

# ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

### SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

We see Jesus love and compassion and healing power on full display in today's Gospel Reading from Mark. A leper comes to him and begs to be healed. Jesus, moved with pity, stretches out his hand and heals the man. And then he tells him something somewhat puzzling, "*See that you tell no one anything . . .*"

Of course, the man does exactly what many of us would do --- he immediately tells everyone. After all, this is a "miracle", an unmistakable action of God in their midst. And the former leper wants to make sure everyone knows about it.

Jesus knew that if word got out that he could heal leprosy (or any other disease) he would be inundated with people coming to him from everywhere.

Is that the only reason Jesus told the man to keep quiet? My guess is that Jesus didn't want his message, his promises to be reduced to simply what he could do for people from the "**outside**", the "flashy" sorts of miracles that get all the attention. He wanted to make sure that people realized that the real "miracles" he wanted to "perform" were on the "**inside**", miracles of the **heart, soul, and spirit**.

The miracles within each of us are really what Jesus died to make possible. The power of the resurrection allows the hardened heart to soften, the cruel heart to become kind and compassionate, the selfish heart to become generous, the vindictive heart to become forgiving, and the sinful heart to be washed clean --- enabling us to once again start down a different path, a journey into the arms of our loving God for all eternity.

I don't know about you, but if all of that happened within me --- that would be a miracle!

So let's let God do precisely that --- not just today, but every moment of our lives. And it's ok --- God gives us **permission to tell everyone**

### 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**

The OCC will Benefit us all

The question I keep hearing with regard to the capital campaign is: "How will the One Community Center benefit me and my family?" Thank God, we have a majority of parishioners who know how this works. When it come to offering our treasure for God's work, we do that not just for ourselves, but as we say in the prayer for our capital campaign "we fully invest ourselves in attaining the goal of our capital campaign with loving generosity for You and future generations." When completed, the One Community Center will serve as a space where you and your family will be nourished spiritually and made more powerful witnesses of the Gospel; a place that will serve as an over flow during our major feast days like Christmas and Easter; a place for our parish event celebrations; a place where workshops and retreats will be conducted, all for the benefit of all parishioners. In brief there are many benefits for you and the whole parish. The OCC will benefit us all. So, get involved.

The parishioners who built our present magnificent place of worship invested a lot for themselves and us of today. Some of these parishioners are still with us and proud to have made their contribution for the building of our present worship space. These are the parishioners who understand how it works. I must add that there is another category of parishioners who have come forward without hesitation. These are parishioners with below middle-class income supporting the capital campaign mainly out of gratitude for what God has given them. To these we are most grateful.

For those who still hesitate for one reason or another, our leadership including myself are available to respond to your questions. Some parishioners have given good suggestions for capital campaign options, for example envelopes at the back to put in their weekly One Starbucks Coffee equivalent or more. We are exploring this and other possibilities and we will get back with clear proposals. Meanwhile I urge those who still have pledge cards to complete them and place them in the box at the back of the church or mail them or drop them into our parish locked mail box.



**Respect Life:** The spring 40 Days for Life Campaign of prayer, fasting and outreach to protect all innocent life extends from Feb 14 through March 25. Community outreach includes group prayers and physical presence at the facility, located 1350 S. King St., appealing to God to end anti-life procedures in Hawaii and our nation. There will be an opening rally at the site on 2/17/18 from 9 am to noon. All are invited to participate.

You may sign-up online at: [www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu](http://www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu) or you are invited to join a group from St. John the Apostle & Evangelist that will leave our parish parking lot at 9 am on Mondays and arrive back at Church at approx. 11:30 am. Each parish ministry is encouraged to select one day and time for the ministry members to participate together as a group. Sign up at the back of church or contact Mary Smart, cell: 741-2358 for more information.

*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 18, 2018**

## First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Christian tradition has always seen the flood as an image of the "waters of baptism that make an end of sin and a new beginning of goodness" (Rite of Baptism, Blessing of the Water). Both aspects of destruction and new life are conveyed in the flood story. As sin is destroyed, new life comes forth, born out of the same water. The flood is not simply a chance but the result of humanity's sinfulness. In the midst of this catastrophe, the saving will of God is at work, and the basic goodness of creation and of humankind is reaffirmed in the covenant God made with Noah.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Psalm 25 is a prayer reaffirming God's ways of love and truth that find their fulfillment in forgiveness and mercy for those who keep his covenant. Response: "Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant."

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

This text from 1 Peter is considered to be an early baptismal instruction in which the Christian life is described for new converts as to its meaning and obligations. This passage quotes a simple formula of faith in Christ: "Jesus died to flesh and rose to the spirit; he descended to the realm of the dead, and went to heaven at God's right hand in power." The author compares the baptism that new Christians now experience with the flood of Noah's time. The descent into hell (the realm of the dead) seems to signify Christ's lordship over all creation without exception — even the underworld. This allows the good news of salvation to be proclaimed to those who had gone before.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Mark's Gospel was the first to be written and therefore reflects the earliest preaching of the apostles. Mark was concerned only with the ministry of Jesus. His Gospel begins by considering Jesus as the Messiah at his baptism in the Jordan. In this short passage, the Gospel goes directly to the temptation in the desert, covered very briefly. We do not find the threefold temptation in Mark's Gospel, nor the statement about Jesus fasting. The point Mark wants to underline is that Jesus emerges victorious and strengthened from the struggle with his temptations in the harshness of the desert. After that Jesus proclaims the coming of the kingdom; the new and full relationship between God and humankind and its requirements are a change of heart and faith. "Repent and believe in the gospel."

**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, February 12, 2018**

**(8 am)** Modesta Yadao  
(Birthday Blessing/ Thanksgiving)  
†Teodora P. Caliboso  
†John J. Sullivan

**Tuesday, February 13, 2018**

**(8 am)** Henry DeCosta  
(Birthday Blessing)  
Steven Grace  
(Birthday Blessing)  
Evan Atiburcio  
(Birthday Blessing)

**Wednesday, February 14, 2018**

**(8 am)** †Valerio Duldulao  
†Violet Porras (Birthday Memorial)  
David Torres  
(Blessing/Healing)

**Thursday, February 15, 2018**

**(8 am)** †Cralina Tacderan  
†Maureen Hart  
†Nora Elliott

**Friday, February 16, 2018**

**(8 am)** †Hak Soon Kim Mercado  
†Laurianna & Arthur Beauchemin  
(Birthday Memorial)  
†Francisco Soliven

**Saturday, February 17, 2018**

**8 am** †Maureen Hart  
†Teodora Caliboso  
Mia Foronda (Birthday Blessing)  
**5 pm** †Arcadio Quiles

**Sunday, February 18, 2018**

**7am** Simeon Lamanilao  
(Birthday Blessing)  
**9 am** For the People  
**11 am** †Bobby Gabriel Asuncion  
**6 pm** †Bella Rillamas  
†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:** Marina Guerrero, Palamene Paselio, Alan Pearson, Orly B. Ceon, James M. Hunkele, Larry Butcher, Teresita Aquino, Rosalina V. Bayona, Agreda Acebo, Maureen Hart, Francisco V. Soliven, Ernesto D. Dumlao, Teodora Caliboso, Praxedes Salmorin, Milagros Gueco, Bella Rillamas, Phillip D. Meek, Sr., William Brilhante, Barbara Silva & Theresa M. Robles.

† **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** †

**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

**\*\*Upcoming Baptism Ceremony Dates**

(Infants to Age 6):

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

**\*Baptism Preparation Classes:**

March 4, April 8, May 6...

\*\*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.

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	FEB 3/4
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 14,901.28</b>
Children's Collection	\$ 3.00
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,484.60
<b>Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)</b>	<b>\$ 1,512.00</b>
<b>One Community Center</b>	
<b>Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)</b>	<b>\$ 6,188.25</b>
<b>Candle Sales</b>	<b>\$ 504.00</b>
<b>Donation- Funerals</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>
<b>Donation- Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>Donation- Augustine Education Foundation</b>	<b>\$ 475.00</b>
<b>Donation - Stewardship</b>	<b>\$ 19.00</b>
<b>Donation- Social Ministry</b>	<b>\$ 168.00</b>
<b>Donation- Charity</b>	<b>\$ 92.00</b>
<b>Donation- Youth &amp; Young Adults</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>
<b>Donation- Mass Intentions</b>	<b>\$ 240.00</b>

**Weekend Total: \$ 27,877.13**

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

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\*\*

\*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.

**No Dispensation for Valentine's Day**

**ASH WEDNESDAY/ VALENTINES DAY**

In anticipation of possible requests for a dispensation from penitential fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday because it is also Valentine's Day, I think it is **most important for us as Catholics to observe the beginning of the penitential season of Lent by fully observing Ash Wednesday.** While it is wonderful for spouses and sweethearts to celebrate Valentine's Day, it could just as easily be celebrated on **Mardi Gras Day, Tuesday, February 13.**





# 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.

**Augustine Educational Foundation (AEF)** - Our parish will participate in the *annual AEF collection on Sunday, 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](http://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)**.

**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.**

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

## Health Tips from the Parish Health Ministry

By: Stefanie Chang-Hiu, MPH, RDN, LD, CDE

Parish Health Ministry's Registered Dietitian Nutritionist

Love is in the air! February is the month for Valentine's Day. What better way to get your heart healthy?

Here are *some* heart-healthy tips:

- ❖ Replace processed meats such as sausages, bacon, Spam, and hot dogs with turkey-containing products such as turkey sausages, turkey bacon, Turkey Spam, and turkey hot dogs.
- ❖ Consume two 4-ounce portions of omega-3 fish per week such as Salmon, Sardines, Mackerel, Herring, Anchovies, oysters, Rainbow Trout, Albacore Tuna, Mussels, Pacific Halibut, and Catfish (source: U.S. News Health)
- ❖ Watch your sodium intake by choosing more whole, less-processed foods
- ❖ Include Olive oil in your cooking to sauté or to make salad dressings.
- ❖ Enjoy one ounce of dark chocolate with at least 65% Cacao per day.
- ❖ Add walnuts to cereal, salads or muffins.
- ❖ Choose the tips that you can include in your lifestyle consistently and enjoy!

## Planting Seeds for the Future:

**Have circumstances changed since you last updated your estate plan?**

**Do your current estate planning documents carry out your commitments to your church?**

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

## THIS WEEK: February 12 – February 18

**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)  
6:30 pm– Marriage & Family Life (Rm 6)  
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– Knights of Columbus (Rm 5)  
7 pm– Combined Choir Practice (CH)  
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)

### Wednesday– *Ash Wednesday*

7:30 am– Rosary  
8 am- *Daily Mass*  
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
9:30 am– WG's Valentines Cookies (Lanai)  
5 pm– Mass  
6 pm - OLPH Prayer Group (CH)  
7 pm– NO RCIA  
7 pm– Mass  
7:30 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

**Thursday** -7:30 am– Rosary  
8 am- *Daily Mass*  
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (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)  
7 pm– Stations of the Cross (CH)

**Saturday**- 7:30am– Rosary  
8 am- *Daily Mass*  
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
10 am– Rosary Making– (CH Lanai)  
3 pm– RE "A" Schedule (Rm 1/3)  
3:30 pm - Confession  
5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)

### Sunday - Masses:

*7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm*

RE: "A" Schedule (Rms 1-6)  
12:30 pm- Baptism Ceremony  
7 pm– Lifeteen (Rm 4)  
"More than flesh and bones"  
4pm — 6pm Choir Practice (CH)