



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

Msgr. John Mbinda, Pastor, Ext.105

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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.*

Our Gratitude for Time

According to the Bishop's Pastoral Letter of 1992, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, a Christian Stewards is:

- One who receives God's gifts gratefully;
- Cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner;
- Shares them in justice and love with others;
- And returns them with increase to the Lord.

Christian stewardship is the grateful response we make to God's generosity. We have received many gifts of time, talent and treasure from God in his generosity. Gratitude is the first quality of a Christian steward. Time is a gift from God. Living a life of a Christian steward involves a deliberate decision to thank God for the gift of time. A deep sense of gratitude fills the heart of a steward. Stewardship is living a life of gratitude - taking the time every day to recognize the gifts that God has given and to be grateful.

God gives us the wonderful gift of time each day and each week. A Stewardship way of life involves spending time with God, that is, giving gratefully to God some of your 168 hours per week. Recognizing that every day is a gift from God, we gratefully strive to spend some time each day with God, through prayer, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel, some quiet moment of reflection, scripture reading, spiritual reading (lives of the saints or a good inspiring book on being a better Catholic). Catholics who take their faith seriously plan their daily time and ensure that some time is given to God with a grateful heart, either in the early hours of the morning or at the end of the day or both.

Some parishioners gratefully give their time to God through their commitment to ministry. Others take every opportunity of faith formation to be nourished. Yet others spend time reading the scriptures or at prayer. All these are ways of grateful giving back to God some of the time God has given. At prayer this week, spend some time thanking God for the gift of time. Use some of the time God has given you gratefully to serve God and his Church. Our next catechesis will examine "Our Gratitude for Talents." So stay tuned!

Msgr. John S. Mbinda
Pastor

Next Sunday Readings: February 23
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

These four verses address the command of love as precondition for being holy as expressed in the first two verses. The Christian is called to be holy as God is holy. The contrast between love and hate has to be understood from this perspective. God is by nature holy and by nature goodness itself. The point of the reading is that in order to be holy, we have to refrain from nursing hatred in our hearts. The law of love forbids us from engaging in any form of vengeance and instructs us to love others as we love ourselves.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2,3-4,8,10,12-13

Psalm 112 begins with a call to bless the Lord. This is a call to praise and thank God for blessings already received. The reason for blessing and thanking God is God's willingness to pardon, to heal and to save. It is in this context that we respond: "The Lord is kind and merciful."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

The second reading consists of three themes: 1) the Christian community of Corinth as a temple of God; 2) a contrast between the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world; and 3) Paul's caution on boasting. Paul uses a rhetorical style of arguing his teaching. "Do you not know that you are the temple of God....Let no one deceive himself...So let no one boast about human beings." The themes in this passage are clearly related to the theme of holiness in the first reading.

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

In the Gospel passage, Jesus draws a sharp contrast between his interpretation of the religious moral code and the new understanding his disciples are expected to embrace. "You have heard it said.... But I say to you...! Jesus teaches that the ancient moral codes of revenge and vengeance cannot be practiced by his disciples. Thus "an eye for an eye and a tooth for tooth" is unchristian. His followers have to offer no resistance; they have to "turn the other cheek;" they are to love their enemies and pray for those who persecute them. He concludes the teaching by exhorting his followers: "So be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." In other words, the difficult demands his followers will encounter are pathways to perfection and holiness. That approach to relating with others has led many to heroic virtues. It is the difficult path to sainthood.

*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, Rowena Ahakuelo, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

Deceased: 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 17, 2014

8am Mass Ray and Jane Beauchemin
(Blessings and Thanksgiving)
Fr. Cletus Mooya (RIP)

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

8am Mass Simeon Lamanilao
(Birthday and Thanksgiving)
Hak Soon Mercado (RIP)

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

8am Mass Terry Silva (Birthday)
Rosalinda Aglanan (RIP)

Thursday, February 20, 2014

8am Mass Ernest K. Nakamasu (RIP)
John Baker (RIP)

Friday, February 21, 2014

8am Mass Peter Gallogly (Birthday)
Brett and Salve Galman
(Blessings and Thanksgiving)
Rainfredo J. Llamido (RIP)

Saturday, February 22, 2014

8am Mass Isabel and Francisco Paas (RIP)
Elena and Etuale Tusitala
(Wedding Blessings)

5pm Mass George Perry (RIP)

Sunday, February 23, 2014

7am Mass Prudencia Lopez (RIP)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Jerry LeDonne (RIP)
6pm Mass Benjamin Lopez (RIP)

Parish News & Announcements

Church offices will be closed on Monday, February 17th, in observance of Presidents' Day.

Old blessed palms are needed for Ash Wednesday. Please drop them in the box provided near the church entrance. Mahalo.

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 for showing your support of the Augustine Educational Foundation! Mahalo nui loa from the Augustine Educational Foundation to all the parishes and parishioners for showing your support during the 2014 Second Collection. You have made a difference!

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.

Class for Engaged and Married Couples: Christian Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (CPREP) will be held Saturday, March 8, 2014, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel Pastoral Center. The CPREP program was designed by experts to help couples build loving and lasting relationships. It is for the newly engaged couple to long-time married couples who want to improve their communication skills. You will learn problem solving, a model for helping couples to forgive, a framework to build and maintain commitment, and a way for couples to attain spiritual oneness in a Christian marriage. Call Deacon Tom Miyashiro at OLGC (808) 455-3012 to register. The cost is \$20 for book and materials. (Lunch from 12 noon to 12:30; bring home lunch or order at 7:30 am with OLGC)

Infant Baptisms: Please call the parish office at 623-3332 ext. 100 for information on infant baptism. Baptism Preparation Classes will be held on the following Sundays from 2pm to 5pm in classrooms 4 and 5: March 2, April 27, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, and November 2.

Baptisms are scheduled for the following Sundays at 12:30pm: May 18 and 25, June 22, July 13, 20, and 27, August 10, 17, and 24, September 14, 21, and 28, October 19 and 26, November 9, 16, and 23.

From the Diocese of Honolulu Office of Vocations Diocesan Prayer for Vocations (edited)

Heavenly Father,
Your divine Son taught us
to pray to the Lord of the harvest
to send laborers into His vineyard.

We earnestly beg you
to bless our Diocese and our world
with many priests, deacons and religious
who will love you fervently and gladly
and courageously spend their lives
in service to your Son's Church,
especially the poor and the needy.

Bless our families and our children,
and choose from our homes
those whom you desire for this holy work.
Teach them to respond generously
and keep them ever faithful
in following your Son Jesus Christ,
that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit
***and with the intercession and inspiration of
Saint Damien and Saint Marianne***
the Good News of redemption
may be brought to all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sunday Collection February 8/9, 2014

	Weekly Goal	Actual Amount
Sunday Offering	\$12,647.00	\$12,137.86
Building, Equip., Maintenance, and Outreach	\$1,470.00	\$1,122.00

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