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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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## Faith and Perseverance - 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

This weekend's readings call us to be persistent and to have faith. In the gospel we read about a Canaanite woman who was driven by faith and perseverance from the beginning to the end. Because of her faith in Jesus and His abilities, she will not be put aside by anyone. We need to remember that she is not fighting for herself. She is fighting for the life of her daughter. With her power of faith, she is willing to risk insult which encourages her boldness, gives her a sense of empowerment, and ultimately conveys the transformation she seeks.

Matthew seems to show Jesus as being very harsh in His response to her request. What we must understand is that the "dogs" Jesus refers to are not scavengers that run the streets wild. He is referring to puppies or "house-dogs." The Canaanite woman quickly picks up on Jesus' image and manages to say the Master loves His pets. This was not a put down. This was a statement of faith.

Matthew presented Jesus in the context of his own day, a time in which divisions were deep and lines were drawn, but also presented Jesus as the person willing to step over the line. The lesson here is that "Faith" and "persistence" despise circumstances and conditions that can clearly bring power to the powerless. Faith, by nature, is persistent. Persistence, by nature, is single-minded. Single-mindedness, by nature, achieves the end it seeks. If we have "Faith" no matter who we are or where we are coming from, God will reward us for perseverance. Faith is a true gift from God. One should persist through a lifetime in seeking, finding, and building the gift of faith.

The gift of faith is to be shared with others. Isaiah states clearly, "my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people." He calls on people to concentrate on what is right and do what is just. He calls for unity among all people. God's plan is to reach out beyond the chosen people to embrace all the nations of the world. As Christian stewards, do we always do what is right and just as we strive to join the Lord?

Paul speaks of his own life commitment to bring the Gentiles to Jesus Christ. He laments that "my race", my flesh and blood, cannot see the invitation of Jesus. He tells us that God's mercy, which comes with acceptance of others, is great indeed. Christian stewardship involves opening our hearts and minds to God's call and His great mercy in spite of our sinfulness.

Like the Canaanite woman in the gospel seeking healing for her daughter, our faith must be great enough to overcome barriers, focus persistently on Jesus, and bear the fruit of salvation and healing for others. Our faith must be strengthened by hope and spurred to action by great love.

Blessings!

Deacon Modesto R. Cordero

## 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 24**

**Readings: Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36;**

**Matthew 16:13-20**

**First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23**

Shebna is scribe to King Hezekiah. When the Assyrians were threatening to invade Jerusalem, Shebna advised the king to enter into a conspiracy of agreements with the Egyptians, despite God's promise to protect his people. Isaiah is angry prophesies that Shebna will be replaced by Eliakim, Hezekiah's royal chamberlain. The keys given to him are a symbol of his vicarious power, of his authority. The tradition concerning the keys of the kingdom entrusted to Peter by Jesus, as we have in today's Gospel, refers to this oracle of Isaiah.

**Responsorial Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8**

Psalm 138, most probably composed by David, is one of thanksgiving and praise. The psalmist thanks God with all his heart and sings his praise because his kindness and love endure for all eternity: "Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands."

**Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36**

After trying his best to describe the boundless love of God, made visible in Jesus Christ, Savior of Jews and Gentiles alike, Paul prays in sudden emotion and gratitude: "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!" God, in his own unsearchable way, from the beginning of time has planned a future for each one of us, and in our best moments (kairos), when we meditate on the greatness, love and wisdom of God, we too are filled with awe and gratitude, and feel as Paul did.

**Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20**

Peter's confession of faith in Jesus is a turning point in Jesus' ministry. Jesus first asks what others say he is to what they say he is. Many believed that Jesus is the reincarnation of John the Baptizer or the long-awaited return of the prophet Elijah or Jeremiah (Malachi 4, 5-6). Simon Peter, however, has been given the gift of faith and unequivocally states that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus blesses Simon with the new name of "rock" (Kephain Aramaic, Petros in Greek), the foundation for Jesus' new Church. Peter is entrusted with the keys of the kingdom of heaven (an image drawn from Isaiah 22: 15-25, today's first reading) and the mission to bring sins to consciousness and to proclaim to sinners the love and forgiveness of God.

*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, Richard Butz, Ashley Nawahine 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 18, 2014**

8am Mass Catherine Awong (Birthday)  
Dionisio Locquiao (RIP)

**Tuesday, August 19, 2014**

8am Mass Fr. Cletus Mooya (RIP)  
Andrea Perlas (Birthday)

**Wednesday, August 20, 2014**

8am Mass Noah Evile (Birthday)  
Bernardo Benigno (RIP)

**Thursday, August 21, 2014**

8am Mass Bernardo Benigno (RIP)  
Brian Fukuda (RIP)

**Friday, August 22, 2014**

8am Mass Bernardo Benigno (RIP)  
William & Helen Heagney (RIP)

**Saturday, August 23, 2014**

8am Mass Sherwin Aquino (RIP)  
Bernardo Benigno (RIP)  
5pm Mass Alfred Ponz'er (RIP)

**Sunday, August 24, 2014**

7am Mass Ernest K. Grace (RIP)  
9am Mass For the People  
11am Mass Bernardo Benigno (RIP)  
6pm Mass Dr. Thomas McNorton (RIP)

## Parish News & Announcements

| <b>Summer Faith Formation Program</b><br><i>7:00 pm in the Church, FREE Admission</i>                                              |                                                                    |
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| Presenter: <b>MIKE PATIN</b><br>A Call to "Reality" Living                                                                         |                                                                    |
| Mon/Tue<br>Aug.<br>18 & 19                                                                                                         | <b>The Amazing Grace:</b> <i>Make Room for Prayer</i>              |
|                                                                                                                                    | <b>Extreme Makeover:</b> <i>Make Room for Friends &amp; Family</i> |
|                                                                                                                                    | <b>The Apprentice:</b> <i>Make Room for Service</i>                |
| Presenter: <b>PAUL J. KIM</b><br>6:30 pm – Praise and worship followed by presentation.                                            |                                                                    |
| Wed.,<br>Aug 20                                                                                                                    | <i>"Church isn't boring... You are. :)"</i>                        |
| Thur.,<br>Aug 21                                                                                                                   | <i>"Lust vs. Love, Counterfeit vs. Authentic"</i>                  |
| For more information, call 808-623-3332, ext. 100 or<br>email <a href="mailto:info@stjohnmililani.org">info@stjohnmililani.org</a> |                                                                    |

**Inspirational Hula Ministry for Youth & Young Adults** – All girls in 7th to 12th grade or are in college is welcome to join. There is no cost to join. Classes are held in *Room 6* of the *Parish Center* from 10:00-11:00 am, two Saturdays a month. Upcoming classes are scheduled for August 23rd, September 6th/20th, and October 4th/18th. All girls in Confirmation Yr. 1 & 2 classes will be given community service hours for your participation. We invite all interested young ladies to join and give praise to our Lord through liturgical dance. For more information, please contact Leimomi Cleghorn at [momicleghorn@msn.com](mailto:momicleghorn@msn.com) or Gwen Mitsui at 808-623-6982 or [gmitsui@gmail.com](mailto:gmitsui@gmail.com).

**FaithLife Youth & Young Adult Ministry CAR WASH** - Please come & support our FaithLife Youth & Young Adult Ministry by bringing your cars to be washed on Saturday, August 23, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm in the Church Parking Lot for a donation of \$10.00 per car. All proceeds from the car wash will be used for the FaithLife Ministry events such as the 'Feed the Homeless' project in December. Please stop by and support this worthwhile ministry. Students in Confirmation Yr. 1 & 2 classes will be given community service hours for their participation.

**Religious Education Program** – Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> 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, 12:30-3:00 pm in the church. Minimum requirements: 7-yrs 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](mailto:sjaserver@hawaii.rr.com) to sign up for the training or for more information.

**Outreach Office** – Religious Items will be available for purchase after all masses on August 24, on the Church Lanai.

**Online Giving** – Stewardship is made easier than ever with our online giving system, WeShare. Make a one-time or recurring donation using your debit card, credit card, checking, or savings account in 3 easy steps. 1.) Visit our church website, [www.stjohnmililani.org](http://www.stjohnmililani.org), and click on *Online Giving*. 2.) Set up your account. 3.) Choose a payment option and customize your donation.

### FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ***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

| <b>Collection for August 9/10, 2014</b>                                                              |                    |
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| <b>Sunday Collection</b>                                                                             | <b>\$12,473.10</b> |
| <b>Candle Sales</b>                                                                                  | <b>\$443.00</b>    |
| <b>Offerings - Baptism</b>                                                                           | <b>\$65.00</b>     |
| <b>Mass Intentions</b>                                                                               | <b>\$50.00</b>     |
| <b>Donation – Outreach</b>                                                                           | <b>\$60.00</b>     |
| <b>BEMO</b>                                                                                          | <b>\$1,114.00</b>  |
| <b>Hui O Laulima</b>                                                                                 | <b>\$33.85</b>     |
| <b>Church in Latin America</b>                                                                       | <b>\$7.50</b>      |
| <b>Holy Land/Good Friday</b>                                                                         | <b>\$50.00</b>     |
| <b>Seminarian Education Fund</b>                                                                     | <b>\$200.00</b>    |
| <b>Mission Appeal –</b>                                                                              | <b>\$7,174.69</b>  |
| <b>Bishop Renato Mayugba</b>                                                                         |                    |
| <b><i>"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce." PROVERBS 3:9</i></b> |                    |