



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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“Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid”

The readings this Sunday proclaim the good news that in the storms of our life the Lord is there to save us. In the gospel, it was early in the morning and the lake was rough as the disciples battled with the storm. Meanwhile, Jesus was approaching them and appeared through the mist walking on the lake towards them. The disciples could not recognize him and thought it was a ghost. They were frightened. Jesus took the initiative to reassure them: "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid!" Peter, still in doubt replied: "If it is you, tell me to come to you across the waters". Jesus then invites Peter who begins walking towards him on the water, but when he feels the force of the storm, he is afraid and begins to sink. Jesus had to rescue a drowning Peter.

The gospel passage reveals a sharp contrast between God's control over natural elements and human powerlessness; God's trustworthiness and human doubt; God's courage and human fear. Instead of focusing on Jesus who calls him to walk on the rough waters, Peter looks away at the storm and thinks first of his own safety. He doubts that Jesus will indeed save him. "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" There are three powerful moments in this passage. First Jesus reassures the apostles. "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid". Then we find Jesus grabbing Peter's hand just on time before sinking. Finally Jesus restores the entire atmosphere back to normal. As he gets into the boat, the winds drop and all is calm again. When immersed in the seas of our own fears, we need contemplation; we need to be in prayer to regain our sense of direction and focus on Jesus.

What message do we take home this Sunday? 1) The good news is that in the storms of our daily life, the Lord is there to grab our hand and save us as he did for Peter in the storm. 2) As disciples and stewards, we need to have faith in Christ and focus on him; Peter sunk because he looked away from Jesus! 3) When immersed in the storms of our own life, we need contemplation; we need to pray in order to regain our sense of direction and focus on Jesus who calls us to go forward even in the midst of danger or crisis.

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 17

Readings: Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15: 21-28

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

The reading opens with a double imperative: observe justice and do righteousness, a phrase that sums up Israel's ethical obligation accompanied by a divine promise (Covenant) of salvation. This ethical responsibility is both towards those within the Jewish community as well as those outside who have joined themselves to the Covenant by becoming proselytes and remaining faithful. Because of their fidelity, God invites them to the liturgical life of the community. The temple therefore is a place of worship for all people.

Responsorial Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8

Since the verbs in this psalm are in the past tense, it is classified as a psalm of praise and thanksgiving for blessings already received as expressed in the response: "Lord let all the nations praise you."

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

The second reading is rather complex. The point Paul is making is that the Jewish community have a privileged position in God's plan of salvation. He is proud to be an apostle to the Gentiles. Paul argues that his ministry will hopefully make the Jewish people jealous of the way the Gentiles converts have accepted the gospel because their acceptance might lead some Jewish people to conversion.

Gospel: Mathew 15:21-28

The story of the Canaanite woman addresses a number of interrelated issues. They include the question of crossing territorial and cultural boundaries and that of relation between men and women in public. To these issues is added the question of faith and mission to the Gentiles. Regarding boundary crossing, it is Jesus who crosses over to Gentile territory: Tyre and Sidon. Then the Canaanite woman crosses cultural boundaries by speaking to a strange man about the healing of her daughter. Jesus first brought up the issue of ethnic purity and the fact that his ministry is not to the Gentiles but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Though Jesus seems to belittle the woman, she shows remarkable faith and Jesus gives her request.

*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: 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., Ann Gandauli, Milagros Bergantinos, Severino A. Valencia, and Gail M. Furtado.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, August 11, 2014

8am Mass Catherine DeJesus (Birthday)
Cezar L. Vitug (RIP)

Tuesday, August 12, 2014

8am Mass Leonard Garcia (RIP)
Rodolfo Taglinao (RIP)

Wednesday, August 13, 2014

8am Mass Merlita Melegrito (Birthday)
Gerardo Gervacio (RIP)

Thursday, August 14, 2014

8am Mass Linda Tanaka Fishel (Healing)
Sandy Padilla (Healing)

Friday, August 15, 2014

8am Mass Abraham Miram (RIP)
Marcial Taglinao
(Death Anniversary)

Saturday, August 16, 2014

8am Mass Damien Cortel (Birthday)
Ponce Tranilla (RIP)
5pm Mass James & Mildred Mizuguchi (RIP)

Sunday, August 17, 2014

7am Mass Yoshiko Urian (RIP)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Channing Fukuda (Healing)
6pm Mass Pedro Arzadon (RIP)

Parish News & Announcements

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

Summer Faith Formation Program <i>7:00 pm in the Church, FREE Admission</i>	
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	

Religious Education Program – Pre-K through 8th Grade. Orientation is scheduled for Sunday, August 24, from 12:30 – 2:30 pm at the church. Parents are required to attend this session 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.

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 sjaserver@hawaii.rr.com to sign up for the training or for more information.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joseph Terry, Jr. (RIP)

Monday, August 11, 2014 ~ St. John A&E Church
Public Visitation: 9:30 am ~ Rosary Service: 10:30 am
2:00 pm ~ Burial at the National Cemetery of the Pacific

Darrell M. Teano (RIP)

Friday, August 15, 2014 ~ Mililani Memorial Park
Makai Chapel ~ Public Viewing: 8:30 am
Prayer Service: 10:00 am
Monday, August 18, 2014 ~ Mililani Memorial Park
Burial: 10:30 am

Geraldine Rose Fraga (RIP)

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

Milagros Bergantinos (RIP)

Tuesday, August 19, 2014 ~ St. John A&E Church
Public Viewing: 11:00 am ~ Funeral Mass: 12:00 pm
1:30 pm ~ Burial at Mililani Memorial Park Cemetery

Severino A. Valencia (RIP)

Wednesday, August 20, 2014 ~ Mililani Memorial Park
Makai Chapel ~ Public Viewing: 9:30 am
Memorial Service: 10:30 am ~ Burial: 11:15 am

Gail M. Furtado (RIP)

Saturday, August 30, 2014 ~ Mililani Memorial Park
Mauka Chapel ~ Public Viewing: 10:00 am
Prayer Service: 11:00 am ~ Burial: 12:30 pm

Collection for August 2/3, 2014

Sunday Collection	\$13,528.43
Candle Sales	\$530.00
Offerings - Funeral	\$300.00
Mass Intentions	\$140.00
Donation – Outreach	\$59.00
Building, Equipment, Maintenance, and Outreach	\$1,848.25
Hui O Laulima	\$353.50
Catholic Community Campaign	\$28.26
Peter's Pence/Holy Father	\$3.00
Retirement for Religious	\$5.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$106.00
Mission Appeal – Bishop Renato	\$23.75

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