



APRIL 25 / 26, 2015
FOURTH 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

PARISH CLERGY

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Msgr. John Mbinda (x 111)

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PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH PROGRAMS

Outreach (x 203)

Pearl Bates

RCIA Coordinator

Deacon Modesto Cordero

Religious Ed. Director (x 205)

Julie Quiroz-Zamora

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Terry Silva

Preschool Director (x 208)

Catherine Awong

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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 3: Free Yourself

The greatest enemy we are fighting is not Satan. It is our own selfish sin, since we are created with free will. Satan has no power over us if we choose to do good. We can choose to be slaves of Satan or choose to be free. Therefore, step 3 in winning the war is to free ourselves. We have to honestly look within ourselves, examining those things in our lives we can't do without. We must look at our weaknesses, our vices, our habits, our struggles in life and admit them. It's the truth that will set us free in the end. It's only Jesus who helps us to take the courageous step to free ourselves. He came to change our hearts. Christ transforms us by making our hearts conform to his heart. He transforms us by conforming our vision, mission and purpose to his own vision, mission and purpose.

The strangest thing is that Jesus has waged the fiercest battle to rescue us by his Cross and resurrection. He has paid our bail, unlocked the prison cell and released the chains on our hands. He has the keys of the prison cell. Walking out of that prison cell is a free gift. All we need is to use our freedom and walk into freedom. Yet, strangely some prefer to remain in captivity. At times you and I are unwilling to change. We don't want to let go of the false world in which we feel so comfortable.

The secret to freeing ourselves is self-mastery. This is mainly about creating good habits in our lives and destroying bad habits. It is a question of self-discipline of self-control. Researchers say that if you can go without something for 40 days, you can claim freedom from that thing. Forming good habits is not about keeping some rules; it is about following routine with a vision with intentionality. Our mission is to win the war within. We all have our vices – things that do not help us to be the best version of ourselves; things that derail us from our central mission - to become saints. That is the extraordinary mission. Nothing and nobody can stop you from realizing that mission except yourself. That is why we have to fight the war within ourselves by strengthening our virtues and slaying our vices one at a time. That is the only road to freeing ourselves. John Wood reminds us that "You cannot fight this war behind the bars. Choose the road less travelled. Choose freedom." Stay tuned for Step 4 and keep reading this transforming book.

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.**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Happy Easter! Today's Gospel is about the "**Good Shepherd.**" It gives us a chance to consider the "shepherds" in our lives and also those who consider us their "shepherds." Every flock has a shepherd; they hear and recognize his voice. The voice of a shepherd is one that provides safety and security. Jesus refers to Himself as "the Good Shepherd." He is the leader of this flock, we call the Church; the shepherd that knows his sheep, that can call them by name. Do you want to be a lamb in the flock of the Good Shepherd? I hope your answer is a resound YES! Jesus laid down his life for us. He protects us. When he said, "I am the gate," he literally meant it.

his sheep from danger. At night, when the sheep were safe in the sheepfold, the shepherd would lie across the opening. He was the gate. He protected the sheep. He kept out the wolves and thieves who came to rob and steal. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, said, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

Today we are reminded that danger and death are always lurking near us. We know that following Jesus will lead to insult, suffering, judgment, and the cross. In many cases we find ourselves moving away from our Christian path, wandering away from our Shepherd. We can pretend we don't hear the familiar voice of the Good Shepherd and convince ourselves that

the voice we do not know is a good voice. We can be faithful to our commitments as husbands, wives, and friends or we can jeopardize these commitments because we listen to voices that call us to some very adult danger. It is important, therefore, that we learn to recognize the voice ... that will bring us back to the real Shepherd in our lives.

There are times when we want to be lambs, cradled, protected, healed, brought back when we stray. But there is nothing to compare to the reality of being a child of God now. Hope you are having a joyful and blessed Eastertide!

DEACON MODESTO CORDERO

A shepherd loves and protects each of

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

This passage is about Saul's acceptance by the early Jerusalem community of Christians after his conversion. It also exposes the internal problems that were beginning to beset the infant Church. Fearful protectionism would eventually lead to factions, especially between Jewish and Gentile Christians. These factions would create serious problems for Paul later. However, despite such problems the unity and the growth in faith of the Jerusalem community helped the Church to spread throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

Psalm 22 expresses both the humiliation and the vindication of God's righteous servant, a reference to Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection. One who has experienced God's saving works cannot keep silent, but is impelled to proclaim God's praises to all. Response: "I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people."

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

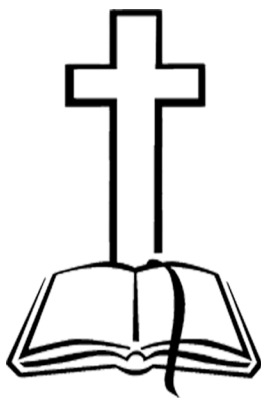
In this passage, John raises two key questions. 1) How can we be sure that our faith is true? 2) How can we tell if we are really pleasing God and living in his presence? All the ways of discernment boil down to one criterion: keeping the commandment of loving one another. Conscience is not merely a good feeling or an opinion about what is right. Conscience is the measure of our own attitudes and acts against the criterion of mutual love. Faith in God and love of one another are inseparable.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

The Hebrew Scriptures frequently speak of the people of Israel as a vine or as God's vineyard, often producing sour grapes because of their infidelity (see Ps 80; Is 5; Jer 2:21; 12:10-11; Ez 15: 17; 19). When Jesus applies that image in this passage, he affirms that he is faithful in bearing the fruit of God's work, in contrast to the infidelity of the Israelites. God, at last, finds true fidelity in Jesus, the true vine, a fidelity shown by obedience all the way to the cross. True followers of Jesus are attached to him just as branches to the vine. They share his life and they accomplish his work (bearing fruit). Both elements of the Christian life are essential: work depends on life, and life must overflow into action. Inactivity is a sign that there is no life, and such a branch that does not produce fruit is cut away (v 6). This is a reference to our being purified from the traces of sin and from our deadly egotism, so that we may bear better and more abundant fruit.

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

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



Mass for the Intentions *for the Week*

Monday, April 27, 2015 (8 am)
Grant Kohagura (Birthday Blessings)
Cristina Falke (RIP)

Tuesday, April 28, 2015 (8 am)
Jayten Rivera (Birthday Blessings)
Cristina Falke (RIP)

Wed., April 29, 2015 (8 am)
Cristina Falke (RIP)
Phi Solis (RIP)

Thurs., April 30, 2015 (8 am)
Cristina Falke (RIP)
Francis Calabrese (Healing)

Friday, May 1, 2015 (8 am)
Faliciano Dona (RIP)
Cristina Falke (RIP)
Nydia F. Pagan (RIP)

Saturday, May 2, 2015
8AM: Justin Fishel (Healing)
Kazuko Tanaka (RIP)
5PM: Gerarda L. Vitug (RIP)

Sunday, May 3, 2015
7AM: Anastacia C. Torres (RIP)
9AM: For the People
11AM: Leon B. Millan (RIP)
6PM: Francis Calabrese (Healing)



*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, Nydia F. Pagan, and Dennis G. Nakamura.

The Hui O Laulima Food Trolley will be out next weekend. Please Kokua.

A Healing Mass with Anointing will be held on Monday, May 11. Praise and worship will begin at 7:30 pm followed by Mass.



2015-2016 Religious Education Registration

This year's RE classes will begin this **August**. Registration forms have been sent home with current students to be completed and returned. To pick up a new form or turn in a completed RE registration form, the RE Office hours will be open:

Tuesday thru Friday - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

The Parish Rectory will also be open, *during regular business hours*, to collect completed registration forms. We look forward to a wonderful year learning and experiencing our Catholic Faith. To call the RE office, they may be reached at 623-3332, ext. 204/205. God Bless us all!

St. John Women's Guild welcomes all parishioners to celebrate and honor our Blessed Mother Mary in the May Crowning Ceremony on Saturday, May 9, after the 5:00 pm Mass. Come and join us in praying the Holy Rosary and the coronation of the Blessed Mother Mary statue. An International Potluck will follow afterwards in the Parish Center. Please bring a potluck dish to share with fellow parishioners.



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

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 18 / 19, 2015

Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,297.06
- 7:00 AM	\$2,847.00
- 9:00 AM	\$2,553.75
- 11:00 AM	\$2,648.95
- 6:00 PM	\$1,954.07
- Front Office	\$696.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$2,269.55
Candle Sales	\$454.00
Stewardship Development	\$28.50
Mass Intentions	\$130.00
Donation - Outreach	\$69.00
Easter Sunday	\$500.00
BEMO	\$1,755.71
Hui O Laulima	\$88.01
Catholic Relief Services	\$150.00
Holy Thursday (Op Rice Bowl)	\$47.24
Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$20.00

Weekend Total: \$18,508.84

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