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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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Transforming Your Life by Study and Generosity

Last Sunday Deacon Wally introduced the book by Matthew Kelly, *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*. The four signs of a dynamic Catholic outlined in this book are: *prayer, study, generosity* and *evangelization*. Deacon Wally summarized the first chapter entitled “Incredible Possibilities”, in which Kelly says, “transforming people one at a time is at the heart of God’s plan for the world.” He then gave an exciting overview of the first sign of a dynamic Catholic, *Prayer*, based on his personal experience. Matthew Kelly has discovered that a routine of study and generosity can transform our lives.

This Sunday we consider *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*, Chapter two and three, on the second and third signs of dynamic Catholics: *study and generosity*. In the book, Matthew Kelly says that on average, dynamic Catholics spend fourteen minutes each day are *learning more about their faith*. They see themselves as students of Jesus and his Church, and they make an effort to allow his teaching guide and form them. Dynamic Catholics have a routine for their continuous learning. They have a plan and a routine. They apply the principle of continuous learning. If you want to be a continuous learner, consider reading only 5 pages a day of a good Catholic book. Five pages a day is 1,825 pages a year, 18,250 pages in 10 years. Five pages a day is something you and I can do quite easily. Reading five pages a day is a game changer. If you are not a book reader, consider listening to a CD of good Catholic book for ten minutes a day. Several of Matthew Kelly’s books are in CD format. The second sign of a dynamic Catholic is *study*.

Generosity is the third sign of engaged Catholics. God is generous and generosity is at the heart of Christian life. Generosity begins with gratitude. Dynamic Catholics are deeply aware of how much God has blessed them. For them, gratitude is not something they do; it is a way of life. In stewardship terms, dynamic Catholics express their gratitude by being generous with their time, talent and with their money and possessions. They are generous with their praise and appreciation and are also the happiest and joyful people. The third sign of a dynamic Catholic is generosity. Next weekend we consider the fourth sign. Stay tuned!

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, the 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.***

“...Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means.” Sirach 35:7-10

Scripture for next Sunday, December 21, 2014

**Readings: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-11, 16; Rm 16:25-27;
Lk 1:26-38**

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-11, 16

In this passage, David's concern to build a house for the Lord reflects the need for a center of worship if the people are to remain united as God's people. God through the prophet Nathan rejects this thought. Instead, it is God himself who will be with David and his dynasty. God's true temple is not made of stones and mortar, but made out of the people themselves with whom God dwells.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

This psalm speaks of God's promises to David to be fulfilled in Christ. Response: "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

The "mystery" to which Paul refers in this passage is the inclusion of the Gentiles in God's salvation. That promise, formerly reserved only to the Jews is now revealed to include the Gentiles. This is the secret or mystery of the world to come; the mystery of God's plan of salvation for all peoples, which is now made known through the prophets to all the nations.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

The story of the annunciation in this passage is Luke's way of preparing us for what we are about to celebrate, the mystery of Incarnation. The event of the annunciation is indeed the revelation of the mystery of the Incarnation, as it were, kept secret for ages now being made known through Mary. The promises made to David that the Lord would establish a house for him, are to be fulfilled in the child to be born of Mary, "the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob for ever."

Luke highlights the virginity of Mary as a sign of revealing God's power. In the Jewish Scriptures, virginity is a sign of rejection. Mary, in taking on freely this status of unfruitfulness, through her spousal relationship with God, becomes fruitful beyond measure in giving life to the Messiah, and through him, new life to the entire humanity. Mary's unconditional obedience expressed at the end of the passage has always been read as being in sharp contrast to the disobedience of Eve, and thus Mary becomes a model of faith and obedience. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

*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, Eileen Hayase, Mike Culkin, Frank Tadda, Tom Nestor, Karla Richardson, Andrew D. Rossi, Jane & Ray Beauchemin, Richard Butz, Ashley Nawahine, Kamakoa Almasin, Carmen Fajota, Ellen Cleghorn, Helen Uyehara, Linda Watson, Maya Higgins, BJ Sagocio, Teresita Milanio, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

Deceased: Severino A. Valencia, Gail M. Furtado, Roy Dahlin, Jr., Lori E. Cabacungan, Lorrain Jozaitis, Anthony Scarpelli, Roman P. Perez, Consolacion Leonoras, Herschel Esperas, Bernard Fabrao, Marlene Izumigawa, Stanford W. Papas, Emilia S. Taclan, and Santos "Sandy" Padilla.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, December 15, 2014

8am Mass Rose McNorton (Birthday)
Erin & Sheila Gallogly (Birthday)

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

8am Mass James & Mildred Mizoguchi (RIP)
Jesse Pangelinan (Birthday)

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

8am Mass Laurence Scott (RIP)
Terry Lee Couch (RIP)

Thursday, December 18, 2014

8am Mass Fr. Cletus Mooya (RIP)
Eulalio & Teopista Tulang (RIP)

Friday, December 19, 2014

8am Mass Glenn Galman (Safety / Protection)
Evaristo & Ignacia Racoma (RIP)
Paul S. Thames, Jr. (RIP)
Stanford Papas (RIP)

Saturday, December 20, 2014

8am Mass Margaret Guerrero-Romasanta
(Birthday Blessings)
Hoy Chang (Birthday Memorial)
5pm Mass James Schriver (RIP)

Sunday, December 21, 2014

7am Mass Samuel Aguirre (Healing)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Patrick Mayock (Birthday)
6pm Mass Jose Maria Aguirre (RIP)

Parish News & Announcements

REMINDER TO OUR "CHRISTMAS ANGELS": If you have not yet turned in your "angel gift" please note that the **FINAL COLLECTION of all gifts will be on Sunday, December 14th at the morning masses only.** Call the Religious Education Office at 623-3332, ext. 204, if you have any questions. MAHALO!

Support Religious Communities. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will provide vital support for the retirement needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It will also help ensure that younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please share your gratitude for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests this weekend, December 13/14, by making a donation to the Retirement Fund for the Religious. Envelopes are available at the back of the church or you may also make a donation online by visiting our parish website and clicking the "Online Giving" icon. Please be generous.

Christmas Flower Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the church or you may also make a donation online by visiting our parish website and clicking the "Online Giving" icon.

SAVE THE DATES!

Wednesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Masses 6:00 PM (Children's Mass), 9:00 PM, 12:00 Midnight	
Thursday, December 25th - Christmas Day Masses 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM <i>*No 6:00 PM Evening Mass*</i>	
December 27, 2014 8:00 AM Mass	St. John Apostle & Evangelist Feast Day (Breakfast potluck to follow Mass, please bring a dish to share)
December 31, 2014 8:00 AM & 10:00 PM Masses	New Year's Eve Mass of Thanksgiving

In the Footsteps of Jesus! Journey on a 12-day Pilgrimage to The Holy Land with Msgr. John Mbinda, Spiritual Director, and Dr. Timothy Mullner, Pilgrimage Host, from **April 14 - 25, 2015**, designed especially for St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church. *Space is limited!* For more information, please contact Jolly Guerrero-Tano at 623-3332, ext. 113 or info@stjohnmililani.org.

Misa de Gallo will begin on Tuesday, December 16th, thru Wednesday, December 24th, at 5:00 am. The Mass celebrants are as follows:

Tuesday, December 16	Msgr. John Mbinda
Wednesday, December 17	Most Rev. Larry Silva
Thursday, December 18	Rev. Joe Selvan
Friday, December 19	Rev. Edmund Barut
Saturday, December 20	Msgr. Ted Mercado
Sunday, December 21	Rev. Paul Minchak
Monday, December 22	Rev. Paul Li
Tuesday, December 23	Rev. Rheo Ofalsa
Wednesday, December 24	Msgr. John Mbinda

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Santos "Sandy" Padilla (RIP)

Sunday, December 28, 2014 ~ Mililani Memorial Park
Wake Service: 6:30 (Mauka Chapel)
Monday, December 29, 2014 ~ St. John A & E
Viewing: 9:30 am ~ Mass: 11:00 am
Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Collection for December 6/7	
Sunday Collection	\$17,998.06
Candle Sales	\$592.00
Donation - Baptism	\$200.00
Donation - Funerals	\$300.00
Holiday Fund	\$30.00
Stewardship Development	\$5.00
Mass Intentions	\$90.00
Donation - Outreach	\$132.50
Christmas Flower Offering	\$104.40
Parish Hall	\$3,050.00
BEMO	\$1,602.25
Hui O Laulima	\$353.50
Retirement for the Religious	\$225.00
<i>"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce." Proverbs 3:9</i>	

HORIZON OF HOPE

The Third
Sunday

Make Straight the Way of the Lord

John 1:7-8,19-28

When the priests and Levites demanded to know who John was, he didn't answer them in the way they wanted. Instead, he quoted Isaiah, saying that he was "the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord."

Throughout this Sunday's Gospel, we are reminded that we must be willing to embark on a journey if we want to come to the Faith. God sends John into the desert. The Jews from Jerusalem send priests and Levites to talk to John. The Pharisees send some of their own people to question him. And, finally, John says that the Messiah will be sent after him. Not only that, people had to travel out to the desert if they wanted to experience John's baptism of repentance.

One of the lessons for this Third Week of Advent is that if we want to meet the Lord, we need to be willing to seek him. We must go out into the deserts of our lives with the expectation that we will find Jesus there. However, we must also be willing to "see" him. As John said, "there is one among you whom you do not recognize."

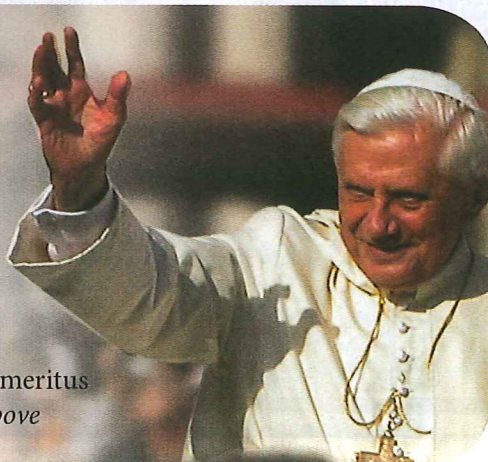
As we begin the final stages of Advent preparation, may we be "witnesses to the light," and may our hearts and minds turn more fully to the coming of the Christ this week.



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"Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope."

— Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI), *Seek That Which Is Above*



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POINTS TO PONDER

- Where am I in my journey of faith this Advent?
- What are some ways that I can express the joy of Gaudete Sunday with my family and friends?
- What is one thing I can commit to praying about this Advent season?

ADVENT PRAYER

Come, O Lord!

"In joy you shall go forth, in peace you shall be brought home." — Isaiah 55:12

Lord, lead me and I will follow!

Catechism CONNECTION

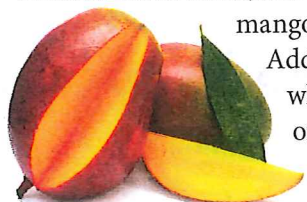
"At the announcement that she would give birth to 'the Son of the Most High' without knowing man, by the power of the Holy Spirit, Mary responded with the obedience of faith, certain that 'with God nothing will be impossible': 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be [done] to me according to your word.' Thus, giving her consent to God's word, Mary becomes the mother of Jesus." — *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 494

FAMILY FOCUS

Advent Around the World

This year, add a little international flavor to your Advent with these family activities from around the world.

INDIA Mango leaves are typically used for Advent decorations in India, and instead of decorating pines trees, mango and banana trees are trimmed.



Add a bowl of mangoes and small white lights, which recall the Star of Bethlehem, to your table.

PHILIPPINES Advent is marked by attending Mass nine days in a row (called *Simbág Gabi*, "night mass," or *Misas de Aguinaldo*, "gift Masses"), starting on December 16. If you can't make it to Mass all nine days, try to attend at least a few days of daily Mass.



EUROPE In Alpine countries, children carry a statue of Saint Joseph to a different home each night during Advent. Carry the statue of Joseph from your crèche to each child's room where it will spend the night and then move on the next day. On Christmas Eve, put Joseph next to Mary in the stable.

HEROES OF HOPE

SAINT LUCY

Saint Lucy is one of only eight women saints mentioned by name in the Mass. Her name, Lucia, comes from the Latin word for light. Before the reform of the Gregorian calendar in the Middle Ages, her feast fell on the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year, and heralded the return of longer, lighter days. Even now, she is associated with light and fire. In the Scandinavian countries, especially Norway and Sweden, on Saint Lucy's feast day, the youngest daughter of the family wears a crown of lighted candles (now often battery powered) and serves special rolls and cookies to her family at dawn. In parts of Italy, her feast is commemorated with homemade pasta and a dessert called *cuccia*, made of wheat berries in hot chocolate. *Saint Lucy, pray for us!*

Feast Day:
December 13



SIGNS OF THE SEASON

In the Pink

Deep purple is the liturgical color for Advent — except for the third Sunday, which is Gaudete Sunday. This week the liturgical vestments and the candle in the Advent wreath are a rosy pink to highlight the joy that the Lord's coming is almost here. The name derives from the Latin words of the Introit to the Mass: "*Gaudete in Domino semper; iterum dico, gaudete*": "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!"

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The following recommended list of books can help transform your life.

- Did Adam & Eve Have a Belly Button** by Matthew Pinto
- Confessions of a Mega Church Pastor** by Dr. Allen Hunt
- Jesus Shock** by Dr. Peter Kreeft
- The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic** by Matthew Kelly
- Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody** by Dr. Allen Hunt
- Made for More** by Curtis Martin
- Holiness Revolution** by Dan DeMatte
- Mission of the Family** by John Leonette
- Ordinary Lives/Extraordinary Mission** by John R. Wood
- Walking With Purpose** by Lisa Brenninkmeyer
- In His Spirit** by Richard Hauser S.J.
- The Real Story** by Curtis Martin & Edward Sri
- Every Man's Story** By James P. Campbell
- Finding True Happiness** by Fulton Sheen
- Nothing is Impossible With God** by John Michael Talbot
- Life's Greatest Lessons** by Dr. Allen Hunt
- A Father Who Keeps His Promises** by Dr. Scott Hahn
- Rediscovering Catholicism** by Matthew Kelly

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- Confessions of a Mega-Church Pastor** by Dr. Allen Hunt
- Praying the Rosary Like Never Before** by Edward Sri
- The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality** by Matthew Kelly
- True Devotion to Mary by St. Louis de Montfort** by Fr. Lance W. Harlow
- Best Way to Live** by Matthew Kelly
- Making Sense Out of Suffering** by Dr. Scott Hahn
- How to Apply Our Faith to Our Families** by Kimberly Hahn
- How to Win the World Without Losing Your Soul** by Dave Durand
- God of My Past, God of My Future** by Mark Hart & Matt Smith
- The Face of God** by Blessed Mother Theresa
- The Lambs Supper** by Dr. Scott Hahn
- Angles Explained-What You Should Know About the Nine Choirs** by Dr. Mark Miravalle
- Proof of the Existence of God** by Fr. Robert Spritzer
- Shameless: Seeing Yourself as God Sees You** by Jeff Cavins
- Discerning God's Will** by Fr. Larry Richards
- This Changes Everything** by Ken Yasinski
- A Guide to Raising (Almost) Perfect Children** by Dr. Gregory & Lisa Popcak
- The Holy Rosary** by Matthew Arnold
- St. Philomena – A Saint for Our Times** by Dr. Mark Miravalle
- Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist** by Dr. Brant Pitre
- Trust in the Lord** by Fr. Thomas Richter
- Meet Kids 4 Jesus – Catholic Music for Kids**