



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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Forgiveness, Compassion and Tolerance

Jesus in the Gospel this Sunday uses the metaphor of the wheat and the weeds left to grow together till harvest to proclaim a kingdom of forgiveness, compassion and tolerance. The readings help us to encounter our God who is full of mercy and forgiveness. Forgiveness is one of the hardest things we can do especially to an enemy. Yet there are many examples of extraordinary courage in forgiveness. On May 13, 1981 Pope John Paul II, was shot in the abdomen and on his hand by a would-be assassin, shortly after the Wednesday General Audience on St. Peter's Square, when the Pope's car drove by. While in an ambulance being rushed to the hospital, the Pope forgave his would be assassin. On December 27, 1983 Pope John Paul II visited Ali Agca in his prison cell in Rome, and personally forgave him as they sat face to face. In this unusual act of forgiveness, the Pope gave us a great example of forgiveness, compassion and tolerance.

The Kingdom of God is always a mixed bag of disciples and stewards who are in communion with God, and those who are not; those who have remained faithful and those led astray by the evil one. It is tragic that often times we deal with this 'mixed-bag' situation by judging others while justifying ourselves. Like the farmer in the Gospel, we are challenged to leave judgment to God till the end. The parable also reminds us that we must be as tolerant as our heavenly Father who is always forgiving. We celebrate God's mercy by letting God to do the judging at the end of time. What message do we take home today? 1) Because the Kingdom of God is a mixed bag of both the good and the bad, we are challenged to be tolerant, compassionate and forgiving like our God; 2) Jesus in the parable also warns that we must not take God's tolerance as license to do what we want for there are consequences in the end –the harvest time. 3) We pray that we may encounter God in his loving mercy, compassion and forgiveness, especially through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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 27

Readings: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

From its beginnings, Solomon's reign from 961 to 922 B.C. was the peaceful organization and development of a settled people. In this passage, the young king, recognizing his major responsibility, seeks the Lord's wisdom, for he knows that the people he governs are the Lord's. Therefore Solomon humbly asks the Lord for understanding and the practical judgment needed to govern the people well.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

Psalm 119 is the longest psalm in the Book of Psalms. The verses selected here underline the value of keeping the Law of God as the source of wisdom. Response: "Lord, I love your commands."

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Paul in this passage outlines the Christian vocation as designed by God. In his divine plan of salvation, God does not create anybody for the purpose of damnation. He has given us all an eternal destiny with him. This is God's initiative, not ours. Yet, God leaves us free to choose him or to reject him. All we need to do is to open ourselves to God's work in us.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

The Gospel passage contains three short parables that are closely related in their message about the kingdom, yet each has a distinct point to contribute. In the first parable, the kingdom is a treasure, and the person is a seeker. Upon recognizing the value of the treasure, he decides to risk selling all his property to buy the field where the treasure is. In the second parable the image of the "merchant" has two meanings here. On the vertical level it is God who finds our response to him so valuable that he gives up all (divinity "humiliated" in the Incarnation and Paschal mystery of his Son) to purchase us, the pearl of great value. On the horizontal level it is the faithful disciple who finds the pearl of great price and sells all he or she has in order to possess the kingdom. The third parable contains its own interpretation. It compares Judgment Day to a net thrown into the sea, which, when hauled ashore contains all kinds of fish. The good are used; the bad are thrown away.

*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: Guillermo Respicio, Bernardo Benigno, Rowena Ahakuelo, Enrique Canas, Luz Abanes, Donald Cook, Joan Flaharty, Myrtle Reponte, Feliciano Dona, William D. Heagney, Rodolfo Taglinao, Guillermo Uyttingco, Beatrice Costa, Geraldine Fraga, Louise Marie Teixeira Arellano, and Gail Michele Furtado.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, July 21, 2014

8am Mass Madelaine Sarmiento (Birthday)
Feliciano Dona (RIP)

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

8am Mass William and Helen Heagney (RIP)
Luz Abanes (RIP)

Wednesday, July 23, 2014

8am Mass Concepcion Corpuz (RIP)
Carlos Tamonte Sr. (RIP)

Thursday, July 24, 2014

8am Mass Lisa Lapa (Birthday)
John Baker (RIP)
Connie Vilorio (RIP)

Friday, July 25, 2014

8am Mass Sonny Aquino (Birthday)
Luz Abanes (RIP)
Guillermo Uyttingco (RIP)

Saturday, July 26, 2014

8am Mass Julian Castillo Luis Juan (RIP)
Rodolfo Taglinao (RIP)
William D. Heagney (RIP)
5pm Mass Richard Amaral (Birthday)

Sunday, July 27, 2014

7am Mass Chuck & Kim Leonillo
(Anniversary)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Restituto & Catalina Baptista
(Anniversary)
6pm Mass Melegrito Family (Blessings)

Parish News & Announcements

Religious Education Program – Pre-K through 8th Grade: Orientations are scheduled for Sunday, August 3 and August 24 from 12:30 – 2:30 pm at the church. Parents are required to attend only one of these sessions where you will be given the new Religious Education Program Manual as well as the complete calendar of classes for the 2014-2015 year that will begin in September. All students should be registered PRIOR TO THE ORIENTATION meeting dates.

Confirmation Yr-1/Yr-2 Orientation: Parents and students must attend the THREE-PART ORIENTATION AS SHOWN BELOW. Please call 623-3332, ext. 204 for more information.

Part 1 Church	Sunday, July 27, 2014, 12:30 – 2:30 pm	<u>Orientation meeting:</u> Confirmation Year-1 students & parents must attend. Confirmation Year-2 students & parents who missed the July 6 meeting must attend this meeting.
Part 2 Church	Wednesday & Thursday: Aug. 20 & 21, 2014, 7:00 -8:30 pm	<u>Speaker: PAUL J. KIM:</u> 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	<u>Opening Year Mass:</u> ALL Conf. Yr-1 & Yr-2 students & parents (at least one Parent) must attend (family & friends are also invited to attend).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help protect your good marriage from the weeds of the modern world. Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. **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.

Mahalo Nui Loa from the Vocations Office for the wonderful generosity of all the parishes and parishioners for showing your support during the 2014 SPECIAL COLLECTION. Rest assured that you are greatly appreciated and prayed for in a very special way.

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.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Louise Marie Teixeira Arellano (RIP)

Wednesday, July 30, 2014 ~ St. John A&E Church

Visitation: 9:00 – 10:00 am

Funeral Mass: 10:00 – 11:00 am

Burial at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific,
Punchbowl.

Collection for July 12/13, 2014

Sunday Collection	\$13,322.18
Candle Sales	\$430.25
Baptism Offering	\$210.00
Funeral Offering	\$300.00
Donation – Outreach	\$39.00
Mass Intentions	\$190.00
Stewardship Development	\$10.00
Building, Equipment, Maintenance, and Outreach	\$1,190.40
Hui O Laulima	\$51.00
Peter’s Pence/Holy Father	\$25.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$6,391.51

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