

# ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

## SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

**BY: FATHER JOSEPH AYINPUUSA**

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus, an event in which Peter, James and John had a very special privilege of seeing a glimpse of the glory of Jesus. It was also a preview of the glory we all hope to share in heaven. They also saw Moses and Elijah appear to them, and conversing with Jesus. Something else of great importance occurred on the mountain: They heard the voice of God the Father say, "This is my beloved Son. **Listen to him.**" Just before this event Simon and Peter had declared that Jesus was the Messiah, but when Jesus began to explain that he must undergo suffering and death and on the third day be raised to life, the Apostles could not accept such a Messiah. So Jesus brings these three apostles to the mountain so that they would experience a glimpse of his heavenly glory in order to prepare them to experience with him the agony of the passion, so as to come with him to the joy of the resurrection. God the Father also knew that in order to fully understand and accept the teachings of His Son, the disciples needed to give him all their attention by listening to him.

It is not that they were not listening to Jesus. They did listen to him, but it was "selective listening"; they took what they wanted to hear or what they felt Jesus ought to be according to their thinking. For example when Jesus told them about his impending suffering and death they did not understand what this meant, but instead of asking to know, they rather argued about who among them would be the greatest (Luke 9:45-47). James and John also came asking for high places in his kingdom (Matt 20:17-24). They never heard of his suffering; it was the joy of the kingdom that mattered to them.

Many times we too practice the art of selective listening. We pick and choose the words we want to hear and gloss over the others. We listen to Jesus when he says things that are uplifting. We like Jesus who promises healing, love, and peace and prosperity. But when Jesus says things that are contrary to what we want to hear, such as the need to love our enemies, the need to forgive, the need to deny ourselves, we turn a deaf ear to him. Likewise, we find it unacceptable and turn against God, when we face difficulties in life.

Jesus at the transfiguration tells us that his suffering and death is not the end of the story; it is a means to a fruitful end, a glorious end. But it is a necessary means to that end. He wants us to listen to him even in the ordinary events of life and accept the sufferings that we bear as we serve him as his followers. We can listen to Jesus more intently and hear him more clearly by learning to listen to each other; by making up our mind that we would allow the will of God to be done in our life; by opening our mind and heart and allow Jesus talk to us as we read the scriptures and hear him in homilies that touch us, in the recesses of our heart. Most of all let us make an effort to sit at Jesus' feet daily and listen to him in prayer, and ask for the grace of God to apply his teachings in our life.

## 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**

**Mon. - Wed.:** 9 AM to 2 PM  
**Thurs. - Friday:** 9 AM to 11 AM  
**Saturday/Sunday:** Closed

**FOOD PANTRY Hours**

**Mon. - Wed.:** 9 AM to 12 PM  
**Thurs. - Friday:** 9 AM to 11 AM  
**Saturday/Sunday:** Closed

**Religious Ed Office Hours**

**Tues. - Thurs.:** 12 pm - 8:30 pm  
**Fri.:** 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
**Sun:** 7:00 am - 3:30pm  
**Saturday & Monday:** Closed

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# PASTOR'S CORNER

## *Thank you for your Pledge*



After three months of in pew capital campaign weekends, April 29/30 to July 29/30, the Lord has achieved the unthinkable. We made great advance towards our expected goal. With 371 pledges (30% of registered households) totaling \$1.6 Million, we are more than half way to the target goal of \$3 million;

50% of the total cost of the OCC that the diocese requires before the diocese will authorize us to get a construction line of credit. My faith tells me that the Lord will get us there. The reason I am so optimistic is because of you parishioners. I am so happy that so many of you have come forward to support your parish noble vision and mission. You have listened to the Holy Spirit inviting you to join other parishioners who took the lead.

I want to thank all parishioners for the trust you have given me and the parish leadership on this journey. This past weekend has shown me your faith, your conviction and trust in what we are doing in our parish. Thank you for your pledge.

In a particular way, I want to thank our parish leadership and staff for the time they have given to God to plan, strategize and execute our capital campaign. Without such leadership we would not be where we are today. Some of you have given away your family quality time just to serve the Lord as they serve the parish in their leadership. I thank each of you and your spouses and children.

There is at least one thing I have learned in this process. It is very easy to assume that everybody understands a capital campaign. In a capital campaign, every household counts in the success of the parish capital campaign. Some households have discussed and prayed about what they will sacrifice in order to give to the parish capital campaign. One such story touched me very deeply. Thank you for your sacrifice and commitment. May God bless you abundantly.

*Msgr. John S. Mbinda*



## St. Clare

### SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

St. Clare was the foundress of the "Poor Clares", an order of nuns. After listening to St. Francis of Assisi preach, she was moved to imitate him and serve Jesus. St. Francis himself cut her hair short and gave her a rough brown robe to wear.

She and her fellow nuns wore no shoes, ate no meat lived in a poor house and kept silent most times.

She carried the Blessed Sacrament to the walls of the convent to ward off attackers. She dropped to her knees and prayed and the attack was aborted. Her feast day is August 11th.



## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

The prophet Elijah having fled to Mount Horeb afraid for his life, is hiding in a cave when the Lord asks him to go outside where God would reveal himself. In the past, God had genuinely revealed himself in the powerful forces of nature. This time God shows himself veiled in the gentle breeze, perceptible only to the attentive listener. This passage is a warning for us to seek God as he is, not as we would like him to be.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

Psalm 85 is a prayer of thanksgiving for forgiveness and restoration. The prayer is also a petition for help to rebuild the kingdom and expresses confidence that God will restore his people fully. Response: "Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Paul in this passage laments that although the Israelites were privileged in the flesh so that Christ might come from them, this very privilege prevented them from receiving him. Paul's own expression of concern for his brother Jews echoes Moses' desire to sacrifice himself for the forgiveness of the Israelites (Ex 32:32). Here and subsequent chapters (9-11), Paul struggles to understand the meaning of Jewish resistance to the message of Christ. Paul himself experienced rejection of his own preaching of the Gospel by Jews wherever he went.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walking on the water occurs in close connection with the multiplication of loaves and fishes (see also Mk 6:34-52 and Jn 6:1-24). In understanding these miracles, it is important to see them as highly symbolic actions. The multiplication of loaves was done not just to satisfy human hunger, but to identify Jesus with the God who gives and sustains life, echoing God's providing manna for his people in the desert (Ex 16). Thus Jesus' victory over water identifies his work as Messiah, overcoming the forces of evil and bringing creation to its fulfillment. Walking on water is part of Jesus' intensive training of his disciples, in which he strives to convince them of the nature of his power, and that they are called to share in it. That is why Jesus invites Peter to come across the water as a sign that disciple and stewards also possesses power over the forces of evil and the only reason for faltering is lack of faith.

**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](#)

### Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, August 7, (8 am)**

†Tony Baptiste (Memorial Anniversary)

† Patrick Veá Saguibo

(1 yr. Death Anniversary)

† Myrtle Reponte

**Tuesday, August 8, 2017 (8 am)**

† Patrick Veá Saguibo

(1 yr. Death Anniversary)

Amadeo & Stephanie Verzon (Healing)

† Tina Tate (Thanksgiving)

**Wednesday, August 9, 2017 (8 am)**

Samuel S. Aguirre (Birthday Blessing)

† Patrick Veá Saguibo

(1 yr. Death Anniversary)

† Deceased members of Cayetano Family

**Thursday, August 10, 2017 (8 am)**

Devin Shockley (Birthday Blessing)

† Richard P. Tesoro

(Anniversary Memorial)

† Patrick Veá Saguibo

(1 yr. Death Anniversary)

**Friday, August 11, 2017 (8 am)**

Catherine De Jesus (Birthday)

† Cezar L. Vitug

† Patrick Veá Saguibo

(1 yr Death Anniversary)

**Saturday, August 12, 2017**

**8 am** † Patrick Veá Saguibo

(1 yr. Death Anniversary)

† Fermina Tumbagon

Agnes De Jesus (Healing)

**5 pm** Sandy Rice (Healing)

**Sunday, August 13, 2017**

**7am** † Magdalena Chaves

**9am** For the People

**11 am** † Shirley Ann Ganir

**6 pm** † Shirley Ann Ganir

† Rest in Peace

**HEALING / BLESSINGS:** Darrlyn & Ron Bunda, Matt Faris, Ramona DeCosta, John Bates, James & Elaine Kahala, Ellen Cleghorn, baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, Ron Thames, Elaine Utu, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Mina DeJesus, John Basug, Santiago Tumpap, Bella Rillamas, Norma & Ethan Belamide, Jane Alukonis, Rosalie Tadda, Rowena, Eric, & Ryan Asuncion, Warren Chalmers, Carrie Becky, Marietta Kaeo, Deacon Modesto Cordero and all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

**DECEASED:** Robert Hunter, Greg Castillo, Dana Lee Oandasan, Mary Umoren, Richard Charlie Dela Cruz, Gerry Ichiyama, Charles Remington, Bobby Ascuncion, Elizabeth Cawley, Manuel DeCosta Jr., Gloria Olegario, Conklin Kaapana, Demenciano Macaibay, Julian Rilveria, Fermina Tumbagon, Marie Chan Hin & Maria Crisostomo.

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS †

**Nora Dichoso Domingo (RIP)**

Wednesday, August 23, 2017 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 10 am

Mass: 11 am

Burial: 12:30pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

**Julian Rilveria (RIP)**

Saturday, August 19, 2017 ~ Mililani Memorial Park (Makai)

Visitation: 8:00 am

Funeral Service: 10:15 am

Burial: 11:00 am ~ Mililani Memorial Park



**LIFE TEEN SUMMER 2017**

Life Teen is open to all high school aged youth. Life Nights are on Sundays after the 6 pm mass from 7:15pm-8:30pm in the church.

**SUMMER SCHEDULE:**

August 6- Criminal: A Life Night on the Persecuted Christ

August 13- King: A Life Night on Christ the King.

For more information, please contact the RE office

The next 24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Fri., September 1, immediately after the 8 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am on Sat., September 2.



**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE JULY 29/30**

Sunday Collection	\$ 13,237.61
Children's Collection	\$ 11.50
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 332.50
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 1,146.00
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 57,300.75
Candle Sales	\$ 336.04
Donation - Social Ministry	\$ 55.00
Donation - Charity	\$ 55.00
Donation - Baptism	\$ 100.00
Donation - Catholic Charities	\$ 2.00
Donation - Funeral	\$ 500.00
Donation - Seminarian Education	\$ 70.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 35.00
<b>Weekend Total:</b>	<b>\$ 73,181.40</b>

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

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[www.dmchawaii.org](http://www.dmchawaii.org)

"Saints for Life"

- Visit our website for full event schedule

>> Local, National, International Speakers  
(Cardinal Maffi, Sr. Helen Prejean, Dr. Sri & more)

>> Mass, Confession, and Prayer  
(including Adoration Chapel & Art Displays)

>> Concerts, Movies, Expo Hall  
(Paul Kim, Jackie Angel, & local talent)



**Damien & Marianne**  
CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

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Hawaii Convention Ctr

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

August 13 & 27, September 10 & 24, October 8 & 22...

**\*Baptism Preparation Classes:** August 6, September 3, October 1....

\*\*Please contact the Parish Office to make all arrangements in advance 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.

Message from the

***Religious Education Office***

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

Visit the RE Office to register your children in **grades Pre-K to 12**. We are preparing for an increase in enrollment as all baptized candidates, in **grades 2-12**, will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of the RE year. We encourage EARLY registration!

**\*Become a Confirmation Sponsor for a Student!\***

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 info and sign up!

**For more, please contact the RE Office: 623-3332, ext. 204/206 or [sjaeRE@rcchawaii.org](mailto:sjaeRE@rcchawaii.org)**

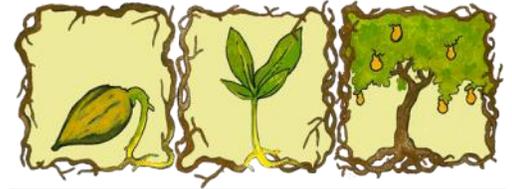
**Upcoming Meetings:**

Parent Orientation: August 6..... Rms 4 & 5.... 12:30- 2pm.

Sponsor Information: August 9 & 13. Rms 4 & 5 12:30- 2pm.



# PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR



**One Community Center Capital Campaign:** Completed Capital Campaign pledge card may be placed in the drop box at the back of the church. You may also drop them at the parish front office or into our locked mail box. If you have any questions please call the parish office.

**School Supply Drive:** The Outreach Office is seeking donations for its annual school supply drive. **June 1st — August 31st.** Please drop donations off at the Outreach Office during office hours. If you are a family in need, looking for assistance with school supplies for your child, please call Pearl at (808) 623-3332 x203 for more information.

**The Family Rosary Prayer Group:** "the NEW MINISTRY": How many saints can you name? The Family Rosary Prayer Group gathers every Monday night at 7 pm in the Chapel to pray the Rosary with beautifully sung Marian hymns. The group prayer is followed by a potluck and reflection on lives of the Saints in Room 4. In addition to weekly prayers and reflection, the Family Rosary Prayer Group promotes First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary immediately after the 5 pm Mass every first Saturday night of the month. We are currently looking for families or individuals who are willing to lead a decade of the Rosary once a month. For questions about our Association of the Faithful, visit [www.shway.org](http://www.shway.org) or email: [info@shway.org](mailto:info@shway.org).

**SJAE Women's Guild:** SJAE Women's Guild will be having their delicious bake sale after the morning masses on **August 13!** Please show your support and enjoy the goodies.

**The next Catholic Book Club:** meeting will be on **Thursday, August 17, 7-9 pm** in classroom 6. The title of the discussion book is Life of Christ by Bishop Fulton Sheen. Bring a snack to share. For more information, contact Melissa Crisostomo: (808) 626-2469 or [alohamc@gmail.com](mailto:alohamc@gmail.com).

**SAVE THE DATE!!** Bishop Larry Silva will be presiding at the 5pm Mass on Saturday, August 19th with a Marriage Convalidation Ceremony.

**CYM Life Teen:** On **Saturday, August 19**, the Central Oahu Vicariate is holding a Youth Day! The youth ministry programs of all six parishes in Central Oahu will join together at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Pearl City for a day of faith & fellowship. The event is \$10 and includes a t-shirt, bus transportation from SJAE, and meals/snacks. Contact the RE office.

**Catholic Charities Hawaii (CCH):** Our parish will be participating in a special collection next weekend, **August 26/27**, for CCH. Your participation will help fulfill the mission to serve the most vulnerable brothers & sisters. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please drop your donation during Offertory or you may also donate online through our parish "Online Giving". Please be generous.

**Rosary Making Ministry:** The next gathering is on **August 30th at 10 am** on the Church Lanai. Everyone is welcome.

**POPE FRANCIS INVITES ALL YOUNG ADULTS FROM YEARS 19-29 TO RESPOND TO AN ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING THE NEXT SYNOD OF BISHOPS ON "YOUTH, FAITH, AND VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT," IN OCTOBER 2018.**

*THE SURVEY WILL CLOSE ON AUGUST 21ST.*  
THE ONLINE LINK IS [YOUTH.SYNOD2018.VA](http://YOUTH.SYNOD2018.VA)

**Planting Seeds for the Future:** At the death of a special friend or relative you might like to remember that person through a memorial gift to your church. This will show your appreciation for this treasured relationship and help others through the church. An acknowledgement card will be sent to the surviving family, letting them know of your gift, without disclosing the amount.

Please remember *St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church* in planning your will.

## THIS WEEK: August 7-August 13

### Monday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
4 pm - Girl Scouts (Rm 6)  
6:30 pm - Boy Scouts (Rm 5)  
7 pm - 4th Degree Knight (Rm 5)  
7 pm - Charismatic PG (CH)  
7 pm - Family Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
7:30 pm - Family Rosary - Fellowship (RM4)

### Tuesday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
9 am - Women's Bible Study (Rm 6)  
3 pm - Cenacle Prayer Group (CH)  
4:30 pm - Children's Choir Practice (CCH)  
7 pm - Combined Choir Practice (CH)  
7 pm - Knights of Columbus (Rm 5)  
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)

### Wednesday - Daily Mass (8AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
6 pm - OLPH Prayer Group (CH)  
7 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)  
7 pm - RE: Sponsor Info Night (Rms 4/5)

### Thursday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
9 am - Church Cleaning - Group 2 (CH)  
7 pm - Music Ministry (CH)

### Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:30 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
5 pm - 2 Hearts (CH)

### Saturday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
9 am - Liturgical Movements Ministry (Rm 4)  
3:30 pm - Confession  
5 pm - Mass (Saturday Vigil)

### Sunday - Masses

7 am, 9 am, 11 am, & 6 pm  
Women's Guild Bake Sale after all morning masses  
12:30 pm - RE Sponsor Information (Rms 4/5)  
4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)

FOR YOUR SECURITY PLEASE...

**PARK SMART!**

Take ALL your belongings with you.



... AND SECURE YOUR VEHICLE!  
Car thieves love to window