

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: FATHER PATRICK MCCORMICK

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mark records in Chapter 1 an early incident in Capernaum where “all who were ill or possessed by demons” were brought to Jesus’ door, and he cured many and drove out demons. Then Jesus rises early and goes off to pray. Realizing he is not there, the disciples go searching and upon finding him, and presuming he does not understand what is happening back in Capernaum, they tell him “everyone is looking for you”. To their puzzlement, after time in prayer to his Father, he tells them “let us go to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come”. And so they do. What a strange turn of events. Instead of healing the newly arrived sick and suffering, he seems to have abandoned them to their sorrows which hardships the people have just seen him heal in the lives of others. But what does it mean? It certainly is not the understandable ways of man that Jesus is following.

His mission is much more than just healing the sick and troubled, which he alone can do and very often will do. If he would only take care of their sufferings and hardships he could be the head rabbi or mayor of Capernaum or governor of Galilee, enjoying their gratitude and respect.

The answer to this question slowly evolves itself in the revelations of St. Mark’s Gospel as it also slowly evolves itself in the life of everyone who “believes in Jesus”. He does not always do what we firmly believe he and he alone could do for us. What does it mean? We all experience this in life, and some experience this mystery often and for long periods of time.

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****Pastor** (ext. 111)*Msgr. John Mbinda**jmbinda@rcchawaii.org***Parochial Vicar** (x 104)*Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa**jayinpuusa@rcchawaii.org**Fr. Pat McCormick* (x 108)*(In Residence)***Deacon** Modesto Cordero*mcordero@rcchawaii.org***Deacon** Romeo Ganibe*rganibe@rcchawaii.org***Parish Office Administrator** (x 103)*Jolly Guerrero-Tano**jollygt@rcchawaii.org***Parish Secretary** (x 100)*Dominique Kekiwi**dkekiwi@rcchawaii.org***Director of Liturgy***Nicholas Calzada**ncalzada@rcchawaii.org***Grounds & Maintenance***Robert Garnsey**rgarnsey@rcchawaii.org***Outreach Department** (x 203)*Pearl Bates**pebates@rcchawaii.org***RCIA Coordinators***Dcn. Modesto Cordero**Dcn. Romeo Ganibe***Religious Ed. Director** (x 206)*Julie Quiroz-Zamora**jquiroz@rcchawaii.org***Religious Ed. Secretary** (x 204)*Dominique Kekiwi**dkekiwi@rcchawaii.org***Preschool Director** (744-9538)*Catherine Awong**cawong@rcchawaii.org*

PASTOR'S CORNER

OCC Capital Campaign: What We Need to Do

Last Sunday we projected three slides that show that we have so far raised \$1.6 million towards the required \$2.5 million by the Diocese in order to proceed with construction. You can see that we have raised more than half of what we need. This was done in six weeks during which 400 households made their pledges. That is only 30% of all households. If the remaining 800 household come forward with their pledges, we will achieve the goal of \$2.5 million in pledges. The Diocese will then allow us to proceed with construction. We are so close to our goal and that is why I am reaching out to you if you have not yet made your pledge.

The OCC project, when completed will benefit all parishioners and especially all ministries as a place of ongoing formation and enriching your faith. I will therefore be going to all ministries meetings in the coming weeks to speak more about the capital campaign pledge. What we are asking is doable: the equivalent of two Starbucks coffee or the equivalent of \$10 per week for three years. The simple math is this: $\$10 \times 52 = \$510 \times 800 = \$408,000 \times 3 = \1.2 million. All we need is that you fill in your pledge card, if you have not done so and drop it in the box at the back of the church, or mail it. I asked several parishioners about this and all said, "Father we can do this!" Another said, "Now I see the One Community Center is in sight!"

We need to keep moving forward as any further delay may mean higher construction costs. I am more optimistic than ever that we will achieve our goal.

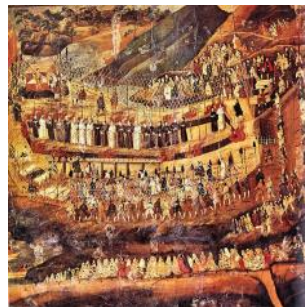
May God bless all parishioners who have already pledged for their generosity and inspiration to others. The parish is most grateful to you.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Paul Miki & Companions

Memorial - February 6 1562-1597



Toyotomi Hideyoshi, ruling Japan in the name of the emperor, became alarmed at the growth of Christianity resulting from St. Francis Xavier's mission, begun in 1549. Because of Hideyoshi's orders, 26 Christians were arrested, had their left ears cut off as a sign of disrespect, were marched through towns, and were crucified and pierced with lances on a hill outside Nagasaki on February 5. While the public procession and execution was meant to instill fear in Japanese Christians, the joyful witness of the soon-to-be martyrs—who sang hymns on arriving to the hill where their crosses awaited them—evoked compassion and conversion instead. The martyrs were Franciscans, Jesuits, Japanese laymen, and one Korean. Paul Miki, a distinguished preacher, who was the son of a samurai, was the most prominent of the Japanese Jesuits. The martyrs were canonized in 1862; their feast was added to the General Roman Calendar in 1969.

Be generous and you will be prosperous; help others and you will be helped." (Good News Translation) - Prov 11:25

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

These four verses do not cover the complex Levitical law on skin diseases. Leviticus 13-14 gives detailed procedures for the evaluation and quarantine of those so afflicted, but shows little concern for suffering or interest in healing. The concern of the law was the common good, protecting society from infection, rather than the welfare of the individual. The priest's duty was to be a judge who would declare the leprous person unclean or verify such a person to be cured.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11

Psalm 32 is one of the seven penitential psalms. It is used as part of today's readings because leprosy serves as a symbol of human sin. The leper reports to the priest and so too the sinner comes to confess to the Lord. Response: "I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you will fill me with the joy of salvation."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

These few verses cannot be understood properly apart from their context. The background is Chapter 10:1-13 which offers an introduction and gives the key teaching: the Eucharist is the one body of Christ. Thus we become one with the body of Christ. If we are united to Christ, we form an organic unity — one body — with all who share the Eucharist. Therefore we must celebrate the Eucharist (without giving offense to anyone) so that our unity in Christ's love is evident.

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Leprosy, as found in the Bible, is a generic term for a variety of skin diseases; it did not refer only to what we now know as Hansen's disease. Leviticus 13-14 (first reading) describes various forms of skin disease, and prescribes the precautions of isolation outside the city for those afflicted, and examination by the priests to verify healing. Thus leprosy and its consequences signified uncleanness and alienation from society, and therefore became a symbol of sin and condemnation. Mark gives three reasons to show why Jesus goes against the Levitical laws of not touching lepers. "Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him..." The second reason is to show the extraordinary power of Jesus: "I will do it. Be made clean." The third reason is the conclusion that therefore Jesus is the Messiah, but that truth can only be revealed gradually. That is why Jesus tells the cured leper to tell no one but to show himself to the priest in accordance of the law as a proof to those who still doubt him to be the Messiah.

Follow Msgr. John's Homilies! Blog
(text): www.sundayhomily.com

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

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 5, 2018
(8 am) †Ernesto D. Dumlaog
†Maureen T. Hart
†Milagros Gueco

Tuesday, February 6, 2018
(8 am) Cindy Abernathy
(Birthday Blessing)
Jesus J. Caspillo
(Healing/ Birthday Blessing)
†Milagros Gueco

Wednesday, February 7, 2018
(8 am) †Milagros Gueco
†Thomas & Claudia Borowitz
†Belen Acebo

Thursday, February 8, 2018
(8 am) M/M Henry DeCosta
(Anniversary)
†Milagros Gueco
†Belen Acebo

Friday, February 9, 2018
(8 am) Allen Baytes
(Birthday Blessing)
†Maureen Hart
†Agreda Acebo

Saturday, February 10, 2018
8 am †Charles Morton
Ernesta Tolentino
(Birthday Blessing/Healing)
Pacita Mauleon
(Birthday Blessing)
5 pm †Jarrett Bolosan

Sunday, February 11, 2018
7am †Bobby Gabriel Asuncion
9 am For the People
11 am †Toni Kahaulelio
6 pm †Guillermo Uyttingco
†Rest in Peace †

HEALING / BLESSINGS: 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, Ernesta Tolentino, Lester Wilson, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Jim Vangrinsven, Dollie McGarry, Buena Harding & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Lucy Lantias, Wendell Serrao, Marina Guerrero, Palamene Pselio, Alan Pearson, Orly B. Ceon, James M. Hunkele, Larry Butcher, Teresita Aquino, Rosalina V. Bayona, Agreda Acebo, Maureen Hart, Francisco V. Soliven, Ernesto D. Dumlaog, Teodora Caliboso, Praxedes Salmorin, Milagros Gueco, Bella Rillamas, Phillip D. Meek, Sr. & William Brillhante.

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS †

Teodora P. Caliboso (RIP)

Monday, February 5, 2018 ~ Mililani Makai Chapel

Wake Service: 6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 6, 2018- SJAE

Mass: 9:30 am

Burial: 11:00 am~ Mililani Memorial Park

Phillip D. Meek, Sr. (RIP)

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 ~ Mililani Makai Chapel

Visitation: 5:30 pm

Prayer Service: 6:30 pm

Thursday, February 8, 2018- Mililani Memorial Park

Burial: 10:00 am~ Mililani Memorial Park

David Ray Gussman (RIP)

Friday, February 9, 2018 ~ SJAE

Prayer Service: 11:00 am

Robert Allen Hunter (RIP)

Monday, February 12, 2018 ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Burial: 10:00 am

Castora V. Soriano (RIP)

Monday, March 5, 2018 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 9:30 am

Mass: 10:30 am

Burial: 1:30 pm~ Mililani Memorial Park

The next 24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will be held on *Friday, March 2*, immediately after the 8 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am on *Saturday, March 3*.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	JAN 27/28
Sunday Collection	\$ 13,805.48
Children's Collection	\$ 14.50
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 361.00
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 1,127.00
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 7,434.00
Candle Sales	\$ 597.00
Donation— Baptisms	\$ 100.00
Donation— Funerals	\$250.00
Donation— Black & Indian Mission	\$ 161.00
Donation— Church in Latin America	\$ 80.00
Donation - Stewardship	\$ 19.00
Donation— Social Ministry	\$ 80.00
Donation— Charity	\$ 40.00
Donation— Youth & Young Adults	\$ 30.00
Donation— Mass Intentions	\$ 250.00

Weekend Total: \$ 24,348.98

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce."- Proverbs 3:9

****Upcoming Baptism Ceremony Dates**

(Infants to Age 6):

Feb. 18 & 25, March 11 & 18, April 15 & 22 ...

***Baptism Preparation Classes:**

February 4, March 4, April 8...

**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.

Life Teen REMINDER:

Sunday, February 4— NO SUPER SUNDAY!

Life Teen Super Sunday will resume on Sun. February 11th.
SEE YOU THERE!

Lent and Easter Schedule

Ash Wednesday, February 14.

Masses at 8am, 5pm, and 7pm.

Stations of the Cross: 7pm (Fridays)

February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16 and 23.

Frugal Meal sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and other parish ministries after Stations of the Cross.

Parish Lenten Retreat: March 5-7, 7 pm.

Retreat Speaker: **Fr. Charles Willingham**

(**Fr. Charles** will preach at all Masses the weekend of March 3 and 4)

Lenten Penance Service, March 7, 7pm.

Palm Sunday, March 25 (Regular Mass Schedule)

Holy Thursday, March 29 (No Daily Mass)

*Morning Prayers in lieu of daily mass.

*Mass at 7pm

Good Friday, March 30 (No Daily Mass)

Parish Office Closed

*Morning Prayers in lieu of daily Mass.

* **Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ**, 3pm

* **Stations of the Cross**, 7pm

Holy Saturday, March 31 (No Daily Mass)

* Morning Prayers in lieu of daily Mass.

* No 3:30 pm Confession

* **Easter Vigil:** 7pm

Easter Sunday, April 1

* Masses at 7am, 9am & 11am

** No 6 pm Mass **

Easter Monday, April 2— **Church Offices Closed**



PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

Old Blessed Palms NEEDED For Ash Wednesday! Please drop off your old palms thru February 11th, in the box provided at the entrance of the church.

Rosary Making Ministry- The next gathering is on *Saturday, February 17 at 10 am on the church lanai.* Everyone is Welcome!

Next weekend the *Parish Health Ministry* will be on the lanai after the *5pm Mass on Saturday and all morning Masses on Sunday* to provide free blood pressure screening.

Augustine Educational Foundation (AEF) - Our parish will participate in the *annual AEF collection next weekend, February 10/11.* We kindly ask for your assistance in making Catholic Education more affordable for Hawaii families. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Drop your donation during offertory or donate online through their website: www.augustinefoundation.org. Thank you for your continued support in making a difference.

Ash Wednesday is on February 14. Masses are at 8am, 5pm, & 7 pm.

***Fasting-** In the diocese in the United States, Catholics aged 18 thru 59 are bound to fast on both *Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14)* and *Good Friday (March 30)*.

*To **fast** means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes permitted. Food and drink between meals (except water and medicine) is not permitted on fast days.

***Abstinence** from Meat- Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

*To **abstain** means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

Stations of the Cross will be held on the following *Fridays: Feb. 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 7pm.*

Frugal Meal- The Knights of Columbus and other parish ministries are sponsoring a frugal meal following Stations of the Cross except on *Good Friday, March 30th.*

Stewardship Day 2018, Saturday, February 17 @ The Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, 712 North School Street - at 8:00 am - 2:00 pm.

8:00 AM - Mass and Opening Address - Bishop Larry Silva +
Followed by continental breakfast, vendor displays and workshops.
No charge. Please register by Feb 10. If you have any questions, email: mclark@rcchawaii.org or phone: (808) 203-6723.

Planting Seeds for the Future: You can share your faith beyond lifetime by careful estate planning that includes your church in your will. During your lifetime you will have the joy of knowing that whatever 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: February 5 – February 11

Monday – 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am- *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
4 pm– Girl Scouts (Troop 611) (Rm 6)
6 pm - Cub Scouts (Rms 4-5)
7 pm - Charismatic PG (CH)
7 pm– 4th Degree Knights (Rm 5)
7 pm– Boy Scouts (Rm 4)

Tuesday -7:30 am- Rosary
8 am- *Daily Mass*
8:45 am–Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am–Church Cleaning–Environment (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)
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)

Wednesday- 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am- *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9am– Hui (Rm 5)
6 pm - OLPH Prayer Group (CH)
7 pm– RCIA (Rm 4-5)
7 pm– Social Justice (Rm 3)
7 pm– Liturgical Planning Mtg. (Conf Rm)
7:30 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

Thursday -7:30 am– Rosary
8 am- *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
7 pm– Marriage Convalidation Rehearsal (CH)

Friday - 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am- *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am– Church Cleaning (Environment)
4 pm– 2 Hearts (CH)
6 pm– Girl Scouts (Troop 104) (Rm 5)

Saturday- 7:30am– Rosary
8 am- *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am- Liturgical Movement (Rm 4)
1 pm– Prison Ministry (Rm 6)
3 pm– RE “A” Schedule (Rm 1/3)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)
5 pm– Blood Pressure Screening (Lanai)
6 pm– Family Prayer Rosary Group (Rm 4)

Sunday - Masses:
7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm

RE: “A” Schedule (Rms 1-6)
1:30 pm– Lifeteen “Super Sunday” Rm 4
4pm–6pm Choir Practice (CH)