

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Deacon Modesto Cordero

Happy Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

This weekend we celebrate a great truth of our Creed that ***“he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.”*** The Ascension means that Jesus has gone before us — to open up the gates of heaven for us - so that we can conquer sin and death! We can live now with the hope of heaven knowing that where Jesus has gone, we can follow — into the highest heavens! His Ascension is also the start of our mission, the mission that Jesus gave to his Church! He said to his disciples and us: ***“Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.”*** On the reading from Acts, we are also reminded of this mission, ***“You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*** Now the question for us is: are we doing what Jesus asked us to do? Christ has returned to the right hand of God but we are his ambassadors here on earth and it was on the day of the Ascension that this great task was laid on our shoulders. Jesus, however, is asking something more, something even harder: he is asking us to be his witnesses. On one level, that’s a challenge—because witness actually means “martyr.” And now, more than ever, it is a challenge looming large around the world. But there is more than one kind of martyrdom. There is the everyday martyrdom of selflessness and sacrifice, of not having the last word, of forgiving those who have done us wrong. And it is the everyday martyrdom of simply being a witness to the Gospel which often involves something we find increasingly elusive - mercy. Jesus is asking each of us to do something glorious. He asks us to rise with Him, to defy the laws of gravity and the world. Where do we begin? The answer has been before us all along. Over the last few weeks, what has been the one recurring theme in the Sunday readings? **LOVE!** Love one another. That is where we begin. Making that choice! Living that choice! And making that choice visible to a doubting and disbelieving world—a world that is increasingly turning away from Christ. Our mission is to change that. St. Paul puts it beautifully in today’s letter to the Ephesians: ***“Live in a manner worthy of the calling you have received... with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love.”*** Jesus wants to draw all people to heaven. And he wants to do these things —through his Church, through the witness of our lives.

May the Lord bless you!

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

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Congratulations to all our Candidates!

Over the last two years, our parish RE staff and volunteers have been preparing our students for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and First Holy Communion). Over the weekend of Pentecost, May 19/20, a total of 215 students will be confirmed. Among these, 50 will be receiving their First Holy Communion.

On Saturday, May 19, Msgr. John will preside the 5 PM Mass at which 50 students will receive, Confirmation and Eucharist (FRCE).

Then on Sunday, May 20, Fr. Joseph will preside the 9 AM Mass at which 65 students will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist (grades 3-5).

The largest group of students this year is the Life Teen & Edge. A total of 100 will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Sunday, 11 AM Mass, presided by Msgr. John.

Parking as well as seating inside the church will be very limited. If you have children receiving the Sacraments next weekend, consider arriving early to find parking space. If you normally attend the 5pm, 9am or the 11am Masses and do not have a child receiving the Sacraments next weekend, consider attending the 7am or 6pm Masses.

I take the opportunity to offer my congratulations to all candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation according to the Original Order that we implement for the first time this year. A big mahalo to all parents, grandparents and godparents for your support during this journey of preparation for your children. According to the Original Order process, the journey does not end with the reception of these Sacraments but continues all our life. This is a moment to encourage your children to assume some ministry in the parish.

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, MAY 20, 2018

Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

The feast of Pentecost is rooted in the Jewish tradition of the feast of "Shavuot" celebrated fifty days after Passover, and was seen as the completion of the covenant. Similarly, the coming of the Spirit over the apostles is celebrated as the completion of the new covenant accomplished in the Easter mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. As narrated in Acts of Apostles, the Holy Spirit is the source of the mission of witness to the resurrection and lordship of Jesus, which characterizes the entire life of the Church. In graphic and symbolic detail, this passage emphasizes the power of the Spirit impelling the disciples to go forth and proclaim the gospel to all people.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

These verses of Psalm 104 praise God for his eternal deeds, and thus foreshadow the new creation in the Spirit. Response: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

The diversity of gifts is not only the source of our joy as a Christian community, but unfortunately is also the reason why we need reconciliation because we find it difficult to recognize and accept another's uniqueness as a gift. Often we view others' gifts as a threat to our own. The Spirit gives this diversity of gifts, and thus we must allow the Spirit to open our eyes to see the unity in this diversity.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

In this Gospel passage, John portrays Jesus giving his promised gift of the Spirit on the evening of the day of his resurrection. Thus he shows clearly that the Spirit is the fulfillment of the presence of the risen Christ in his followers. The Spirit is to continue Jesus' mission of reconciliation, the heart of which is not just preaching, but living the message of forgiveness. This forgiveness of sins should not be taken in a narrow legalistic sense, but should be seen as the entirety of God's saving power which is his gift to the Church. The Christian community's success or failure will be measured only by the degree to which its members are reconciled to one another — in other words, love. Forgiveness is the catalyst that enables reconciliation, love and unity to happen. Our forgiveness of one another is the genuine sign that God's forgiveness is happening. It is a sign of the Spirit's presence.

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, May 14, 2018

(8 am) †Marcial Taglinao
 †Robert & Dennis Nakamura
 Raynette Hamamoto
 (Healing/Blessings)

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

(8 am) Communion Service

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

(8 am) Communion Service

Thursday, May 17, 2018

(8 am) †John & Frances Clarke
 Communion Service

Friday, May 18, 2018

(8 am) †Emmanuel Dela Cruz
 †Eric Umetsu
 Communion Service

Saturday, May 19, 2018

(8 am) †Santiago & Tessie Aquino
 †Fernando Payomo
 Evelyn Miranda
 (Healing/Blessings)
5 pm Norma Velasquez
 (Thanksgiving)

Sunday, May 20, 2018

7 am Matthew Grace
 (Birthday Blessing)
9 am For the People
11 am †James & Mildred Mizoguchi
6 pm †Edward & Kenneth Walker
 †Rest in Peace†

HEALING / BLESSINGS: 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, Rahul Chattergy, Tina Aguinaldo, Jerry Dela Cruz & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: 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 M. Shinsato, Luisa Ancho, Jesus C. Lucas, Theodoro Melegrito, William Edward Souza Jr., Floriano Castaneda, Benjamin P. Espanto, Hading Aranaydo, Nelson Pulmano & Jackie Revillo.

The next 24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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



† **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** †

Lourdes S. Malig (RIP)

Monday, May 21, 2018 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 9:30 am

Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Teodoro Melegrito (RIP)

Thursday, June 7, 2018 ~ Mililani Memorial Makai

Visitation: 9:30 am

Prayer Service: 11:00 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Benjamin P. Espanto (RIP)

Monday, June 11, 2018 ~ Mililani Memorial Makai

Visitation: 5:30 pm

Prayer Service: 6:30 pm

Tuesday, June 12, 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)

May 27, June 17 & 24, July 15 & 22, Aug 19 & 26.

Baptism Preparation Classes: June 3, July 1 & Aug 5.

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

Funerals

Homebound Communion

Marriages (at least 6 months before wedding date)

LIFE TEEN REMINDER:

Don't forget Life Night immediately after the 6pm Mass in rooms 4-5. The new theme is Vital, "Revitalize XLT" All high school teens are welcome. Bring a Friend!

SEE U THERE!

| STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE | MAY 5 / 6 |
|--|---------------------|
| Sunday Collection | \$ 13,111.85 |
| Children's Collection | \$ 10.00 |
| Online Donation (WeShare) | \$ 1,890.50 |
| Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM) | \$ 959.50 |
| One Community Center | |
| Capital Campaign (Non Assessed) | \$ 3,887.75 |
| Candle Sales | \$ 484.00 |
| Donation- Social Ministry | \$ 138.00 |
| Donation- Catholic Comm. Campaign | \$ 10.00 |
| Donation- Charity | \$ 141.00 |
| Donation- Mass Intentions | \$ 435.00 |
| Weekend Total: | \$ 21,067.60 |

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



We, Brother Knights of St. John Apostle & Evangelist Council #14663 of the Knights of Columbus extend our sincere congratulations to our Brothers and Sir Knight **William "Pila" Tulua** on the occasion of his



ordination to the Diocesan Priesthood on **May 18, 2018 at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa** and Sir Knight **Romple Emwalu** on the occasion of his ordination to the Transitional Diaconate on May 25, 2018 here at St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church.

HEALTHY TIP from our Parish Health Ministry:



TO PREVENT A FALL
Get your eyes checked for cataracts, glaucoma, or need for new prescription glasses.

St. John's Health Ministry provides FREE blood pressure checks the 2nd Sat/Sun after Mass.

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.



PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

Are you 62 years or older and in need of assistance? Help may be available. *For further information, please contact Pearl Bates at 623-3332 ext. 203.*

This weekend, we are taking up the collection for the **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)**. Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio and print media. Half of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message and support the collection today! Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or you may also make a donation online by visiting our parish website, clicking "Online Giving." To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

RE: First Reconciliation, Confirmation, Eucharist (FRCE) Students- Last rehearsal with Sponsor, Wednesday, May 16 at 6:00 pm.

2018 Annual Diocesan Priests' Convocation: Msgr. John & Fr. Joseph will be away on Convocation the week of May 14-18. There will be 8:00 am Daily Mass on Mon., May 14th and Communion Services from May 15-18.

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, "Elderly Falls Prevention." Free community event featuring 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.

Catholics Returning Home - If you are a non -practicing Catholic or know of someone who left the Church and is not practicing his or her faith, we invite you and ask you to encourage others to join us for informal listening sessions & an update of the Catholic faith. **Our next series will begin on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 6:30pm - 8:00pm.** For more info, contact the CRH team at (808) 623-3332 ext. 100 or email: sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org. **Everyone is welcome!**

Food Pantry- If you or someone you know needs food assistance, we can help! Come see us on **Tuesday, May 29, 2018 from 10am-12 noon** at St. John's parking lot.

Father's Day- Honor your father, living or deceased, this **Father's Day, June 17th**, by making a Mass offering. All the names will be published as an insert in the June 9/10 bulletin. **Please PRINT LEGIBLY.** Envelopes are available at the back of the church. **The deadline to submit your father's name for publication is Sunday, June 3.**

The next weekend of SAT May 19th and SUN May 20th, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for 215 of our Ohana. There will be 50 First Communicants (also receiving Confirmation) at the 5PM Mass, 65 Confirmandi at the 9AM Mass, and 100 Confirmandi at the 11AM Mass. We ask those who regularly attend the 5PM Mass, 9AM Mass, or the 11AM Mass to consider attending the 7AM or 6PM Masses next week to allow room for visitors. Parking is very limited.

THIS WEEK: May 14 – May 20

Monday- 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9:30 am– SJAЕ Preschool Rehearsal (CH)
4 pm– Girl Scouts (Troop 611) (Rm 6)
6 pm– Boy Scouts (Rms 4 & 6)
6 pm– COR Meeting (Rm 5)
6:30 pm– Marriage & Family Life (Rm 6)
7 pm - Charismatic PG (CH)
7 pm– Family Rosary Prayer Group Fellowship (Rm 4)

Tuesday- 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Communion Service (Dcn. Romeo)*
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– *Communion Service (Dcn. Romeo)*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9:30 am– SJAЕ Preschool Rehearsal (CH)
6 pm- OLPH Prayer Group (Preschool)
6:00 pm– RE: FRCE Students– Practice (CH)
7 pm– RCIA (Rms 4/5)
7:30 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

Thursday- 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Communion Service (Dcn. Romeo)*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
7 pm– Ordination Choir Rehearsal (CH)
7 pm– Cub Scouts (Pack 144) (Rm 6)

Friday- 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Communion Service (Dcn. Romeo)*
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- Pentecost Vigil

7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am– Liturgical Movement (Rm 4)
9 am– Health Fair (CH Grounds)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm- Confirmation/ Eucharistic Rite Mass (Saturday Vigil)

Sunday– Pentecost Day Masses: 7 am , 6 pm

9 am– Gr. 3-5 Confirmation Mass
11 am– EDGE & Lifeteen Confirmation Mass
4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)