



APRIL 11 / 12, 2015
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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Outreach (x 203)

Pearl Bates

RCIA Coordinator

Deacon Modesto Cordero

Religious Ed. Director (x 205)

Julie Quiroz-Zamora

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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.*

NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Ordinary Lives: Extraordinary Mission

Step 1: Know you are in a War

This book by John R. Wood is a five step guide to leading us ordinary people to discover that we have an extraordinary mission for which God created us, namely to be the best version of ourselves and ultimately to be saints! The book also leads us to realize that the problem facing humanity is not out there. The greatest battle lies within, because this war takes place inside the human heart. The Catholic Church wants us to understand that the call to be the best version of ourselves is for everybody, clergy and laity alike. The call to be holy is a call to a change within each of us. We can say yes or say no to God's call. That in itself is a sign of the war within. Holiness is a choice. The struggle becomes an internal war. We must win this war for Christ; the risen Lord is on our side. The whole book is a five-step strategy to win the war. This article deals with step one: "Know You Are in a War".

The worst nightmare in any strategic warfare is to be caught in a war that you do not know is there. There are several things we need to know if we are going to win the war: 1) that we are at war; 2) what it is that we are defending. Most Catholics do not realize that we are at war within each of us. They do not know the mission for which they would be fighting. They have lost their Catholic identity. The point is, you and I are not here to be "just good Catholics"; we are here to be the best version of Catholics, which means having all the four signs of a dynamic Catholic.

We need to know that the war we are fighting is a battle between the real self and false self. The false self is veiled with the "masks" human beings wear: one for the family, one for the store, one for the Church, one for Las Vegas! Yes, you got it. Perhaps the worst instrument that fights us from within is a distorted understanding of freedom. Our freedom comes from God, but we are free only when we choose to follow God's plan for us. God is not a dictator who forces us to do his will. When we fight God from within, we are choosing our false self of pride, envy, greed, anger, sloth, gluttony and lust. Instead of being free, these vices within us enslave us. Now, described by Jesus in Mark 7:18-23, these are the Seven Deadly Sins and they are real. (See p. 18) My mission and your mission are not just to win this war, but to become saints. That is an extraordinary mission for each of us. It implies a war to be won and Jesus Christ in his resurrection promises victory. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

Pastor

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.**

MY LORD AND MY GOD

Easter is the season when we celebrate with even greater joy the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We acknowledge the gift of salvation that He won for us all. Now, we have the opportunity to focus on our response to our Lord as a community of faith.

The Gospel reveals that after Jesus' death the disciples felt frightened, gathered within a locked room filled with disappointment and uncertainty. The violent death of Jesus shattered their expectations, leaving them hopeless. They were left shocked, disorientated, and lost.

After His resurrection, Jesus came to His disciples to remind and challenge their faith to continue to be followers as one family in Christ. He came to forgive their weaknesses and

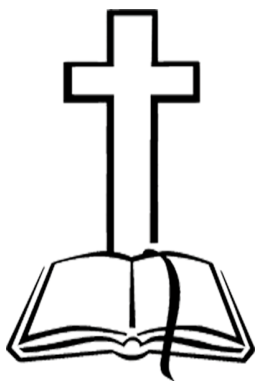
transformed them into a community of faith. He empowered them with His mission through the Holy Spirit proclaiming God's mercy of forgiveness and salvation. He granted the disciples the authority to forgive sins in His name. As witnesses of Jesus' Resurrection, they were the channel to the sacrament of Reconciliation, the sacrament of Divine Mercy: "For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained" (John 20:23). The Church will continue this wonderful work of God's mercy in her sacramental life and ministry today.

Because Thomas was absent when Jesus appeared to the other disciples, his doubt got the best of him. He demanded physical evidence to see Jesus in person, and when he did,

Thomas responded, "My Lord and my God". Jesus then showed Thomas His mercy with forgiveness and truth.

Like the first group of disciples, we hold firmly that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Our faith must be lived out in our actions together. As in the Acts of the Apostles, "The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul" (Acts 4:32a). Let us be motivated by God's love, His forgiveness, His open arms, and truly strive for the genuine concern of those people around us as one family and one community. Let this Easter season be filled with the Holy Spirit, empowering us to live a new life with Him and influencing others to say 'My Lord and my God' in our very lives.

**PEACE BE WITH YOU,
DEACON ROMEO GANIBE**



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15; 17-19

Peter's preaching in this passage explains the events of the Jewish Scriptures in the light of their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. The Jews had denied the Holy and Righteous One; they had killed the author of life, but God raised him; the apostles are the witnesses to that event. What response must the people give now? They must repent and be converted that their sins may be forgiven.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

Psalm 4 is a confident prayer that God will make himself and his saving power known to us. Response: "Lord, let your face shine on us."

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

This passage intends to give a right attitude to sin which cuts us off from union with God. If we sin, our consolation is that the Risen Lord is the expiation for our sins. But we must first recognize our sinfulness, as well as accept the fact that God pardons us and restores our union with Him when we confess our sin. Observing the commandments is a sign that our love of God and neighbor is genuine.

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

This appearance of the Risen Lord to the apostles builds upon his earlier appearance to the two disciples at Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35). First he appeared to them bodily, but they did not recognize him. Then he explained the Scriptures to them (v 27). Finally, they recognized him in the breaking of the bread (v 30), and only then did they begin to understand what they had experienced (v 32) and rushed to share their experience and joy with the others (vv 33-35). In today's passage, Jesus appears again to the assembled body of apostles, just as the two disciples were recounting their story. At first they are incredulous about the fact of the resurrection (thinking "they were seeing a ghost," v 37). Jesus proves the bodily nature of his presence by touch and by eating food (vv 39-43), but that is only the beginning. He opens their minds to understand the meaning of the resurrection through the Jewish Scriptures (vv 45-46), and then Jesus sends them to all the nations to preach and witness in his name about this new life ("repentance for forgiveness of sins," vv 47-49).

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

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

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 13, 2015 (8 am)

Kelly E. Higa (Birthday Blessings)
Santiago B. Millan (RIP)

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 (8 am)

Ernesta L. Salvador (RIP)
Margaret Duarte (RIP)

Wed., April 15, 2015 (8 am)

Ernesta L. Salvador (RIP)
Bret Galman (Birthday Blessings)

Thurs., April 16, 2015 (8 am)

Ernesta L. Salvador (RIP)
Rene Catalan (RIP)

Friday, April 17, 2015 (8 am)

Ernesta L. Salvador (RIP)
Theresa Pankowski (Healing)

Saturday, April 18, 2015

8AM: Ernesta L. Salvador (RIP)
Dolores Baptista (RIP)

5PM: Hilario Aquino (RIP)

Sunday, April 19, 2015

7AM: Asuncion Cortel (Blessings)
9AM: For the People
11AM: Ernesta L. Salvador (RIP)
6PM: Francisca Aquino (RIP)



*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. Pagan.

A Healing Mass with Anointing will be held on Monday, April 13. Praise and worship will begin at 7:30 pm, followed by Mass.



Divine Mercy Sunday - Please join the St. John Rosary Group this Sunday, April 12, at 3:00 pm in the church for the Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Veneration of the Divine Mercy image. All are welcome to join us, please bring your rosary. For more information please call Marietta Kaeo at 623-9164.

St. John Women's Guild Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 18, at 10:00 am in classrooms 2 and 3. All ladies of St. John A&E parish are invited to attend. The Guild continues its tradition of promoting fellowship among all the ladies of the parish, providing support and assistance at parish functions, events and celebrations, and charitable works for the community. For more information call Erlinda Nishimura, 286-1071.

Confirmation Mass will be held on Sunday, April 26, at the 6:00 p.m. Mass, Most Reverend Larry Silva will preside. 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.

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on May 21, 7-9 pm, in the parish classroom 6. The discussion book will be *Fatima for Today: The Urgent Marian Message of Hope* by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, C.F.R. Borrow or buy the book, read it and join us for our book discussion. For more information, contact Melissa Crisostomo at 626-2469 or alohamc@yahoo.com.

The Office of Permanent Deacon Formation will be having a Deacon Formation Inquiry Weekend at St. Stephens Diocesan Center that will begin in January 2016. Attendance on the June 12-14, 2015, weekend is required to apply. For more information, please contact Dcn. John A. Coughlin at 808-203-6727 or by email jcoughlin@rcchawaii.org.

Want to Help and Volunteer? The Catholic Charities of Hawaii is seeking volunteers to become a friendly visitor to a senior citizen in the Mililani area. If you could spare a little time to help someone brighten their day, please call the Outreach Office at 623-3332 ext. 203.

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

Nydia F. Pagan (RIP)

Thursday, April 30 ~ St. John A & E
Visitation: 4:30 pm ~ Mass: 5:30 pm

Collection for April 4 / 5, 2015

Sunday Collection (WeShare)	\$2,208.75
Easter Collection	
- 3:30 PM (Good Friday)	\$145.00
- 7:00 PM (Vigil)	\$3,578.39
- 7:00 AM	\$11,990.40
- 9:00 AM	\$8,568.74
- 11:00 AM	\$6,048.17
- Front Office	\$1,194.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$190.00
Candle Sales	\$583.00
Donation - Blessings	\$25.00
Donation - Outreach	\$122.50
Easter Flowers	\$243.00
Stewardship Development	\$4,028.50
Mass Intentions	\$60.00
Preschool	\$66.50
BEMO	\$1,791.00
Hui O Laulima	\$227.50
Catholic Relief Services	\$20.00
Holy Thursday (Op Rice Bowl)	\$4,224.15
Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$3,453.45
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$7.50

Weekend Total: **\$48,775.55**

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