



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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“Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it”

We’re led into this challenging Gospel by the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah. “You have seduced me, Lord, and I let myself be seduced.” Sometimes it’s translated, “You have duped me, Lord, and I let myself be duped.”

Jeremiah seems to be saying, “I set out on this journey with You that I thought would be wonderful, consoling, gratifying and self-promoting; instead it’s turned out to be a life with an awful lot of suffering I don’t know why I ever followed you.”

This lament prepares us for the Gospel. Today’s Gospel reading is quite a reversal from last week’s earlier part of Matthew 16 where Jesus is praising Peter. “You are a Rock, Peter. You’re the leader. You got the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. You did it right.” You can just see Peter strutting around with immense self-confidence, thinking, “I’m the best.”

Now, just a few verses later, the infallible Pope shows himself to be very fallible when Jesus goes so far as to call Peter a devil. How can one who got it so right now get it so wrong?

I hope that is comforting, because it’s true for all of us; both sides can coexist in the same person. When we start our journey toward God, we don’t realize it, but the motivation is almost all about ourselves. This isn’t love of God yet. It’s very well disguised as self-interests. We’re not in it for God; we’re in it for ourselves, but it takes a while to recognize it.

That is why Jesus says so strongly, “If you don’t lose your life, if you’re in this to gain your life, you haven’t understood what I’m talking about. You’re missing the point.”

Jesus isn’t just saying this to Peter; He’s speaking to all who seek to follow Him. We start the journey largely out of self-interest, taking care of ourselves while thinking we’re worshipping God. Whoever wishes to save his own life must lose it, because it’s still about “you” and not about God, truth, love, others and the bigger world.

What does it all mean? It’s we who have to change. It’s we who have to recognize that it’s in letting go of what we think is our identity that we actually find our true self. That’s the great paradox.

Blessings,
Deacon Wally Mitsui

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: September 7
Readings: Ezekiel 33: 7-9; Romans 13:8-10;
Matthew 18:15-20

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

God does not give his word to the prophet just for his own edification. God's gift brings with it a responsibility to look after the welfare of others. This passage shows the extent of that responsibility. The prophet in each of us must have the courage to challenge the evil around us. Our own salvation, as well as the salvation of others, depends on our response to this prophetic call more than on any outward signs of success.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

The psalm begins with an invitation to praise, but warns in strong terms derived from history that we must be fully open to God. Response: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Paul has just advised his readers that they must obey laws and legitimate authority, not merely out of fear of punishment but because that is what is right. The way of love does not replace law, but rather fulfills it. The motive is genuine love of the other person whose rights the law is intended to protect, rather than any fear of punishment.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Chapter 18 deals with the attitude of Christ's followers toward one another, particularly in regards to the area of sin and weakness. The gospel passage for this Sunday gives the practical method for doing this. 1) The community of Christ's followers has the power to pardon the wrongdoer. 2) This power comes through prayer in common as expressed at the end of the passage: "For where two or three are gathered in name, there am I in the midst of them." 3) If he or she refuses to listen even to the Church, then the Church may proceed to take the measure Christ proposes – treat them like Gentiles and tax collectors. This measure is what the Church calls excommunication, applied only for serious cases when the person refuses to accept correction.

*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, September 1, 2014

8am Mass Cyril & Molly Pereira (RIP)
Guillermo Uytingco (RIP)

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

8am Mass Guillermo Uytingco (RIP)
Beatrice Costa (RIP)

Wednesday, September 3, 2014

8am Mass Brooke L. Corderman (Birthday)
Mary Claudia Abad (RIP)

Thursday, September 4, 2014

8am Mass Guillermo Uytingco (RIP)

Friday, September 5, 2014

8am Mass Mari Page (RIP)
Linda Fishel (Healing)
Darrell M. Teano (RIP)

Saturday, September 6, 2014

8am Mass Mr. and Mrs. Marcos Alcones (RIP)
Lorenzo Anisco (RIP)
5pm Mass Salve Galman (Birthday)

Sunday, September 7, 2014

7am Mass Michael Morano (RIP)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Guillermo Uytingco (RIP)
6pm Mass Dionisio Locquiao (RIP)

Parish News & Announcements

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1, in observance of Labor Day.

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

24 Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, September 5th immediately after 8:00 a.m. Mass and ending at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 6th. 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 Our Risen Lord!

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 p.m. 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.

A Healing Mass and Anointing will be held on Monday, September 8th. Praise and worship begins at 7:30 p.m., followed by Mass.

Save the Date!

St. John Stewardship Formation

“Connect. Grow. Serve.

Stewardship – A way of Life.”

Presenter: Rev. Timothy O’Conner

Wednesday, September 24, 2014 ~ 7:00 P.M.

Session 1: Open to all Parishioners

Thursday, September 25, 2014 ~ 7:00 P.M.

Session 2: For Parish and Ministry Leaders, Advisory Councils, and Staff

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. *More than 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection, including many from our diocese.* Next week is the National Collection for the Catholic University of America. The Donation envelopes are located in the back of the church or you could visit our parish website and donate online. Please be generous.

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.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roy William Dahlin, Jr. (RIP)

Thursday, September 11, 2014 ~ St. John A&E Church

Visitation: 9:45 am ~ Funeral Mass: 10:30 am

Abraham Lumoya (RIP)

Friday, September 12, 2014

Honolulu Church of Light (3075 Kalihi Street)

Public Viewing: 5:30 pm ~ Funeral Service: 6:30 pm

Collection for August 23/24, 2014

Sunday Collection	\$14,174.69
Candle Sales	\$382.00
Offerings - Funerals	\$200.00
Mass Intentions	\$120.00
Donation – Outreach	\$59.00
BEMO	\$1,559.75
Hui O Laulima	\$151.35
Seminarian Education Fund	\$50.00

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