



September 14, 1969, First Parish Mass • May 17, 1970 Ground-breaking • August 15, 1971, Dedication of the church

ST. JOHN
APOSTLE &
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DAILY MASS: Monday-Saturday: 8:00am

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7am, 9am, 11am & 6pm

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

or by appointment

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 12:00pm-4:00pm

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Saturday & Sunday – Closed

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Giving Generously and Proportionately Part 4

In this final series, our catechesis considers two key aspects of giving generously and proportionately, namely Commitment to the vision of being a generous steward of Jesus Christ and Giving in Proportion to the treasure God gives you annually.

Commitment: This is the third element needed for us to complete our effort. We want your commitment. Here is the goal: we are asking you to determine how much you presently contribute to St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church. This would be your weekly contribution, totaled for the year. Then, in the spirit of Stewardship, we ask that you commit to giving at least that amount. Obviously, we would like your commitment to increase that amount if possible. The key is commitment. With your commitment, we can more accurately plan both our present operating requirements as well as look to future needs. Prayerfully consider making your generous offering in proportion with the gifts you have received from God.

There are various ways of giving. **Envelopes:** parishioners may continue having their envelopes sent to them and use them to make their contributions. Those who do not receive envelopes please consider doing so in order to keep track of your giving especially for tax deduction purposes

Online Giving: parishioners now have the option of online giving on our parish web site and it is working quite well. More parishioners have signed up since the announcement of this option. Please visit the web site and set up your account. If you need help in setting up your online account, the parish office staff will assist. It can be easily set up in the parish office and takes about five minutes.

Electronic Giving Options: a few parishioners have set up electronic giving through their bank account, designating that specific funds be transferred to the parish on a regular basis.

Planned Giving: A Planned Giving Team of professionals will eventually be set up to advise you on the best practices in planned giving as well as outline various options.

I take the opportunity to express deepest gratitude to all parishioners for your commitment to generous giving in order to support the parish in its many activities. Thank you for enabling the parish to continue living up to its vision, mission and purpose among which includes nourishing you spiritually so you may grow continually in Christ. Stay tuned as this important catechesis develops.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda
Pastor

VISION STATEMENT

*We are called to **develop a deeper relationship with Christ.** Such a relationship is fostered through active participation in: the Sacraments, the Word, Renewal programs, ministry/service, fellowship and other **Spirit-led** activities. We will dedicate our time, talent and treasure to install in our Parish community these basic building blocks of Christian living, **to live out the Lord's commands and to preach the Good News** to all through our words, deeds and lives.*

Next Sunday Readings: February 16
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

The Book of Sirach is a collection of proverbial teachings. Its teachings are based on a spirituality of wisdom and right living that brings happiness and blessings, while foolishness and depraved living result in misfortune and punishment. This passage addresses human freedom and choice. The choices mentioned are paired into two extremes: fire and water, life and death, good and evil. The passage deals with the realities that are life-giving and those that are death-dealing in the context of human freedom and choice. Those who fear the Lord choose life, and goodness, and thus remain faithful.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119:1-2,4-5,17-8,33-34

Psalm 112 is both instructional and a prayer. The response comes from the opening verse in the form of beatitude: "Blessed are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord." The teaching is that the way of blamelessness is adherence to the law of the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

In this passage, Paul reflects a Jewish perspective on revelation which had been kept hidden from the rulers of this age, waiting to be revealed. Paul teaches that God's revelation does not come through some mystery rite of the pagan Greek Corinthians. Rather, revelation comes from God's wisdom which He "predetermined before the ages for our glory," and which "God has prepared for those who love Him."

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

The Gospel reading is a continuation of the Sermon on the Mountain. We note the gravity of Jesus' words from the introduction of his teaching: "Amen, I say to you," which stresses the truth of what he is teaching. The contrast Jesus sets up is not between himself and the Law, but between his interpretation of the Law and that of the Scribes and the Pharisees. Jesus also uses the formula: You have heard it said....but I say to you. Thus his interpretation is radical. He demands much more than mere external conformity to the Law. The Law forbids murder, but Jesus now forbids anger and even insult. The Law forbids adultery, but now Jesus forbids lustful desires. All four examples in the passage indicate the radical nature of Jesus' reinterpretation of the Law.

*Msgr. John's Sunday homilies are available on the following updated links: **Blog (text):** <http://www.sundayhomily.com>*

***Podcast (audio):** <http://streaminghomilies.podbean.com>*

*On iTunes, under Podcast search for: **streaming homilies**, subscribe free to get the homilies weekly.*

***Boohomily (audio):** <http://audioboo.fm/jmbinda>*

"If our prayer is resolutely united with that of Jesus, in trust and boldness as children, we obtain all that we ask in his name, even more than any particular thing: the Holy Spirit himself, who contains all gifts."(CCC 2742)

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Healing/Blessings: Sally Bordfeld, Leilani Mueller, Hilda Gomez, Charmaine Molina, Melody Ramos, Ken Enomoto, Cely Deveraturda, John "Mike" Culkin, Guillermo Uyttingco, Anthony Scarpelli, Shirley Shimaoka, Pearl Bates, Pat Nazareth, BJ Sagocio, Marcie and Ron Thames, Salve Galman, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

Deceased: Moses Dela Cruz, Delores Mertl, Hugo Gebauer, Justina Esperanza Antonio, Josephine Vincent, Helen Ughoc, Fujiko Kosierowski, Albert Sieben, Jr., Gladys Naone, Millard Beck, Rhoda Sanders, Marie Paz Bartolome, Bernadette A. Uyeda, Victor Ventigan, Jr., Kenneth J. Ferreira, Rainfredo J. Llamido, Fr. Tim Ottman, Veneranda M. Mendoza, Severo F. Tania, Danny Uehara, and Fr. Cletus Mooya.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, February 10, 2014

8am Mass Rose Acebo (RIP)
Steven Grace (Birthday)

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

8am Mass Ross Acebo (RIP)
Walden Miranda (RIP)

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

8am Mass Lillian Lapa (Birthday)
Modesta Yadao (Birthday)

Thursday, February 13, 2014

8am Mass Henry DeCosta (Birthday)
Evan Atiburcio (Birthday)

Friday, February 14, 2014

8am Mass Valerio Duldulao (Death Anniversary)
John Diaz (RIP)
Kenneth J. Ferreira (RIP)

Saturday, February 15, 2014

8am Mass Bienvenido Baptista (RIP)
Gregoria Taglinao (RIP)
5pm Mass Amelia Gabriel (RIP)

Sunday, February 16, 2014

7am Mass Delores Mertl (RIP)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass James and Mildred Mizoguchi (RIP)
6pm Mass Dr. Purfirio Buada, Jr. (RIP)

Parish News & Announcements

THANK YOU ST. JOHN PARISHIONERS

The outpouring of love and gratitude for Fr. Cletus were evident by your generosity. The donations received totaled **\$11,242.00**. This amount was deposited in the bank and will be wired to Zambia. Our Honolulu Diocese assumed all the funeral expenses in Hawaii & the shipping of Fr. Cletus' body to Zambia. Once in Zambia, Fr. Cletus' family is responsible for all expenses incurred to transport the body to their hometown, six hours away, as well as the funeral service, burial, and reception. The family will host a reception for people from their hometown and all neighboring towns. Fr. Peter Miti will accompany the body and expressed his assurance that he will share with the family about the abundant love and generosity of St. John Apostle & Evangelist parish. On behalf of the Mooya family, THANK YOU for your love, generosity and kindness.

There will be a Healing Mass with anointing on Monday, February 10th. Praise and worship begins at 7:30pm followed by Mass.

Are you able to give a ride to someone who would like to attend church but doesn't have transportation? If you can help in transporting individuals so they can attend Mass on Sunday, please call the Outreach Office at 623-3332 ext. 203. Mahalo.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION IN HAWAII – Our Catholic schools provide a quality education to students from all ethnic, religious and financial backgrounds. The Augustine Educational Foundation provides tuition scholarships to financially needy students in our elementary and secondary schools. Please take a moment today and help make a difference in a student's life – your gift goes directly to support tuition scholarships on our island/vicariate. The Augustine Educational Foundation would gladly take your gift online – please visit us at www.augustinefoundation.org. MAHALO for helping the Foundation reach its goal of raising \$100,000! Special collection envelopes are available near the church entrance.

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20, 7 pm – 9 pm in the Parish Center classroom #6. The next book that we will discuss is An Introduction to the Devout Life by St. Francis de Sales. Borrow or buy the book, read it and join us for our book discussion. Contact Melissa Crisostomo 626-2469 or alohamc@yahoo.com for more information.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everette A. Flanders (RIP)

Monday, February 10, 2014 ~ St. John A&E Church
9:15am Family and Public Viewing
10am Funeral Mass
1pm Burial ~ Hawaiian Memorial Park

Veneranda M. Mendoza (RIP)

Wednesday, February 12, 2014 ~ Mililani Mortuary Makai
5pm Private and Public Viewing
6:30pm Prayer Service
Thursday, February 13, 2014 ~ St. John A&E Church
9:15am Eulogy; 10am Funeral Mass
12pm ~ Burial at Schofield Post Cemetery

Thomas Merton on Gratitude

“To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything He has given us - and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him.

Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise of the goodness of God. For the grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference.”

Thomas Merton (Trappist Monk, Gethsemane Abbey, Kentucky, 1915-1968)

Sunday Collection February 1/2, 2014

	Weekly Goal	Actual Amount
Sunday Offering	\$12,647.00	\$14,460.95
Building, Equip., Maintenance, and Outreach	\$1,470.00	\$1,469.00

“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce.” PROVERBS 3:9