



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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Being Grateful for Talents

God creates us with a capacity for a great variety of talents. Our talents and special abilities are not ours. They belong to God. We own nothing that was not first given to us as St. Paul reminds us: “What do you possess that you have not received?” (1 Cor 4:7). You may be able to organize a group meeting, teach, read, or write. Your skill may be typing, photography, or painting. Perhaps you sing or play a musical instrument. Maybe you are a lawyer, doctor, nurse, carpenter, landscaper, engineer, mechanic, or bookkeeper.

I encourage you to identify your talents, and ask God to show you how to use them for His glory for His work. God has given every Christian both natural talents and spiritual gifts. Our natural abilities come to us at physical birth and are developed through life. Our spiritual gifts are imparted by the Holy Spirit, enabling us to minister to others in behalf of Christ.

Each of us has been uniquely equipped by God to function in life and in the Body of Christ –the Church. No one in our parish is without gifts. God has enriched you with these talents and abilities, and as good stewards, we must use them for God’s glory and not our own. Why? Because God gives us these abilities and talents out of His generosity and love for us, we give our grateful response to God by using our talents for His glory not our own.

As we go forward as a stewardship parish, we will pause during the liturgical year to offer our gratitude for the talents God has given to each of us for the benefit of our parish community. On Mission Sunday each year we will celebrate “Stewardship Sunday” in various ways including our commitment to stewardship as a way of life. We are already a wonderful parish family, where we have established a wonderful tradition of sharing the many abilities and talents God has given to each and every one of us. Daily and weekly, we see and experience the stewardship of talents shared by parishioners. Allow me on behalf of other parishioners to thank you for sharing with us these talents that God has given you. May God continually bless you and increase your talents so that you may become all the more generous. The next bulletin catechesis will address the topic of “Being Grateful for Treasure.” Stay tuned.

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: March 2
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

This two verse passage is an exchange between the nation of Israel and God. The first verse is a lament, while the second verse is a word of comfort. The metaphors used: mother, infant, child and womb are striking. The imagery is striking for two reasons. 1) It exemplifies the intimate bond that unites God and his people. Not only is the child at the mother's breast, suggesting nourishment for survival, but the child comes forth from the mother's womb. 2) The most surprising feature of the metaphor for some would be the feminine nature. The love God has for the people is characterized as the love of a mother for the baby in her womb.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 62:2-3,6-7,8-9

Psalm 62 is an expression of trust in God. The first four verses speak about the profound calm the psalmist has found in God. God alone is the only true refuge. God is described as a rock and a stronghold, a place of salvation. The response affirms this attitude: "Rest in God alone, my soul."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Paul in this passage identifies as "servants of Christ" those who assist in the work of Christ, which is the proclamation of the gospel. These servants are "stewards of the mysteries of God." Paul says that it is required that they be accountable and trustworthy.

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

The gospel starts with a statement of absolute loyalty. Jesus states that "No one can serve two masters." He then speaks about wealth. The Greek word used (*mamōnás*) appears in the New Testament only from Jesus (cf. Lk 16:9-13), and he uses it to contrast earthly goods with heavenly realities. Jesus does not condemn possessions in themselves, but the unbalanced attachment to their materialistic character. He is talking about setting one's priorities right and trusting in the generosity and providence of God, who cares for all He has created. Jesus ends by appealing to his disciples to "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness..." God will provide everything else.

*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, Fr. Cletus Mooya, Roy Burns, Jr., Grace Santos, and Celedonia Deveraturda.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, February 24, 2014

8am Mass Elmer Chang (RIP)
Al Gouviea (RIP)
Everette A. Flanders (RIP)

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

8am Mass Jim Walsh (Birthday)

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

8am Mass Catalino and Gary Pagampao (RIP)
Everette A. Flanders (RIP)

Thursday, February 27, 2014

8am Mass Joseph C. Domanguera (RIP)
Everette A. Flanders (RIP)

Friday, February 28, 2014

8am Mass Ronald Borck (RIP)
Joseph Christian Domanguera (RIP)
Severo Fustino Tania (RIP)

Saturday, February 29, 2014

8am Mass Lourdes Ternio (RIP)
Sandy Higa (Thanksgiving)
5pm Mass Richard and Maria Amaral
(Blessings and Thanksgiving)

Sunday, February 23, 2014

7am Mass Janet Amigo (RIP)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Betty and James Carberry
6pm Mass Lisa Shorba (Birthday)

Parish News & Announcements

The Hui O Laulima Food Trolley will be out next weekend. Please kokua.

Knights of Columbus Council 14663

Chicken Plate Sale

Saturday, March 1st

11:30am-4:00pm

St. John A&E Church Parking Lot

\$8.00 per plate

(1/2 Chicken, Rice, Potato or Toss Green Salad)

Pre-sale tickets are being sold after

all Masses this weekend on the lanai.

Invitation to all ladies of St. John A&E Church

Please join the Spirit-led ladies of St. John A&E Women's Guild at their next General Membership Meeting on Saturday, March 8, 2014, at 10 a.m. in the church. There is something for everyone throughout the year: Fun and fellowship, cleaning the Lord's house, decorating the sanctuary, cleaning the church linen, providing spiritual support to each other, going on religious pilgrimages, assisting at most parish events, holding bake sales, serving the community, and serving the needy, the hungry, the homeless veterans and the sick.

Diocese of Honolulu 2014 Lenten Regulations

Fasting

- ❖ In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday (March 5) and Good Friday (April 18).
- ❖ To *fast* means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (excepting water and medicine) is not permitted on fast days.

Abstinence from meat

Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

- ❖ To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs, milk products, or meat broths or condiments made from animal fat are OK. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted. However, it should always be kept in mind that abstinence is meant to be a penitential practice, not exchanging one delicacy for another.

2014 Lent and Easter Calendar

Ash Wednesday – March 5th

Mass Times: 8am, 5pm, and 7pm

Stations of the Cross – Fridays in Lent

7:00 PM on March 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th

Teen Stations: April 4th and 11th

Good Friday, April 18th, at 3:00 PM

Lenten Frugal Meal

after Stations of the Cross on
March 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th, April 4th and 11th

Parish Lenten Mission Retreat

Monday and Tuesday, March 17th-18th, 7:00 PM

Presenter: Rev. Michael Dalton, OFM, Cap.

Fr. Mike will preach at all Masses the weekend
of March 15th – 16th

Lenten Penance Service

Wednesday, March 19th, 7:00 PM

Homilist: Rev. Michael Dalton, OFM, Cap.

Palm Sunday, April 13th

Regular Sunday Schedule of Masses

Holy Triduum

No Daily 8 AM Mass

Thursday to Saturday, April 17th-19th

No Confession on Saturday, April 19th

Holy Thursday, April 17th

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 18th

Stations of the Cross, 3:00 PM

Passion of the Lord, 3:30 PM

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 19th, 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 20th

Mass Times: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, and 11:00 AM

No 6:00 PM Evening Mass

Sunday Collection February 15/16, 2014		
	Weekly Goal	Actual Amount
Sunday Offering	\$12,647.00	\$12,677.46
Building, Equip., Maintenance, and Outreach	\$1,470.00	\$1,526.78
<i>“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce.” PROVERBS 3:9</i>		