



MAY 23 / 24, 2015

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Leadership at the Service of Communion

The model of leadership based on the Church as communion in Christ helps us understand leadership as ministry at the service of the parish community. Such leadership is based on the model of Christ himself who "came not to be served, but to serve." This model will ultimately help communication at all levels of parish life and facilitate the implementation of all eight pastoral priorities. It will also offer ministry members opportunities to pray and deepen their understanding of other ministries in the context of prayer and scripture sharing. Individual ministry teams will continue to function as before. The added value will be that all related ministries will have a platform whereby they can share, promote, and help form other parishioners through their specific charism. Each ministry is a wonderful gift from God and adds such valuable to the building up of the Body of Christ which is our parish community.

The model facilitates clustering related teams of ministries together, and that will help better implementation of pastoral priorities. Our parish ministries under the model of the Church as communion can serve the parish more effectively if better organized into such clustered advisory councils and commissions. At the center of our parish life is Jesus Christ, who gathers us as a parish community at the Eucharistic celebration daily and Sunday after Sunday. The model of parish life as communion in Christ is expressed better in a leadership model wherein all ministries function at the service of the parish community. As we prepare to implement this model, I wanted to elaborate on how it will function practically.

Twelve advisory councils and commissions, including the preschool board, will meet quarterly as the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) under the leadership of a chair called to ministry by the pastor. All the commissions will be organized into teams of related ministries. An example of this would be the Liturgical Commission which has twelve teams. The leaders of these teams will meet every two months or as needed with the Commission Chair to listen to reports from team leaders, particularly regarding the implementation of the proposed objectives in the pastoral plan. I am aware that this model may not make much sense. Therefore, starting next weekend, you will find a bulletin insert on one commission leadership graphic including the teams within the commission. We will first feature the Liturgical Commission (Mass/Worship). So stay tuned.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda
Pastor

VISION / 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.**

PARISH CLERGY

Pastor

Msgr. John Mbinda (x 111)

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Boniface Waema (x 104)

Deacon Modesto Cordero

(mcordero@rcchawaii.org)

Deacon Wally Mitsui

(wmitsui@rcchawaii.org)

Deacon Romeo Ganibe

(rganibe@rcchawaii.org)

PARISH OFFICE

Office Administrator (x 103)

Jolly Guerrero-Tano

Parish Secretary (x 100)

Lindsey Higa-Kohagura

Bookkeeper (x 101)

Stephanie Jamile

PARISH PROGRAMS

Outreach (x 203)

Pearl Bates

RCIA Coordinator

Deacon Modesto Cordero

Religious Ed. Director (x 205)

Julie Quiroz-Zamora

Religious Ed. Assistant (x 204)

Terry Silva

Preschool Director (x 208)

Catherine Awong

Youth & Young Adult Coordinators

Deacon Wally & Gwen Mitsui

(gmitsui@gmail.com)

PARISH MINISTRIES

We welcome you to visit our parish website at

www.stjohnmililani.org for a

listing and more information on

all our ministries.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

There is serious sitting around in the First Reading and Gospel for today's celebration of Pentecost. We hear of the gathering in Jerusalem for the feast of Weeks or the celebration for the first cuttings of the grain harvest. It was the second of the three major feasts in the religious tradition of Israel. The first was the Feast of Unleavened Bread, or Passover. The third was the Feast of Tents or Booths, celebrating the harvestings of grapes and olives.

Pentecost is actually the Greek name for "fifty days" or seven weeks; hence the name of the fest has been called the "Feast of Weeks." It was a communal celebration of God's abundant fidelity to the Jews in the giving of the land and its fertility. They were gathered to give thanks and have a share in the crops.

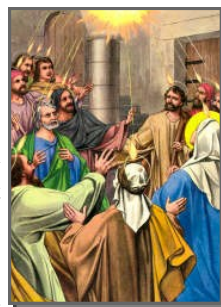
What we hear from the Acts of the Apostles is the account of the same fidelity of God to bring about the new crop and new sense of the whole earth's being a blessing place.

With the coming of the Holy Spirit, there was to be no more sitting around. There was a kind of interior fire lit which had to be spread. People from various distant regions came, heard and were invited to listen and then return with that fire and Spirit.

For the Jewish believers, Pentecost was a harvest celebration. For the Christian community, it is a celebration of God's planting the Holy Spirit to bring about the harvest of planters. The more difficult aspect of Pentecost is that we are not to be complacent of sharing our faith and mission to evangelize. The Gospel of John presents this picture of Jesus' sending us with the Spirit knowing that He is with us always. Paul writes it in our Second Reading more specifically. There is One Spirit, which is to be made visible in different "works", and this Spirit is to produce "all of them in everyone".

The disciples were sitting in the locked room, fearful of proclaiming that Jesus is

truly alive. They had run away from the Light, the Way, the Truth and the Life. Jesus came, not with condemnation, but to convince them that their lives were blest and could be a blessing if they allowed the Spirit to breathe within them and through them.



There is to be no more sitting around and worrying or wondering who we are and what we are to do. Jesus did not give them any further instructions except to "Go". This is not a comforting feast. This celebration has serious going out, implications. Jesus says to each one, "Take your life seriously as I do!" Hiding is not allowed anymore!

**BLESSINGS,
DEACON WALLY MITSUI**

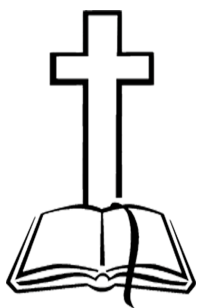
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2015

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses' exhortation in this passage serves as a preamble to the Jewish law. The law was not simply a set of rules to be obeyed for good order, nor as later tradition distorted it, a necessary condition for pleasing God. The law was the constitution of the people God had chosen as his own. Observance of the law was the way of life that corresponded to the covenant. Thus Jesus, by establishing the new covenant, did not so much replace the law as fulfill it.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22

Psalm 33 praises God's past works and acknowledges that God still works to save his people. Response: "Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own."



Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

This passage sums up the meaning of the Holy Trinity for us. It refers to our right to make the prayer of Jesus our own, since we have received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we can cry to God as "ABBA" - Father. But union with the Trinity does not happen automatically. Our union with the Triune God makes us Children of God and co-heirs with Christ. Paul concludes that if that is the case, then we must suffer with Christ so that we may be glorified with him.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus as risen Lord, the focal point of the renewal of all creation (v 18) sends his disciples forth on the mission that sums up the entire purpose of the Church He has founded: to make disciples of all nations. "Baptism in the name of" someone signifies belonging — immersion of one's own reality into that person's reality. Thus the Christian belongs to the Trinity, united to the Son as a child of the Father, a union accomplished and vivified by the Holy Spirit. The new covenant of Jesus is not merely a new set of laws, but a totally new way of life, founded on his continued presence. The life and activity of the Church continues to display and to witness the living Jesus to the world.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 25, 2015 (8 am)

Mercedes Reneses (Birthday)

Melvin J. Ambrocio (RIP)

Tuesday, May 26, 2015 (8 am)

Melvin J. Ambrocio (RIP)

Kenneth S. Flores

(Baptismal Memorial)

Wed., May 27, 2015 (8 am)

Melvin J. Ambrocio (RIP)

Jacob Le (Blessings)

Thursday, May 28, 2015 (8 am)

Melvin J. Ambrocio (RIP)

William Waema (RIP)

Friday, May 29, 2015 (8 am)

John & Delmar Galicinao (Birthday)

Melvin J. Ambrocio (RIP)

Maria E. Abreu (RIP)

Saturday, May 30, 2015

8AM: Melvin J. Ambrocio (RIP)

Julian Castillo (RIP)

5PM: Anthony Scarpelli

(Birthday Memorial)

Sunday, May 31, 2015

7AM: Rodolfo Taglinao (RIP)

9AM: For the People

11AM: Brigida C. Millan (RIP)

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

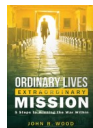
everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

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)



- Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection for the CCC. Because of your support, millions of faithful will have the opportunity to deepen their faith through daily resources on the Internet, television, radio, and printed media. To learn more about the important work supported by this collection, please visit www.usccb.org, search "Catholic Communication Campaign".

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.



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!



Come and Serve in the RCIA Ministry

Most people "Come to Faith" on the "arm of a friend". Come and serve in the RCIA Ministry as a Sponsor, a Catechist, or a Member of the RCIA Team. Make a difference in your life, in the faith life of the Catholic Community, and in the lives of those on the RCIA journey.

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

Job Opening!

Director of Liturgy (Full-Time)

Lead for our developing Liturgical Ministry.

Responsibilities include facilitating the worship life of the parish community by coordinating and providing quality liturgical and musical experiences, which celebrate and strengthen the faith journey of our community.

*Includes working weekends and some evenings

To apply and more information, visit

www.catholichawaii.org/about-us/careers

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.

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 16 / 17, 2015

Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,108.01
- 7:00 AM	\$2,837.30
- 9:00 AM	\$2,639.27
- 11:00 AM	\$1,696.50
- 6:00 PM	\$1,940.92
- Front Office	\$625.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$3,039.05
Candle Sales	\$458.00
Mass Intentions	\$50.00
Flowers	\$2.00
All Souls	\$7.50
Donation - Outreach	\$69.00
Stewardship Development	\$78.50
BEMO	\$1,406.15
Hui O Laulima	\$10.00
Catholic Comm. Campaign	\$986.00

Weekend Total: \$17,953.26

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

DECEASED: Joy Ann K. Baker, Rogelio Ordinario, Lolita Camlin, Bernadette Yockman, Fidel Reyes, Natividad S. Dorado, Nydia F. Pagan, Dennis G. Nakamura, Regino P. Pacificador, and Maria Abreu.