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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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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The Christmas festivities have begun, and with the festivities come the opportunities to gather with family. As Christians families, the Christmas season offers us an opportunity to reflect in our own families. Today the Church invites us to seek advice, wisdom, and comfort from the most Holy Family of all, the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph – whose feast we are celebrating. No one can doubt that our families have many challenges today. We parents are faced with job insecurity, value challenges, time constraints, and demands. Our children are faced with peer pressure to do unhealthy things, media pressure to put pleasure before responsibility, and inner pressure to be popular. Our media tends to illustrate anything but holy families; portraying families in which rudeness, dishonesty, ridicule, selfishness, and manipulation are acceptable. The family structure suffered many changes, but all these things are not new news to us. They are the perfect ingredients for disaster and in many cases the path to the destruction of the sacredness of our family Christian values. Many are constantly seeking to become what they call “a perfect family.” In Matthew Kelly’s book “*Building Better Families*”, it explains that “*perfect families exist only in our minds, and it is the imaginings that are very often the enemy of our ability to enjoy the wonderful family we already have, or might have if we made it just that little bit more of a priority.*”

The readings for this weekend challenge us to set aside all those demands of becoming a “perfect family” and invite us to consider becoming HOLY families. So we might ask, “What does it mean to be holy?” Holiness is not absence of difficulties. It is a realistic engagement in the difficulties, struggles, and tensions of human life. The holiness of a family is not dependent upon perfection or an easy road. What makes Jesus, Mary, and Joseph a holy family is their faithful, obedient response to God’s message and their ability to discern and respond to God’s presence and will for them. Our families are also holy in our responding faithfully to God’s will for us. Whether we are a traditional family or a single-parent family, whether we have biological, adopted, or foster children or no children, makes no difference for living as a holy family. What makes a difference is discerning God’s message and doing God’s will. Hearing God’s message and responding to God’s will made the Holy Family holy; it makes our families holy, too. So our challenge today is that as parents we need to practice good stewardship by using our talents to pass on our faith to educate, nurture, and protect our families from seeking an unrealistic perfection. Like Matthew Kelly concludes in his book, we should create an environment for our family to “become the best version of ourselves.”

Peace!

Deacon Modesto Cordero

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 Reading for next Sunday, January 4, 2015

Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

This passage from Isaiah consists of two parts. Verses 1-3 focus on the fulfillment of Isaiah chapter 40 and following that foretold the return of the exiles from Babylon to Jerusalem. Verses 4-6 refer to the future pilgrimage of the Gentiles to Jerusalem after rebuilding the city. In the context of the Epiphany of the Lord, verses 1-3 in today's reading refer to the Christ-event, which is now seen in a new light, in terms of salvation and the light brought by Christ and revealed to the world today. In verses 4-6, the Gentiles respond to that revelation by coming to Christ.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-13

Psalm 72, originally composed for the coronation of the Davidic kings, is here applied by Christian faith to Jesus Christ. The psalm underlines the pastoral attributes of kingship – concern for justice and compassion for the poor. Christian faith sees the fulfillment of the image described here in God's universal mission of salvation in Christ, symbolized by all the kings coming to pay homage to new born King, who is served by all the nations.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

This passage combines the same two themes found in the first reading, namely, the revelation of manifestation of God (v.3) and the Gentiles inclusion and participation in God's salvation (v.6).

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

This passage is part of Matthew's infancy narrative. There are several features in this passage all meant to show the mystery of the infant king born out of the line of David. He is the promised messiah. Associated with this prophecy, Matthew uses the symbolism of a star. As such a star reflects the only the light of the real source of light – Christ. Finally Matthew makes use of the prophecy of Isaiah in the first reading referring to kings coming and bearing "gold and frankincense." These are the same kings mentioned in the Psalm 72. Thus the story of the Magi does not stand alone. Its context is set by the first two readings and the psalm. All the readings of today converge around the light revealed to all the nations; the manifestation of the Son of God to the whole world.

*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: Jane & Ray Beauchemin, Richard Butz, Ashley Nawahine, Kamakoa Almasin, Carmen Fajota, Ellen Cleghorn, Helen Uyehara, Linda Watson, Maya Higgins, BJ Sagocio, Teresita Milanio, Samuel Aguirre, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

Deceased: Roman P. Perez, Consolacion Leonoras, Herschel Esperas, Bernard Fabrao, Marlene Izumigawa, Stanford W. Papas, Emilia S. Taclan, Santos "Sandy" Padilla, Carmen B. Callejo, and Lillian Ramos.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, December 29, 2014

8am Mass Hilario Savet (RIP)
Roselin Ferreire (RIP)

Tuesday, December 30, 2014

8am Mass Higa-Kohagura Family
(Blessings/Thanksgiving)
Gora-Higa Family
(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Wednesday, December 31, 2014

8am Mass Guerrero Family
(Thanksgiving/Blessings)
Medeiros & Cole Family
(Thanksgiving/Blessings)
10pm Mass St. John A & E Parish Clergy & Staff
(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Thursday, January 1, 2015

8am Mass Fidel Reyes, Sr. (Healing)
Helen Thames (RIP)

Friday, January 2, 2015

8am Mass Feliciano Dona (RIP)
James & Mildred Mizoguchi (RIP)
Helen Thames (RIP)
Santos "Sandy" Padilla (RIP)

Saturday, January 3, 2015

8am Mass Melkarth J. Raqueno
(Birthday Blessings)
Marlene Izumigawa (RIP)
5pm Mass Marlene Izumigawa (RIP)

Sunday, January 4, 2015

7am Mass Francisco & Marceledas (Lolly) Cole
(RIP)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Joyce Morin (RIP)
6pm Mass Loretta Tucker (RIP)

Parish News & Announcements

New Year's Eve Masses on December 31st are scheduled for 8:00 am and 10:00 pm.

St. John A & E Rectory *HOLIDAY Office Hours*

Wednesday, December 31, 2014 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

Thurs/Fri., January 1 - 2, 2015 **CLOSED**

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

24 Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, January 2, 2015, immediately after the 8 A.M. Mass and will end at 7:30 A.M. on Saturday, January 3rd. 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!

PREISTS' RETREAT: Msgr. John and Fr. Boniface will be attending the Priests' Retreat at St. Stephen Diocesan Center on January 12-16, 2015. Fr. Paul Minchak will preside at daily Mass during this time.

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on January 15, 2015, 7pm-9pm, in the parish center classroom 6. The book we will discuss is *Three Approaches to Abortion: A thoughtful and Compassionate Guide to Today's Most Controversial Issue* by Peter Kreeft. Borrow or buy the book, read it and join us for our book discussion. For more information, contact Melissa Crisostomo 626-2469 or alohamc@yahoo.com.

A Music Ministry Workshop will be held on Sunday, January 25th, 2015, from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Church. The workshop is presented by Dr. Timothy Mullner. All choir members are encouraged to attend.

There will be a Prayer Vigil & Luminary Display commemorating the tragic legalization of abortion in our nation on Thursday, January 22, 2015, 5:30 pm at the Hawaii State Capitol. You may sponsor a luminary to honor someone known or unknown to you for a donation of \$5. The donation will help support this event and pro-life efforts in our diocese. On Saturday, January 24, come and march in the 42nd Annual Rally for Life also to be held at the Hawaii State Capitol. Free transportation will be provided for both events; transportation sign-ups and donations can be made this weekend, Dec. 27/28, or January 3/4, on the church lanai. For more information, contact Melissa Crisostomo at alohamc@yahoo.com or Mary Smart at mghsmart@yahoo.com.

Please join us in the Ordination to Permanent Diaconate of
Romeo Ganibe
This special event will take place on
Friday, January 30, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
at *St. Teresa Co-Cathedral.*

Save the Date!

Please join us on

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2015, AT 6:30 PM

for a Memorial Mass in remembrance of

† *Fr. Cletus Mooya*

Fellowship and potluck will follow Mass.

Please bring a dish to share.

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.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Santos "Sandy" Padilla (RIP)

Sunday, December 28, 2014 ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Wake Service: 6:30 pm (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

Lillian M. Ramos (RIP)

Monday, December 29, 2014 ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Wake Service: 6:30 pm (Mauka Chapel)

Tuesday, December 30, 2014 ~ St. John A & E

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

Burial: 1:00 pm ~ Hawaii State Veteran's Cemetery

Collection for December 20/21, 2014

Sunday Collection	\$24,384.62
Candle Sales	\$384.00
Offerings - Baptism	\$60.00
Stewardship Development	\$590.00
Mass Intentions	\$180.00
Misa De Gallo	\$698.95
Donation - Outreach	\$89.00
Christmas Flower Offering	\$268.00
Christmas Offering	\$508.00
Immaculate Conception	\$55.00
Building Fund	\$1,118.00
Hui O Laulima	\$274.00
Holy Land / Good Friday	\$7.50
Retirement for the Religious	\$33.00

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