

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Deacon Romeo Ganibe

Is Jesus really at the top of our Christmas list?

Advent won't mean that much if what and whom we are waiting for isn't a fulfillment of our greatest desire, or our most profound need. Is Jesus really the gift we want above everything else this Christmas? Do we wake up each day thirsting for God, longing to encounter him in each experience and in each person?

In a sense, that's what St John the Baptist is saying in today's Gospel passage from Luke, when he preaches a baptism of repentance --- to the whole Region of Jordan, exhorting people to,

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

It's as if St John is telling them and to "us", "God is coming. He's in our midst. How badly do you want to see him? How achingly do you want the power and salvation of God to be poured out on you and within you and for you?"

John wants them (and to us) to get ready, to remove the obstacles getting in God's way --- their selfishness, greed, disobedience and sin. John, like St. Paul (in today's Second Reading), wanted his "followers" to want God above everything else.

Is that our prayer too?

In beautiful, poetic language the prophet Baruch (in today's First Reading) paints a remarkable picture for us. He tells the people of Jerusalem,

***"Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the
splendor of glory from God forever . . ."***

That's what God wants for us. And so, let's prepare. Let's get rid of our mourning and misery and sin and let God get to us. And that can only happen if we truly want Jesus more than anything. And if we can do that, the splendor of God will certainly be born in us once again --- transforming us --- not just this Christmas, but every day of our lives.

Have a Blessed Advent!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday (Mon - Sat): **8 AM**

Sunday (Sat. Vigil) 5 PM, 7 AM,
9 AM, 11 AM & 6 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 PM
(and by appointment)

**Mass will be live streamed on
Sunday 11 am.**

Please go to the parish website:
www.stjohnmililani.org and click
on the Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcuDlu1K18PRr1J41UEGsUw>

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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ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST MILILANI



SAINTJOHNMILILANI

We look forward to connecting with you!

Parish Rectory Hours**Mon. 12 pm—4 pm****Tues.- Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM****FOOD PANTRY (623-3332)****Tues.- Fri. 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM****PARISH CLERGY
& STAFF****Pastor**

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call (808) 623-3332 x100.

FATHER ANTHONY'S STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Aloha! As part of our annual stewardship education process, I am publishing a series of stewardship bulletin articles that explore some of the key concepts of Christian Stewardship. The bulletin articles are short but the subject matter is important. If you have questions or if you want additional information, please feel free to contact me.

NUMBER 10: Tithing

Tithing is a biblical concept that specifies that a family unit gives a set percentage of its income to God. Most of the references to tithing are in the Old Testament.

A number of modern faith communities embrace tithing. Usually giving a set percentage of income is encouraged. The set percentage of giving is normally 10% of income.

You don't hear a lot about tithing in the Catholic Church. The concept of sacrificial giving is more in tune with Catholicism. It has more of a feel of a spiritual act of a Disciple and less of a feel or a transaction.

Some of our parishioners do tithe. Their percent of giving is based more on gratitude and less on a set formula. It is thought out in advance so it is perfectly consistent with sacrificial giving.

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

Anointing of the Sick

Baptism Preparation Classes: Dec 19,
Jan 23, Feb 20 & Mar 20

Baptisms: Dec 12 & 16, Jan 16 & Jan 30.

**** Please contact the Parish Office to
make all arrangements in advance.****

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

Funerals

Homebound Communion

Marriages (at least 6 months before
wedding date)

† Funeral**Announcements †****Normalita "Molly" B. Gamboa (RIP)**

Monday, December 6, 2021

Visitation: 9:00 am

Memorial Mass: 10:00 am

Francis Balmores (RIP)

Monday, January 3, 2022

Mililani Memorial Park- Mauka Chapel

Family Visitation: 9:00 am

Funeral Service: 10:30 am

Friday, January 7, 2022

Mililani Memorial Park

10:00 am

HEALING / BLESSINGS: Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Willie & Bernard Rash, Florida Badua, Sharon Scott, Ron & Patricia Li, Laura Ann Peeters, Barbara Ursal, Elaine Utu, Art Apilado, Zosima Pacleb, Monique Carlmark, Luke Alaipalelei, Sayo DeBoyce, Jimmy Austin, Elaine Marterella, Thi Choi Nguyen, Christy Esposito, Kevin Gagan, Paulina Sarandi, Eduardo Islao, Joyce B. Bean, Teresa Montoya, James Kahala & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Mario Pichon, Ben Guerrero, Tutu Jean McGarry, Channing Fukuda, Kristen "Kiddy" DeCoster, Mildred Loggins, Caleb Romero, Gary Nakata, Valentina Asuncion, Maggie Bae, Catherine Gibbs, Thi Ly Nguyen, Thanh Tan Nguyen, Thanh Xuan Nguyen, Jean Tanoue, Adoracion Funtanilla, Estella Rodriguez, Molly Gamboa, Randy Gasmen, Crispina S. Gorospe, Joseph Durocher, George Kupihea, Prima Romualdo-Hill, Keola Souza, Francis Balmores & Francisco Leonores.

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

Be a Better Steward of St. John Apostle

Stewardship is made easier than ever with our new online giving system, **WeShare**.

Make your one-time or recurring donation using donation using your debit card, credit card, checking or savings account.

Sign up today by visiting
www.stjohnmililani.org

Stewardship of Treasure NOV 27/28

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,935.01
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,742.00
Baptism	\$ 30.00
Funerals	\$ 300.00
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 220.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 440.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 320.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 50.00
Candles	\$ 285.00
Flowers	\$ 964.00
Stewardship	\$ 25.00
'Ohana in Christ	\$ 225.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 8.00
Christmas	\$ 350.00
Angel Tree	\$ 100.00
Archdiocese for the Military Services	\$ 5.00

Weekend Total: \$ 16,999.01

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



'Ohana in Christ: The Annual Appeal for Catholic Church in Hawaii - Please support your Parish and our many Catholic

ministries by contributing to the 2021-2022 Appeal. **Your gift will especially help: Parish Priests & Deacons** recruitment, assignment, professional development, health & wellness needs. **Youth & Young Ministry** developing faith formation groups, programs, events, and support Catholic schools. **Those most in need** resourcing for parish food and shelter programs, and for Catholic social ministry agencies serving our kupuna, keiki, & migrant communities. Give online at: <https://www.catholicohawaii.org/ohana-in-christ/> or you may donate through our parish website: stjohnmililani.org. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Mahalo for your generous support all Gifts are important and appreciated!

Respect Life: "Jesus calls each of us to 'care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible' (EV 87)... The encyclical The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection.

In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation."

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 6, 2021

(8 am) †Adoracion R. Funtanilla

Victoria Page (Healing)

Modesta Yadao

(Thanksgiving & Blessing)

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

(8 am) †Velia, Tomas & Antonio

Nagulat

†Frederico Badua

Victoria Page (Healing)

Rosa A. Gonzales

(Healing/Blessing)

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

(8 am) †Elvira Santos

John Sauget (Birthday Blessing)

Connie Amigo (Birthday Blessing)

(6 pm) Laura Peeters &

The Westmoreland Family

(Thanksgiving)

Thursday, December 9, 2021

(8 am) Victoria Page (Healing)

Mark Pablo (Healing)

Rosa A. Gonzales

(Healing/Blessing)

Friday, December 10, 2021

(8 am) †Nora Roque

(Death Anniversary)

Christine Tan (Healing)

The Chan Family (Healing)

Saturday, December 11, 2021

(8 am) †All Souls in Purgatory

Victoria Page (Healing)

Mel Kawahara (Birthday Blessing)

Gallogly - McGarry - Tatistcheff

(Blessings)

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Chanee Shockley & Gail Estanque

(Birthday Blessing)

For the People

†James & Mildred Mizoguchi

†Eric Umetsu

†David M. Torres

† RIP †

Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe For a New Culture of Life

Throughout this Novena, we ask the intercession of Mary, the
Merciful Mother of Jesus, for a New Culture of Life and the
conversion of the Americas.

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church



December 3 -12, 2021
Novena (Rosary) follow by the
celebration of Mass

DEC	Rosary	Mass
FRI 3	5 PM	6PM
SAT 4	4PM	5PM
SUN 5	5PM	6PM
MON 6	5PM	6PM
TUE 7	5PM	6PM
WED 8	5PM	6PM

Join us in an Advent Crusade

to pray for the return home of Prodigal Catholics.

**Thursday, December 9th ~ 5:00 P.M. Adoration and Rosary
6:00 P.M. Mass followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

The St. Michael's Center Traveling Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be displayed in the church. The print, a 100% replica of the original image, was blessed at the Basilica in Mexico City. It is an official replica with the seal of the Bishop and a serial # on it. Framed in the United States, the image first appeared at the 1st Marian Conference in 1994 at the Waikiki Shell.

The last time this image of Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared in Hawaii was at the last Marian Conference at the Neil Blaisdell Arena.



FRI 10	5PM	6PM
SAT 11	4PM	5PM
SUN 12	Mananitas	7AM
Feast	6AM	
Day		

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**St John Apostle & Evangelist
Catholic Church
Celebrating 50 Years of Faith
Formation Parish Advent Retreat
The Joy of Humanity to Have Jesus
as Our Redeemer
and Mary as Our Mother
December 13, 2021, 7:00 PM -
Church**

This presentation will be on the preparation and celebration of the coming of Jesus in human form on Christmas. His birthday gives joy to humanity because he came as a redeemer, to save fallen humanity. There will be discussion on:

- ♦ *Humanity without Jesus and how we lose graces through your earthly nature.*
- ♦ *The role of Mary and Joseph in the story of incarnation and birth.*
- ♦ *The joy of humanity with Jesus during the Christmas season and in our lives.*

Advent & Christmas Calendar Events

December 3-11: Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

December 7: Vigil Mass for The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (**Holy Day of Obligation**) 6PM

December 8: Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (**Holy Day of Obligation**) 8 AM & 6PM

December 9: Advent Crusade to pray for the return home of Prodigal Catholics. 5 PM Adoration & Rosary; 6 PM Mass followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

December 13: Parish Advent Retreat, 7 PM

December 14: Parish Advent Penance Service, 7 PM

December 16-24: Misa de Gallo, 5 AM

Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation

December 24: Christmas Eve Masses: 6 PM, Midnight Mass

December 25: Christmas Day Masses: 7AM, 9 AM, 11 AM (**No Evening Mass**)

December 26: Feast of the Holy Family (Regular Sunday Mass Schedule)

December 27: St. John Apostle & Evangelist Feast Day Masses: 8 AM and 6 PM
(Bishop Larry will preside at the 6 PM Mass)

December 30: 8 AM Mass of Thanksgiving

Fr. Anthony Rapozo's 10th Ordination Anniversary

January 1: The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, 8 AM

January 2: Epiphany of the Lord (Regular Sunday Mass Schedule)

January 9: Baptism of the Lord (Regular Sunday Mass Schedule)

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PICK OF THE WEEK

December 5, 2021

WATCH

GUADALUPE: THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE

As we celebrate the patroness of the Americas this week, enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego—an encounter that has converted millions.

GUADALUPE THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE



Do We Make Too Much of Mary?



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Throughout our Marian feast days, you might wonder why Catholics think so highly of Mary. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss our Lady's esteemed place among the saints.

LEARN

LISTEN

MARIAN DOGMAS WITH MATT FRADD & BRANT PITRE

Listen in as Matt Fradd and Dr. Brant Pitre explore the Church's understanding of Mary's role in the Church.

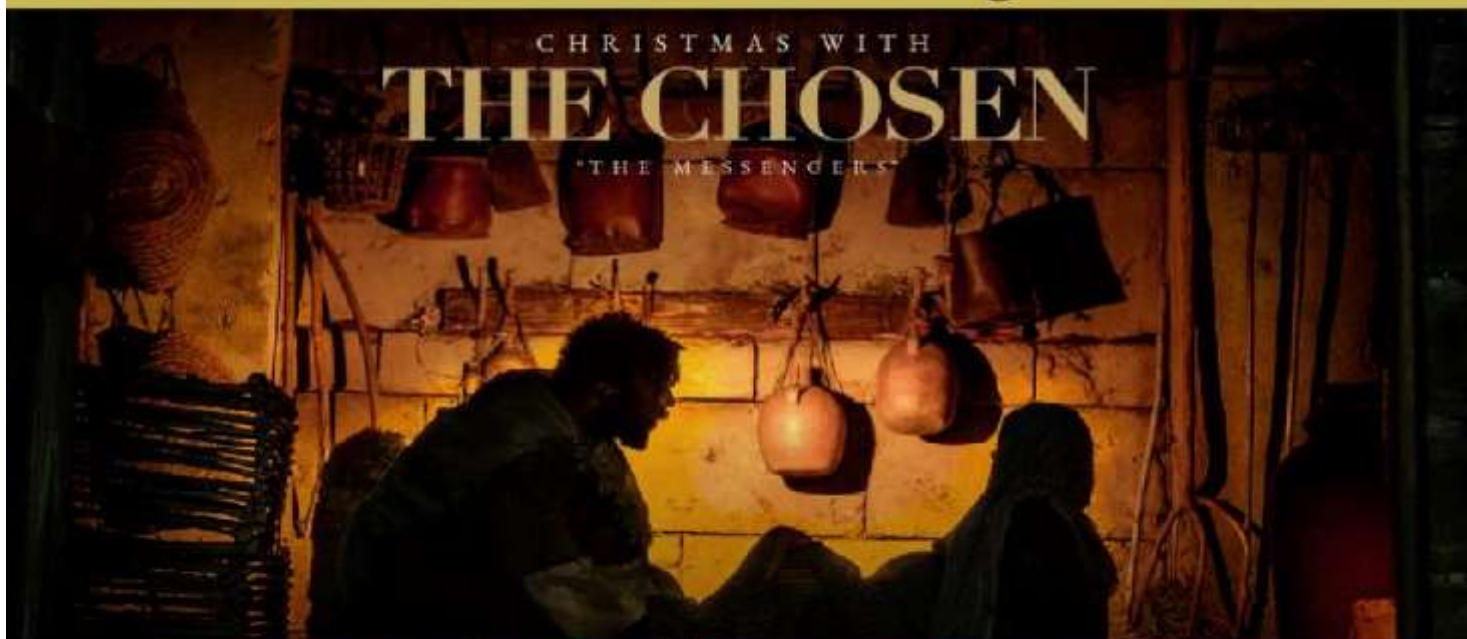
MARIAN DOGMAS WITH BRANT PITRE



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St. John is Hosting

CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHOSEN "THE MESSENGERS"



Saturday, December 11, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

One Community Center (OCC)

Tickets are available thru our Parish Website



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Give in Gratitude. A donor to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a (HOLY DAY OF Obligation in the Diocese of Honolulu.) It will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 7 at 6 pm and Wednesday, December 8 at 8 am and 6 pm.

Angel Network: Please return your gifts **wrapped** before Mass on December 11-12. **Thank you for being an Angel by providing a Christmas gift to a deserving child, family, senior and Seminarian.** If you have any questions, call the rectory (808) 623-3332.

Remember a loved one by making a flower offering this Christmas. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or you may also make a donation online by visiting our parish website, clicking on "Online Giving."



SJAE Library: "Need Advent materials for you or your children? Check out books/DVD at our church office!"

Confessions are held every Saturday from 4:00—4:30 pm and by appointment.

If you are able to help sanitize after Mass, please meet in front of the Chapel after Mass. **Mahalo!**

Altar Servers: Please consider sharing your time and talent: we are looking for altar servers for the following Mass times: **Saturday - 5 pm & Sunday - 11 am and 6 pm** During Advent and Christmas Season, if you are an altar server alumni and want to serve, you are welcome. If you are interested, please email: Angela- altarssjae@gmail.com.

Central Vicariate Penance Services 2021

Thursday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 PM - St. Michael, Waiialua;
Tuesday Dec. 14 at 7:00 PM - St. John A&E, Mililani

Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 7:00 PM - Resurrection of the Lord, Waipio;

Thursday, Dec. 16 at 7:00 PM - Our Lady of Sorrows, Wahiawa

Friday, Dec. 17 at 7:00 PM - Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pearl City

Misa de Gallo December 16-24 (5:00 am)

Dec. 16 - Fr. Anthony Rapozo

Dec. 17 - Alfred Guerrero

Dec. 18 - Fr. EJ Resinto

Dec. 19 - Fr. Boniface Sakala

Dec. 20 - Fr. Edmund Barut

Dec. 21 - Fr. Bruce Roby

Dec. 22 - Bishop Larry

Dec. 23 - Fr. Norlito Concepcion

Dec. 24 - Fr. Romple Emwalu



Don't know what to give a loved one this Christmas?

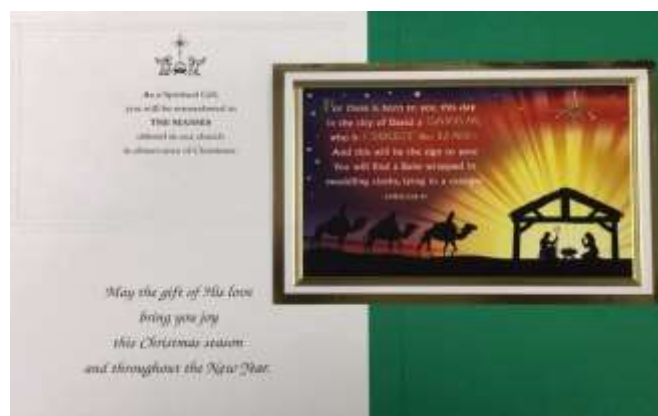
How about the Spiritual Gift of a Mass!

As a Spiritual Gift, a loved one will be remembered in ALL THE MASSES offered at St. John in observance of Christmas.

Christmas Mass Offering Set: \$20

Each Set Includes: 4x6 Christmas Card, a matching envelope, and offering envelope

Please contact the parish office to purchase a Mass offering set.



PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE: "Later" can be too late. Don't delay having your will drawn. Make sure your estate plans are in place so that your wishes will be carried out to benefit your family. Gifts you plan for your church through your will can help your church continue to minister and serve.

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