial Anniv.)

† Santiago "Sonny" Aquino

**Thursday, April 20, 2017 (8 am)**

† Rodolfo Aquino

† Santiago "Sonny" Aquino

† Francisca Baniaga

**Friday, April 21, 2017 (8 am)**

† Mildred Furuta

† Demetria Manandic

† Santiago "Sonny" Aquino

**Saturday, April 22, 2017**

**8 AM:** † Francisca Baniaga

Baniaga Family (Blessing / Comfort)

† Lauren Wong

**7 PM:** Regina V. Gasmen (Birthday)

**Sunday, April 23, 2017**

**7 AM:** † Tomasa Aoitán

**9 AM:** For the People

**11 AM:** † Francisca Baniaga

**6 PM:** Two-Hearts & Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group (Guidance / Protection)

† = Rest in Peace

### Follow Msgr. John's Homilies!

Blog (text): [www.sundayhomily.com](http://www.sundayhomily.com)

Podcast (audio): <https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda>

iTunes (audio): [Streaming Homilies](#)

### 24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



**Friday, May 5,** after the  
8 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am  
on **Saturday, May 6.**



### Prayer Requests

**HEALING / BLESSINGS:** Darryln & Ron Bunda, Matt Faris, Ramona DeCosta, John Bates, James & Elaine Kahala, Ken Enomoto, Ellen Cleghorn, baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, Ron Thames, Gregory Castillo, Elaine Utu, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Mina DeJesus, John Basug, Alfred & Carmen Fajota, Santiago Tumpap, Bella Rillamas, Norma & Ethan Belamide, Jane Alukonis, Rosalie Tadda, Rowena, Eric, & Ryan Asuncion, Warren Chalmers, and all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

**DECEASED:** Fernando Acierto, Alice Miraflor, Santiago Q. Aquino, Kathy Beaver, Marciana Eugenio, Fulvia Perry, Andrea T. Asuncion, Richard McNally, Exequiel Malicay, Francisca Baniagam, Petra Villegas, and Marie Kelly Frank.

**\*Upcoming Baptism Ceremony Dates (Infants to Age 6):**

*April 23 & 30, May 21 & 28...*

**\*Baptism Preparation Classes:** May 14, June 4, July 9 ...

*\*\* Please contact the Parish Office to make all arrangements in advance and for more information. \*\**

**Marriages** are scheduled by meeting with a clergy, at least 6 months prior to wedding date.



**Blessings** (home, auto, religious items, etc.), **Anointing of the Sick**, **Homebound Communion**, **Funeral Services/Notices:** Please call the parish office for further coordination.

**October Pilgrimage Information Night**

**Thursday, April 20, 2017**

**at 7:00 pm in classroom 4/5**

*with Dr. Timothy Mullner*

All questions regarding the pilgrimage will be addressed at this meeting. Dr. Tim will also be available after all morning Masses on Sunday, April 23.

Journey with us to **Greece & Turkey** on **October 5-16, 2017**. For more info, contact Jolly:

623-3332, ext. 103 [jollygt@rcchawaii.org](mailto:jollygt@rcchawaii.org).



**ONE COMMUNITY CENTER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**  
CONNECT · ENGAGE · WITNESS · EVANGELIZE

You are invited to

our Parish wide reception to learn more about the

**One Community Center Campaign** on

**Tuesday, April 25 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

on the Church Lanai & Courtyard

All are welcome! Drinks & pupus will be provided.

Message from the

**Religious Education Office:**

**\*2017 Confirmation Mass\***

*On Sunday, April 23, at the 6 pm Mass, 27 RE Students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Monsignor Gary Secor will be the Mass Celebrant. Since there will possibly be a large turnout for this Mass, please understand that parking & seating will be limited.*

**\*2017 First Eucharist Mass\***

*On Saturday, May 6, at the 5 pm Mass, 56 RE Students will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. Since there will possibly be a large turnout for this Mass, please understand that parking & seating will be limited.*

**\*Early Registration for RE Year 2017-2018 \***

Stop by the RE Office and pick up a registration form for all children in **grades Pre-K to 12**. We expect an increase in enrollment as all baptized candidates, in **grades 2 to 12**, will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of the RE year. Early registration is encouraged!

**\*BECOME A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FOR A STUDENT!\***

With the increase in registration, the RE Department is seeking approximately 50-60 Sponsors to walk beside our Youth as they make their Sacramental Journey of Confirmation. If you have the desire and time to be a responsible role model of faith, please stop by the RE Office for more information on how to sign up.

For more, please contact the RE Office:

623-3332, ext. 204/206 or [sjaeRE@rcchawaii.org](mailto:sjaeRE@rcchawaii.org)

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - APRIL 8 / 9**

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$17,746.74</b>
- Children's Collection	<b>\$31.75</b>
- Online Donation (WeShare)	<b>\$2,897.50</b>
<b>Building, Equipment, &amp; Maintenance (BEM)</b>	<b>\$1,482.00</b>
<b>One Community Center Capital Campaign (non-assessed)</b>	<b>\$13,325.75</b>
<b>Candle Sales</b>	<b>\$584.00</b>
<b>Collection - Catholic Relief Services</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Collection - Operation Rice Bowl (Holy Thurs.)</b>	<b>\$281.00</b>
<b>Collection - Holy Land (Good Friday)</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>Catholic Relief Services - Frugal Meal</b>	<b>\$77.00</b>
<b>Donation - Charity</b>	<b>\$115.00</b>
<b>Donation - Social Ministry</b>	<b>\$48.00</b>
<b>Donation - YYA</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>\$260.00</b>
<b>Offering - Easter</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Offering - Easter Flowers</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>Offering - Funeral</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>Stewardship Development</b>	<b>\$9.50</b>
<b>Weekend Total:</b>	<b>\$37,683.24</b>

„Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce.” - Proverbs



# PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR



**The Parish Office** will be closed on *Monday, April 17*.

**The next Catholic Book Club** meeting will be held on *Thursday, April 20*, 7:00 - 9:00 pm in classroom 6. The title of the discussion book is *Angels and Saints: A Biblical Guide to Friendship with God's Holy Ones* by *Scott Hahn*. Open to everyone! For more, contact *Linda (277-1307)*.

**Bake Sale!** The St. John Women's Guild is celebrating the end of Lent by hosting a Bake Sale on the lanai *after all morning Masses* on **Sun., April 23**. There will be a lot of ono, local-style delicacies for your sweet palate!

**Divine Mercy Sunday** - Join the *St. John Rosary Group* and the *Knights of Columbus* on **Sunday, April 23** at **3:00 pm** in the church for the *Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet* and *Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image*. *Bring your Rosary!* To prepare, remember to begin a Novena on *Good Friday (April 14)* thru *Easter Saturday (April 22)*. For more info, call Marietta: 623-9164.

**St. John Rosary Making Ministry** - The next gathering is on **Saturday, April 29** at **10 am** on the Church Lanai. Everyone is welcome! For more, email Ellen: [donaf001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:donaf001@hawaii.rr.com).

**"Talk Story" on Disability** with our parish Social Ministry on **Saturday, April 29** at **10 am** in the Church. If you or a family member are disabled, please join our discussion on St. John's outreach to the disabled. We want your input on facilities, services, and ministries. Everyone is welcome! For more info, contact Deb Zedalis: 348-2973 or [dzedalis@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:dzedalis@hawaii.rr.com).

**Health & Wellness Fair**, sponsored by the Parish Health Ministry, will be held on **Saturday, May 6** from **10:00 am to 2:00 pm**. The fair will include live entertainment, medical testing (Glaucoma & Blood Pressure), exercise (Hula & Tai Chi), CPR & Nutrition demos, information booths, health discussion workshops, and MORE!!! For more, email Bonnie: [bdelossantos2@twc.com](mailto:bdelossantos2@twc.com).

**Who are the Homeless?** The *Adult Faith Formation Commission* presents: **You Welcomed Me: A Dialogue with the Community**, a 2-part event on **May 10 & 11, 7:00-8:00 pm**, in the church. Join us as they address the many issues relating to homelessness in Hawaii and how we can strive to bring new awareness and inspiration to all. For more information, contact Dr. Gilbert Githere: [hawaiiikenya48@gmail.com](mailto:hawaiiikenya48@gmail.com) or Christine Mogileqicz: [cmogz313@gmail.com](mailto:cmogz313@gmail.com).

## ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST!

We prayed, fasted, and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter Joy! Our Lenten Journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters whom we have walked with in India, Zambia, El Salvador, Mexico, Ethiopia and Hawaii. We commit to bring Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more info.



**Planned Giving:** Proper estate planning can reduce administrative time, expense and inconvenience. Careful estate planning can also be one of the best gifts you give your family. Please remember **St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church** in planning your will.



## THIS WEEK: April 17 – 23

**Monday - Daily Mass (8 AM)**

**\*Parish Office Closed\***

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
4 pm - Girl Scouts (Rm 5)  
7 pm - Boy Scouts (Rm 5)  
7 pm - Charismatic PG (CH)

**Tuesday - Daily Mass (8AM)**

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
9 am - Women's Bible Study (Rm 6)  
3 pm - Cenacle Prayer Group (CH)  
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)

**Wednesday - Daily Mass (8 AM)**

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
6 pm - OLPH Prayer Group (CH)  
7 pm - RCIA (Rm 4/5)  
7 pm - RE: FRE Practice (CH)  
7 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

**Thursday - Daily Mass (8 AM)**

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
9 am - Church Cleaning (Group 2)

**Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)**

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
6 pm - Two-Hearts / Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group (CH)  
6 pm - Girl Scouts (Rm 5)

**Saturday - Daily Mass (8 AM)**

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
10 am - Health Ministry Mtg. (Rm 6)  
3:30 pm - Confession  
5 pm - Mass (Saturday Vigil)

**Sunday - Religious Ed: "A" Schedule**

7 am, 9 am, 11 am, & 6 pm - Mass  
**\*WG Bake Sale @ all AM Masses\***  
12:30 pm - Baptism Ceremony (CH)  
4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)  
6 pm - Confirmation Mass

FOR YOUR SECURITY PLEASE...

**PARK SMART!**

Take ALL your belongings with you.



... AND SECURE YOUR VEHICLE!

Car thieves love to window shop!