



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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Baptism of the Lord

“I will baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit”. Baptism was the beginning of Christ’s public ministry, and for the rest of us, our own baptism marks the beginning of our own lives as Catholics. Most of us were baptized when we were infants, so we don’t remember it. And the chances are, if you have been a part of a baptism, as a parent, a godparent, or just a relative looking on, there’s a lot going on during the Rite of Baptism.

This Sunday, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, is a good opportunity for us to notice what we may have been missing, to look beyond the water, the oil, the prayers, and the white dress. This feast is a chance to reflect on what this sacrament means.

Baptism, the first sacrament of initiation, is fundamentally about who we are, and who we will be. To be baptized is to be defined in a new way: as a Catholic Christian. We are transformed and we become a new creation in all its beauty, joy and wonder.

It is the commitment of parents and godparents to the Catholic faith and to live that faith with fidelity, enthusiasm and joy. This means living it in such a way that their godchildren will see what they do, how they pray, what they value, how they love and become the “best version of themselves”.

The Church celebrates this sacrament as a community, because as a community, we pray together, rejoice together, grieve together and we grow together. The Christian life isn’t lived in isolation. Jesus’ baptism wasn’t something he did alone. He had his community around him. Because of baptism, I’m connected to you, and you are connected to me. That connects us, as well, to the man baptized in the Jordan two thousand years ago.

In baptism we call God our Father, and Jesus our brother, the one who showed us by his example how to begin the great mission of the Gospel, through water and the Spirit. Today Jesus’ mission is our mission. The same Spirit which accompanied him also accompanies us as we strive to live the Gospel and make the world a better place to live. Baptism gives us the grace that we need in order to transform not only ourselves but one person at a time. Remember to celebrate with joy, wonder and awe the day of your baptism.

Blessings, 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, 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, January 18, 2015

**Readings: 1 Sm 3:3-10,19; 1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20;
Jn 1:35-42**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19

The call of Samuel in this passage, which is a call to be a prophet for the young Samuel, serves as a type of Christ's baptism. Like Jesus in his baptism, Samuel hears the call of God and responds with the words, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Similarly, John's Gospel often speaks of Jesus listening to the Father.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 40:2,4,7-10

Psalm 40 is used today as a response to Samuel's call, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." Paul in the to the Hebrews (10:4-10) quotes this Psalm to refer to Christ's response to the Father's call. Christ's response to the call covers His entire life and mission accomplished on the cross.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20

Starting this Sunday, we will be reading First Corinthians for five Sundays and Second Corinthians thereafter. The context of Paul's argument in today's passage is discussion about immoral sexual behavior in the Corinthian community. Paul offers straight talk and argues that "The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord". For Paul, genuine faith in Christ delivers the soul from the body and brings the whole person – body and soul – under the Lordship of Christ. Paul uses two images to explain how that deliverance takes place. First, as believers in Christ we become members of Christ. This image of the Church as the body of Christ is developed later in Chapter 12. Since sexual immorality involves the whole person, it consequently takes away from Christ his rightful property. One is no longer in Christ. Paul then uses a second image, the temple of the Holy Spirit. "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you..." In other words, sexual immorality is a desecration of the temple of the Lord.

Gospel: John 1:35-42

This familiar passage is John's account of the call of the first disciples. This call is closely connected to ministry of John the Baptist who points out his disciples to Jesus as the messiah. "Behold the Lamb of God." This witness by John the Baptist is so convincing that two of his disciples switch sides and begin following Christ. Here we find a very interesting dialogue about seeing Jesus, being immediately attracted by his person and following Him. The two disciples who follow Jesus are so captivated by his person and convinced that Andrew goes and invites his own brother Simon. "We have found the Messiah." In this passage, John the Evangelist sums up a whole process of revelation, call and response that extends from the Baptism of Jesus through His entire mission that includes Peter's confession up to His passion, death, resurrection and the post-resurrection appearances.

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 & 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, Ramon Ramos, Jeff Grundon, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

Deceased: Consolacion Leonoras, Herschel Esperas, Bernard Fabrao, Marlene Izumigawa, Stanford W. Papas, Emilia S. Taclan, Santos "Sandy" Padilla, Lillian M. Ramos, Carmen B. Callejo, Ernesta L. Salvador, Carmen O. Austria, Ernesta L. Salvador, and Christina Falke.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, January 12, 2015

8am Mass Josephine Pablo (Birthday)
Felisa Dicsen
(Birthday Memorial)

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

8am Mass Phillip Cabudol (RIP)
Santos "Sandy" Padilla (RIP)

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

8am Mass John & Frances Clarke (RIP)
Santos "Sandy" Padilla (RIP)

Thursday, January 15, 2015

8am Mass Santos "Sandy" Padilla (RIP)
Manuel Visaya (RIP)

Friday, January 16, 2015

8am Mass Frank & Nita Hing (Thanksgiving)
Daniel Coronado (RIP)
Lillian M. Ramos (RIP)

Saturday, January 17, 2015

8am Mass Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Roberson (RIP)
Jeff Grundon (Healing)
5pm Mass Hazel Hiilani Rodriguez (RIP)

Sunday, January 18, 2015

7am Mass Won Family
(Thanksgiving / Blessings)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Fr. Cletus Mooya (RIP)
6pm Mass Juana Orense (RIP)

Parish News & Announcements

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.

Attention all ladies of St. John A&E Church. Please join the Spirit-led ladies of St. John Women's Guild in their General Membership meeting on Thurs., Jan. 15, at 10 am in the church. There's something for everyone throughout the year: fun & 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, the sick, and the community.

Fundraiser for the Homeless- Please join Roxanne Gonzales, a high school student and a member of the St. John Youth & Young Adult Ministry, in her fundraiser for the homeless next weekend, January 17/18, 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 Sun., Jan. 25th, from 2:00-4:00 pm in the church, 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 30th, 7:00 p.m. at St. Theresa 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 this weekend Jan. 9/10 after all Sunday Masses. For more information, call 623-3332, ext. 100 or email info@stjohnmililani.org.

Married Couples - It's New Year's Resolution Time. Resolve to start a new love affair with your spouse that's beyond your wildest dreams. It can happen on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Sign up soon so you can renew your love for one another. For more information, visit the WWME website at www.hawaiiwwme.org or contact Jose & Mary Elizabeth Alvior at 808-391-2045, or jluvsme@gmail.com.

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 Thurs., Jan. 22, 2015, 5:30 pm at the Hawaii State Capitol. 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 Sat., Jan. 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, please contact Melissa Crisostomo alohamc@yahoo.com, or Mary Smart at mghsmart@yahoo.com.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Carmen B. Callejo (RIP)

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Viewing: 9:00 am ~Prayer Service: 10:00 am (Mauka)

Collection for January 3/4, 2015	
Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM	\$2,766.89
- 7:00 AM	\$2,668.89
- 9:00 AM	\$3,216.60
- 11:00 AM	\$2,838.66
- 6:00 PM	\$1,966.02
- Front Office	\$1,049.00
- Online Donation	\$3,125.50
Candle Sales	\$568.00
Offerings - Baptisms	\$90.00
Offerings - Funerals	\$300.00
Mass Intentions	\$60.00
Holiday Fund	\$2.00
Building Fund Collection	\$665.00
Christmas Fund	\$7,249.00
Donation - Outreach	\$730.00
Stewardship Development	\$430.00
BEMO	\$1,705.75
Hui O Laulima	\$237.00
Church in Latin America	\$10.00
Weekend Total:	\$29,678.31
<i>"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce." Proverbs 3:9</i>	