



APRIL 18 / 19, 2015
THIRD 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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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

Step 2: Know your Enemy

Once you know that you are engaged in a war, the second step in winning that war is to know your enemy. If you ever listen to professional sports coaches speak to their teams, you will immediately notice that they spend time viewing videos about their opposing team. They focus on their strengths and weaknesses in order to plan how to win. The point is we need to know our virtues and vices in order to capitalize on our virtues in fighting our vices. Our mission to win the war within must be clear in our minds. The genius of Satan is to confuse and convince us that he does not exist! Besides temptations, Satan uses our secular culture which has been infected by hedonism, individualism, minimalism, and relativism. The word hedonism comes from the Greek *hēdonē* which means 'pleasure'. The enemy within convinces us that "if it is pleasurable; if it feels good do it." Hedonism comes from the destruction of ethical and moral self-discipline. It is promoted by our culture as a path to happiness. It is rooted in the deadly sins of gluttony and lust.

Individualism comes from a philosophy of "what's in it for me," a philosophy that leads us to love things and use people. Our culture proposes individualism as a path to happiness and even proposes short-cuts to get whatever gives you pleasure. The car salesman TV commercial persuades us that even with no credit or with bad credit, you can get financed to get your dream car! Individualism promotes the idea that it is all about me and what I get.

Minimalism is rooted in the deadly sin of sloth. It leads people to ask themselves, "what is the least I can do." What is the least I can do to keep my job? At what moment of the Mass can I arrive and still get all the benefits of the Mass? You see the link between individualism and minimalism? It is all about me; it is all what I can get; it is the least I can do to get the results. Our culture promotes minimalism as a path to happiness.

Moral relativism is perhaps the worst disease that hits us hard. It removes objective truth out of the picture and thus undermines the whole area of ethical and moral teaching. The same philosophy tries to remove God from the public sphere which leaves disorder, destruction and chaos. When the Catholic Church teaches on its own stand on morals, it is called offensive. Jesus offended many people, but did not water down the truth. His mission was to set us free.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

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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.**

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The readings for today are full of Easter excitement. Peter and John are heading for prayer in the temple of Jerusalem. Each day a man who has been crippled is placed near the Beautiful Gate to beg from the people going to pray at the same temple. When Peter and John pass the man, he calls out for alms. They reply that they have neither silver nor gold, but the richness they do have, they share with the man. They raise him in the name of Jesus and the man stands up praising God and jumps for joy. The people come running to see this transformation and it is to them that Peter addresses words, which we hear in the First Reading.

The Gospel of Luke has its own Easter event. Two disciples had been taking their exit-walk from Jerusalem back to Emmaus. Jesus had met them, responded to their invitation to stay with them, and, while eating, was known to them in the "breaking of the bread". Then Jesus

vanishes, but their hearts were so filled with joy that they decided to return and reveal to the others what they had experienced.

What we hear in today's Gospel is the rest of the story. While the disciples are relating their being accompanied by Jesus, the very same Jesus appears in the midst of the group and extends "peace" to all. Terrified and thinking they were seeing a ghost; the assembly has a real Easter dinner. Jesus, knowing their doubtfulness, invites them to touch His body and then asks for something to eat. Luke is greatly aware that his Greek readers were skeptical about such a thing as rising from the dead. He inserts this part of the story to comfort such skeptics. Jesus is offered some fish and eats it as a sign that He is truly Himself. Ghosts don't have bodies nor do they eat.

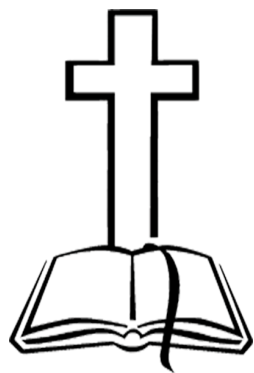
Jesus extended a deep relationship to His

disciples by surprising them with the mystery of His bodily resurrection, but did not explain how it happened. They had, and we have, doubts and questions. He continues calling us to take a leap of faith to continue on our journey.

What have we learned from these stories? Jesus is alive and present to the world as God is. The disciples recognized Jesus in their own transformation and experience it with a joy, which enabled them to proclaim the good news to all.

Last year in one of his homilies, Pope Francis said, "Christianity is not a school of ideas or a collection of beautiful temples and lovely art. It is a living people who follow Jesus and give witness to him every day. The invitation and challenge from today's readings is for us to be witnesses of Easter joy and peace to everyone we meet."

**EASTER BLESSINGS,
DEACON WALLACE MITSUI**



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2015

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

This passage comes immediately after the healing of the cripple that led to the arrest of Peter and John by the religious leaders. Since the religious leaders wanted to know by what authority the Apostles had performed the miracle, Peter responds that the healing of this man is proof that Jesus is risen from the dead, and that he is the source of salvation for all.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 27, 29

Psalm 118 refers to the Israelite nation, oppressed by other nations and yet favored by God. Early Christians, as in the first reading, saw these words as typifying the Jewish reaction to Jesus as the fulfillment of God's saving work. Response: "The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone."

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

These verses intend to make a link with the first reading. The world (human society) "did not know him" (God). Therefore the unbelieving world rejected and crucified God's revelation in Christ. We have accepted that revelation and so through our baptism we are children of God. We are called to recognize the full dignity of what we are now, and live accordingly, for that is the seed of what we will become.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

In this Gospel, Jesus follows a long Hebrew Scripture tradition that frequently depicted God as a shepherd, beginning with Gn 49:24. Psalm 23 is the most familiar. The great king David had been a shepherd, and is referred to as shepherd of the people in Ps 78:70-72. Later leaders were often corrupt and called unfaithful shepherds by the prophets who gave voice to God's promise that he would shepherd his people. Jesus is therefore the fulfillment of that promise when he tells the parable of the good shepherd. He intends to show that different from other shepherds, he is the good shepherd who literally lays down his life for the sheep. This image has two applications. The first application connects laying down one's life with the defense of the sheep against "wolves", a traditional image of false teachers. The second application speaks first of the inner life of the Church (the shepherd knows the sheep by name) and then of the Church's missionary outreach: the other sheep who are not yet members of this fold: the Gentiles. The mission of the Church is both to defend the sheep from wrong ideas about salvation which comes through Christ alone; the second aspect of the Church's mission is the unity of the Church, so that there will be one flock and one shepherd.

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

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 20, 2015 (8 am)

Ernesta Salvador (RIP)

Dolores Aquino (RIP)

Tuesday, April 21, 2015 (8 am)

Mildres Furuta (RIP)

Ernesta Salvador (RIP)

Wed., April 22, 2015 (8 am)

William & Helen Heagney (RIP)

Ernesta Salvador (RIP)

Thurs., April 23, 2015 (8 am)

Cristina Falke (RIP)

Connie Corpuz Javier (RIP)

Friday, April 24, 2015 (8 am)

Cristina Falke (RIP)

Stephanie Jamile (Birthday Blessings)

Saturday, April 25, 2015

8AM: Cristina Falke (RIP)

Phi Solis (RIP)

5PM: Odette Laroya (RIP)

Sunday, April 26, 2015

7AM: Fidel D. Reyes (RIP)

9AM: For the People

11AM: All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

6PM: Cristina Falke (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, Francis Calabrese, 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.

The Knights of Columbus, Council 14663, invite the Catholic gentlemen of St. John A&E to come and learn more about the Knights and our council after all Masses this weekend, April 18/19. Stop by our table on the church lanai and let us show you how the Knights support our parish and help build our faith. Come and see if our organization is one that can help you become a dynamic catholic!

Confirmation Mass will be held on Sunday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m., Most Reverend Larry Silva will preside. 50 Religious Education Students will be receiving 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 for formation that will begin in January 2016. Attendance on the weekend of June 12-14, 2015, is required to apply. For more information, please contact Dcn. John Coughlin at 808-203-6727 or by email jcoughlin@rcchawaii.org.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is for anyone who has experienced emotional/spiritual pain after an abortion. Women and men of all faiths are invited to begin their healing process in a confidential/safe environment to connect with others and process to process your experience on May 29-31, 2015. To register, contact Lisa Shorba, 808-349-5071, or Sr. Geralyn Spaulding, 808-741-3819, or email: rvinhawaii@gmail.com to register, or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org for more information. Suggested donation: \$125/person (room/meals/materials). Space is limited, need-based scholarships are available.

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 11 / 12, 2015

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Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,653.00
- 7:00 AM	\$3,088.38
- 9:00 AM	\$2,514.40
- 11:00 AM	\$1,996.35
- 6:00 PM	\$2,272.94
- Front Office	\$1,557.25
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$2,503.25
Candle Sales	\$503.00
Stewardship Development	\$58.50
Mass Intentions	\$250.00
Donation - Outreach	\$126.50
Easter Flowers	\$12.00
Easter Sunday	\$167.00
BEMO	\$2,121.35
Hui O Laulima	\$207.50
Catholic Relief Services	\$200.00
Holy Thursday (Op Rice Bowl)	\$851.50
Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$385.00

Weekend Total: \$21,432.52

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