



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.*

Being Grateful for Treasure

“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?” (Psalm 116:12). This catechesis focuses on being grateful for the treasures God gives to each of us. It may come as a surprise to learn that while the Bible has about 500 verses on prayer and no fewer than 500 verses on faith, there over 2,300 biblical verses dealing with money and possessions. Without apology,

Jesus says more about money and possessions than he does on any other subject including heaven and hell.

This catechesis is about the importance of being grateful for the treasure that God in His generosity has given us.

We love God because He first loved us (1 John 4:19). Similarly, we give to God because He first gave us all we possess. “What do you possess that you have not received? But if you have received it, why are you boasting as if you did not receive it?” (1 Cor 4:7). We have been abundantly blessed by God. Each time we come to celebrate the Eucharist, we come intentionally to express gratitude to God. Shortly before the consecration, the presider and the congregation exchange a dialogue of thanksgiving. “Let us give thanks to the Lord our God”, the presider prays, and we respond, “It is right and just.” The presider continues to pray, “It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.” What follows is a profound expression of why we thank God in this great act of worship.

Just as the Father sacrifices His Son on the Cross for our salvation, our thanksgiving to God needs to be sacrificial. Unless our monetary gift is sacrificial, it is not really a thanksgiving but more like a tip. And one of the tensions in our discipleship lies in whether we live our life and give to God the leftovers, or whether we give to God first, and then manage the rest. If the Christian disciple gives to God the leftovers, he or she will never be satisfied. If he or she gives to God first, he or she will always have enough.

I take the opportunity to express deep gratitude to all parishioners who have always put God first in their grateful expression of what they have received from God. May God in his generosity continue to bless you with more, and to nourish you in your faith through the Church.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda
Pastor

Next Sunday Readings: March 9

First Sunday of Lent Year A

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The reading from the Book of Genesis, presents to us the familiar story of creation and fall of our first parents, Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. They had a choice to obey, but they chose to disobey; they had a choice between good and evil, but chose evil. The basic thrust of the reading is that in the sin of Adam and Eve all humanity broke its relationship with the Creator through disobedience.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17

Psalm 51 is attributed to David. He composed and sang this psalm as a prayer of repentance after he had sinned by the adultery with Bathsheba and the murder of Uriah (see 2 Sam 11-12). David's sinful act had been followed by a deceitful and violent cover-up, which reflects the pattern of the sin of our first parents in the first reading. Response: "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

This second reading is Paul's interpretation of the sin of Adam and Eve. For Paul, the effect of the original sin was such that human beings could not break the hold of sin by their own efforts alone. Innocence lost could not be restored except by God's intervention. By the sin of Adam all became sinners and were alienated from God; by the righteousness of Jesus Christ all are now considered righteous and are restored to a right relationship with God.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

The Gospel gives us an account of Jesus being led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. The temptations represent all possible obstacles to Jesus' ministry. Matthew has a certain sequence of the three temptations. They move from small to greater heights: from stones on ground level, to the pinnacle of the temple in Jerusalem, and finally to a mountain top from where all the kingdoms of the earth can be surveyed. The progression is not only in terms of greater physical height but also greater intensity and scope. The first temptation has to do with Jesus' own need for food. The second temptation involves a wider circle in Jerusalem and the temple. The third temptation takes in the whole world.

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, 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, March 3, 2014

8am Mass Cyril and Molly Pereira (RIP)
Frank Perocho (RIP)

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

8am Mass Anne (Birthday)
Julian and Benita Ruidas (RIP)

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

8am Mass Marjorie S. Librizzi (RIP)
Sy Siong (RIP)

Thursday, March 6, 2014

8am Mass Michael Morano (RIP)
Everette "Tony" Flanders (RIP)

Friday, March 7, 2014

8am Mass Linda Tanaka Fishel (Healing)
Mari Page (RIP)
Dominic Oscar Corniel (RIP)

Saturday, March 8, 2014

8am Mass Crispin and Socorro Desuacido (RIP)
Inez Buchinski (RIP)
5pm Mass Mark Propios (Birthday)

Sunday, March 9, 2014

7am Mass Josefina Icasiano (RIP)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Remigio N. Mercado (RIP)
6pm Mass Rosie M. Lumaque (RIP)

Parish News & Announcements

Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2014

Masses at 8am, 5pm, and 7pm

Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Friday, March 7th, after the 8am Mass.

Stations of the Cross will begin on Friday, March 7th, at 7pm. Join us for Frugal Meal afterwards on the lanai. The Knights of Columbus is hosting.

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.

You're invited to participate in Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl!

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program for parishes, schools and families. The program invites Catholics to live in solidarity with our poorest and most vulnerable brothers and sisters through the three Lenten pillars of praying, fasting, and almsgiving. Our parish will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. Rice Bowls are available near the church entrance. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl and use this fun and easy resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience and make a difference in the lives of the poor.

Central Oahu Vicariate 2014 Lenten Penance Services

Tuesday, March 11th, 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Sorrows, Wahiawa

Wednesday, March 19th, 7:00 PM

St. John Apostle and Evangelist, Mililani

Tuesday, March 25th, 7:00 PM

St. Elizabeth, Aiea (Bishop Larry Silva, Presider)

Wednesday, March 26th, 7:00 PM

Resurrection of the Lord, Waipio

Monday, March 31st, 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pearl City

Parish Lenten Mission Retreat

Monday-Wednesday, March 17th-19th, 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, O.F.M. Cap.

40 Days for Life Campaign is Beginning

The parishioners of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist are invited to join the peaceful prayer vigil this Spring. 40 Days for Life has been successful in closing down many abortion centers and inspired several abortion workers to join the pro-life movement. On March 2, there will be a kick-off rally for the Spring campaign that will be conducted between March 5 through April 14, 2014. You can sign up for yourself or a group on the 40 Days for Life website or the back of the Church. One group leaves the Church Parking lot on Mondays at 9AM and spends approximately an hour praying and holding signs before returning to the Church parking lot between 11:30 am and noon (March 10, 17, 31, and April 7, 2014). You are invited to join them or start your own group at a time convenient to your own weekly schedule. Talk with your family and friends and decide to take a stand. The 40 days for Life Website is: www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu.

Join us as we come together as One Ohana to celebrate the liturgy in a special way. The Ohana Mass is an adapted liturgy for and with families with sons and daughters of unique abilities and intellectual disabilities. **Ohana Mass: March 23, 2014, Resurrection of the Lord, 94-1260 Lumikula St., Waipio. Mass begins at 2:00 PM.** Mass will be followed by fellowship and (Potluck) Snacks.

Sunday Collection February 22/23, 2014

	Weekly Goal	Actual Amount
Sunday Offering	\$12,647.00	\$12,442.97
Building, Equip., Maintenance, and Outreach	\$1,470.00	\$1,242.03

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