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DAILY MASS (Monday — Saturday): 8:00 a.m.

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

RECONCILIATION: (or by appointment)

Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 12:00pm-4:00pm

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Saturday & Sunday – Closed

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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, the basic building blocks of Christian living, to live out the Lord's commands and to preach the Good News to all

Commitment to God's Invitation

The kingdom of heaven is like a royal wedding banquet. All are invited. The central message of this Sunday may be summed up as “**Commitment to God's Invitation**”. The readings speak about the Kingdom of Heaven being compared to an invitation to a wedding banquet. All three readings highlight a very clear stewardship theme of our God who cares and provides for His people. The first reading from the Prophet Isaiah offers one of the most beautiful images of this Kingdom. Isaiah uses a very clear graphic description of the great banquet that the Lord will prepare for his people. There will be good food and fine wines; there will be neither mourning nor death, for the Lord will destroy death forever. “The Lord will wipe away the tears from every face”. There will be exultation and rejoicing because the Lord “has saved us”. This is all placed in the future. Paul, in the Second Reading, speaks indirectly of the same feast that the Lord provided for his people. Paul had learned to be content with whatever God provided. He learned the secret of being well fed, referring to spiritual food. He found strength in the Lord Jesus. The response to what God provided to His people, to Paul, and us of today is expressed in Responsorial Psalm 23, which is a song of thanksgiving to the Lord.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the Parable of the Wedding Feast which is now ready and the king sends his servants twice to invite the guests, but those invited are too busy or too selfish with God's gift of time. They will not give time back to God. In response, God invites all people, but the only condition is to wear a wedding garment. The banquet hall is full, but one guest still refuses to wear the party garment.

The message may be summed up in three points. 1) The parable in the Gospel is a challenge to commit ourselves to God's invitation. The question is, are we too busy doing things that do not matter instead of accepting God's invitation to commit ourselves? 2) All are invited to God's Banquet of the Lamb at which there is free lunch. The only condition is to wear the wedding garment of grace provided freely through the Sacraments. 3) We are challenged to commit ourselves to God's invitation or to reject it; to give time to God or to pretend we own time! We can also go to the banquet hall, but refuse to wear the garment provided freely through the sacrament of reconciliation. The choice is mine; the choice is yours!

Msgr. John S. Mbinda
Pastor

Scripture for Next Sunday: October 19

Readings: Is 45:1,4-6; Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6

This passage is like a royal decree. It is a formal statement wherein God addresses the king of Persia authorizing him to allow the Israelites to return from captivity to Israel. In this passage king Cyrus is called "God's anointed", a title ascribed to kings. Thus a pagan king becomes an instrument of God's saving power.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96:1,3,4-5,7-8,9-10

Psalm 96 calls for praise of God for the wonderful deeds He has performed. First the Psalm used is to be a new song, which calls for transformation. The Second feature is that the song is directed to all the earth (the natural world and human society). Once the nations had seen the wonders of God, they too are called to praise God.

Second Reading Thessalonians 1:1-5

In this passage, Paul writes in his own name and in the name of two missionary companions: Silvanus and Timothy. The three of them founded the Church in Thessalonica. Now Paul writes exhorting the new converts reminding them of their baptism through which they are living in God and in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

Jesus is once again in battle with the religious leaders who intend to trap him. The background is that there are three parties: the Pharisees who did not approve being ruled by the Romans who are Gentile (hence pagan), the Herodians who were loyal to the Romans, and the Zealots who vehemently opposed the occupation. So we have the Pharisees who sent their disciples with the Herodians. First there is flattery and then the tricky question: "Is it lawful to pay tax to Caesar or not?" Regardless of how Jesus answers the question, he is bound to alienate some of the hearers. Jesus responds by shaming his questioners by calling them hypocrites. They are carrying coins that had the image of Caesar in their pockets. His response is therefore correct. "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to 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, Frank Tadda, Tom Nestor, Karla Richardson, Andrew D. Rossi, Jane Beauchemin, Richard Butz, Ashley Nawahine Kamakoa Almasin, Carmen Fajota, Ellen Cleghorn, Helen Uyehara, Danny Castro, Linda Watson, Maya Higgins, BJ Sagocio, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

Deceased: Feliciano Dona, William D. Heagney, Rodolfo Taglinao, Guillermo Uyttingco, Beatrice Costa, Geraldine R. Fraga, Louise Marie Teixeira Arellano, Darrell Teano, Joseph Terry, Jr., Ann and Samuel Gandauli, Milagros Bergantinos, Severino A. Valencia, Gail M. Furtado, Roy Dahlin, Jr., Lori E. Cabacungan, Lorrain Jozaitis, Alejandra Tano, Anthony Scarpelli, Roman P. Perez, Consolacion Leonoras, and Herschel Esperas.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, October 13, 2014

8am Mass Deacon Wallace Mitsui (Birthday)
Ray & Anne Swider (Anniversary)

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

8am Mass Hoy Chang (RIP)
Dionne Emwalu-Ikea (RIP)

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

8am Mass Tess Aquino (Birthday)
Josephine Dona Howcumfu
(Birthday)

Thursday, October 16, 2014

8am Mass James & Mildred Mizoguch (RIP)
Two Hearts (Thanksgiving)

Friday, October 17, 2014

8am Mass Demi & Rita Galicinao
(Thanksgiving/Healing)
Glen Galman (Safety/Protection)
Lori E. Cabacungan (RIP)

Saturday, October 18, 2014

8am Mass Fr. Cletus Mooya (RIP)
Oscarlito Cachuela (RIP)
5pm Mass Geraldine Fraga (RIP)

Sunday, October 19, 2014

7am Mass Patrick Byrne (RIP)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Cyril Pereira (RIP)
6pm Mass Amelita Zablan (RIP)

Parish News & Announcements

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 13th in observance of Discoverer's Day.

A Healing Mass with Anointing will be held on Monday, October 13th. Praise & Worship begins at 7:30 pm followed by Mass.

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be on Thursday, October 16, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Parish Center Classroom 6. The next book is ***True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary*** by St. Louis de Montfort. 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.

World Mission Sunday, October 18-19, 2014. Your prayers and generous gifts to the Society of Propagation of the Faith will support the work of many priests, religious and lay leaders around the world who offer care to communities, children and families in desperate circumstance. For more information, please visit www.IAmAMissionary.org. Donation envelopes are at the back of the church.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held on Oct. 17-19, 2014. Heal the pain of abortion one weekend at a time with confidential support and a non-judgmental environment. To register, go to www.rachelsvineyard.org. Space is limited & registrations are strictly confidential. For more information, call Lisa Shorba at (808) 349-5071 or Sr. Geralyn Spalding at (808) 741-3819, email rvinhawaii@gmail.com.

St. John Women's Guild General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2014, at 10:00 am in the church. Come and join the Spirit-led ladies of St. John A & E Church. There is something for everyone throughout the year: Fun and fellowship, cleaning the Lord's house, decorating the sanctuary, cleaning the church linen, providing spiritual support to each other, going on religious pilgrimages, assisting at most parish events, holding bake sales, serving the needy, the hungry, the homeless veteran's, the sick, the community.

Save the Date!

St. John Faith Formation

Presenter: Roy Petifils

Wednesday, October 22, 2014 ~ 7:00 P.M.

"The main thing is to keep the Main thing, the Main thing"

Thursday, October 23, 2014 ~ 7:00 P.M.

"YOLO (You Only Live Once) - Make Your One Life Count"

Health and Wellness Fair, sponsored by our Parish Health Ministry, will be held on Saturday, October 25, at 9:00 am on the Church Lanai. The following businesses & organizations will be participating. Catholic Charities Hawaii, Humana Health Program, Longs Drug Store, Med-Assist School of Hawaii, and Hawaii Blood Bank will provide Flu Shots, Blood Pressure Screening, Nutrition & Food Demonstration, and More!

Next Week Sunday is Commitment Sunday. Today we will hear from a parishioner who will share what stewardship has meant in his or her life. Reflect on how you are involved in St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church. Do you serve in parish ministries? Do you come to parish-wide events? Are you taking steps to improve your spiritual life and further study our Catholic Faith? The Commitment Card you received in the mail offers suggestions for how you can take a step forward in all these areas. Don't forget to bring your Commitment Card to Mass next Sunday.

Celebrate Priesthood Sunday on Saturday, October 25, at the 5:00 p.m. Concelebrated Mass. An Appreciation Potluck Dinner will follow the Mass. Come and join us. Please bring a main dish to share.

Honoring Our Veterans - All Veterans will be honored at all Masses on the weekend of November 8 and 9 with a special blessing after Communion. The Knights of Columbus and the Vets in the Pews Ministry will be serving light refreshments after the 11am Mass.

Mahalo for Supporting the Outreach School Supply Drive. 103 students received backpacks filled with supplies and three boxes of supplies were donated to schools in the Pahala, Big Island area that lost all their goods during the storm. All unissued supplies will be distributed throughout the school year. My heartfelt thanks to all who donated supplies and gave monetary donations. May God bless all of you for all you continuously do to make the Outreach Ministry a success.

All Souls Day offering envelopes are available at the main entrance to the church.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Consolacion C. Leonoras (RIP)

Monday, October 20, 2014 ~ St. John A & E

Viewing: 10:00 am ~ Mass: 11:00 am

Mililani Memorial Park ~ Burial: 12:30 pm

Collection for October 4/5

Sunday Collection	\$15,881.08
Candle Sales	\$559.00
Mass Intentions	\$290.00
Donation - Outreach	\$121.50
Stewardship Development	\$800.00
BEMO	\$1,319.90
Hui O Lailima	\$182.50
Catholic University of America	\$35.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$50.00
Middle East Relief	\$10.00

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