



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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Who do you say that I am?

The Gospel passage of this Sunday focuses our attention on the relation between our understanding of who Jesus is and our discipleship. If one understands who he is, then one also understands one's call to discipleship and stewardship. Jesus is standing near the pagan temples of Caesarea Philippi to make a sharp contrast between himself and the pagan false gods. In this place considered by religious Jews as the red district, Jesus asks, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" Then Jesus changes the question and makes it much more personal. "But you, who do you say that I am?" It is Peter who responds first. For a moment there is a very profound dialogue between the two. Then Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God". Jesus replied, "Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! ... You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church..." and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." Standing right at that terrible cave, the disciples must have been terrified by the very thought of being able to confront these demons of evil. The important point of the gospel passage is that Jesus is asking us as individuals, as family and parish community: "who do you say that I am." He is posing that question as we stand surrounded by the demons of this world; demons you and I are expected to confront. We know that the Catholic Church defenses are under attack from all corners. But as Jesus assured his disciples, he assures us of today too that the defenses of the Church built upon Peter the Rock and his successors are secure. The attacks never succeed. Yes, some scared by these attacks may be leaving the Church, but the majority who trust in the promise of Christ remain as stewards and guards.

The good news is that just as Peter's confession is from above, so too our faith and proclamation is Spirit-led from above. Be not afraid. So what message do we take home this Sunday? 1) The same question posed to the disciples is still posed to us disciples and stewards of Christ today: "Who do you say that I am?" With Peter let us confess Christ as the Messiah, the Savior of the world, who founded the Church on Peter. 2) Let us pray for Peter's successor, so that his faith in Christ may be continually sustained. 3) The good news is that just as Peter's confession is from above, so too our faith and proclamation is Spirit-led from above. Be not afraid.

Msgr. John 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 31

**Readings: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2;
Matthew 16:21-27**

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

This reading is one of the six personal laments or confessions of Jeremiah. All these laments provide an intimate insight into the personal and spiritual struggles that Jeremiah experienced as a result of his call to the prophetic ministry. Because of his message of destruction and violence, Jeremiah becomes a laughingstock, a source of public ridicule. He was scorned and mocked by the people as well as by the religious leaders of Judah. Today's reading (the fifth lament) reflects Jeremiah's struggle with God and expresses his feelings that God has betrayed him and left him alone to face humiliation and shame.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 63

The love of God is so enticing that one cannot consciously reject it. Every human being thirsts and longs for God. "My soul is thirsting for you, o Lord, my God." Thirst or love for God is like a burning fire and at times it can be painful, but only He and He alone can quench our thirst.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Paul has been describing at length God's great love for human beings shown in His sending His Son Jesus Christ (Rom 1-11). Now he starts explaining Christian ethics as a response to that love. A life of love, a life pleasing the beloved (God), implies denial of self. "Do not conform yourselves to this age", i.e., the values advocated by a corrupt society and not compatible with the values of God!

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

In today's Gospel, Jesus proclaims clearly that his mission as the Messiah includes suffering and death. Authentic discipleship stewardship involves taking on the cross and 'denying one-self' – disowning ourselves as the center of our existence and realizing that God is the object and purpose of our lives. Love of God requires denial of self and by nature. It is sometimes painful, as was the experience of Jeremiah. In 'denying' ourselves, we discover the life and love of God. A life of lasting commitment to Christ and to his message of reconciliation that includes renouncing selfish (life centered on our own needs and wants) is a challenge.

*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 Kamakoa Almasin, Anthony Scarpelli, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

Deceased: 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 25, 2014

8am Mass Bernardo Benigno (RIP)
Justin Tano (Birthday)

Tuesday, August 26, 2014

8am Mass Bernardo Benigno (RIP)
Nordel Gervacio (Birthday)

Wednesday, August 27, 2014

8am Mass Bernardo Benigno (RIP)
Franco Faranda (Healing)

Thursday, August 28, 2014

8am Mass Bernardo Benigno (RIP)
Frances Mecchi (RIP)

Friday, August 29, 2014

8am Mass Rodolfo Taglinao (RIP)
Guillermo Uytingco (RIP)
Geraldine Fraga (RIP)

Saturday, August 30, 2014

8am Mass Teodoro Melegrito (Birthday)
Guillermo Uytingco (RIP)
5pm Mass Carolina Piedad (Healing)

Sunday, August 31, 2014

7am Mass Guillermo Uytingco (RIP)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Berting & Melody Ramos (Healing)
6pm Mass Guillermo Uytingco (RIP)

Parish News & Announcements

New Membership Drive – Council 14663 of the Knights of Columbus is having a recruiting drive after all Masses on Sunday, August 24. This is a men's fraternal organization that participates and organizes charitable events within our church and the community. If you are interested, please stop by our table outside of the church and we will be glad to share more information with you.

The next Catholic Book Club Meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, August 28th, 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the Parish Center classroom 6. The book discussion will be on the **Interior Castle** by St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Catholic Church. Borrow or buy the book, read it and join us for our book discussion. Contact Melissa Crisostomo 626-2469 or alohamc@yahoo.com for more information.

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 a.m. Sunday Masses. To sign up for the training and for more information, please contact Margaret Higa at sjaserver@hawaii.rr.com.

Religious Education Reminder – Classes for Schedule "A" and Confirmation Yr-2 will begin on Sunday, September 7. Schedule "B" and Confirmation Yr-1 will begin on Sunday, September 14. All children should be registered by August 31st. Please call the RE Office at 808-623-3332, ext. 205 or 204 for more information.

Senior Bingo – Aloha all St. John seniors, ages 60 years and older! Hui O Laulima invites you to participate in an afternoon of Senior Bingo on Sunday, September 7, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. This event will be held on the lanai outside the church. We welcome you to spend a couple of hours with friends to share some fun and snacks. There are a lot of prizes to give out, so don't miss out. We hope to see you there.

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, and click on *Online Giving*. 2.) Set up your account. 3.) Choose a payment option and customize your donation.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I wanted to drop you a line to those of you who came to the nights of summer faith formation. Thank you all for the welcome you provided me. It is always a privilege for me to be invited to share our Catholic faith. I appreciate the gift of your *time*, your *presence* and our personal chats.

I want to thank your parish's leadership for the kindness and hospitality in having me speak. You have great leaders in Monsignor John and Jolly. They love and care for you deeply.

I hope that the messages shared during the time together can give us all (myself especially) a reminder of God's *close* presence in the realness of everyday life.

- There is an invitation for us to *include* God, to spend time with God in *prayer*—both in quick thoughts and moments set aside just for God.
- God chose an ordinary *family* to become incarnate. God still chooses our families—at home and the parish family—to make himself known. It isn't always easy to remember that. I hope you and I can see Christ present in those closest to us.
- We are also called and *sent out* as apprentices—to "wash feet" and *serve* like Jesus did.

I will continue to remember you all in prayer and ask that you pray for me and my family.

Peace,
Mike Patin

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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 16/17, 2014

Sunday Collection	\$12,651.23
Candle Sales	\$608.00
Offerings - Baptism	\$20.00
Mass Intentions	\$100.00
Donation – Outreach	\$59.00
BEMO	\$1,500.00
Hui O Laulima	\$99.20

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