



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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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark describes the ministry of Jesus in terms of a working day. It begins with the Word of God proclaimed and prayed. The rest of the day is spent in acts of healing.

What we noticed about this first day is the lack of explicit messages. There are no sayings on moral living or reminders on holiness. It is not difficult to see Jesus in the context of healing. Unfortunately, the healing stories have often been presented as proofs of Jesus' divinity rather than pointing to the place where God is to be found.

The story of the healing of Peter's mother-in-law provides the basic elements of a healing narrative. The setting is Peter's home. The party of men has arrived for their Sabbath meal. The synagogue with its focus on the Word, was considered the domain of the men while the women's religious role was focused on the table.

The second element is the bringing of the sick person to Jesus. The family informs Jesus of the mother's fever. In this culture it was appropriate that the men would bring this to Jesus' attention. Jesus "raises her up." The mention of the taking of her hand implies that touch, in the form of the laying on of hands, is often present in the healing stories. A transformation occurs. Finally the woman is enabled to continue her ministry of service to others, the third sign of a Dynamic Catholic.

Sometimes this story is told in too narrow a context, as if Jesus cured the woman so that she could get on with getting lunch. All Gospel stories are about the church community. The woman is enabled to continue her pastoral ministry within the community.

Wellness, that is, spiritual wellness is a prerequisite for ministry. This does not mean that only saints can minister. It means that if we are not free ourselves, we cannot free others. For example, if we are "burning up" with unresolved angers we won't be able to listen to others. Taking care of ourselves, facing our own demons, will help us be more compassionate towards others.

As Job did not allow his terrible afflictions to separate him from God, so we pray for courage in the face of our own difficulties, which may hinder our carrying out the work of the kingdom.

Blessings,

Deacon Wally

MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a Catholic Christian community,
 called to develop a deeper
 relationship with Christ.*

*Such a relationship is fostered
 through active participation in:*

Word, Sacrament,

**Renewal Programs, Ministry/Service,
 and other Spirit-led activities.**

*We dedicate our time,
 talent and treasure to install,
 in our parish community,
 the basic building blocks of Christian
 living, to preach the
 Good News of Jesus Christ
 to all through our words,
 deeds and lives.*

Readings for Sunday, February 15, 2015

Readings: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor. 10:31-11:1;
Mark 1:40-45

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

These four verses do not cover the complex Levitical law on skin diseases. Leviticus 13-14 gives detailed procedures for the evaluation and quarantine of those so afflicted, but shows little concern for suffering or interest in healing. The concern of the law was the common good, protecting society from infection, rather than the welfare of the individual. The priest's duty was to be a judge who would declare the leprous person unclean or verify such a person to be cured.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11

Psalm 32 is one of the seven penitential psalms. It is used as part of today's readings because leprosy serves as a symbol of human sin. The leper reports to the priest and so too the sinner comes to confess to the Lord. Response: "I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you will fill me with the joy of salvation."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

These few verses cannot be understood properly apart from their context. The background is Chapter 10:1-13 which offers an introduction and gives the key teaching: the Eucharist is the one body of Christ. Thus we become one with the body of Christ. If we are united to Christ, we form an organic unity - one body - with all who share the Eucharist. Therefore we must celebrate the Eucharist (without giving offense to anyone) so that our unity in Christ's love is evident.

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Leprosy, as found in the Bible, is a generic term for a variety of skin diseases; it did not refer only to what we now known as Hansen's disease. Leviticus 13-14 (first reading) describes various forms of skin disease, and prescribes the precautions of isolation outside the city for those afflicted, and examination by the priests to verify healing. Thus leprosy and its consequences signified uncleanness and alienation from society, and therefore became a symbol of sin and condemnation. Mark gives three reasons to show why Jesus goes against the Levitical laws of not touching lepers. "Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him..." The second reason is to show the extraordinary power of Jesus: "I will do it. Be made clean." The third reason is the conclusion that therefore Jesus is the Messiah, but that truth can only be revealed gradually. That is why Jesus tells the cured leper to tell no one but to show himself to the priest in accordance of the law as a proof to those who still doubt him to be the Messiah.

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"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, Christina Falke, Oscar Carias, Nancy S. H. Kealoha, and Joy Ann Baker.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 9, 2015

8AM: Allen Baytes (Birthday Blessings)

Brooke Galicinao (Birthday Blessings)

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

8AM: Mr. & Mrs. Rodolfo Gasmen & Family

(Thanksgiving/Blessing)

Michael Morano (RIP)

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

8AM: Kazuko Tanaka (RIP)

Rosary Group (Thanksgiving/Blessing)

Thursday, February 12, 2015

8AM: Modesta Yadao (Birthday Blessings)

Santos "Sandy" Padilla (RIP)

Friday, February 13, 2015

8AM: Santos "Sandy" Padilla (RIP)

Henry DeCosta (Birthday Blessings)

Saturday, February 14, 2015

8AM: Santos "Sandy" Padilla (RIP)

5PM: Claud Phillips (RIP)

Sunday, February 15, 2015

7AM: Lillian Ramos (RIP)

9AM: For the People

11AM: Bienvenido Baptista (RIP)

6PM: Christina Falke (RIP)

Parish News & Announcements

The 2014 contribution statements have been mailed. Please review it. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office, 623-3332, ext. 101.

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on February 16, 7pm - 9pm, in the parish center classroom 6. The book we will discuss is *The Race to Save Our Century: Five Core Principles to Promote Peace, Freedom, and a Culture of Life* by Jason Scott Jones and John Zmirak. Borrow or buy the book, read it and join us for our book discussion. For more information, contact Melissa Crisostomo 626-2469 or alohame@yahoo.com.

Parish Nurse Health Ministry is sponsoring a workshop that will feature "Wills and Trusts" by lawyer Andrew Egseth. This event will take place on Sat., February 28, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm on the church lanai. To sign-up and for more information, please email Elaine Gibson at egibbi2441@yahoo.com.

St. John's Catholic Preschool, a Catholic, Montessori preschool for children ages 2.8 through 5 years of age, is currently accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year. Children must be turning 3 by December 31, 2015, and be completely potty-learned. Please call the preschool office at 623-3332, ext. 200 to set up an appointment for an observation/tour.

The Respect Life Ministry thanks all who joined us at the Prayer Vigil and Annual March for Life at the Hawaii State Capitol. After 42 years we prayed and marched on, joining hundreds of thousands of people throughout the United States, from the packed National Mall in Washington, D.C. to our Aloha State, to stand up for the human rights of the unborn and respect for all human life from conception until natural death. Let us continue to pray and work for a culture of LIFE.

World Marriage Day is this Sunday which honors the husband and wife as the foundation of the family. Commit to making your marriage a priority and let your marriage relationship give glory to God by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. For more information, please visit the WWME website at www.hawaiiwwme.org or contact Jose and Mary Elizabeth Alvior at 808-391-2045 or by email jluvsme@gmail.com.

Augustine Educational Foundation (AEF) will have its annual Second Collection this weekend, Feb. 7/8. Please show your support in this drive to make Catholic education more affordable in Hawaii. You may drop your donation during offertory, or you may also make a donation online by visiting their website at www.augustinefoundation.org. Thank you for your continued support!



Old blessed palms needed for Ash Wednesday. Please drop them off in the box provided near the church entrance. Mahalo.

2015 Lent & Easter Schedule

Ash Wednesday - February 18 (Masses at 8am, 5pm, 7pm)

Stations of the Cross & Lenten Frugal Meal (Fridays)

February 20 & 27, March 6, 13, & 20 - 7:00 PM

Teen Stations of the Cross & Lenten Frugal Meal

March 27 - 7:00 PM

Parish Lenten Retreat (Featuring Fr. Philip Chircop, SJ)

March 16 & 17 - 7:00 PM

Lenten Penance Service (Fr. Philip Chircop, Presider)

March 18 - 7:00 PM

Palm Sunday - March 29 (Regular Sunday Masses)

Holy Triduum - April 2-4 (Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM)

**No confession on Sat., April 4*

Holy Thursday - April 2 - 7:00 PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday - April 3

Stations of the Cross: 3:00 pm / Passion of the Lord: 3:30 PM

Easter Vigil - April 4 - 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday - April 5 - 7am, 9am, 11am (no 6pm Mass)

Easter Monday - April 6 (Church Offices Closed)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Christina Falke (RIP)

Friday, February 27, 2015 ~ St. John A & E

Viewing: 9:30 am ~ Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 1:00 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Collection for Jan. 31 / Feb. 1, 2015

<u>Collection for Jan. 31 / Feb. 1, 2015</u>	
Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM	\$2,801.50
- 7:00 AM	\$3,112.00
- 9:00 AM	\$3,655.25
- 11:00 AM	\$2,330.35
- 6:00 PM	\$1,595.06
- Front Office	\$495.92
- Online Donation	\$1,942.75
Candle Sales	\$482.00
Mass Intentions	\$260.00
Donation - Outreach	\$102.50
Stewardship Development	\$39.75
BEMO	\$2,051.50
Hui O Laulima	\$132.50
Preschool Donation	\$19.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$3.00
Church in Latin America	\$90.00
Weekend Total:	\$19,228.98

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