

# ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

### SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY: DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

This Sunday, we celebrate the final Sunday in our liturgical year, the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**. The closing of our liturgical year marks a good moment to pause and reflect on our spiritual lives over the last year.

Psalm 23 is a good starting point in beginning our reflection on our spiritual health. The psalm response reminds us that “*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*” Have you trusted the Lord to shepherd you this past year? Did you trust others to help you? Did you reach out to shepherd someone else through a tough time? Maybe you experienced pain or joy this year. Did you share these experiences with the Lord? With your closest friends and family?

We live in a time where we rarely let God shepherd us. This is the do-it-yourself age. Look at our Home Depot and our HGTV show. We’ve become a people lacking of the statement: Help? Asking for help does not make us weak. We can trust in God to guide us. God will rescue us from every place where we are scattered. We do not need to travel the darkness or happiness alone.

Let us continue to look back on our spiritual life over this past year. Can you see God’s work in your life? How was God active and present to you during this last year? Were you able to place your trust in God over the last year? Trusting can be a double-edged sword. Sometimes, we use the excuse of trust to not change anything about our lives. We say that if something is meant to be, it is meant to be and we get stuck in a static life. God wants us to trust, but God also wants us to work, something that Jesus reminds us of in the Gospel reading.

Jesus gives us our own guided spiritual reflection during this Sunday’s Gospel. Let us truthfully answer Jesus’ questions. Over the last year, did you feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; welcome the stranger; clothe the naked; take care of the sick; or visit the prisoner? Jesus is asking us, “are you living the example I have set for you?”

While we place all our trust in God, let us pray for the courage and strength to continue Jesus’ ministry here on earth, trusting that God is with us in all that we do.

Praise be Christ the King!

### 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-4:30 PM  
**Tues. - Fri.:** 8:00 AM-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

**Religious Ed Office Hours**

**Monday:** Closed  
**Tues. - Thurs.:** 12 pm - 8:00 pm  
**Fri.:** 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
**Saturday:** 2:00—5:00 pm  
**Sun:** 7:00 am - 1:00pm

**PARISH CLERGY & STAFF**

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# PASTOR'S CORNER

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### Plan Your Christmas Mass Ahead

Christmas is a day of obligation. This year is a little complicated. Christmas Eve is on Sunday evening with Mass at 6PM and 12:00 Midnight. For those who attend the Sunday 6PM Mass regularly, this Mass will not fulfill your Sunday obligation since it will celebrate Christmas Eve.

To fulfill your **Sunday Obligation (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)**, please plan on attending one of the following Masses:

Saturday, December 23, 5pm Mass

Sunday, December 24

5am - Misa De Gallo

7am - Sunday Mass

9am - Sunday Mass

11am - Sunday Mass

To fulfill your **Christmas Obligation**, please plan on attending one of the following Masses:

December 24, Christmas Eve Masses

6pm - Christmas Family Mass (fulfills ONLY Christmas Obligation)

12:00 - Christmas Midnight Mass

December 25, Christmas Day

7am, 9am and 11am ONLY. NO 6PM MASS

I hope the above information is useful. May God bless you abundantly this Thanksgiving weekend and throughout the Advent Season which begins soon.

*Msgr. John S. Mbinda*

**Mahalo to everyone** who donated canned goods, other food items, certificates (for turkeys) and hygiene items during the Holiday Food Drive. The drive was a great success. Twenty-five families received assistance this year. All remaining items will be used in the Food Pantry to fill the constant requests for food throughout the year which we provide from the Outreach Food Pantry. May God continue to bless you for your caring, generosity and kindness for the less fortunate.

**St. John's Outreach Center**

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 "Be generous and you will be prosperous; help others and you will be helped."  
 (Good News Translation) - Prov 11:25  
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## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

### First Day of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7

The words of prophet Isaiah in this passage give voice to the cry of a people who are broken and in need of restoration. They call upon the Lord to return to them and to show again the favor of his presence. Yet they realize that God has not walked out on them, rather it is they who have been unfaithful to him. God is addressed as Father and Redeemer because human attempts at salvation have failed. Now in humility the people confess their guilt to God who is their Father and Creator. We are all the work of God's hands.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Psalm 80 similar to the first reading is a prayer of the chosen people crying to God as their Shepherd for care and protection. Response: "Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

In this passage, Paul thanks God for the variety of gifts manifested in the Christian community of Corinth. He reminds them that in spite of all their knowledge, they are still waiting for the revelation of Jesus Christ, who will sustain them till the end. In other words, salvation comes from the power of God, who calls us all to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Advent begins with a call to watchfulness. That is why the Gospel passage of this Sunday highlights Jesus' teaching on the signs that would characterize the last days. Jesus is not giving a schedule to predict his final coming, but rather he is underlining what sort of watchfulness is demanded of his followers. We cannot wait passively or occupy ourselves with our own interests, even if they are spiritual interests, but must work diligently for the advancement of his kingdom as his servants —each of us with our own gifts, abilities, and particular tasks. On the one hand, we are told to open our eyes to read the signs of the times, but on the other hand, even the vigilant will be surprised at the suddenness of the fulfillment.

**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, November 27, 2017 (8 am)**

Milagros Cortel (Birthday Blessings)

†James Michael Hunkele

†Florida & Marlon Laeno Asuncion

**Tuesday, November 28, 2017 (8 am)**

†Benedict J. Balthazar

†James Michael Hunkele

†Florida & Marlon Laeno Asuncion

**Wednesday, November 29, 2017 (8 am)**

Primo Pablo (Birthday Blessings)

†Pedro Taglinao

(Memorial Anniversary)

†Asuncion A. Vitug

**Thursday, November 30, 2017 (8 am)**

†Tessie Aquino

†Martin & Helen McNally

**Friday, December 1, 2017 (8 am)**

†Feliciano Dona

†Frank Tadda (Birthday Memorial)

†James & Mildred Mizoguchi

**Saturday, December 2, 2017**

**8 am** †Sonny & Tessie Aquino

**5 pm** †James Michael Hunkele

**Sunday, December 3, 2017**

**7am** Melody (Thanksgiving)

**9 am** For the People

**11 am** †All Souls in Purgatory

**6 pm** †Tessie Aquino

† Rest in Peace †

**HEALING / BLESSINGS:** Ben & Helen Guerrero, Santiago Tumpap, Bella Rillamas, Norma & Ethan Belamide, Jane Alukonis, Rosalie Tadda, Rowena, Eric, & Ryan Asuncion, Warren Chalmers, Carrie Becky, Deacon Modesto Cordero, Cheryl Solomon, Clyde Sauget, Felisa Rapisura, Linda Osdieck, David Hall, Evelyn Quinata, Shirley Del Rosario, Carol Towne, Darling & Ron Bunda, baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, David Torres, Jack & Ellen Cleghorn and all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

**DECEASED:** Marietta Kaeo, Rudolfo "Rudy" Rapisura, Mina Lee, Masashi Kamiya, Violet Y. Chun, Antonia Peralta Galicinao, Florentino Tamondong, Sr., Kang Moreno, Lucy Lantias, Wendell Serrao, Marina Guerrero, Palamene Pselio, Alan Pearson, "Bestray" Sarsona, Jovita Daclan, Orly B. Ceon, James M. Hunkele, Larry Butcher & Teresita Aquino.

† **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** †

**Marina Yalao Guerrero (RIP)**

Monday, November 27, 2017 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 9:30 am

Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Mortuary Park

**Larry Butcher (RIP)**

Thursday, December 7, 2017 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 9:30 am

Mass: 11:00 am

**Teresita Aquino (RIP)**

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 ~ Mililani Mauka Chapel

Wake Service: 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 20, 2017 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 9:30 am

Mass: 10:00 am

Burial: 1 pm ~ Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery

**Rosalina V. Bayona (RIP)**

Wednesday, December 27, 2017 ~ Mililani Mauka

Visitation: 6:00 pm

Wake Service: 6:30 pm

Thursday, December 28, 2017 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 9:00 am

Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 1:00 pm ~ Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery

Advent & Christmas Schedule



First Sunday of Advent– December 3  
Immaculate Conception– December 8  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Masses: 8am & 7pm

Parish Advent Retreat– December 11-12, 7:00 pm

**BECOMING THE BODY OF CHRIST:**

**CONNECT, ENGAGE, WITNESS, EVANGELIZE**

Speaker: Fr. Philip Chircop, SJ

Advent Penance Service- December 13, 7:00 pm

Misa de Gallo– December 16-24 (5:00 am)

Dec. 16– Msgr. John Mbinda

Dec. 17– Fr. Pat McCormick

Dec. 18– Fr. Edmund Barut

Dec. 19– Fr. Philip Chircop

Dec. 20– Bishop Larry Silva

Dec. 21– Fr. Norlito Concepcion

Dec. 22– Fr. Rheo Ofalsa

Dec. 23– Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa

Dec. 24– Msgr. John Mbinda

Church Offices will be closed December 22 - 25 in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas.

Christmas Eve Sunday Masses: 6pm and 12 Midnight

Christmas Day Masses: 7am, 9am, and 11am

No 6pm Mass



**LIFE TEEN REMINDER:**

December 3: **SUPER SUNDAY!**

All confirmation candidates **MUST ATTEND.**

If you have any questions, feel free to call the RE office.

(808) 623-3332 ext. 206/ 204.

**SEE YOU THERE!**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	NOV 18/19
Sunday Collection	\$ 12,765.63
Children's Collection	\$ 3.50
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,080.50
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 1,099.63
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 1,711.88
Candle Sales	\$ 746.00
Donation - Social Ministry	\$ 10.00
Donation - Charity	\$ 66.00
Donation– Marriage	\$ 500.00
Donation– Funeral	\$ 300.00
Donation– All Souls Day	\$ 40.00
Donation– Angel Tree Network	\$ 320.00
Donation– Catholic Campaign for Hum an Dev.	\$ 510.00
Donation-	\$ 80.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 160.00
<b>Weekend Total:</b>	<b>\$ 20,393.14</b>

The next 24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will be held on *Friday, December 1*, immediately after the 8 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am on *Saturday, December 2.*



**ATTENTION ALL Christmas Angels!**

Mahalo Nui Loa to those who supported a child or a senior in need by choosing an Angel Tag.



**Gift Collection/ Drop off weekends: November 25/26 & December 5/6**  
**ALL GIFTS** are to be returned with the Angel Tag attached!

Please check your tag for special instructions (wrapped or unwrapped).

**The ABSOLUTE LAST WEEKEND to turn in your Angel Gift is December 2/3**

For more info, please call Deb Zedalis at (808) 348-2973



# PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card

We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card, you can still mail it to the parish. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of **St. John Apostle & Evangelist**. Please take this opportunity to express your support for our parish with your time, talent, and treasure!

This Advent St. John's is reaching out to help those in need. We will be joining other churches and community organizations at the **Wahiawa Christmas Wonderland**, held on **December 16<sup>th</sup>, from 4-9 p.m.** If you are interested in helping, please call Deb Zedalis at 348-2973 or email: at [dzedalis@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:dzedalis@hawaii.rr.com).

**The Knights of Columbus** will be having a chicken plate fundraiser (**tickets go on sale this Sunday, Nov 26<sup>th</sup>, pick up Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 2018**) in support of rebuilding the Christian city of Karamles, Iraq. Efforts will be in support of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus' initiative to rebuild and return displaced Christian families to this devastated city.

No Religious Ed Classes on **November 25-26**. Classes will resume on December 2nd with B Schedule.

**The 2018 Advent Magnificat will be distributed after all masses next weekend.**

**The Hui O Laulima Food Trolley** will be out next weekend, **December 2nd & 3rd**. There is a need for non-perishable, single-sized serving foods: cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, jam, fruit, ramen, rice (5lb bags), canned goods (meats, sauces, soups, pasta, veggies, beans, fruits), mac & cheese, etc. Thank you for your continued support and kokua.

**Little Bethlehem Christians (LBC)** is a group that represents Christian Families who live in the Holy Land of Bethlehem that make their living as wood carvers. The Alshouri Family, representing this group, will display a collection of hand-carved olive wood religious items for sale on **December 2nd & 3rd after all masses**. All profits will support Christianity in the land of Christ.

Please Join Us...

**St. John's Catholic Preschool** will be holding our **1st Annual Silent Auction, on Saturday, December 9, 2017, following the 5pm Mass**. Enjoy fellowship and refreshments with an opportunity to do some holiday shopping that raises money for our wonderful school. For more information, or if you are interested in donating a themed basket or other contribution, please contact Ms. Cat at 744-9538.

**Retirement for Religious Special Collection December 9th & 10th.** Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. Many served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes--often for little to no pay. Now there is a shortage in retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who gave given a lifetime. Envelopes are available at the back of the church or you may also give online through our parish website, click "**Online Giving**". Please be generous.

**Planting Seeds for the Future:** You can share your faith beyond your lifetime by careful estate planning that includes your church in your will. During your lifetime you will have the joy of knowing that what ever you do not use in this life will continue in ministry through your church after your death.

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

## THIS WEEK: November 27– December 3

### Monday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
4 pm - Girl Scouts (Troop 611) (Rm 6)  
6 pm - Cub Scouts (Rms 4-5)  
7 pm - Boy Scouts (Rm 5)  
7 pm - Charismatic PG (CH)  
7 pm - Family Rosary Prayer Group (Chapel)  
7:30 pm - Family Rosary Prayer Group Fellowship (RM 4)

### Tuesday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
9 am - Women's Bible Study (Rm 6)  
9 am - Church Cleaning- Environment (CH)  
3 pm - Cenacle Prayer Group (CH)  
4:30 pm - Children's Choir Practice (CCH)  
7 pm - Combined Choir Practice (CH)  
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 - RCIA (Rms 4-5)  
7 pm - Music Rehearsal (CH)  
7:30 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

### Thursday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
9 am - Church Cleaning- Group 5  
9 am - SMC Meeting (Rm 5)

### Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:30 am - Adoration  
8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
9 am - Church Cleaning (Environment)  
6 pm - Girl Scouts (Troop 104) (Rm 5)  
6:30 pm - RE: YM Meeting (Rm 4)

### Saturday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:30 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
9 am - Mililani Christmas Parade  
3:30 pm - Confession  
5 pm - Mass (Saturday Vigil)  
6 pm - Family Rosary Prayer Group - CH  
7 pm - Family Rosary Prayer Group Fellowship (Rm 4)

### Sunday - Masses

7 am, 9 am, 11 am, & 6 pm  
2 pm - Baptism Prep Class - (Rm 3)  
4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)

Religious Ed. Classes - Schedule "B"

Life Teen - SUPER SUNDAY #3

FOR YOUR SECURITY PLEASE...  
... AND SECURE YOUR VEHICLE!

**PARK SMART!**

Take ALL your belongings with you.



Car thieves love to window shop!