



September 14, 1969, First Parish Mass • May 17, 1970 Ground-breaking • August 15, 1971, Dedication of the church

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**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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## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

The brief passage from the prophet Isaiah is from a beautiful poem celebrating the call to live a graced life. We are called to seek the Lord and to be active in our desire to know what God calls us to. However, we are warned, “My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor your ways and my ways,” says the Lord.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells a story which reverses the expectations we have about worth. Today a lot of people are concerned about their jobs and their security. People working together keep an eye out for what others are earning. We expect to be paid according to what we do.

This story has two scenes. The first one describes the way in which the workers are hired. We don’t know why the landowner didn’t take on all the laborers in the morning but just at different times during the day.

The second scene is set at the evening when the wages were being paid. Each worker had been contracted for a day’s wage. The foreman, beginning with the last, began to pay the workers. According to justice they should have received a fraction of the wage according to the number of hours worked. To their surprise they got the full amount. As the pay line got shorter the expectations of the first in the field rose. They saw a bonus coming up. However, when their turn came they received the same amount. The workers became very critical of the employer. In fact they accused him of being unfair.

Going back to the beginning of the story, it starts, “The kingdom of God is like...” This story is told to help us understand how kingdom people live. We can’t say, “I’ve given the best years of my life to God. God owes me.” We can’t even claim to have a special call. If the scripture tells us anything, it is that God can use people from a variety of backgrounds, races, the talented and the untalented to act on God’s behalf. All that is required is openness to the movement of the Spirit within us.

“My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor your ways and my ways.” All we can say is, “Thank you God.” The story is about mercy and justice. The landowner treated the early workers justly and to the latecomers he showed mercy and compassion.

“Seek the Lord where he is to be found” not where we think God should be found.

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 28

**Readings:** Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

### **First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28**

The prophet Ezekiel in the First Reading underlines personal responsibility to the Lord for one's own actions in an age when it was held that descendants inherited the punishment for their fathers' sins. Hence those who turn away from evil and do good will be saved; those who think they belong to the "inner circle" will not be saved unless their deeds are righteous.

### **Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9**

Psalm 25 is the prayer of a sinner who understands the consequences of one's sin, yet trusts in God's mercy. Response: "Remember your mercies, O Lord."

### **Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11**

Paul in this passage writes to the Church in Philippi in a positive vein, seeking to lead them to greater perfection in the love for one another based on Christ. The core of Christian perfection is humility, based on the humility of Christ. The humble person must be motivated by a healthy appreciation of the other person's value. Such a person feels secure and may actually forget titles, privileges, and self-praise, and concentrate on the good and worth of others.

### **Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32**

In this passage, Jesus arrives at the temple, and as he is teaching. The Chief priests and elders question his authority to teach the things he is teaching. In response Jesus asks them about the authority of John's baptism. Since the Chief priests and elders say that they do not know, Jesus tells them that neither would he tell them the source of his authority. Then Jesus proceeded to tell them the parable of the two sons. In the parable, Jesus does not prefer sin to virtue. Rather, He emphasizes that many of those classified as sinners may actually be closer to salvation through repentance than those who think themselves just.

*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, 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, 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, Lorrain Jozaitis, and Alejandra Tano.

### **Mass Intentions:**

#### **Monday, September 22, 2014**

8am Mass William & Helen Heagney (RIP)  
M/M Rodolfo Gasmen (Thanksgiving)

#### **Tuesday, September 23, 2014**

8am Mass Mark Bates (Birthday)  
Mercedes Soliven (RIP)

#### **Wednesday, September 24, 2014**

8am Mass Mary Daly (Birthday)  
Rodney and Aladin Gasmen  
(Thanksgiving)

#### **Thursday, September 25, 2014**

8am Mass Beatrice Costa (RIP)  
Mike Aquinaldo (RIP)

#### **Friday, September 26, 2014**

8am Mass Pearl Bates (Special Intention\*)  
Geraldine Fraga (RIP)  
Gary K. Hiranaga (RIP)

#### **Saturday, September 27, 2014**

8am Mass Esperidion Cortel (Birthday)  
Michelle Gareth (Healing)  
5pm Mass Severino A. Valencia (RIP)

#### **Sunday, September 28, 2014**

7am Mass Frank Lacoppola (RIP)  
9am Mass For the People  
11am Mass William & Helen Heagney (RIP)  
6pm Mass Guillermo Uytingco (RIP)

## Parish News & Announcements

**A Second Collection for the Middle East Relief** will take place after Communion, on September 27 & 28. Proceeds from the collection will support immediate humanitarian & pastoral needs, as well as the cost of long-term reconstruction for the people of Iraq, Gaza, Syria and surrounding countries where refugees have fled. Please make checks out to *St. John* with the notation *Middle East Relief*. You may also make a donation through the parish website by clicking "Online Giving". Please be generous.

### 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

**Foodland's Give Aloha Program** – Our preschool is participating in *Foodland's Give Aloha Program* through the month of September! If you're shopping at Foodland, use your Maika'i card to donate to SJCP, code # 77687. Foodland will match your *first* donation up to \$249. Every little bit helps, especially since it will be matched! Look for our banner at Mililani Foodland. Mahalo!

**FaithLife Youth & Young Adult Ministry Events** – We welcome all high school (9-12 gr.), Confirmation Yr. 1 & 2, and college students to nights of faith sharing, fun, and fellowship. Thursday, September 25 ("Praise & Worship") will be held in classrooms 4 & 5 at 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Friday, September 26 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](mailto:gmitsui@gmail.com).

**Fiesta of San Lorenzo Ruiz Mass**, sponsored by the St. John Fil-Am Catholic Group, will be held on Saturday, September 27, 7:15 am Rosary, 8:00 am Mass followed by fellowship in the breezeway lanai. Everyone is invited to join us.

**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** – Do you feel something missing in your marital life? Consider that it might be the result of unnatural forms of birth control. Get off those unhealthy methods & learn to plan your family with a natural method that is just as effective with no harmful side effects. The program philosophy is in full accord with Catholic teaching. The course series begins on Wed., Oct. 8, 2014, at St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church parish center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor classroom #4. To register, go to the Couple to Couple League website <http://www.ccli.org> & select "register online" tab. For additional information, contact Ed & Betty Coda at 808-258-6688 or email [CODAFAM@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@stjohnmililani.org).

**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](http://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](mailto: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 13/14, 2014

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Sunday Collection</b>              | <b>\$13,047.28</b> |
| <b>Candle Sales</b>                   | <b>\$448.74</b>    |
| <b>Offerings – Funerals</b>           | <b>\$850.00</b>    |
| <b>Mass Intentions</b>                | <b>\$80.00</b>     |
| <b>Christmas</b>                      | <b>\$5.00</b>      |
| <b>Donation – Outreach</b>            | <b>\$59.00</b>     |
| <b>BEMO</b>                           | <b>\$996.45</b>    |
| <b>Hui O Laulima</b>                  | <b>\$265.00</b>    |
| <b>Catholic Charities Hawaii</b>      | <b>\$4,804.50</b>  |
| <b>Catholic University of America</b> | <b>\$210.00</b>    |
| <b>Middle East Relief Fund</b>        | <b>\$95.00</b>     |

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

St John Apostle and Evangelist Church

# Parish Survey Results (9-8-14)

| Rank | Survey Choices                        | 1st Choice | Percentage |
|------|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1    | Parish Hall                           | 110        | 44%        |
| 2    | Office for clergy                     | 69         | 28%        |
| 3    | Worship Space/Changes                 | 23         | 9%         |
| 4    | Added Space for Parish Staff          | 9          | 4%         |
| 5    | Office for Preschool Director         | 7          | 3%         |
| 6    | Storage Space                         | 5          | 2%         |
| 7    | Planning Space for Preschool Teachers | 3          | 1%         |

## Surveys with personal comments as 1st choice

|                                                           |   |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| Air Conditioning                                          | 3 | 1%        |
| Modification of Blessed Sacrament Chapel                  | 3 | 1%        |
| Move Tabernacle back into the church                      | 3 | 1%        |
| Fans For the center of the church and Sanctuary           | 2 | < than 1% |
| Money collected should go to the poor                     | 2 | < than 1% |
| Convert Adoration room to a crying room                   | 2 | < than 1% |
| K-12 Catholic School                                      | 1 | < than 1% |
| More Parking in the church parking lot                    | 1 | < than 1% |
| Brighten up both St. John & Mary (by candle area) statues | 1 | < than 1% |
| Ventilation and lights for the bathroom by the kitchen    | 1 | < than 1% |
| Ask the priest to pray louder so all can hear             | 1 | < than 1% |
| Designated handicap seating within the church             | 1 | < than 1% |
| Relocate the school to the center courtyard building      | 1 | < than 1% |

|                                                          |            |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| <i>Total number of surveys that were usable</i>          | <b>248</b> | <b>90%</b>  |
| <i>Total number of surveys that were deemed unusable</i> | <b>27</b>  | <b>10%</b>  |
| <b><i>Total number of surveys received</i></b>           | <b>275</b> | <b>100%</b> |

**Note:** This survey is a **preliminary** step as we continue to move forward in discovering and understanding the needs and priorities of the church. The results posted were based on the 1st choice of each survey submitted. All questions, concerns and further details about this survey may be discussed at the upcoming town hall meeting once Msgr. John and the other committees have had the opportunity to gather more information.

Thank you.