



MAY 16 / 17, 2015
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

ST. JOHN APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH.

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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.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Step Five and Conclusion: The Fight is On!

In step five of *Ordinary Lives Extraordinary Mission*, we come to the last step of our goal to win the war within. Lest we get lost in the forest of words, a quick review. We start winning the war by 1) knowing that we are in war; 2) knowing the enemy quite well – the strengths and weaknesses in order to plan how to overcome the enemy; 3) freeing ourselves by our knowledge of God, knowledge of self and knowledge of the enemy; and 4) having a sword - putting on God's shield of prayer, a step that is essential in all the steps. Having formed a shield around us by putting on the armor of God, it is time to invoke a holy war against the powers of darkness that keep us down.

The fifth step in winning the war within is taking our sword and fighting back to destroy the culture of death and restore a culture of life. The fight is on to rebuild a culture of life by mastering our own weapons, the seven saintly swords: justice, courage, wisdom, temperance, faith, hope and love. In the dark world of death, these virtues bring light and life. As Catholics, we are called to stand in the middle of our culture and transform it by our witness. We must become people of prayer and turn to the sacraments in order to be transformed into what God intends us to become. Our mission is to be saints.

Passionate desire to know God leads us on the path to becoming saints. We need to have that desire and keep learning our faith and getting excited about it in order to share our faith with others. Parents are the primary catechists for their child and not the RE class on Sunday only. Another path to becoming saints is service. Parents can serve by teaching their own children. We all have the time and the talent to share our faith in the family or in the work place. Try to look for opportunities to minister to people around you wherever you are. There are people who are hurting, people who need just a smile, aloha, mahalo and a helping hand.

You and I share in Christ's redemptive power. We have the power to help souls get to heaven by uniting our own suffering to the sacrifice of Christ. When we align our mission, vision and purpose to that of Jesus Christ, he accomplished his mission of making us saints. Our greatest fear is that you and I are not "saint materials!" O yes, we are. We have the power to be saints. God wants us to take courage and fight this war for we are not alone. The Spirit of Christ is on our side and we can smell our own victory! So be courageous; be dynamic; be the saint you were created to be.

In conclusion of this wonderful book, John Wood warns us that these steps are not an easy recipe for becoming a saint. Winning the war is anything but easy. We must be willing to endure for the path to sainthood is narrow and difficult. We will experience moments of certainty as well as moments of the being abandoned by God. These five steps are not a set of rules to live by; they are a way of life. They need constant practice, perseverance and passion. The journey on the Holy Highway is a long-distance race with many battles that require sharpening our swords and keeping focused on our mission to win the war. To win this war, transformation, starting with each person, one at a time is required. The fight is on and the goal is clear. I am called to be a saint! I can do it. You can do it too. Hug yourself for having read this wonderful book!

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

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Pastor

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

We have journeyed together forty days from Easter and now we are heading for the Holy Spirit's descent at Pentecost. For many, the feast of the Ascension of the Lord feels like a "*farewell celebration*" for Jesus, a farewell until we see Jesus again at the end of time. Ascension is definitely not a farewell. Far from being a farewell, what our feast actually does for us is to remind us that Jesus has become present to us in a new and more powerful way. One way we might envision the ascension is by imagining that Jesus is saying good-bye and the Christ is saying hello.

The disciples, then and now, can no longer see Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified and has been raised from the dead, but the disciples can see the Christ into whom Jesus has been transformed. He becomes present to all of us in spirit. He had to return to the Father in order to change the way He

could live in our midst. The ascension of Jesus completes his mission on earth. He came from God and now he returns to God. We are commemorating the moment that Jesus handed the continuation of his great work over to us, the Church. Jesus commissioned his disciples to baptize in his name, reminding them that he is always present through his Spirit. He sent his disciples and us "into the whole world to proclaim the gospel" by the way we live. Jesus is lifted up. Yet he is not taken away. He remains with us and will come again.

After Jesus' ascension what are we to do? Do we sit around and wait for something to happen or do we go and do something? The ascension of Jesus reminds us that during our lives we are "only passing through" on this earth, as we say. We are pilgrims on a journey. Just as Jesus' earthly life was temporary, and he ascended to sit at the

right hand of the Father, so also our lives here are temporary, will come to an end, and we will meet God in the next life. Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

We who have received that promised gift of the Spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth – to use our time and talents to spread the Good News of salvation. As good stewards let's sing praise to God in thanksgiving for His glory and rule in our lives!

PEACE!

DEACON MODESTO CORDERO



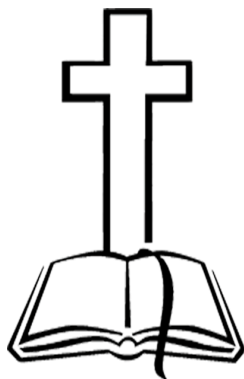
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2015

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

The feast of Pentecost is rooted in the Jewish tradition of the feast of "Shavuot" celebrated fifty days after Passover, and was seen as the completion of the covenant. Similarly, the coming of the Spirit over the apostles is celebrated as the completion of the new covenant accomplished in the Easter mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. As narrated in Acts of Apostles, the Holy Spirit is the source of the mission of witness to the resurrection and lordship of Jesus, which characterizes the entire life of the Church. In graphic and symbolic detail, this passage emphasizes the power of the Spirit impelling the disciples to go forth and proclaim the gospel to all people.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

These verses of Psalm 104 praise God for his eternal deeds, and thus foreshadow the new creation in the Spirit. Response: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."



Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

The diversity of gifts is not only the source of our joy as a Christian community, but unfortunately is also the reason why we need reconciliation because we find it difficult to recognize and accept another's uniqueness as a gift. Often we view others' gifts as a threat to our own. The Spirit gives this diversity of gifts, and thus we must allow the Spirit to open our eyes to see the unity in this diversity.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

In this Gospel passage, John portrays Jesus giving his promised gift of the Spirit on the evening of the day of his resurrection. Thus he shows clearly that the Spirit is the fulfillment of the presence of the risen Christ in his followers. The Spirit is to continue Jesus' mission of reconciliation, the heart of which is not just preaching, but living the message of forgiveness. This forgiveness of sins should not be taken in a narrow legalistic sense, but should be seen as the entirety of God's saving power which is his gift to the Church. The Christian community's success or failure will be measured only by the degree to which its members are reconciled to one another — in other words, love. Forgiveness is the catalyst that enables reconciliation, love and unity to happen. Our forgiveness of one another is the genuine sign that God's forgiveness is happening. It is a sign of the Spirit's presence.

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, May 18, 2015 (8 am)
Celestina & Emmanuel Dela Cruz (RIP)
Maria E. Abreu (RIP)

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 (8 am)
Communion Service

Wed., May 20, 2015 (8 am)
Communion Service
James & Midred Mizoguchi (RIP)
Matthew Grace (Birthday Blessings)

Thursday, May 21, 2015 (8 am)
Communion Service
Gregoria Taglinao (RIP)

Friday, May 22, 2015 (8 am)
Communion Service
William & Helen Heagney (RIP)
Asuncion Cortel (Special Intentions)

Saturday, May 23, 2015
8AM: Gwen Mitsui (Birthday)
Melvin J. Ambrocio (RIP)
5PM: Magdalena Rivera (Birthday)

Sunday, May 24, 2015
7AM: Violet Mayock (Birthday)
9AM: For the People
11AM: Norberto & Pacita Casupang (Blessings)
6PM: Melvin J. Ambrocio (RIP)

Please pray for our Members & Friends

HEALING/BLESSINGS: 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, Diana Jorgensen, Berlina Mindoro and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

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.

2015 Annual Diocesan Priests' Convocation: Msgr. John & Fr. Boniface will be away attending the Diocesan Convocation on May 18-22. There will be 8:00 am Daily Mass on Monday, May 18, and Communion Services from May 19-22.

Ordinary Lives, Extraordinary Mission Book Review Night - Join us! Wednesday, May 27th, from 7-8 pm in the Church. Your ordinary life has an extraordinary purpose.



Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) - Today, our parish will be participating in this campaign by taking up a collection. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic enriched social media. Half of your donation will remain in our diocese to support local communication needs. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. You may drop your donation during offertory or donate online by visiting our parish website, www.stjohnmililani.org, clicking the "Online Giving" icon. Please be generous.



Invite a Catholic to Complete their Sacraments
If you or someone you know would like to fully practice the Catholic faith, come and join the RCIA program.

Registration will begin in June for the upcoming 2015-2016 year. Classes will begin in August. For more information, contact Dcn. Modesto Cordero at 585-3342 or email him at mcordero@rcchawaii.org.

Church Novena Prayers & Devotion

Rosary Group
Daily (Mon-Sat) after 8:00 am Mass
Charismatic Prayer Group
Mondays - 7:00 pm
Cenacle Prayer Group
Tuesdays - 3:00 pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesdays - 6:00 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
1st Fridays - 8:30 am (after Daily Mass) to 7:30 am Saturday Morning
Two Hearts Prayer Group
2nd, 3rd, 4th Fridays - 4:00 pm
Our Lady of Fatima
1st Saturdays: Upon request (location TBD)



2015-2016 Religious Education Registration

RE classes will begin this **August**. To pick up/turn in a registration form, the RE Office hours are as follows:

Tuesday thru Friday - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

The Parish Rectory will be open, during business hours, to collect completed registration forms.

For more information, call the RE office at 623-3332, ext. 204/ 205.
God Bless us all!

Congratulations Class of 2015! Come and



join us in a Baccalaureate Blessing and Celebration all of the High School and College Graduates from our parish on Sunday, July 5, at 6:00 pm Mass. Graduates or parents of a graduate, please contact Dcn. Wally or Gwen Mitsui at 623-6982 or email gmitsui@gmail.com.

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.



Collection for May 9 / 10, 2015

Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,867.00
- 7:00 AM	\$3,662.30
- 9:00 AM	\$3,484.00
- 11:00 AM	\$2,342.00
- 6:00 PM	\$1,594.50
- Front Office	\$425.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$1,615.00
Candle Sales	\$589.00
Mass Intentions	\$20.00
Donation - Outreach	\$59.00
Stewardship Development	\$28.50
BEMO	\$1,407.42
Hui O Laulima	\$22.00
Catholic Campaign for	\$7.50
Catholic Comm. Campaign	\$125.00
Weekend Total:	\$18,263.22

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