



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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Sacrifice of Living Kingdom Values

The kingdom, a treasure of great value and sacrifice are the key words that help to capture the central message of this Sunday. Sacrifice is perhaps the overarching theme. The best definition of sacrifice is the following: "To forfeit something for something else considered to have greater value." (American Heritage Dictionary) One business example illustrates that definition. In order to generate \$1,350 in capital they used to start Apple, Steve Jobs sold his Volkswagen microbus and Steve Wozniak sold his Hewlett-Packard calculator. They each sacrificed in order to found and own Apple Corporation currently worth over \$80 Billion!

This Sunday Jesus uses three parables to help us discover how we as stewards and disciples need to sacrifice all we own upon discovering the kingdom in order to possess life in Christ - the treasure of greater value. The first parable challenges us as stewards to give up everything we value most, in order to be part of this kingdom. We need first to know the supreme value of the kingdom Jesus proclaims so we can then make a personal decision to risk all we have to possess Christ. Since the beginning of Christianity, we have examples of courageous men and women who discovered the treasure of great value and rejected the empty pursuit of worldly comforts and possessions in order to follow Jesus Christ. Others *risked* their lives in order to witness to the truth of *Christ*.

The message we take home this Sunday may be summed up as follows: 1) Like the many women and men in our Church over the ages; like the person in the gospel, we as disciples and stewards have discovered a treasure of great value - the kingdom, and like them we are challenged to sell all we own (in the sense of sacrifice), in order to possess it. 2) It takes a personal decision as stewards to sacrifice in order to live the values of the kingdom. 3) Finally as stewards we are challenged to treasure Jesus Christ in our lives as a treasure of great value. Everything else is of secondary value. As St. Paul say, "For His sake I have accepted the loss of all things...that I may gain Christ." (Phil. 3:8)

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: August 3

Readings: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145; Rom 8:35,37-39; Mt 14:13-21

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

In this first reading from the prophet Isaiah, the Lord invites all to his heavenly banquet to eat and drink without paying for it. The invitation includes a caution against spending money on what is merely mundane; on things that do not satisfy. That banquet is free for all, but Isaiah is actually pointing to what people deep down hunger and thirst for, namely God. Instead of just receiving food and drink, God promises salvation, peace, freedom from sin, and life everlasting.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18

Psalm 145 is a beautiful prayer of someone who totally depends on God. Because God is full of compassion and good to all who call upon him, the psalmist deeply trusts in God who has a personal care for his people. Response: "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs."

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

In this passage, Paul is convinced that nothing will separate us from God's love expressed in Christ Jesus. His faith therefore goes beyond merely putting up with present misfortunes in hopes of getting something better later. He invites every Christian to share with him a vision that God is actively at work within the contradictions and evils of this world, not to remove them but to restore order and healing in and through them.

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

This passage begins with reference to the death of John the Baptist. In so doing, Matthew introduces a lengthy section in chapters 14-18 in which Jesus predicts his own rejection as Messiah, his suffering and death on the cross. Along with the revelation throughout this section of Jesus as crucified savior comes a reminder that his disciples too must share in his cross. The multiplication of loaves serves to present Jesus as the Messiah. He is the successor of Moses, and so he continues to nourish his people and lead them through the desert to the banquet promised by Isaiah in the first reading, now fulfilled in Jesus. The superabundance of the feeding of the crowds by Jesus foreshadows the eternal banquet.

*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, Karla Richardson, Andrew D. Rossi, 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 Uytingco, Beatrice Costa, Geraldine R. Fraga, Louise Marie Teixeira Arellano, Darrell Teano, and Joseph Terry, Jr.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, July 28, 2014

8am Mass Landon Nakagawa (Birthday)
Enrique Ancheta (RIP)

Tuesday, July 29, 2014

8am Mass Jean McGarry (Birthday)
Visitacion P. Corpuz (RIP)

Wednesday, July 30, 2014

8am Mass Mamie B. Perry (RIP)
Katie Daly (Birthday)

Thursday, July 31, 2014

8am Mass Fr. Ronie Pillos (Birthday)
Dion Kevin & Mila Cortel
(Wedding Anniversary)

Friday, August 1, 2014

8am Mass Laura Lapa (Birthday)
Mari Page (RIP)
Beatrice Costa (RIP)

Saturday, August 2, 2014

8am Mass Marietta Kao (Birthday)
Angelito Taglinao
(Birthday Memorial)
5pm Mass Marietta Kao (Birthday)

Sunday, August 3, 2014

7am Mass Michael Morano (RIP)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Peter Kao (Birthday Memorial)
6pm Mass Emmanuel Pabilona (RIP)

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.

New Ministry for Young Adults! All girls in the 7th to 12th grade and college age are welcome to join the new ministry called Inspirational Hula. It will be held in room 6 of the parish center from 10:00-11:00 am on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. The first class will be on *Saturday, August 9th, 2014*, under the direction of Leimomi and Kuulei Cleghorn. There is no cost for the lessons. All girls in Confirmation Yr. 1 & 2 will be given community service hours for your participation. We invite all interested girls and young ladies to join the Inspirational Hula Ministry to give praise to our Lord through liturgical dance. For more information on how to sign up, please contact Leimomi Cleghorn at momicleghorn@msn.com or Gwen Mitsui 808-623-6982 or gmitsui@gmail.com.

Summer Faith Formation Program

7:00 pm in the Church, FREE Admission

Presenter: **MIKE PATIN**
A Call to "Reality" Living

Mon/Tue Aug. 18 & 19	The Amazing Grace: <i>Make Room for Prayer</i>
	Extreme Makeover: <i>Make Room for Friends & Family</i>
	The Apprentice: <i>Make Room for Service</i>
Presenter: PAUL J. KIM	
Wed., Aug 20	<i>"Church isn't boring... You are. :)"</i>
Thur., Aug 21	<i>"Lust vs. Love, Counterfeit vs. Authentic"</i>
For more information, call 808-623-3332, ext. 100 or email info@stjohnmililani.org	

New altar server training – Sunday, August 31, 2014, 12:30-3:00pm in the church. Minimum requirements: 7yrs old, received First Eucharist and willing to serve at Sunday Mass at least 1-2 times each month. Servers are particularly needed for the 7:00 and 9:00 am Sunday Masses. Contact Margaret Higa at sjserver@hawaii.rr.com to sign up for the training or for more information.

24 hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, August 1st immediately after the 8 am Mass and ending at 7: 30 am on Saturday, August 2nd. This beautiful devotion allows us to spend time in quiet adoration of our Lord, and to feel the infinite love present in His heart. Jesus waits for us in the Blessed Sacrament. Come and adore Him!

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

Sweets Galore...plus more! On Sunday, August 3, 2014, after all morning Masses, the St. John Women's Guild will again offer their scrumptious home-baked items as well as other goodies. Proceeds will help fund the Guild's parish projects. Mahalo for your support.

Our Parish has been awarded the Certificate of Excellence!

We have followed best practices in our offertory collections and have been acknowledged as a good steward of our resources by the Most Reverend Larry Silva.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

2:00 pm burial at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

Geraldine Rose Fraga (RIP)

Friday, August 15, 2014 ~ Diamond Head Memorial Park
(529 18th Avenue)

Visitation: 10:00 am

Memorial Service: 11:15 am

Collection for July 19/20, 2014

Sunday Collection	\$12,241.34
Candle Sales	\$668.26
Donation – Outreach	\$59.00
Mass Intentions	\$60.00
Immaculate Conception	\$7.50
Building, Equipment, Maintenance, and Outreach	\$1,243.75
Hui O Laulima	\$35.75
Peter's Pence/Holy Father	\$5.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$452.50

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