



APRIL 4 / 5, 2015

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESSURECTION OF THE LORD

ST. JOHN APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Daily Mass (M-SAT): 8:00 AM • **Sunday Masses:** (SAT Vigil) 5:00 PM, (SUN) 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM

Reconciliation: (SAT) 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM (**or** by appointment)

Parish Office Hours: Monday 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM • Tuesday thru Friday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Easter Message

Dear Parishioner,

With great joy in my heart I announce you: "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" This ancient greeting sums up what we celebrate this Easter Sunday, the joy of Christ risen and alive in our midst. "This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118).

The profound message we take home this Easter Sunday is that like the disciples, touched by the resurrection, we too go proclaiming the message of the resurrection in our lives so that others may discover the best way to live.

Let us pray that the Lord may give us the grace of living as though we have been deeply touched by our faith in the resurrection and proclaim with the whole Church that "Christ is risen indeed, alleluia." St. Augustine describes our Easter joy when he says, "**we are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!**" We have every reason to explode with joyful Easter celebration.

May the risen Lord truly transform our lives this Easter Season. One of the most powerful Easter stories we meet these days will be the story of the two disciples on the way to Emmaus. That story in Luke 24:13-35 is a metaphor for all our life's journey of faith, particularly when our struggles lead us to rock bottom; when our faith, hope and trust have been so tested that we wonder where the Lord is. In moments like these, may our eyes be opened like those of the disciples on the way to Emmaus so we may recognize the risen Christ "in the breaking of the bread." May we be sensitive to every disclosure moment the risen Lord may be walking along with us, disguised as a stranger, speaking to us, as He breaks open Scriptures for us to understand the meaning of His Story in Our Story.

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor 1:3)

I wish you all the peace and joy of Easter. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Msgr. John S. Mbinda
Pastor

PARISH CLERGY

Pastor

Msgr. John Mbinda (x 111)

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Parish Secretary (x 100)

Lindsey Higa-Kohagura

Bookkeeper (x 101)

Stephanie Jamile

PARISH PROGRAMS

Outreach (x 203)

Pearl Bates

RCIA Coordinator

Deacon Modesto Cordero

Religious Ed. Director (x 205)

Julie Quiroz-Zamora

Religious Ed. Assistant (x 204)

Terry Silva

Preschool Director (x 208)

Catherine Awong

Youth & Young Adult Coordinators

Deacon Wally & Gwen Mitsui

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PARISH MINISTRIES

We welcome you to visit our
parish website at

www.stjohnmililani.org for a
listing and more information on
all our ministries.

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.**

THE RESURRECTION PROMISES VICTORY

The readings give us four witnesses of the resurrection: Peter, Paul, Mary of Magdala and John. Proclamation and witness are therefore the two central themes running through today's readings. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter speaks about his own experience and shares that experience with the listening crowds. Because of his experience of knowing with utter conviction that Jesus, who died on the Cross, is now alive, Peter is so filled with the joy of it, that he simply must share that same joy with others – so that it can be theirs, too. Similarly the experience of the resurrection by Paul leads him to advice that we keep focused on the risen Christ, since Christ is our life. For Paul, we know that his experience of the Risen Lord brought a total transformation in his life and gave him a total new vision of things and especially of the meaning of Jesus' life and message. In the Gospel, we have the

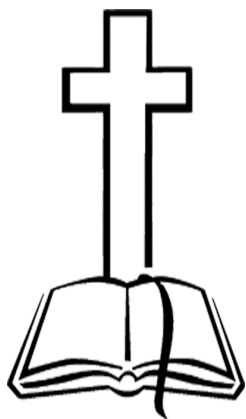
experience of the empty tomb as a sign that Jesus is risen, He is not there. This first day of the week is full of emotions and commotion.

The discovery of the empty tomb by Mary of Magdala leads to her running back to tell Peter and John that the Lord's body is not in the tomb. That experience may have been very disappointing, but it was also a clear message that Christ is risen as he had said. John, who writes the Gospel, tells us that he entered into the empty tomb, "he saw and he believed". He believed that the Lord is risen indeed. As we rejoice in the resurrection, we need to be aware that Christ won the war over sin and death, but the war within each of us continues in the post-resurrection time as long as we are in this world. Christ has done his part. You and I need to know the enemy and free ourselves in readiness for the battle. The risen Lord is

on our side and so we are not alone. How shall I fight such a battle, you may ask?

The parish is giving you some ammunition to arm yourself for battle. The parish is once again giving each household a special gift. The book you get today by John Wood is entitled "*Ordinary Lives Extraordinary Mission*". In the coming Sundays, the clergy will help you during their homilies to understand each chapter and sharpen your weapons. Our mission is to win the war within. I have read this book and it has transformed my life. It will transform each of us in readiness for this battle. We are at war and Christ the resurrection promises victory. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Happy Easter and may God bless each of you.

MONSIGNOR JOHN S. MBINDA
PASTOR



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

During the Easter season each year, the readings from the Acts of the Apostles replace the Old Testament readings. These readings show the continued work of the Risen Christ in his Church. The passage of this Sunday features two aspects of the life of the apostolic young community of believers: the sharing of all things in common and the apostles' preaching and witness to the resurrection with great power. The sharing of things in common was a spontaneous expression of Christian agape (fellowship).

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Psalm 118 is used as a hymn of praise that recounts God's deliverance of his faithful servant from death, and sings of God's glory. While the last part of the psalm refers to the oppressed nation of Israel directly, it also gives a beautiful summary of God's power in raising Jesus to life and establishing him as Lord of all creation. Response: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting."

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

The Second Reading links Easter faith with our baptismal faith, for it is through Baptism that we are reborn and become children of God. We show our new status by loving God and keeping his commandments. Through our faith and witness to the Risen Lord, we are enabled to overcome the world.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

The Risen Lord appears in a new form of existence. His "glorified body" does not have the physical limitations of the human body, and yet is truly physical and can be touched. However, the Gospel writers do not show Jesus as merely proving his resurrection by his presence, but as leading his disciples into deeper faith and understanding in preparation for their going forth to establish the Church. In commissioning them to continue his mission, he is empowering them to make him present in body to all peoples of all ages. The peace of Jesus' greeting is the commonly used Hebrew word, "Shalom." Jesus speaks it, however, as far more than a mere greeting ("my peace, not as the world gives it," Jn 14:27). Jesus' "Shalom" is his promise that his Spirit will restore order and harmony to all creation (Jn 14:26). In the context of Divine Mercy Sunday, Jesus says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (Jn. 20:22). In other words, Jesus sends the apostles to be ministers and instruments of God's compassion, forgiveness and reconciliation that flows from his infinite Divine Mercy.

Follow Msgr. John's homilies! Blog (text): <http://www.sundayhomily.com>

Podcast (audio): <http://streaminghomilies.podbean.com> iTunes (audio): [Streaming Homilies](#)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 6, 2015 (8 am)

Molly Pereira (RIP)

Luz Abanes (RIP)

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 (8 am)

Luz Abanes (RIP)

Michael Morano (RIP)

Wednesday, April 8, 2015 (8 am)

Fr. Cletus Mooya (RIP)

Luz Abanes (RIP)

Thursday, April 9, 2015 (8 am)

Luz Abanes (Death Anniversary)

Myrtle D. Repoute (Death Anniversary)

Friday, April 10, 2015 (8 am)

Feliciano Dona (RIP)

James & Midred Mizoguchi (RIP)

Saturday, April 11, 2015

8AM: Shannon Mayock (Birthday)

Magelinde del Castillo (RIP)

5PM: Mr. & Mrs. Joe Quarto (RIP)

Sunday, April 12, 2015

7AM: Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Shockley

(Anniversary Blessing)

9AM: For the People

11AM: Fred Kaahaaina, Jr. (RIP)

6PM: Damien Nakagawa (Birthday)



*Please 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, Maydell Britt-Mason, Bryan & Alexandria Hollon Family, Ramon Ramos, Jeff Grundon, Mamerto Perez, Alicia Newson, Lance Yoshimura, Marcy Sagon, Gregory Castillo, Ramon Aguirre, Christina Gomez, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Emilia S. Taclan, Santos "Sandy" Padilla, Lillian M. Ramos, Carmen O. Austria, Ernesta L. Salvador, Christina Falke, Oscar Carias, Nancy S. H. Kealoha, Joy Ann K. Baker, Rogelio Ordinario, Lolita Camlin, Bernadette Yockman, Fidel Reyes, Natividad S. Dorado, and Nydia F. P. Pagan.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 6.

The Outreach Office would like to give a special note of thanks, to all who donated items for the Easter Prison Ministry drive. God bless all of you for caring, sharing and letting our brothers and sisters in prison know that they are not forgotten. Your unending generosity is appreciated.

CHANGE IN COLLECTION DATE! The *Hui O Laulima Food Trolley* will be out next weekend *April 11/12*. Please kokua.

The Women's Guild invites everyone to join them for a 1 day retreat, "*Rising with Jesus*", on Saturday, April 11, from 8:45 am - 2:00 pm, in the church; potluck lunch, please bring a dish to share. If Holy Week is the time we die with the Lord, Easter is a time that we rise with the Lord. Resurrection is different from what we may think, it is not resuscitation. Retreat Master: Fr. David Lupo, Chaplain of the St. Anthony Retreat Center, Spiritual Director for Missionary Basic Christian Communities & Cursillo Hawaii. For more information call Trudy Holder at 721-7858.

Confirmation Mass - On Sunday, April 26, 2015, at the 6:00 p.m. Mass 50 students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Since there is typically a large turnout for this Mass, please understand that parking and seating will be limited.

Hungering for Celebration! We prayed, fasted and gave alms - and now we celebrate! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends in our hearts, where Jesus reigns forever. Let us rejoice in our risen Lord - and in the lives we've changed this Lent in Tanzania, Nicaragua, Niger, Lebanon, the Democratic Republic of Congo and all over the world! You may donate online by visiting our parish website, www.stjohnmililani.org, clicking the "Online Giving" icon. Please give generously.



The next 24 hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, May 1, immediately after the 8:00 am Mass and ending at 7:30 am on Saturday, May 2. This beautiful devotion allows us to spend time in quiet adoration of our Lord and feel the infinite love present in His heart. Jesus waits for us in the Blessed Sacrament. Come and adore Him.

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Natividad S. Dorado (RIP)

Wednesday, April 29 ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Wake: 6:30 pm (Makai Chapel)

Thursday, April 30 ~ St. John A & E

Visitation: 10:00 am ~ Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 1:00 pm ~ Schofield Cemetery

Nadia F. P. Pagan (RIP)

Thursday, April 30 ~ St. John A & E

Visitation: 4:30 pm ~ Mass: 5:30 pm

Collection for March 28/29, 2015

Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM	\$2,748.18
- 7:00 AM	\$3,449.50
- 9:00 AM	\$3,311.71
- 11:00 AM	\$2,853.55
- 6:00 PM	\$2,354.94
- Front Office	\$763.50
- Online Donation	\$1,543.75
Candle Sales	\$594.00
Frugal Meal (Op. Rice Bowl)	\$160.00
Donation - Outreach	\$94.00
Easter Flowers	\$276.00
Mass Intentions	\$180.00
Easter	\$240.00
Stewardship Development	\$28.50
Christmas	\$16.00
BEMO	\$1,351.25
Hui O Laulima	\$61.00
Peter's Pence	\$25.00
Holy Thursday (Op Rice Bowl)	\$1,001.59
Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$238.75

Weekend Total: \$21,291.22

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