

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Fr. Boniface Sakala

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called “Gaudete Sunday” from the Latin which means “Sunday to Rejoice”. It marks the midpoint of Advent Season when the vestments become a little lighter and the ROSE candle on the Advent wreath is lit. We may ask a question, “why is it called ‘joyful Sunday’ as we are busy reflecting on our human weakness and sins we committed and preparing to reconcile to God through the sacrament of reconciliation?” As Catholics, we called the third Sunday of advent “Joyful Sunday” because the day of our liberation is near. Further, we are expressing our communal “joy” in the coming of Jesus as our Savior. We rejoice because we are celebrating the day of Christ’s birth, we recognize Jesus’ daily presence in our midst and we also wait for Christ’s return in glory. Therefore, when liberated from something it brings “joy” in our lives and in our community.

Then readings we have this Sunday are on “joy”. The first reading from prophet Zephaniah encourages Jerusalem and Israel to shout out for the joy of their expected deliverance by the Lord. Interestingly our Responsorial Psalm (Isaiah 12:6), says: **“Cry out with joy and gladness for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.”** Then St. Paul in the second reading echoes this message of joy: **“Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near.”** The Gospel of St. Luke presents to us, John the Baptist who explained the secret of Christian joy as our wholehearted commitment to God’s ways by doing His will. John challenged people to be generous and have a sense of fairness so that others may have reason to rejoice. According to John the Baptist happiness comes from doing our duties faithfully, doing good for others, and sharing our blessings with others in need. John’s call to repentance is a call to joy and restoration.

In the gospel, John the Baptist reminds us to act with justice, charity, honesty and to let our lives to be transformed during this Advent Season. For us, the transformation will take place when Christ enters our lives, and it is to be reflected in our actions. We are called to put into practice the “Aloha Spirit” by examining our relationships with others. We are invited to mend ruptures, face family responsibilities, work honestly, and treat each other with love. Our domestic and social lives must be put in order. Finally, we are encouraged to abandon our selfish thirst for consumption and instead, be filled with the expectation of Jesus’ coming on Christmas.

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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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

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To request a Mass Intention,
please email the parish office at
sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org or
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 11: The Stewardship of Vocations

A vocation is truly a gift from God. It is a gift for the individual and it is a gift for the whole community. As stewards, it is our responsibility to care for and nurture our gifts, even our communal gifts.

Being called by God can be confusing. Discerning a call to a vocation can be difficult, especially in a vacuum. Someone may not realize that he or she are being called to be a priest, sister or deacon.

You can help! Do you know someone whom you suspect may have a vocation? If you do, I need to hear about it. Please contact me with the particulars, so I may be a support in case that individual is unaware of his or her gift.

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**Announcement †****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, 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, Andres Remigio, Francisco Leonores & Michael Murphy.

"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.

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www.stjohnmililani.org

Stewardship of Treasure DEC 4/5

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,621.65
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 5,062.00
Baptism	\$ 45.00
Funerals	\$ 400.00
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 970.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 1,180.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 6,963.50
Mass Intentions	\$ 530.00
Candles	\$ 313.00
Social Ministry	\$ 140.00
Flowers	\$ 533.00
Stewardship	\$ 25.00
'Ohana in Christ	\$ 180.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 20.00
Christmas	\$ 345.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 80.00
Retirement fund for Religious	\$ 25.00

Weekend Total: \$ 28,433.15

"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.catholicahawaii.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:

"O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free."

USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita" <https://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/national-migration-week/upload/M7-266-Josephine-Bakhita-Prayer-Card.pdf>

CALLS, TEXTS & EMAILS SCAMS!

There has been a scam affecting many parishioners. Please never respond to such email messages or texts from clergy and staff of St. John's. For more information, see the link below. [Scam Call](#)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 13, 2021
(8 am) †Nita Villalon

Victoria Page (Healing)

Rosa A. Gonzales
(Healing & Blessing)

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

(8 am) †Joseph Durocher

Victoria Page (Healing)

Msgr. John Mbinda
(Ordination Anniversary)

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

(8 am) †Wilfredo Alfaro

(Birthday Memorial)

Victoria Page (Healing)

Fr. Marvin Samiano (Healing)

Thursday, December 16, 2021

(8 am) †Angelito Taglinao

(Death Anniversary)

Victoria Page (Healing)

Barbara Caspillo

(Birthday Blessing)

Friday, December 17, 2021

(8 am) †Jaime Maldonado

(Death Anniversary)

Victoria Page (Healing)

Joan Madsen (Birthday Blessing)

Saturday, December 18, 2021

(8 am) †Rafael Mauleon

†Fr. Cletus Mooya

Rufino & Connie Amigo

(Wedding Anniversary)

Bernadette & Cesar Fajardo

(50th Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Taylor Mitchell (Thanksgiving)

For the People

Francis Mizoguchi &

Joan Matsuoka

(Birthday Blessings)

Victoria Page (Healing)

† 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 11 -12, 2021

Novena (Rosary) follow by the celebration of Mass

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

Central Vicariate Advent Services 2021

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) Celebrants

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



Advent & Christmas Calendar Events

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)



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

Speaker Fr. Boniface Sakala

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.*

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Helping aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others - educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please drop your donation during offertory or you may also donate online through our parish website by clicking on "Online Giving." Please be generous.

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, contact: Angela-altarssjae@gmail.com.

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: At the death of a special friend or relative you might like to remember that person through a memorial gift to your church. This will show your appreciation for this treasured relationship and help others through the church. An acknowledgment card will be sent to the surviving family, letting them know of your gift, without disclosing the amount.

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

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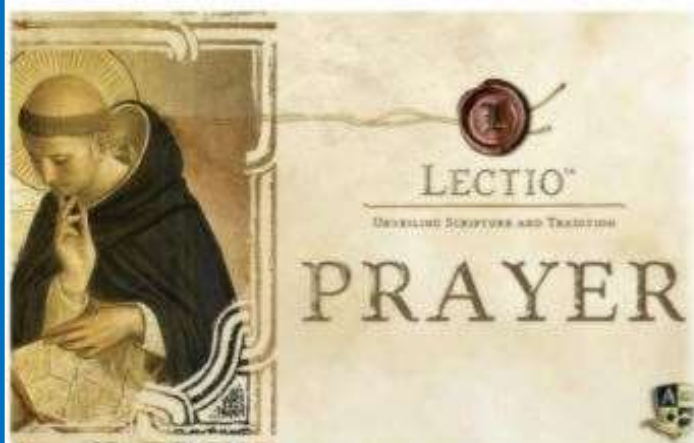
PICK OF THE WEEK

December 12, 2021

WATCH

SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA: A STUDY IN PERSEVERANCE

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Ávila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.



LECTIO: PRAYER—AN INTIMATE DIALOGUE

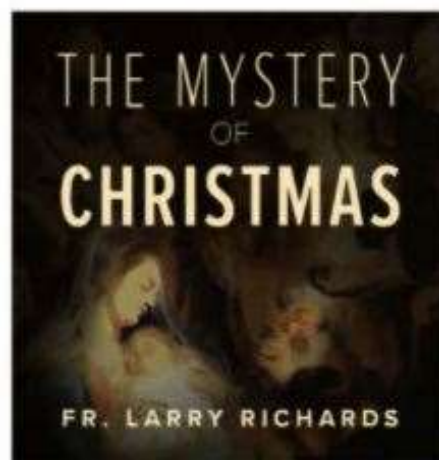
St. John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church, had a deep desire to help others grow in prayer. In honor of this mystical saint, join Dr. Gray as he dives into the simplicity and mystery of prayer.

LEARN

LISTEN

THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS BY FR. LARRY RICHARDS

In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift—the gift of his Son to the world.



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