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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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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.

New parishioners and Visitors, Welcome to our Parish!

Our Journey of Stewardship as a Way of Life Part 1

St. John Apostle & Evangelist parish was already a stewardship parish, but how did we get to a new level of stewardship as a way of life? First, for seven months, since July 2014, we have been striving to achieve that goal. Second, we needed a vision/mission plan or timeline with a purpose. Third, the purpose was intentional, mainly to bring about conversion & transformation at all levels of our parish life: parishioners, staff (clergy included), advisory councils, ministries and liturgical worship. The following is the actual timeline we followed to partially achieve our goal.

Year 1 Timeline: with Vision/Mission Driven Purpose *Guided by Catholic Stewardship Consultants (CSC)*

Advisory Council Retreat
February 1, 2014

Msgr. John attends Wichita
Stewardship Conference
February 26/27, 2014

Ash Wednesday
Call to Transformation
March 5, 2014

Leadership Spirituality of
Stewardship Retreat
June 13/14, 2014

Leadership Development
Meeting w/Eric McArdle,
June 28, 2014

First Monthly Newsletter
July 1, 2014

Leadership Formation:
Strategic Pastoral Planning
w/Fr. Frank DeSiano
July 11/12, 2014

Parish-wide Stewardship
Formation w/ Fr. Tim
O'Connor
September 24/25, 2014

List of 'active' & 'inactive'
households compiled
October 1, 2014

Stewardship Banner
displayed at the main
entrance to the Church
October 3, 2014

Weekend #1: Introduction to
Stewardship Renewal, CSC
October 4/5, 2014

Weekend #2: Witness Talks
at all Masses, CSC
October 11/12, 2014

Weekend #3: Commitment
Renewal at all Masses, CSC
October 18/19, 2014

Follow-up Appeal by the
Stewardship Council Chair
at all Masses, CSC
November 1/2, 2014

Personalized 'Thank You'
Letter, CSC
November 24, 2014

Ministry follow-up deadline
with Ministry Leaders,
Stewardship Council
December 20, 2014

Stewardship Renewal Final
Report, CSC
January 3, 2015

New Timeline for 2015
February 2015

Ash Wednesday – A Call to
Transformation
February 18, 2015

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Readings for Sunday, February 22, 2015

Readings: Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Christian tradition has always seen the flood as an image of the "waters of baptism that make an end of sin and a new beginning of goodness" (Rite of Baptism, Blessing of the Water). Both aspects of destruction and new life are conveyed in the flood story. As sin is destroyed, so new life comes forth, born out of the same water. The flood is not simply a chance but the result of humanity's sinfulness. In the midst of this catastrophe, the saving will of God is at work, and the basic goodness of creation and of humankind is reaffirmed in the covenant God makes with Noah.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Psalm 25 is a prayer reaffirming God's ways of love and truth that find their fulfillment in forgiveness and mercy for those who keep his covenant. Response: "Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant."

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

This text from 1 Peter is considered to be an early baptismal instruction in which the Christian life is described for new converts as to its meaning and obligations. This passage quotes a simple formula of faith in Christ: "Jesus died to flesh and rose to the spirit; he descended to the realm of the dead, and went to heaven at God's right hand in power." The author compares the baptism that new Christians now experience with the flood of Noah's time. The descent into hell (the realm of the dead) seems to signify Christ's lordship over all creation without exception — even the underworld. This allows the good news of salvation to be proclaimed to those who had gone before.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Mark's Gospel was the first to be written and therefore reflects the earliest preaching of the apostles. Mark was concerned only with the ministry of Jesus. His Gospel begins by considering Jesus as the Messiah at his baptism in the Jordan. In this short passage, the Gospel goes directly to the temptation in the desert, covered very briefly. We do not find the threefold temptations in Mark's Gospel, nor the statement about Jesus fasting. The point Mark wants to underline is that Jesus emerges victorious and strengthened from the struggle with his temptations in the harshness of the desert. After that Jesus proclaims the coming of the kingdom; the new and full relationship between God and humankind and its requirements are a change of heart and faith. "Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Follow Msgr. John's Weekly Sunday homilies!

Blog (text): <http://www.sundayhomily.com>

Podcast (audio): <http://streaminghomilies.podbean.com>

iTunes (audio): search ~ *streaming homilies*

"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, Mamerto Perez, & 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, Joy Ann Baker, and Rogelio Ordinario.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 16, 2015

8AM: James & Mildred Mizoguchi (RIP)
Stanley Kong (RIP)

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

8AM: Cristobal Enriquez, Sr. (RIP)
Apolonia Recibe (Birthday Blessings)

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

8AM: Joaquin Cruz Fejarang
(Birthday Memorial)
Simeon Lamanilao
(Birthday/Thanksgiving)

Thursday, February 19, 2015

8AM: Terry Silva (Birthday Blessings)
Spencer Taylor (Birthday Blessings)

Friday, February 20, 2015

8AM: Melvin James Ambrocio (RIP)
Hak Soon Kim-Mercado (RIP)

Saturday, February 21, 2015

8AM: Chasity Toledo (Birthday Blessings)
Steven Grace (Birthday Blessings)
5PM: Silva & Fraga Families
(Thanksgiving / Blessings)

Sunday, February 22, 2015

7AM: William & Helen Heagney (RIP)
9AM: For the People
11AM: George Perry (RIP)
6PM: Sarah Ruiz (RIP)

Parish News & Announcements

Ash Wednesday is on February 18. Masses are at 8:00 am, 5:00 pm, and 7:00 pm.

Hungering for the Journey. Join our parish community, and more than 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States, in a life-changing Lenten journey with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's cardboard rice bowl at the entrance of the church after Mass. Don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl App! Remember, your Lenten sacrifices change lives.

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 info, contact Melissa Crisostomo 626-2469 or alohamc@yahoo.com.

Parish Nurse Health Ministry sponsored workshop featuring "Wills and Trusts" by lawyer Andrew Egseth, will take place on Sat., Feb. 28, from 10 am - 12 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 Dec. 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.

On this Valentine's Day weekend, resolve to place your marriage as the highest priority in your relationship and attend our next 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 jlusme@gmail.com. Registration deadline is 30 days from the start of each WWME weekend.

Thank you for showing your support of the Augustine Educational Foundation (AEF) Collection. On behalf of all the students & families that will benefit from this collection, Mahalo Nui Loa. For more information on our programs, visit www.augustinefoundation.org. Thank you again for your continued support!

Take a stand for life. From February 18 to March 29, our community will take part in 40 Days for Life, a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city and beyond. For more information and access to sign up for the prayer vigils, visit <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/honolulu/> or contact Mary Smart @ 741-2358, mghsmart@yahoo.com.

2015 Lent & Easter Schedule

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 February 7/8, 2015

Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM	\$2,650.00
- 7:00 AM	\$2,622.00
- 9:00 AM	\$3,046.08
- 11:00 AM	\$2,666.83
- 6:00 PM	\$2,048.25
- Front Office	\$1,997.00
- Online Donation	\$2,517.50
Candle Sales	\$575.00
Mass Intentions	\$80.00
Donation - Outreach	\$96.50
Christmas Flowers	\$2.00
Stewardship Development	\$9.75
BEMO	\$1,182.50
Hui O Laulima	\$97.50
Augustine Education Foundation	\$1,285.00
Weekend Total:	\$20,875.91

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



Our Journey of Stewardship as a Way of Life Part 2

Welcome to all our new parishioners and visitors! If you can't measure it you can't change it. That is why we had a commitment renewal weekend in October last year. Apart from having a vision/mission driven timeline with intentional formation sessions on the spirituality of stewardship, Catholic Stewardship Consultants (CSC) provided us all the guidance and materials we needed along the way. The purpose of the renewal weekend on October 18/19, 2014 was to engage all parishioners to commit themselves with their God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure. Stewardship is a way of life, but its impact can be measured. After our commitment renewal weekend, CSC put all the data together as published on page 6 of the February Newsletter distributed last weekend. Just in case you missed to notice that report, here is a brief outline on how we performed. "If you can't measure it, you can't change it."

- 360 (35%) of 1035 active households sent back their commitment cards.
- 1,416 prayer commitments were made
- 91% of active households made prayer commitments.
- 1081 ministry commitments,
- 309 are new ministry commitments
- 88 families signed up for ministries for first time.
- 286 households made a treasure commitment
- \$213,824 pledged offertory increase
- 9.15% offertory increase July/December 2014

How does one explain these positive results? Growth in spiritual health through conversion leads to growth in being generous with God in time, talent and treasure. We started responding to God's call for conversion on Ash Wednesday last year. That was a call to change and transformation at all levels of parish life: staff, leadership, liturgy and the way we run meetings. It was a call to align our vision, mission and purpose to that of our Lord Jesus Christ. "Transforming people one at a time is at the heart of God's plan

for the world.” I found myself undergoing my own conversion in order to give a credible message on the call to conversion. I realized that I had to register myself as a parishioner and give my weekly offertory. I now give more than 10% of my income, and I intend to honor my commitment.

The most significant moments of our stewardship formation were: The Spirituality of Stewardship by Fr. Jim Golka in June; Strategic Pastoral Planning by Fr. Frank DeSiano in July; and the parish-wide Stewardship Formation by Fr. Tim O’Connor in September. The Season of Lent last year was significant in terms of stewardship formation. Similarly, Advent and Christmas seasons were important to us on this journey. In Advent we focused our homilies on the book by Matthew Kelly, *Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* that outlines four key aspects of stewardship: prayer, study, generosity and evangelization. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, each household received a free gift of the book. This book is a game-changer for me and I believe for you too. If your household did not receive the book please ask the parish office for a copy. We also provided you with a list of good Catholic books and CD’s that could transform your life, if you took only 10 minutes a day. The monthly newsletter has become our channel of information on parish life in terms of ministries, other activities and stewardship formation. It is the space where we publish our financial accountability.

We are called to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need not just in Hawaii, but in the world. Our parish second collection gives us an opportunity to participate in the universal mission of the Church. On page 7 of the February Newsletter you will find an outline of how much was collected and who benefited from our outreach efforts in 2014.

We need to be bold and creative; we need to think of ways of being truly a welcoming parish community from the parking lot to the pews. Hospitality is a good measure of stewardship as a way of life. Next Saturday February 21, we will have our parish town hall session to plan for the episcopal visitation of Bishop Larry Silva to our parish on June 20/21, 2015. That town hall meeting is an opportunity for all parishioners to be engaged in planning the future of our parish. Following that town hall, I will take the opportunity to prepare a bulletin insert on the steps taken so far in facilities planning, and especially where we are on plans for a multi-purpose parish hall. So stay tuned.

Thank you for your stewardship heart of giving time, talent and treasure. May our stewardship journey take us to the next level of stewardship as a way of life in 2015.

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