



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): 8:00 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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Epiphany: Mystery of Christ – Light to the Nations

The feast of the Epiphany originated in the third century to commemorate the first appearance of Christ (the infant King) to the entire world as Saviour. The first reading from Isaiah uses the metaphor of light shining through the darkness and the clouds, a wonderful image of describing what epiphany is trying to tell us about Jesus. Our own darkness and the clouds of our lack of understanding so often make it difficult for us to recognize in daily life the presence of God, in the Lord Jesus, in the Church or in other people. Psalm 72 focuses on the nations coming to adore the Lord. "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you" and then speaks of kings from foreign lands bringing gifts to the Lord. The Psalm in a sense introduces the Gospel of today that recounts the story of the three wise kings from the East (also called the Magi), who represent all the nations. These Magi come as seekers of the source of the light. The star is only a guide for them. On finding the source, the infant king, they are overjoyed, they confess, worship him and offer him gifts. In the preface of the Epiphany, we get a sense of the mystery we celebrate. "Today you revealed in Christ your eternal plan of salvation and showed him as the light of all peoples". St. Paul in the second reading speaks about this inclusive nature of salvation in God's plan.

The central message of the Epiphany is that Jesus is revealed to us as a light to the nations. The Magi go in search of this light guided by a star until they find the source of the light in Bethlehem. With them we too seek and recognize the child who is born to be our Saviour. Like them, we too pay homage to Christ and accept the light that Christ brings into our hearts, so that we can be the best version of ourselves. Since we are led to discover Christ, we are therefore called to go out and share with others the Good News revealed to us, so that they too may discover the best way to live. Through our daily witness, in loving others, in forgiving them, in our faith and compassion, in our courage and perseverance, may we be like the star that guides them in their journey of faith, to seek and to discover Christ – the best way to live. The message we take home is two-fold: 1) We are invited today to recognize God's light, God's presence in our lives, and to let our hearts rejoice and overflow because we know that God is with us 2) Consequently, we are called to go out and share with others the Good News of Jesus Christ revealed to us; to share the light that Christ has given us.

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.***

Msgr. John S. Mbinda
Pastor

Readings for Next Sunday, January 11, 2015

Readings: Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3,4bcd,5-6; 1 Jn 5:1-9;
Mk 1:7-11

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

The passage is a prophecy that contains some of the most moving sentiments placed in the mouth of God: “come”, “receive”, “eat” and “drink”. God’s invitation is extended both to those who are able to pay for food and drink and to those who cannot. All are invited to come to the Lord in order to be refreshed and nourished. This reference is more than just physical ordinary food. It refers more to God’s word that refreshes and renews.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3,4bcd,5-6

The hymn from Isaiah is one of thanksgiving and anticipates favors that will be granted in the future. One might consider it a hymn of confidence as well. The theme of water appears here again as in the first reading. This is the response to the psalm: “You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.”

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-9

This reading is a testimony to the Trinitarian faith. It describes God as the one who begets (the Father); it identifies Jesus as the Son of God; and it credits the Spirit as the one who testifies to the triumph of Jesus’s death and resurrection. The text expresses in profound ways who Jesus is: Jesus is the Christ, which means the “anointed one.” Our faith in him makes us “begotten of God” and “beloved of God.” Thus faith and love are intimately linked.

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

The gospel passage consists of two parts: 1) it identifies the central message of John’s preaching; and 2) it describes the baptism of Jesus by John. Because of his preaching, John is identified as the forerunner of the Messiah. He not only comes before Jesus, he also prepares the people for Jesus who is far superior to him. John underlines this difference by the contrast that he states in the text. He says that Jesus is more powerful than he is. Next he contrasts their baptism. His is with water. Jesus’ baptism will be in the Holy Spirit.

*Msgs. 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, Ellen Cleghorn, Helen Uyehara, Linda Watson, Maya Higgins, BJ Sagocio, Teresita Milanio, Samuel Aguirre, Mike Culkin, Bryan & Alexandra Hollon Family, Gloria Aquino, 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, Lillian M. Ramos, Carmen B. Callejo, and Ernesta L. Salvador.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, January 5, 2015

8am Mass Cyril & Molly Pereira (RIP)
Paul Richardson (RIP)

Tuesday, January 6, 2015

8am Mass Expectacion & Ruperto Rosario,
Teresita Arreola (RIP)
Emerson Masa (RIP)

Wednesday, January 7, 2015

8am Mass Diane Medeiros (RIP)
Ronald & Erlinda Redoble
(Thanksgiving)

Thursday, January 8, 2015

8am Mass Clyde & Elizabeth Higa
(Anniversary)
Leila Redoble (Birthday)

Friday, January 9, 2015

8am Mass Albert W. Sieben, Jr. (RIP)
Alice Roberson (RIP)

Saturday, January 10, 2015

8am Mass William Waema (RIP)
Luz V. Vargas (RIP)
5pm Mass Eugene Dombrint (RIP)

Sunday, January 11, 2015

7am Mass Daniel Cortel
(Birthday/Thanksgiving)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Mary Jane Harrison (RIP)
6pm Mass Juana Orense (RIP)

Parish News & Announcements

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - The Adoration Core Team will be holding a welcoming / informational meeting on Tuesday, January 6th, 2015, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center classrooms 4 & 5, for current adorers and those who are interested in learning more about Adoration. For more information, you can email Taylor Mitchell at taylor.k.mitchell@gmail.com.

PRIEST 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, 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.

Fundraiser for the Homeless- Please join Roxanne Gonzales, a high school student and a member of the St. John Youth and Young Adult Ministry, in her fundraiser for the homeless on the weekend of January 17/18, 2015 after all Masses. She will be selling her artwork (paintings and novelty boxes). Let us help her reach our goal of at least \$500 to be donated to the Institute of Human Services (IHS), a non-profit organization that works to prevent and end homelessness in Hawaii. Flyers will be distributed for further information.

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

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. Bus transportation is available for a cost of \$4 per person. The bus will leave St. John at 5:00 pm and will depart from the Co-Cathedral at 9:45 pm to return to St. John. Sign-ups will be held on the weekends of January 3/4 and January 9/10 after all Sunday Masses. For more information, call 623-3332, ext. 100 or email info@stjohnmililani.org.

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.

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.

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 Jan. 3/4, on the church lanai. For more information, contact Melissa Crisostomo at alohamc@yahoo.com or Mary Smart at mghsmart@yahoo.com.

Misa De Gallo Collection

December 16-24, 2014

\$2,104.35

Christmas Collection

December 24-25, 2014

\$30,510.78

Collection for December 27/28, 2014

Sunday Collection	\$16,047.30
Candle Sales	\$839.00
Offerings - Funeral	\$300.00
Holiday Fund	\$20.00
Stewardship Development	\$2,935.00
Mass Intentions	\$220.00
Donation - Outreach	\$79.00
Christmas Flower Offering	\$611.00
Immaculate Conception	\$47.00
Building Fund	\$1,390.20
Hui O Laulima	\$78.70
Church in Latin America and Black & Indian Missions	\$50.00
Retirement for the Religious	\$5.00

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