



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

ST. JOHN
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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

RECTOR 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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Christ's Transfiguration: Our Transfiguration



In the Gospel, Jesus takes his closest disciples apart on the mountain where his glory is revealed. As in the call of Abraham in the first reading, Jesus calls each of us to go to a new land, to leave behind the pagan gods of our culture and the values of prosperity.

The way to avoid being sucked into a terrible culture of death is to go to the mountain with Jesus. The mountain in scripture always signifies God's presence. The Gospel of today gives us the experience of such a presence in the Transfiguration. Jesus is transfigured before the three disciples and they see the mystery of his glory. The Sunday experience in a certain sense takes us to Mount Tabor to be transformed spiritually. There we are lifted up high and see the glory of the Lord in his Liturgy of the Word and the Eucharistic celebration. Here we are purified, sanctified and experience in a profound way the glory of God shown in Jesus Christ. We do not want to leave. It is so beautiful. We want to stay.

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.*

As we continue our journey of faith this Lenten Season, you are one of the privileged disciples to be invited to the mountain. You are transformed. You experience the glory of Christ. You are deeply touched. You cannot be the same again. Three points to take away: 1) As disciples and stewards of Jesus Christ, we will have many uplifting moments. Many times we will encounter the Lord in profound ways. Take advantage of those moments for the Lord is working on you then. 2) We will have the temptation to want to stay there in the warmth of the glory. That is a transitional moment and we may be even confused like Peter wanting to build three tents and settle down there. As stewards, we are disciples on pilgrimage with the Lord, who has a vision, a purpose and a mission. 3) At the end of today's Mass we are sent to go back energized to tell what we have experienced: seen with our eyes and heard with our ears to the world. It is our moment to evangelize those we meet. Share your joy of this Sunday celebration.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda
Pastor

Next Sunday Readings: March 23

Third Sunday of Lent Year A

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This passage is a story of Israel's murmuring in the wilderness and the miracle of water from the rock. The point of the story is that God is still in their midst and meets their needs despite their rebellion.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Psalm 95 is a call to praise God in joyful fidelity, aware that we must be tested before God. We are not the ones who test God. That is why the concluding verses and the response look back to the unfortunate incident in the desert of Israel's past as an example of how not to respond to God. Response: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Perhaps in all of Paul's letters there is no other passage which carries such a powerful message than this one in Romans 5. Faith in Christ has established our new relationship with God. We now receive many additional blessings - endurance in suffering, hope of standing the test of our faith and reconciliation with God. These come to us because of God's love which has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. All of this has been brought about through the death and resurrection of Jesus who died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

The Gospel is the account of Jesus' conversation with a Samaritan woman. This is perhaps the most unusual event of all those reported in the New Testament. John used this event to reinforce the theme of his gospel: Faith in Jesus as the source of living in relationship with God now and in the life beyond death. Here again as in Exodus 17 and Psalm 95, water has a symbolic meaning. It represents the life of the Spirit which comes through faith. In this instance it may also symbolize the water of baptism which initiates our faith relationship with God. The passage is also a gradual self-revelation event of Jesus to the Samaritan woman who gradually becomes aware of who Jesus is. She not only becomes aware of her own identity and her need for the living water, she becomes a disciple of Jesus Christ.

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, John "Mike" Culkin, Guillermo Uytingco, 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 17, 2014

8am Mass Lawrence Pat Perry (Birthday)
McNally and Macasey Families
(Good Health and Blessings)
Mike Culkin (Healing and Blessings)

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

8am Mass Fr. Cletus Mooya (RIP)
William Castro, Sr. (RIP)

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

8am Mass Mr. and Mrs. Charley Jones (RIP)
Erin and Sara Bolan-Galiza (Healing)

Thursday, March 20, 2014

8am Mass Mildred Furuta (RIP)
Veneranda Mendoza (RIP)

Friday, March 21, 2014

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

Saturday, March 22, 2014

8am Mass Gabriela Tanoa (RIP)
Ben and Helen Guerrero (Blessings)
5pm Mass Vincent Javinar (Birthday)

Sunday, March 23, 2014

7am Mass Yolanda Morreira (Birthday)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Dominic Cortel
(Birthday and Thanksgiving)
6pm Mass Felicisimo "Cary" Carreon (RIP)

Parish News & Announcements

Parish Lenten Mission Retreat

Monday-Wednesday, March 17th-19th, 7:00 PM

Presenter: Rev. Michel Dalton, O.F.M. Cap.

Parish Lenten Penance Service

Wednesday, March 19th, 7:00 PM

Join us for Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 21st, at 7pm. Frugal Meal will follow afterwards on the lanai. The Women's Guild is hosting.

CRS Rice Bowl: This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the People of Guatemala. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Rights and Responsibilities*, and reminded that as Christians, we are called to uphold and protect the basic rights of others. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Guatemala and all around the world, that we may come to know and protect the rights of all people.

Outreach Office Prison Ministry Easter Drive collection days are March 8 - April 12, 2014. The following items will be collected in the Outreach Office: toothpaste, toothbrush, bath size bars of soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant (men/women), shaving cream, disposable razors, sanitary napkins, rubber slippers (all adult sizes – black, blue, or brown), #2 pencils, letter size writing paper and envelopes, bath towels and wash cloths (white only), twin size sheets (white only), standard size pillow cases (white only), men's boxer shorts (various sizes, white only), and brief type women's underwear (various sizes, white only).

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on Thursday, March 20th, from 7pm-9pm in the Parish Center classroom #6. The next book that we will discuss is **Lenten Reflections From A Father Who Keeps His Promises** by Scott Hahn. 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.

Central Oahu Vicariate 2014 Lenten Penance Services

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

Tuesday, April 8th, 7:00 PM
St. Michael, Waialua

40 Days for Life Campaign will be conducted between March 5 through April 14, 2014

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. We are asking you to commit to prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America. 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. This group will be there for approximately an hour, praying and holding signs, before returning to the church parking lot between 11:30am and noon (March 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.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Celedonia C. Deveraturda (RIP)

Friday, March 28, 2014~Mililani Memorial Park,
Mauka Chapel

8:30am~Private Viewing; 9:30am~Public Viewing
10:30am~Family Program; 11:30am~Prayer Service;
12noon~ Final Viewing
12:30pm~Burial at Mililani Memorial Park Cemetery

Sunday Collection March 8/9, 2014

	Weekly Goal	Actual Amount
Sunday Offering	\$12,647.00	\$13,828.06
Building, Equip., Maintenance, and Outreach	\$1,470.00	\$1,096.50

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