

NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Monsignor John S. Mbinda

We come together this Sunday to celebrate and to proclaim the risen Lord, who is our advocate with the Father. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter proclaims that in Jesus' name repentance for the forgiveness of sins is preached to all. Peter therefore underlines the message of forgiveness. He urges the people to repent of their sins and turn to God. In the second reading, John continues the same theme of repentance. Our faith in the risen Lord implies living in fidelity to his commandments. The clearest manifestation of faith in the resurrection is found in those moments when we move from alienation to conversion and assume the mission and purpose of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel account is about the appearance to the whole assembly of apostles and disciples. It is on the first day of the week in the evening. The two disciples who had gone to Emmaus are just back exited to tell their encounter with the Risen Lord. While they share this story, Jesus suddenly appears and invites them to touch him and see for themselves that he is really himself. That is why Jesus shows them his hands and his side so that they can see with their own eyes. Finally, the disciples are convinced that it is really the same Jesus, the crucified one who is now alive. The light of the resurrection enlightens the scriptures for the disciples, as Jesus explains the things he had told them about himself.

The message we take home this Sunday is threefold. 1) At this celebration, we too like the disciples meet the Risen Lord who speaks to us and enlightens us to understand the scriptures; 2) We too must let ourselves be touched by our faith in the resurrection and be led to live a new life in Christ; 3) Like the apostles, we too are so overjoyed and filled with the Spirit of the Risen Lord, that we cannot but give witness to what we have seen and heard.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday (Mon - Sat): 8:00 AMSunday: (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.

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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 <u>FOOD PANTRY Hours</u>

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

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Mystery of the Resurrection

Christ is Risen! Indeed, he is risen! This ancient greeting is still used today among Eastern Catholics and Orthodox Christians. During the season of Easter and indeed every Sunday and every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we recall the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which is the center-piece of our Christian faith. But what does the resurrection mean to us?

In the first place it is a mystery that we cannot understand. In the Gospel passage of this Sunday, the disciples are in a closed room when the Risen Lord simply shows up in their midst. They are startled and terrified. You and I would have reacted in the same way. How is it possible that the same Jesus who was crucified, died and now is right there in their presence. "Peace be with you." He said to them. He then challenged their misbelief, but also helped them to gradually understand that they were not seeing a ghost as they imagined. What Jesus says to the disciples is very down to earth. "Touch me and see me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones." "Have you anything here to eat?" He wants the disciples to make use of all their bodily senses of touch and seeing. He asks them to see the wounds on his hands, his feet and on his side, in order to realize that he is indeed the same one who died on the Cross, but now alive. Perhaps what convinces the disciples even more is the fact that he asks for some food and eats right in their presence and then proceed to open their minds to the scriptures for them to understand that all what has happened to him had already been foretold in the scriptures.

We accept and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ not only on the grounds of eye witnesses, his disciples, but also by our own faith, which is a gift from God. During the rest of the Easter season, we live as people of the resurrection, knowing that Christ's victory over death and the power of evil is also our victory.

Magr. John 8. Moinda

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, APRIL 22, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

This passage comes immediately after the healing of the cripple that led to the arrest of Peter and John by the religious leaders. Since the religious leaders wanted to know by what authority the Apostles had performed the miracle, Peter responds that the healing of this man is proof that Jesus is risen from the dead, and that he is the source of salvation for all.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 27, 29

Psalm 118 refers to the Israelite nation, oppressed by other nations and yet favored by God. Early Christians, as in the first reading, saw these words as typifying the Jewish reaction to Jesus as the fulfillment of God's saving work. Response: "The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone."

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

These verses intend to make a link with the first reading. The world (human society) "did not know him" (God). Therefore the unbelieving world rejected and crucified God's revelation in Christ. We have accepted that revelation and so through our baptism we are children of God. We are called to recognize the full dignity of what we are now, and live accordingly, for that is the seed of what we will become.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

In this Gospel, Jesus follows a long Hebrew Scripture tradition that frequently depicted God as a shepherd, beginning with Gn 49:24. Psalm 23 is the most familiar. The great king David had been a shepherd, and is referred to as shepherd of the people in Ps 78:70-72. Later leaders were often corrupt and called unfaithful shepherds by the prophets who gave voice to God's promise that he would shepherd his people. Jesus is therefore the fulfillment of that promise when he tells the parable of the good shepherd. He intends to show that different from other shepherds, he is the good shepherd who literally lays down his life for the sheep. This image has two applications. The first application connects laving down one's life with the defense of the sheep against "wolves", a traditional image of false teachers. The second application speaks first of the inner life of the Church (the shepherd knows the sheep by name) and then of the Church's missionary outreach: the other sheep who are not yet members of this fold: the Gentiles. The mission of the Church is both to defend the sheep from wrong ideas about salvation which comes through Christ alone; the second aspect of the Church's mission is the unity of the Church, so that there will be one flock and one shepherd.

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soundcloud.com/john-mbinda

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Monday, April 16, 2018
(8 am) †Rene Catalan
†Richard McNally
Msgr. Gary Secor (Birthday Blessings)

Tuesday, April 17, 2018
(8 am) †Constancio Guerrero
Milagros Utingco
(Thanksgiving/Healing)
Jhezlyn Ballesteros
(Birthday Blessings)

Wednesday, April 18, 2018 (8 am) Preston J. Castro (Blessings/Special Intentions) Aaron Rosales-Llanto (Blessings/Special Intentions) Kevin Clark (Blessings/Special Intentions)

Thursday, April 19, 2018
(8 am) †Santiago & Tessie Aquino
†Asuncion Cortel
† Janie Andrews

Friday, April 20, 2018
(8 am) † Dan Sordillia
†Cresencia Javier de la Torre
Suzanne Foster (Blessings/Healing)

Saturday, April 21, 2018
(8 am) † Tadashi & Mildred Furuta
Cody Kaneoa Pascual
(Birthday Blessings)
† Richard McGee
5pm † Julian & Bella Rillamas

Sunday, April 22, 2018
7am Knights of Columbus (Blessings)
9 am For the People
11 am †Dolores "Dolly" Villar
6 pm Life Teen (Special Intentions)

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 Mairenui 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 Hernandes, Alan Cadiux & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: 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, Alveria Maldonado, Teresa Yamamoto, Jose R. Burgos, Debra K. Badis, George Dorado, Janie Andrews, Lourdes S. Malig, Jinri Shinsato & Luisa Ancho.

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 15. Social Night & Retreat Prep, after the 6 pm Mass in Rms 4/5. Parents are welcome!

Meet the Core Team.....

See YOU THERE!

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

Anointing of the Sick

Baptisms (Upcoming ceremony dates)

April 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	APRIL 7/8
Sunday Collection	\$ 15,879.57
Children's Collection	\$ 10.00
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 4,598.95
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 2, 265. 50
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 4,006.75
Candle Sales	\$ 484. 00
Donation – Youth/ Young Adults	\$ 30.00
Donation – Social Ministry	\$148.00
Donation – Holy Thurs. (Oper. Rice Bowl)	\$ 422. 92
Donation – Seminarian Education	\$ 400.00
Donation – Charity	\$ 61. 00
Donation – Mass Intentions	\$ 85.00
Weekend Total:	\$ 28, 391. 69

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

† <u>FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>†

Josefine E. Ordillas (RIP)

Monday, April 16, 2018 ~ SIAE Visitation: 10:00 am Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Samuel Tomontong (RIP)

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 ~ Mililani Memorial Mauka Visitation: 5:30 pm Memorial Service: 6:30 pm

Lourdes S. Malig (RIP)

Monday, May 21, 2018 ∼ S[AE Visitation: 9:00 am Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

RE April & May Annou

•April 20-22 Life Teen Retreat at St. Stephen's, Kaneohe

April 28 – FRCE Retreat 9 AM - 2 PM

(Student, Parents & Sponsors are to attend)

For FRCE classes 2-3 A, 2-3 B, 4-5 A & 6-11 A

•May 2 & 9 - Practice-FRCE students only (meeting on the Church Lanai) 6-8 PM

•May 5 – RE Students in Gr. 3-5 & Sponsors (Practice & Meeting) 9 AM-11AM

•May 12 - Edge & Lifeteen Students & Sponsors (Practice & Meeting) 9 AM-12 PM

•May 16 - Practice- FRCE Student & Sponsors, (meeting on the Church Lanai) 6 PM - 8 PM •May 19 - Saturday - Pentecost Vigil Mass - 5 PM

FRCE Students receive Sacraments of Confirmation & First Eucharist.

May 20 - Pentecost Sunday – 9 AM Students in Gr. 3-5 receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

> Student and Sponsors report by 8 AM meeting on the Church Lanai

Picture taking begins at 8:15 AM in SJAE Preschool Classroom

11 AM – Edge & Life Teen students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Student and Sponsors report by 10 AM.

Picture taking begins at 10:15 AM.

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?

jbaction=JobProfile&Job_Id=10808&esid=az





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PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

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.

Women's Guild Membership Meeting on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 9 a.m. in the church. On the agenda is the blessing of officers, new membership roster, master calendar and the May Crowning.

Join us in honoring our Jubilarians on Saturday, April 21 at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, 712 N. School St. at 10:30 am. 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 & Father Patrick McCormick on their 50th Jubilee of 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. Refreshments will be served after Mass. Contact the Parish Office for sign up.

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 OLGC 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: olgcparishws2018@gmail.com.

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.

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

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. <u>Please PRINT LEGIBLY</u>. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. The deadline to submit your mother's name for publication is Monday, April 29.

Health & Wellness Fair, *sponsored by the Parish Health Ministry*, will be held on Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The fair will include a featured speaker Dr. Marel Vea, Pali Momi "Elderly Falls Prevention", medical testing (Glaucoma & Blood Pressure), exercise (Senior Tai Chi), Health information booths, Project Vision (Free Eye Testing for Keiki's & Seniors) and MORE!!! Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call Bonnie (310) 293-3432 & Elaine 497-8366.

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.



HEALTHY TIPS from our Parish Health Ministry: Eat healthy!

Increase your veggies and colorful fruits intake. Bake or grill foods instead of frying. Eat fish . Cook with "good" fats like olive oil, oils from nuts and seeds. These healthy diet builds brainpower.

<u>Planting Seeds for the Future</u>: Who needs estate planning? Every adult who is legally competent, who owns anything and cares about who receives it at the time of his or her disability to death.

Please remember St. John Apostle & Evangelist Churchin planning your will.

THIS WEEK: April 16 - April 22

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 - Boy Scouts (Rms 4-5) 7 pm– Family Rosary Prayer Group Fellowship (Rm 4)

7 pm - Charismatic PG (CH)

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 (CH)
7 pm— Combined Chorus Practice (CH)
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)

Wednesday– 7:30 am– Rosary 8 am- *Daily Mass*

8 am – SJÁE Preschool Spring Portraits-(Rms 4/5)

8:45 am— Rosary Prayer Group (CH) 9 am— Staff Meeting (Conf Rm)

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 am – SJAÉ Preschool Spring Portraits-(Rms 4/5)

8:45 am— Rosary Prayer Group (CH) 7 pm— Cub scouts 144— Committee Mtq. (Rm 6)

Friday – 7:30 am – Rosary

8 am – Daily Mass

8:45 am – Kosary 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- Women's Guild Mtg (CH) 9 am- Liturgical Movement (Rm 4)

10:30 am – Annual Diocesan Jubilee

Celebration (Co-Cathedral) 3 pm— RE: "A" Schedule

3:30 pm - Confession

5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)

Sunday - Masses:

7 am, 9 am, & 11 am

RE: "A" Schedule

4 pm- 6 pm Choir Practice (CH) 7 pm- No Life Teen

FOR YOUR SECURITY PLEASE...



Car thieves love to window shop!