

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

Today's Gospel story is a familiar one, the story itself and the familiar term of 'Doubting Thomas.' When we think of Thomas, he carries that doubting tag. We think to ourselves, that wouldn't have been me. "I don't have to see Jesus to believe." But then, doubt creeps in.

When we reflect on it, we feel we should give Doubting Thomas the benefit of the doubt. We've heard in our entire lives about Jesus and the Resurrection, about God made man. Thomas was able to meet Jesus and be with him, but Thomas knew Jesus as a man. Jesus understood he was asking a lot of the apostles and Thomas. He gently tells Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen and believed."

We all doubt. We doubt our own ability. We doubt our loved ones. We don't feel confident in what we believe. We feel abandoned. We are not sure we are worth much.

The good news: We can believe in Jesus, in the crucifixion and the resurrection. Even if we can't touch the nail marks or the pierced marks in Jesus' side, we can believe in the presence of Jesus in our lives. And if we believe in that presence, we have to erase the doubt about ourselves and others.

Today also is the **Sunday of Divine Mercy**, fitting as God's mercy compels us to act, to forgive, to console, to help. Acting with mercy compels us to overcome our doubts about ourselves and about others. We can help. We can contribute. We can see the God in others and in ourselves.

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***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

What is Divine Mercy?



The Second Sunday of Easter has been designated as Diving Mercy Sunday. What do we understand by Divine Mercy? From the diary of Saint Faustina, a special devotion began spreading throughout the world in the 1930s. That message was nothing new, but a reminder of what the Church had always taught through scripture and tradition: that God is merciful and forgiving. Consequently,

we too must show mercy and forgiveness. But in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone, especially the greatest sinners.

The message of mercy is that God loves us, all of us, no matter how great our sins when we repent. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. The message of Divine Mercy is threefold: 1) Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world. 2) Be merciful. God wants us to receive His merciful forgiveness and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us. 3) Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive God's mercy. In brief, God's name is Mercy! God's mercy is greater than the total sum of our sins.

Divine Mercy devotion here at St. John's will be **Sunday, April 8 beginning at 3 PM** with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Come and join us.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018**Third Sunday of Easter****First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15; 17-19

Peter's preaching in this passage explains the events of the Jewish Scriptures in the light of their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. The Jews had denied the Holy and Righteous One; they had killed the author of life, but God raised him; the apostles are the witnesses to that event. What response must the people give now? They must repent and be converted that their sins may be forgiven.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

Psalm 4 is a confident prayer that God will make himself and his saving power known to us. Response: "Lord, let your face shine on us."

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

This passage intends to give a right attitude to sin which cuts us off from union with God. If we sin, our consolation is that the Risen Lord is the expiation for our sins. But we must first recognize our sinfulness, as well as accept the fact that God pardons us and restores our union with Him when we confess our sin. Observing the commandments is a sign that our love of God and neighbor is genuine.

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

This appearance of the Risen Lord to the apostles builds upon his earlier appearance to the two disciples at Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35). First he appeared to them bodily, but they did not recognize him. Then he explained the Scriptures to them (v 27). Finally, they recognized him in the breaking of the bread (v 30), and only then did they begin to understand what they had experienced (v 32) and rushed to share their experience and joy with the others (vv 33-35). In today's passage, Jesus appears again to the assembled body of apostles, just as the two disciples were recounting their story. At first they are incredulous about the fact of the resurrection (thinking "they were seeing a ghost," v 37). Jesus proves the bodily nature of his presence by touch and by eating food (vv 39-43), but that is only the beginning. He opens their minds to understand the meaning of the resurrection through the Jewish Scriptures (vv 45-46), and then Jesus sends them to all the nations to preach and witness in his name about this new life ("repentance for forgiveness of sins," vv 47-49).

Follow Msgr. John's Homilies! Blog**(text):** www.sundayhomily.com**Podcast (audio):** [https://](https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda)soundcloud.com/john-mbinda**iTunes (audio):** [Streaming Homilies](#)*Mass  for the Intentions  for the Week***Monday, April 9, 2018****(8 am)** †Andrea Asuncion

Suzanne Foster (Blessing/Healing)

Victor Peroff, Jr.

Tuesday, April 10, 2018**(8 am)** †Annie Chang

†Leah Tolentino

Warren Albano (Healing)

Wednesday, April 11, 2018**(8 am)** †Alveria Moldonado

Xan Trent (Healing)

Gail Oroku (Healing)

Thursday, April 12, 2018**(8 am)** Marcelina Barayuga

(Thanksgiving/Birthday Blessing)

†Johnny Reyes

Milagros Uytingco (Healing)

Friday, April 13, 2018**(8 am)** †Blas and Ernesto Perlas, Sr.

Caroline Albano (Healing)

Suzanne Foster (Blessing/Healing)

Saturday, April 14, 2018**(8 am)** †Antonio & Apolonia R. Acoba

Cheryl Dalde Crisologo (Healing)

†Mrs. Swann

5pm †Charlie Soon**Sunday, April 15, 2018****7am** †Alfredo & Felicitas Cordial**9 am** For the People**11 am** Masan Grace

(Birthday Blessing)

6 pm †Joy Sawicki

†Rest in Peace †

HEALING / BLESSINGS: Carrie Becky, Deacon Modesto Cordero, Cheryl Solomon, Clyde Sauget, Felisa Rapisura, Linda Osdieck, David Hall, Evelyn Quinata, Shirley Del Rosario, Carol Towne, Darrlyn & Ron Bunda, baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, David Torres, Jack & Ellen Cleghorn, Ernesta Tolentino, Lester Wilson, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Jim Vangrinsven, Dollie McGarry, Suzanne Foster, Linda Eguchi, Mario M. Pichon, Leora Hernandez, Alan Cadiux & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: 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 Brillhante, Barbara Silva, Theresa M. Robles, Alveria Maldonado, Teresa Yamamoto, Jose R. Burgos, Debra K. Badis, George Dorado, Janie Andrews & Lourdes S. Malig.

The next 24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will be held on *Friday, May 4*, immediately after the 8 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am on *Saturday, May 5*.



LIFE TEEN REMINDER:

Life Night– Sunday, April 8. Social Night & Retreat Prep, after the 6 pm Mass in Rms 4/5. Parents are welcome!

Meet the Core Team..... **SEE YOU THERE!**

2018 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS, APRIL 22.

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- ❖ Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- ❖ Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- ❖ Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- ❖ Pray a rosary for more you men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS †

George S. Dorado (RIP)

Monday, April 9, 2018 ~ Mililani Memorial Park- Makai

Visitation: 5:00 pm

Prayer Service: 6:30 pm

Barbara Silva (RIP)

Saturday, April 14, 2018 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 9:00 am

Mass: 10:30 am

Burial: 1:00 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Josefine E. Ordillas (RIP)

Monday, April 16, 2018 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 10:00 am

Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Lourdes S. Malig (RIP)

Monday, May 21, 2018 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 10:00 am

Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Please contact the parish office to set up an appointment & coordination for the following :

Anointing of the Sick

Baptisms (Upcoming ceremony dates)
April 15 & 22, May 13 & 27, June 17 & 24, July 15 & 22.

Baptism Preparation Classes: May 6, June 3, & July 1.

Blessings (home, auto, religious items, etc...)

Funerals

Homebound Communion

Marriages (at least 6 months before wedding date)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

MAR 31/APR 1

Sunday Collection	\$ 28,976. 97
Children's Collection	\$ 18. 00
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,686. 60
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 1,103. 50
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 7,386. 00
Candle Sales	\$ 737. 00
Donation– Good Friday (Holy Land Collection)	\$ 3,151. 59
Donation– Youth/ Young Adults	\$ 30. 00
Donation– Social Ministry	\$30. 00
Donation– Catholic Relief Services	\$ 35. 00
Donation– Holy Thurs. (Oper. Rice Bowl)	\$ 3,742. 85
Donation– Flowers	\$ 95. 00
Donation– Charity	\$ 80. 00
Donation– Mass Intentions	\$ 10. 00

Weekend Total: \$ 48,082. 51

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

**Job Opening:
General Maintenance Worker
(Part-Time)**

Description: Responsible for the maintenance, cleanliness, and repair of parish facilities. Performs a variety of facility and equipment maintenance and preventative maintenance duties. Oversees assigned staff and any maintenance activities provided by contractors as assigned by the Pastor.



Apply online: <https://www4.recruitingcenter.net/Clients/rcch/PublicJobs/controller.cfm?>



THANK YOU! We changed lives this Lent, thanks to YOU! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl.



PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

Divine Mercy Sunday– Join *the St. John Rosary Group & The Knights of Columbus on Sunday, April 8 at 3pm in the church* for the Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet & Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. Bring your Rosary!

SJAE Women's Guild will be having their delicious bake sale after the morning masses on April 8! Please show your support and enjoy the goodies.

The next **Catholic Book Club** meeting will be on **Thursday, April 19, 7-9 pm in classroom 6**. The title of the discussion book is "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion" by Gregory Boyle. Open to All! For more information, Contact Erlyne at 808-783-9550.

Rosary Making Ministry: Meeting date changed. The next gathering is on **Saturday, April 28 at 10 am on the breezeway**. Everyone is welcome!

Join us in honoring our Jubilarians on Saturday, April 21 at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, 712 N. School St. at 10:30 am. Refreshments will be served after Mass. All are welcome as we pay tribute to these men and women who have given decades of selfless service to the Church. **Congratulations to Msgr. John S. Mbinda on his 50th Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood. Bus Transportation will be provided. Bus will leave St. John at 9 am and will leave Co- Cathedral at 1:30 pm. Cost is \$5 (non refundable) First come, first served.** Contact the Parish Office for sign up.

Food Pantry– If you or someone you know needs food assistance, we can help! Come see us on **Tuesday, April 24, 2018 from 10am–12 noon** at St. John's parking lot.

Join us in the Ordination to the Diaconate of Romple Emwalu on Friday, May 25 at 6 pm at St. John's. A reception will follow after Mass. Bishop Larry Silva will be the celebrant.

Mother's Day Mass: Honor your mother, living or deceased, this **Mother's Day, May 13th**, by making a Mass offering. All the names will be published as an insert in the May 5/6 bulletin. **Please PRINT LEGIBLY.** Envelopes are available at the back of the church. **The deadline to submit your mother's name for publication is Monday, April 29.**

Save the date: Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish (OLPH), "End of Life and Aging Issues" Workshop. Featured Speaker: Prof. James H. Pietsch, JD & Co- Author Lenora H. Lee, PhD. of "Deciding what's next and who really cares?" on **Saturday, April 21 at 8:15 am- 12 noon** at OLG Pastoral Center: 1525 Waimano Home Rd., Pearl City. It's free and open to the public. **Deadline for advance registration: April 16.**

For more information, please call (808) 455-3012 to register or email: olgcp parishws2018@gmail.com

HEALTHY TIPS from our Parish Health Ministry:

Exercise consistently during the week to stay sharp.

Stay active to improve memory, imagination, and ability to plan daily task and make right decisions. Research has shown that exercising at least 150 minutes a week maintains adequate blood flow to the brain, thus lowers the risk for dementia.

Planting Seeds for the Future: Good stewardship requires us to think of the future. Have your estate plan prepared now and express your good stewardship in ways that will bless your family and your church.

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

THIS WEEK: April 9 – April 15

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)
6 pm– Marriage & Family Life (Rm 6)
6:30 pm– Family Rosary Prayer Group Fellowship (Rm 4)
7 pm– Charismatic PG (CH)
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 Chorus Practice (CH)
7 pm– Knights of Columbus (Rm 5)
7:30 pm– AA Meeting (Rm 6)

Wednesday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
6 pm– OLPH Prayer Group (CH)
7 pm– RCIA (Rms 4/5)
7:30 pm– NA Meeting (Rm 6)

Thursday –7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am– Women's Guild Meeting (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)
3 pm– RE: "B" Schedule
3:30 pm– Confession
5 pm– Mass (Saturday Vigil)

Sunday – Masses:

7 am, 9 am, & 11 am

RE: "B" Schedule

4 pm– 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm– NO LIFETEEN

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

PARK SMART!

Take ALL your belongings with you.



Car thieves love to window shop!