



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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Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

The feast of the Exaltation of the Cross falls on September 14 which happens to be this Sunday. The readings of the feast are read today. The Gospel passage highlights the message. Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert to heal Israel's snake bites, Christ was lifted up on the Cross to heal our wounds from the bite of a terrible viper (sin). Christ humbled himself, but God exalted him. There is a fascinating story behind the Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Cross that we celebrate today. It all began with a battle for the conquest of Rome in 312 A.D. On the eve of that battle, Constantine I had a vision of a Cross in the sky and heard a voice tell him, "By this Sign, you shall conquer." The following day, Constantine using the image of the cross he had seen, won the battle over Rome. This miraculous winning of a battle led to the conversion of Constantine to Christianity. He further declared Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire. It is also interesting that just as Jesus had been crucified by a Roman Empire Law, so too the Cross on which God's Son died for our Salvation would be discovered by a Christian mother of a Roman Emperor, St. Helen, mother of Constantine I in 326 A.D. Constantine was the first Christian Emperor, who was also instrumental in bringing a sense of unity of local churches with Rome as the center.

What is the message? The Exaltation of the Holy Cross has no other message except that of the Cross itself. 1) The Cross before us, the Cross we wear, the Cross in our homes or in our offices expresses God's profound love for us, to the extent that God allowed his Son to die on the Cross for our sins; 2) That symbol of death, defeat and weakness becomes for us a symbol of life, triumph and strength; 3) The Cross is the most powerful symbol of our Christian faith by which we recall Christ's death and resurrection, and by which Christ invites us too to carry our own cross as his disciples. "We adore you O Christ and we bless you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world!"

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: September 14
Readings: Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24,27; Mt 20:1-16

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

In this passage, the prophet Isaiah helps us to understand the total giftedness of God's love revealed throughout salvation history. Every one of us has reason to turn to God confidently seeking forgiveness, because God is not limited by our narrow ideas of justice and retribution. God's ways are not like our ways since we tend to operate on the profit motive and on merit. God operates out of his infinite loving kindness and mercy towards all.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

The words of psalm 145 echo those of Isaiah in the first reading. Even though the Lord created the universe in its splendor, the greatest of his works is his compassion. Response: "The Lord is near to all who call him."

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

This Sunday we begin using Paul's Letter to the Philippians as our second reading. It is a friendly letter written from prison at Ephesus around 58 A.D. In this passage, Paul thanks the Philippians for sending him aid. He is not discouraged over his imprisonment; he says that it does not matter where he is, alive or dead, as long as he serves the Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Most likely, Matthew wrote this parable about the laborers in the vineyard in the context of his Church community in which there were many Jewish Christians. They were "first," so they thought that they should always have the place of honor and prestige - the important posts in the Church. The parable reminds everyone that we are equal in God's eyes; God is generous to all; those who come last will enjoy the same joy as those who enter first; no one can claim a special place from 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: 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, Carmen Fajota, Ellen Cleghorn, Helen Uyehara, Alejandra Tano, Danny Castro, 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, Gail M. Furtado, Roy Dahlin, Jr., Lori E. Cabacungan, and Lorrain Jozaitis.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, September 15, 2014

8am Mass Marcial Taglinao (Death Anniv.)
Beatrice Costa (RIP)

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

8am Mass Paul Lapa (RIP)
Guillermo Uytingco (RIP)

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

8am Mass Fr. Cletus Mooya (RIP)
Guillermo Uytingco (RIP)

Thursday, September 18, 2014

8am Mass Shirley Guerrero (Birthday)
Gwen Kelly (Birthday)

Friday, September 19, 2014

8am Mass James & Mildred Mizoguchi (RIP)
Cyril & Molly Pereira (RIP)
Severino A. Valencia (RIP)

Saturday, September 20, 2014

8am Mass Dcn. Modesto Cordero (Birthday)
Kirah Evile (Birthday)
5pm Mass Pamela Andrews (Healing)

Sunday, September 21, 2014

7am Mass Beatrice Costa (RIP)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Sarah Ruiz (Blessings)
6pm Mass M/M Pacifico Ongcangco (RIP)

Parish News & Announcements

Fil-Am Catholic Club Fundraiser – The last day to pick up Fil-Am fundraiser food items is on Saturday, September 20, from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm in the breezeway. For more information or inquiries, contact Richard at 256-3008.

Save the Date!

St. John Stewardship Formation

“Connect. Grow. Serve.”

Stewardship – A Way of Life.”

Presenter: Rev. Timothy O'Connor

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

Life in the Spirit Seminar, presented by St. John A&E Church Charismatic Prayer group, will be held in the Parish Center rooms 1-3, on Friday, October 3, 7:30 – 9:30 pm, and Saturday, October 4, 8:30 am – 6:00 pm with dinner to follow. For more information, call Frank and Nenita Hing 625-6227.

Natural Family Planning – Are those special feelings and interactions with your spouse becoming routine? Learn how to really communicate and revitalize those feelings by attending a Natural Family Planning Course. The course begins on Wednesday, October 8, 2014, at St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church parish center, 2nd floor classroom #4. To register, go to the Couple to Couple League website <http://www.ccli.org> and select “register online” tab. For additional information, contact Betty Coda at 808-258-6688 or email CODAFAM@aol.com.

Marriage Validation Information Night will be held on Friday, October 10, 2014, 7:00 – 8:00 pm in classrooms 4 and 5. Come and find out how to obtain the Church's blessing of a marriage that is not Catholic. Our clergy will be present to assist you. For more information call the Parish Office at 623-3332, ext. 100 or email info@stjohnmililani.org.

FaithLife Youth & Young Adult Ministry Events – We welcome all high school (9-12 gr.), Confirmation Yr. 1 & 2, and college students to Thursday night faith sharing, fun, and fellowship. September 18 (“Welcome, Social Night!”) and September 25 (“Praise & Worship”) will be held in classrooms 4 & 5 at 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Friday, September 25 will be held at St. Elizabeth from 5:00 – 9:30 pm; transportation is available for this event. Come & meet wonderful young men & women who want to share their love of Jesus with you & build a Christian community of young people. For more information contact Deacon Wally & Auntie Gwen, 623-6982 or email gmitsui@gmail.com.

Thank you for your contribution to last week's special collection for **The Catholic University of America**. Your gift will make great things possible by providing direct financial aid to more than 4,000 students from dioceses across the country.

URGENT Help Needed for Refugees in the Middle East.

U.S. Catholic Bishops are expressing their solidarity with Christians and others suffering persecution in the Middle East by taking up a special collection to assist them. Bishop Larry Silva is asking all parishes in Hawaii to join this effort by taking up a second collection. The second collection will be after Communion, on September 27 & 28 for the suffering Christians of the Middle East. Proceeds from the collection will support immediate humanitarian and pastoral needs, as well as the cost of long-term reconstruction. These funds will be used by the Catholic Relief Services and other Catholic agencies working in partnership with the local Church to meet the most urgent humanitarian needs facing the people of Iraq, Gaza, Syria and surrounding countries where refugees have fled. You may also make a donation through the parish website by clicking “Online Giving”. Please be generous.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held on October 17-19, 2014. Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time, women and men are provided a confidential, supportive, non-judgmental environment with others who've walked a similar path... to let the healing begin. To register, go to www.rachelsvineyard.org. Space is limited and registrations are strictly confidential. For more information, call Lisa Shorba at (808) 349-5071 or email rvinehawaii@gmail.com.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Lorraine Jozaitis (RIP)

Wed., September 24, 2014 ~ Mililani Memorial Park (Makai)

Viewing: 6:00 pm ~ Prayer Service: 6:30 pm

Thurs., Sept. 25, 2014 ~ Mililani Memorial Park (Makai)

Viewing: 9:00 am ~ Funeral: 10:15 am ~ Burial: 11:00 am

Collection for September 6/7, 2014

Sunday Collection	\$14,784.16
Candle Sales	\$536.00
Mass Intentions	\$110.00
Donation – Outreach	\$81.00
BEMO	\$1,562.25
Hui O Laulima	\$248.50
Augustine Education Fund	\$7.50
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$153.75
Catholic University of America	\$964.00

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