



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

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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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Despite Obstacles, the Church Continues to Grow

The parable of the sower in the Gospel of Matthew this Sunday might be a searching review of how we live as stewards. At some time as individuals, as family or a parish community we can be like the different types of soils Jesus speaks about. We can be people who receive the word on the edge of the path. We can also be those who skirt real issues, disciples of surface commitment without depth. Our lives can be like rocky soil: enthusiasts of the moment of parish retreat, people of quick fix and immediate response to the Gospel, but lose interest when faced by parish demands. Sometimes we can be people with no patience to wait in darkness for further growth. Other times we can even be people who offer patchy, thorn-infested welcome to the seed of the word. There are times when we are like the good soil, welcoming the seed, being nourished by every opportunity, giving witness to the Gospel, with God enabling us to produce abundant fruit.

The Gospel therefore helps us to understand that despite apparent weakness of some of the soil, in the end the Church will be successful in its evangelization. Despite the obstacles the Church faces in America and elsewhere, mysteriously it continues to grow. One good example is China particularly in Shanxi Province where the Catholic population continues to grow. A recent Catholic News Service story reported that the number of Catholics in China has risen from 3 million in 1950 to 15 million today. So what message do we take home this Sunday? 1) The readings inspire us to look beyond failure even in our own lives, because God's Word will in the end bear fruit despite failure; despite obstacles. 2) The readings also challenge us to open our heart so we may be nourished by God's Word, so that God's transforming power may work through us and bear fruit even in our weakness. 3) Despite apparent ineffectiveness, our efforts to be the best versions of ourselves will in the end be effective because God is in charge.

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.*

Scripture for Next Sunday: July 20

Readings: Wisdom 12:13,16-19; Romans 8:26-27;
Matthew 13:24-43

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

This passage from the Book of Wisdom deals with questions of faith on God raised by some Jews living in the Greek world. They wondered why God does not show his mighty power by stopping evil in the world. They also wanted to know why God deals with leniency on those who disobey, but instead leads them to repentance. The author of the Book of Wisdom responds that God does not need to "prove" himself. His almighty power is shown most perfectly in his forgiveness of sin. By showing forth his power in his loving kindness and forgiveness, God inspires us to do likewise. By his patience, God encourages us to have the patience to forgive, to be reconciled.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Even in deep distress, the psalmist recognizes that no one has greater power and mercy than the Lord, and this thought restores his confidence. Response: "Lord, you are good and forgiving."

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Paul in this brief passage reminds us that the Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. When left to ourselves, we are tempted to pray according to the flesh by trying to manipulate God to serve our own ends. The Spirit of Christ ensures our submission to the Father in union with Christ. Our true prayer arises only out of this submission.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

In the shorter Gospel passage, Jesus in the parable of the wheat and the darnel teaches about the growth of his kingdom. In spite of appearances to the contrary, the parable responds to the Apostles' apprehensions over the enmity of the Pharisees and the defection of some disciples. Jesus underlines the fact that his followers in the kingdom must remain fully in the human arena, and that patient efforts in imitation of God's patience will bring about its fulfillment. The growth of the wheat and weeds together in the field addresses the obvious fact of the presence of wicked people even within God's kingdom on earth. The early Church came to recognize unfaithful members in its midst, and questioned how this could be possible in the kingdom of God. The answer, derived from these words of Jesus, is to await God's final judgment in patience. The longer version of the Gospel has two more parables. The parable of the mustard seed alludes to the persistent growth of the kingdom, and the contrast between seemingly insignificant beginnings and the final outcome. The image of the yeast portrays the growing power of the kingdom as both hidden and irresistible.

*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.*

"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: Shirley Shimaoka, Pat Nazareth, BJ Sagocio, Marcie and Ron Thames, Salve Galman, Sandy Padilla, Eileen Hayase, Mike Culkin, Linda Tom, Frank Tadda, Tom Nestor and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

Deceased: Lionel Ribellia, Celedonia Deveraturda, Douglas Kunukau, Fortunata Ringor, Edward Cabacungan, Visitacion Ramos, Guillermo Respicio, Bernardo Benigno, Rowena Ahakuelo, Enrique Canas, Luz Abanes, Donald Cook, Joan Flaharty, Myrtle Reponte, Feliciano Dona, William D. Heagney, Rodolfo Taglinao, Guillermo Uytingco, Beatrice Costa, and Geraldine Fraga.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, July 14, 2014

8am Mass Dion Kevin Cortel (Birthday)
Feliciano Dona (RIP)

Tuesday, July 15, 2014

8am Mass Demi and Rita Galicinao (Anniv.)
Feliciano Dona (RIP)

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

8am Mass James and Mildred Mizoguchi
(RIP)
Feliciano Dona (RIP)

Thursday, July 17, 2014

8am Mass Feliciano Dona (RIP)
Myrtle Reponte (RIP)

Friday, July 18, 2014

8am Mass Fr. Cletus Mooya (RIP)
Feliciano Dona (RIP)

Saturday, July 19, 2014

8am Mass Feliciano Dona (RIP)
Julian Castillo Luis Juan (RIP)
5pm Mass Feliciano Dona (RIP)

Sunday, July 20, 2014

7am Mass Rodolfo Taglinao (RIP)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Julian Castillo Luis Juan (RIP)
6pm Mass Feliciano Dona (RIP)

Parish News & Announcements

Special Collection for the Seminarian Education Fund ~ Show your support today. Seminary education for our future priests can last up to eight years and include not only academic, spiritual and pastoral formation, but personal formation as well. This comprehensive education is needed to help produce priests who are committed, prayerful, joyful, and generous in ministering God's people. Consider making a gift to the **2014 SPECIAL COLLECTION** to provide the best education and formation possible for our seminarians in formation. Your gift will help in many ways that are simply immeasurable.

Join us for Part 1 of our Summer Faith Formation Program "Making Each Moment Count" on Thursday, July 17 at 7:00 PM. Our presenter is Sr. Anne Bryan Smollin, SJ ("The Laughing Nun"). Admission is free and all are welcome.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

INVITE SOMEONE TO BECOME CATHOLIC

Perhaps you know someone who is "seeking" a relationship with God. Why not ask them if they would consider joining the Catholic Church? Invite them to attend RCIA sessions to learn more about the Catholic Community. .

INVITE A CATHOLIC TO COMPLETE THEIR SACRAMENTS. Not all baptized Catholics have completed their sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and/or Confirmation). If you or someone you know would like to step more fully into practice of their Catholic faith RCIA sessions can be just the answer..

COME SERVE IN RCIA MINISTRY

Most people "come to faith" on the "arm of a friend". Come serve in RCIA ministry as a SPONSOR, a CATECHIST or another member of the RCIA TEAM. It will make a difference in your life, in your Catholic community's faith life and it will make a difference in the lives of those on the RCIA journey.

For more information visit the RCIA table at the lanai this weekend or call Deacon Modesto Cordero at 585-3342 or email at mcordero@rcchawaii.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – No matter how much we love each other the thorns of life snag our marriage and family. Take time to refocus on the beauty of your Sacramental marriage. **Upcoming dates:** September 12-14, 2014 – Oahu and September 19-21, 2014 – Maui. For more information contact Lee & Tanya Barbero @ [\(808\) 268-1578](tel:8082681578) on Maui or Jose & Mary Elizabeth Alvior @ [\(808\) 391-2045](tel:8083912045) on Oahu; or visit our website at www.hawaiiwwme.org Registration deadline 30 days from start of the Weekend.

A Healing Mass with anointing will be held on Monday, July 14, 2014. Praise and worship begins at 7:30 pm followed by Mass.

The next Catholic Book Club meeting has been rescheduled to August 21st, 7pm - 9pm, Parish Center Classroom 6. The book that we are currently reading is Interior Castle by St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Catholic Church. Contact Melissa Crisostomo 626-2469 or alohamc@yahoo.com for more information

Confirmation Yr-1/Yr-2 Orientation Announcement: If your child is in high school, they are ready to begin our two-year Confirmation program. Please call 623-3332, ext. 204 for more information.

Part 1 Church	Sunday, July 27, 2014, 12:30 – 2:30 pm	Orientation meeting: Confirmation Year-1 students and parents must attend.
Part 2 Church	Wednesday & Thursday: Aug. 20 & 21, 2014, 7:00 -8:30 pm	Speaker: PAUL J. KIM: ALL Conf. Yr-1 & Yr-2 students and parents (at least one Parent) must attend (family & friends are also invited to attend).
Part 3 Church	Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014	Opening Year Mass: ALL Conf. Yr-1 & Yr-2 students & parents (at least one Parent) must attend (family & friends are also invited to attend).

Collection for July 5/6, 2014

Sunday Collection	\$15,239.44
Candle Sales	\$648.00
Donation – Outreach	\$131.50
Mass Intentions	\$130.00
Building, Equipment, Maintenance, and Outreach	\$1,689.75
Hui O Laulima	\$211.50
Catholic Comm. Campaign	\$220.00
Peter's Pence/Holy Father	\$50.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$57.50

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