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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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“Come to the water” – the Banquet of Plenty

Spiritual thirst and hungering for God are the key phrases that help to focus on the central message. The story is told about four sailors whose ship had sunk and were now adrift on a lifeboat on the Atlantic Ocean. They were near the equator and were so thirsty that they were squeezing moisture from pieces of canvas on their small lifeboat. When rescuers finally responded to the SOS and arrived, the sailors were almost dying from dehydration. After reviving them, the rescuers informed the sailors that: while they were fighting over a few drops of moisture, they had actually been floating on drinkable water! They were near the Amazon River - a river so huge that it pushes fresh water far out into the ocean. They could have dipped a bucket off the side of their boat and drawn out drinkable water. I tell this story because at times we resemble the sailors on that lifeboat - thirsty, but unaware of a readily available source of fresh water – Jesus Christ. We are hard-wired to hunger and thirst for God. At times like the sailors on the lifeboat we get disoriented and begin to drink dirty water and to eat junk food while the Lord is offering us a banquet. In the first reading the Israelites are in exile. They have become disoriented and abandoned their God. That is why the Lord through the prophet Isaiah invites all people to “come to the water... eat and drink for free.”

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.*

In the gospel reading on the multiplication of loaves, Jesus feeds crowds of about 5,000 with five loaves and two fish. Then, he took the loaves, blessed and broke them and gave them to the disciples to give to the people. “All ate and were satisfied.” The multiplication of loaves points to God who cares about his people; who gives enough for everybody. In our life as disciples and stewards, Jesus leads us to recognize that whatever little we can give he is capable of multiplying it to feed a crowd. So what message do we take home this Sunday? 1) We are hard-wired for hungering and thirsting for God. Hunger and thirst for God is at the very root of our being. It's the way God made us. 2) When one loses appetite for God, one will soon die of spiritual hunger. 3) The source of fresh waters (Jesus Christ) is right here inviting us to come and eat and drink at every Eucharistic celebration. “Come to the water!” Come to the banquet of plenty!

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

Pastor

Scripture for Next Sunday: August 10

Readings: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

The prophet Elijah having fled to Mount Horeb afraid for his life is hiding in a cave when the Lord asks him to go outside where God would reveal himself. In the past, God had genuinely revealed himself in the powerful forces of nature. This time God shows himself veiled in the gentle breeze, perceptible only to the attentive listener. This passage is a warning for us to seek God as he is, not as we would like him to be.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

Psalm 85 is a prayer of thanksgiving for forgiveness and restoration. The prayer is also a petition for help to rebuild the kingdom and expresses confidence that God will restore his people fully. Response: "Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Paul in this passage laments that although the Israelites were privileged in the flesh so that Christ might come from them, this very privilege prevented them from receiving him. Paul's own expression of concern for his brother Jews echoes Moses' desire to sacrifice himself for the forgiveness of the Israelites (Ex 32:32). Here and subsequent chapters (9-11), Paul struggles to understand the meaning of Jewish resistance to the message of Christ. Paul himself experienced rejection of his own preaching of the Gospel by Jews wherever he went.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walking on the water occurs in close connection with the multiplication of loaves and fishes (see also Mk 6:34-52 and Jn 6:1-24). In understanding these miracles, it is important to see them as highly symbolic actions. The multiplication of loaves was done not just to satisfy human hunger, but to identify Jesus with the God who gives and sustains life, echoing God's providing manna for his people in the desert (Ex 16). Thus Jesus' victory over water identifies his work as Messiah, overcoming the forces of evil and bringing creation to its fulfillment. Walking on water is part of Jesus' intensive training of his disciples, in which he strives to convince them of the nature of his power, and that they are called to share in it. That is why Jesus invites Peter to come across the water as a sign that disciple and stewards also possesses power over the forces of evil and the only reason for faltering is lack of faith.

*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, Jane Beauchemin, 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, Joseph Terry, Jr., and Ann Gandauli.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, August 4, 2014

8am Mass Cyril and Molly Pereira (RIP)
Luz Abanes (RIP)

Tuesday, August 5, 2014

8am Mass Mariano Mendoza, Sr. (RIP)
Luz Abanes (RIP)

Wednesday, August 6, 2014

8am Mass Engracia Pablo (Death Anniversary)
Orlando Ramirez Yanez (RIP)

Thursday, August 7, 2014

8am Mass Tony Baptiste (RIP)
Jerry Tamonte (RIP)

Friday, August 8, 2014

8am Mass Marietta Kaeo (Birthday)
Justin Fishel (Birthday)

Saturday, August 9, 2014

8am Mass Linda Fishel (Healing)
Richard Tesoro (RIP)
5pm Mass Harvey Buenconsejo (RIP)

Sunday, August 10, 2014

7am Mass Devin Shockley (Birthday)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Rosalinda Cayatano (RIP)
6pm Mass Carolina Davide (Birthday)

Parish News & Announcements

Religious Education Program – Pre-K through 8th Grade. Orientations are scheduled for Sunday, August 3, and Sunday, 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.

The Mission Cooperative Office in the Diocese of Honolulu has assigned Most Reverend Renato P.

Mayugba, a bishop representing the Diocese of Laoag in the Philippines, will visit our parish for the Mission Appeal next weekend, August 9-10, 2014. Bishop Renato will preach at all the Masses. There will be a second collection after communion in support of Bishop Renato's mission appeal. Please make checks payable to St. John. A parish check for the total amount collected will be sent to the Diocesan Business Office. The Business Office will then send the funds to the Diocese of Laoag. You may also go to our parish website and make your donation online by clicking the "Online Giving" icon. Please be generous. Mahalo for your support.

A Healing Mass with Anointing will be held on Monday, August 11, 2014. Praise and worship begins at 7:30 am followed by Mass.

School Supply Drive – The Outreach Office school supply drive is ongoing until August 15, 2014. The donated supplies will be distributed to students in need from our Parish Community and students in the Mililani area. If you are a family in need and are requesting assistance with school supplies for your child, please call the Outreach Office at 623-3332, ext. 203.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Geraldine Rose Fraga (RIP)

Friday, August 15, 2014 ~ Diamond Head Memorial Park
(529 18th Avenue)
Visitation: 9:30 am
Prayer Service: 10:30 am

Collection for July 26/27, 2014

Sunday Collection	\$13,999.87
Candle Sales	\$413.00
Offerings - Marriages	\$650.00
Donation – Outreach	\$64.00
Mass Intentions	\$130.00
Building, Equipment, Maintenance, and Outreach	\$1,291.75
Hui O Laulima	\$67.00
Peter's Pence/Holy Father	\$5.00
Retirement for Religious	\$32.50

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