



MAY 2 / 3, 2015
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ST. JOHN APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Reconciliation: (Saturday) 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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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
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www.stjohnmililani.org for a
listing and more information on
all our ministries.

NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Step 4: Putting on the Armor of God - Holding Faith as a Shield

The fourth step in winning the war is to have a shield. John Wood quotes Ephesians 6:13-17 that refers to "the armor of God" and "faith as a shield." God is our shield, our protector. We access God's shield through the power of prayer. Without prayer, we will never achieve our mission, nor shall we be able to see the war as a war. Without prayer we will be grounded by our own addictions and bad habits and so we will not be able to free ourselves (step 3). Most of us feel that we have fallen into sin so badly that we cannot even go to Church. The truth is, God wants us to go to Him, to go to Church as we are. We do not need to change first because God will help us change if we open ourselves to be transformed.

John Wood uses the metaphor of the Holy Highway to show us the treasures offered us in the Church to help us on the way to winning the war. Our baptism sets us on the ramp to this Holy Highway and washes the cancer of the Original Sin from our souls, making us new again, becoming part of the royal bloodline of Jesus Christ, destined for eternal life in heaven. The Church too provides us with "service stations" whereby we can get our car washed since we fall into sin from time to time. The sacrament of reconciliation or confession is our service station which is an important piece of God's shield. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is our "gas station" on this Holy Highway.

On this Holy Highway we need seat belts: the angels especially guardian angels, who just on time act as a shield before a terrible accident, natural catastrophe or illness. Most of us are not aware of the importance of angels in the war within. There are also road signs that guide us on the right way. These signs are the saints who help us, inspire us and pray for us. John Wood considers Mother Mary as the GPS on the Holy Highway. Mary as Mother of Jesus has a privileged place near her Son to plead our cause to Jesus. The Bible is the road map on the Holy Highway. We need the Bible because it keeps God's story in our story alive. Without knowing God's story in our story we are bound to be confused in understanding God's will for us and our mission.

Everything we need to win the war within and become saints on this Holy Highway is provided in God's Church. As people travel on this Holy Highway, they see exits that look more attractive and easier because when they look at the Holy Highway, it looks treacherous. Without prayer we are bound to be taken in by the lie that we cannot make it on this Holy Highway. The Church is another part of the shield we need on this Holy Highway. It is the spiritual North Star that guides us toward the right direction to our destiny. The Church provides not only the gas stations with oil change, but also a car wash when we get dirty. It provides space for silent moments of prayer which is essential for discerning our mission, vision and purpose. In silence we can begin to see the saint in us and be inspired to keep going fuelled by Christ's life, passion, death and resurrection. Stay tuned for step 5.

Msgr. John A. 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.*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Alleluia, the Lord is risen. Jesus metaphorically speaks of his Father's pruning us branches who are attached to the vine, who is Jesus. Just as God planted and tended the true vine, Jesus, so does God tend us- prune us- so that we, too, might "bear much fruit." God prunes from us whatever does not give life and nourishes within us whatever does. Our remaining in Jesus, our bearing fruit as disciples, our believing in the Son and keeping the commandments are all work of the Father, who tends with great care the risen Life of Jesus within us. This act of remaining in Jesus is permanent and habitual. Jesus desires that you remain in Him so that you may be able to encounter anyone or anything and penetrate further still into these depths of our faith.

The pruning of which Jesus speaks is simply a means to an end. The end is the bearing of much fruit. To this end, Jesus' word has a twofold purpose. On the one hand, his word is prophetic and prunes whatever drains life out of us his disciples. On the other, his word is the very sap of life that enables his disciples to remain in

him and bear fruit. True discipleship is to "remain" in Jesus. Remaining in Jesus does not mean stagnant, staying put, not moving forward. Paradoxically it means growing, changing, and bearing fruit. We remain in Jesus through our gift of believing and living in love. It is necessary to remain united with Christ to produce the required fruits.

We see a good example of this in the call and ministry of Paul, who did not act on his own. Barnabas witnesses how the apostle Paul was "pruned" by his encounter with the risen Jesus, an encounter so intense that he was "pruned" from his old zealous hatred of the Christians and became a disciple himself, one who remained in Jesus. He did not live on the border line of the community, but tried by all means to enter in communion with his brothers in the faith and never gave up, even when he saw their distrust and suspicion. Paul's behavior of courage and determination to their suspicion should be for us an example and a stimulus to accomplish what we resolved on the day of our baptism. To follow Christ we may

have to give up some of our ways of thinking. Our friends, colleagues and relatives may wonder at our option.

The enemy within that prevents us from being pruned and bearing fruits is destroyed by swords of life. We fight and destroy the culture of death by building the culture of life through mastering our own weapons, the seven saintly swords: justice, courage, wisdom, temperance, faith, hope, and love. In the world of darkness, these virtues bring light. We are called to be light of the world. We are called to stand in the middle of the culture of lies and death and to live the truth through authentic Catholic lives. Now, more than ever, we need heroic Catholicism to transform every aspect of the current culture with outstanding witness that pricks the consciences of all to conversion. This will be affected by aspects of spiritual, intellectual, emotional and physical sainthood which will bring transformation in the lives of the individuals.

FR. BONIFACE WAEMA
PAROCHIAL VICAR

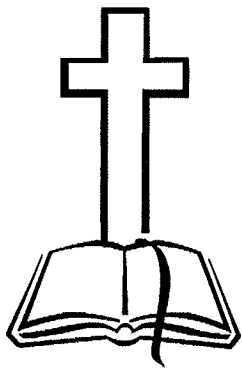
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2015

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

This passage is a brief summary of the whole of chapter ten. Peter's visit to Cornelius and his subsequent conversion marks a turning point in the attitude of the early Christian community. God himself demonstrates that salvation is for all, Jews and Gentiles. By God's gift of the Spirit, independent of the decision of the apostles, God forces them to recognize in act (rather than merely in theory) the basic equality of all peoples in the face of God's love and call.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

Psalm 98 reinforces the message of the first reading, that God's love is universal, and that he chose a particular people in order to make possible his salvation for all peoples. Response: "The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power."



Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

God's love is not something we can earn or deserve. God's love for us is the starting point. God has loved us first overwhelmingly. Thus our motive for loving one another is not done in order to gain God's favor. We love because God has already loved us without our meriting it and without preconditions.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

The Gospel passage continues the theme of union with Christ begun two Sundays ago. Here Jesus draws out the implications of "living in him". The most profound spiritual activity is love, which seeks full union with the beloved. And if love is true, the lover becomes transformed into the beloved in a way that in some sense they are no longer two but one. The test of love is obedience (faithfulness). To keep God's commandments is to show clearly that a person loves Christ. Love leads a person to sacrifice a personal point of view and put oneself confidently into the will of the other without any pre-conditions. Jesus himself has done this by conforming himself to the will of the Father; and by becoming a human being like us in all things except sin. He has died on the cross for us and rose to show us how much he loves us. Jesus now commands that we too love one another in a genuine manner.

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, May 4, 2015 (8 am)

Emmaleilokolani S. Higa

(Birthday Blessings)

Cyril & Molly Pereira (RIP)

Tuesday, May 5, 2015 (8 am)

Pia Visaya (RIP)

Francis Calabrese (Healing)

Wednesday, May 6, 2015 (8 am)

Luis Campo (RIP)

Julian Esdicul (RIP)

Thursday, May 7, 2015 (8 am)

Michael Morano (RIP)

Francis Calabrese (Healing)

Friday, May 8, 2015 (8 am)

Simeon & Liya Lamanilao

(Wedding Anniversary / Thanksgiving)

Francis Calabrese (Healing)

Natividad S. Dorado (RIP)

Saturday, May 9, 2015

8AM: Laurie Grace (Birthday Blessings)

Francis Calabrese (Healing)

5PM: John Gallogly (RIP)

Sunday, May 10, 2015

7AM: Mildred Furuta (RIP)

9AM: For the People

11AM: Myrtle D. Repoute (RIP)

6PM: Winifred Young (RIP)

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 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.



Mother's Day Mini-Retreat - The Sisters of Pauline Books & Media would like to invite all Mothers, as a gift, to a Mini-Retreat on Saturday, May 9, from 10:00 am - 12:30 pm in the Conference Room of the Pauline Books & Media Store. Take a little time aside to rest in the Lord and get rejuvenated for continuing in the beautiful vocation of motherhood. The retreat will include scripture reflections, music, and movie clips. Call 808-521-2731 for more information.

Catholic Communication Campaign - Our parish will be participating and taking up a collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign on the weekend of May 16/17. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. You may drop your donation during offertory or you may make a donation online by visiting our parish website at 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, June 5, immediately after the 8:00 am Mass and ending at 7:30 am on Saturday, June 6. 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.



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.

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.

DECEASED: 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, Dennis G. Nakamura, and Regino P. Pacificador.

Collection for April 25 / 26, 2015

Sunday Collection

- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,299.00
- 7:00 AM	\$2,898.00
- 9:00 AM	\$2,613.50
- 11:00 AM	\$2,558.81
- 6:00 PM	\$3,131.10
- Front Office	\$246.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$1,330.00

Candle Sales \$455.00

Stewardship Development \$83.50

Mass Intentions \$110.00

Donation - Outreach \$39.00

Easter Flowers \$1.00

Easter Sunday \$40.00

BEMO \$1,387.25

Hui O Laulima \$67.13

World Mission Sunday \$7.50

Weekend Total: \$17,303.79

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



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Campus Remodeling/Renovation Status

Msgr. John Mbinda has assured transparency throughout the St. John A&E campus remodeling and renovation project. This is an update on the status of the project - steps that have already been completed and steps that need to be completed.

ACCOMPLISHED TO DATE:

- Parish survey - August, 2014 - Resulted in 110 of the 275 votes submitted listing a Parish Hall as the number one priority need for St. John A&E Church and Parish. As an Evangelization Parish, the new facility would be a much needed structure to support Evangelization events and projects.
- To determine the space requirements for the St. John A&E staff and various ministries who support the Parish's Evangelization efforts, a preliminary survey was conducted in September, 2014 by an invited industry professional from outside the Parish who provided his services on a pro-bono basis.
- An Ad Hoc committee of Council leaders was created in September, 2014 to review the results of the preliminary survey, to review the existing Master Plan (created in 2001), to review the existing Strategic Plan (created in 1990) and to compare the similarities/differences between the stated requirements then and now. Ad Hoc committee members were Les Hunkele (PPBC), Bill Castro (Stewardship Council), Rich Guillory (Finance Council), Michael Burgess (Pre-School Board), Cory Lindo (PPC) and Michael Browning (invited facilitator).
- A town hall meeting was held on December 13, 2014 to present the information that was compiled by the Ad Hoc committee. The purpose of that meeting was to identify the "Sense of the Faithful" of St. John A&E Church and Parish. The outcome was to build a Parish Hall/Facility to support Evangelization efforts/projects and to renovate the Rectory and Garage areas to better support the Clergy.
- Meeting between Msgr. John Mbinda with the Diocese to understand the Diocesan requirements to receive approval to proceed with any construction or renovation on the St. John A&E campus.
- An assessment-free building fund was secured (created and approved by the Diocese) to support any construction or renovation to be completed on the St. John A&E campus. Any designated donations for a Parish Hall, Multi-

Purpose Parish Facility or Parish campus renovation will be deposited into this account. (This paragraph was moved up from the next bullet in the original version of this document)

- Msgr. John Mbinda pledged \$100,000.00 of St. John A&E financial reserves to fund the requirements that will need to be addressed prior to the start of construction.
- Msgr. John Mbinda and the Ad-Hoc Committee met with Diocesan representatives and a capital campaign firm on January 19, 2015 to review the steps which have been taken by the Parish and the steps that need to be taken by the Parish in securing approval from the Diocese to proceed with construction.
- On February 4, 2015, the members of the Ad Hoc Committee were asked to become the steering committee (named the Leadership Advisory Committee) for completing the necessary action items required to obtain approval from the Diocese for moving forward with the St. John A&E campus remodeling and renovation project.
- Members of the Leadership Advisory Committee met with two architects in February, 2015 to determine preliminary qualifications and generate interest in the St. John A&E project.
- On February 23, 2015, Msgr. John Mbinda signed a contract with Helber, Hastert & Fee, Planners, Inc. (HHF, Planners, Inc.) to prepare a demographics report (growth plan) for the 96789 zip code to size the potential growth for the St. John A&E Church and Parish for the next twenty years. This is a requirement to obtain Diocesan approval for any Parish construction or renovation plan. The Leadership Committee met with Diocesan representatives to obtain names of planning companies who have successfully completed projects within the Diocese. The Leadership Advisory Committee also met with Leadership Advisory Committee members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Jude and Our Lady of Good Council, all of whom had already retained planning firms, to determine which company would provide St. John A&E Church and Parish the best value for cost. HHF, Planners, Inc. was selected because of past performance and cost. The total paid to HHF, Planners, Inc. was \$19,900.00 which is below the ceiling above which Diocesan review and approval of the contract for a demographics report would be required. HHF Planners will deliver the required demographics report no later than April 30, 2015.

- A Town Hall meeting to move forward with the required action items to be taken prior to the Episcopal Visit by the Bishop on June 20 and 21, 2015, was held on February 21, 2015. The information gathered during this town Hall meeting will become the information that supports not only the justification for the construction/renovation of the Parish campus but also a part of the Pastoral Plan which will be presented to the Bishop as a part of the Episcopal Visit.

NEXT STEPS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED:

- Receipt of the demographics report from HHF Planner, Inc. no later than April 30, 2015. *(We have just received the demographics.)*
- Enlist the services of a qualified, Catholic Education professional from outside the Parish to evaluate and/or determine the role the education ministries will play in bringing St. John's Evangelization Mission/Vision to fruition. The education ministries include the Pre-School, Religious Education and RCIA. Their size and space requirements significantly affect the design of the reconstructed campus. The resulting information, along with the information from other ministries and functions (including space requirements) will be provided as input to the Architect/Engineer (A/E).
- Develop a project plan/time-line (and estimated cost) of the action items/steps required to obtain Diocesan approval for the start of construction as well as the follow-on action items/steps to complete the project.
- Write a Request for Proposal (RFP) for and select an Architect/Engineer (A/E) company to complete a feasibility study (another Diocesan requirement for construction/renovation approval) as their first deliverable. Information provided in the 1990 Strategic Plan, the 2001 Master Plan, the 2014 pro-bono survey and the demographics report will be presented to the selected A/E company to provide not only background information, but also to help mitigate the cost for and shorten the time to complete the feasibility study.
- Receive the feasibility report to include schematic options and cost estimates.
- Conduct another Town Hall meeting to present the results of the feasibility report to the parishioners.
- Meet with the shopping center developer (next door) to discuss options under which St. John A&E Church would be granted a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to use the shopping center as an additional parking area during

weekend Masses and for Evangelization events. This arrangement could be sufficient to nullify the requirement to build an additional parking facility on the St. John A&E campus.

- The Leadership Advisory Committee makes a presentation to the Diocese and receives approval to proceed with the project.
- Hire a capital campaign firm using the cost estimates obtained from the feasibility report to serve as input to determine the dollar goal for the capital campaign.
- Begin capital campaign - the Diocese has a requirement that fifty percent (50%) of the required capital for the project must be raised before construction/renovation can begin.
- Give Notice to Proceed to the A/E firm hired by St. John A&E Church to deliver a staged design for the construction project.
- Write an RFP to hire an Owner's Representative who will manage the A/E firm and construction contractor selected by St. John A&E Church.
- Hire the Owner's Representative.
- Write an RFP to hire a general contractor or design-builder.
- Secure a mortgage to cover the project costs above cash in hand for the project. (removed "or pledged")
- Hire general contractor or design-builder.
- Conduct another Town Hall meeting with the design and construction principals presenting the project plan(s), goals and considerations.
- Begin and complete the construction project.
- Dedicate project.
- Most important - retire debt.