



JULY 4 / 5, 2015
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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Deacon Modesto Cordero

Religious Ed. Director (x 205)

Julie Quiroz-Zamora

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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 & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Pastoral Priority #7: Religious Education and RCIA

The bulletin insert this Sunday features our Pastoral Priority #7. To implement this priority we have put in place an RE/RCIA Commission that will begin its work of helping us working on details of the various tasks of the commission. A number of parishioners have already signed up to help implement the action plans proposed for this priority. In going forward we need to be clear on what this priority is about. First of all the priority includes two related but different programs, namely Religious Education for pre-k to grade 12 and RCIA for 7-16 year old and adults.

What the Plan Says - The Goal Statement for priority #7 is stated as follows: "To increase our student enrollment in RE and RCIA, in order to facilitate the conversion of the whole person into a dynamic Catholic Christian." In reflecting on the stated goal statement, it seems to me that the two aspects of the goal, "to increase enrollment" and "to facilitate the conversion of the whole person into dynamic Catholic Christian" capture a wonderful objective for transforming persons into disciples and stewards of Jesus Christ. Another way of articulating this objective is to say that the purpose of our RE and RCIA programs is to make disciples, that is to share the good news of Jesus Christ to more people in Central Oahu and beyond.

Stewardship in RE and RCIA - One challenge we will meet as catechists in RE and RCIA is how to transform persons to embrace stewardship as a way of life. As catechists, one needs to encounter Christ in a deep and personal way. We encounter the living God when we read and share the Bible with others. The Bible offers an opportunity to encounter the Word of God. One who has encountered Christ in this way is aware that prayer is so central that no day begins without prayer. Therefore prayer is central to our ministry. A dynamic Catholic is one who has a routine of prayer. As we go forward, our style of meetings will need to be a method of teaching how to pray and to share the scriptures. We will first begin with our parish Stewardship Prayer, followed by Scripture sharing (not Bible study) and then begin the rest of the agenda. A commission meeting is not so much about an agenda but about the encounter with God and with one another. That dynamic of encounter through prayer and Scripture is transformative.

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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.**

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prophetic witness, ministry with challenges, a thorn in the flesh; for “when I am weak, then I am strong.” The readings of this Sunday invite us to reflect on our call to ministry and the challenges that go with our extraordinary mission to give prophetic witness like Ezekiel, Jesus and Paul. While St. Paul compares the challenges in his ministry to a thorn in the flesh, the Gospel gives us a concrete example of Jesus who is rejected in his own hometown. We ordinary people are reminded that we have an extraordinary mission to stand for the truth in the face of risking being ridiculed, rejected, hated or persecuted. Perhaps that is what Paul in the second reading means by a thorn in his flesh. Paul sees an advantage in his weakness and refers to it as “a thorn in the flesh”. It reminds him of dependence on Christ. Because of Christ Paul can say, “When I am weak, then I am strong.” Being rejected can be a great obstacle and therefore a weakness in our witness. However the grace of God is well able to transform weakness into strength and failure into success. Even when our

weakness is real, God has an incredible possibility for each of us. I am reminded of the many stories of people who were rejected and then suddenly turned around to succeed. Walt Disney was fired from the Kansas City Star as a cartoonist in 1919 because, his editor said, he “lacked imagination and had no good ideas,” he turned around with his brother Roy to create one of the largest media empires in the world.

I tell this story because in the Gospel, Jesus is rejected in his own home town of Nazareth. What happens when Jesus is rejected? He moves on focused on his mission. Being rejected may be a thorn in the flesh, but we need to see its flip side as an opportunity. Jesus was a thorn in the flesh for the synagogue the people in Nazareth. The Church today is thorn in the flesh for civil authorities. In the face of such witness, the Church is ridiculed in the public media. Pope Francis just issued an Encyclical on the Care of our Common Home. While many have welcomed this historic document, it becomes a perfect example of prophetic witness and a thorn in

the flesh for some civil authorities. As expected, the pope has been criticized by the media and some politicians. Surprisingly, some Catholic politicians have gone as far as to tell the pope to stay out of politics. These challenges are part of the enemy within the Body of Christ, manipulated by the evil one to see if we will cave in. Christ promises his grace and his presence as we fight this war which is also his battle on our side. That grace for us ordinary people is enough to win the war as we give witness to Jesus Christ. So what message do we take home this Sunday? 1) Like St. Paul, we too have our weakness and challenges, but being the best version of ourselves can give us extraordinary power and boldness to witness. 2) Like Walt Disney being rejected, God’s grace can lead us to turn around towards the goal of our extraordinary mission. 3) As disciples and stewards we must never quit our extraordinary mission of witness nor be intimidated by threats, even if in our witness we have to die for the truth.

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PASTOR

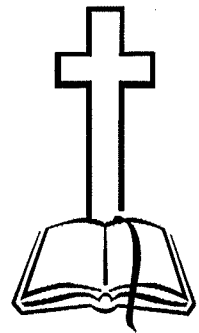
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2015

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

The passage sums up the dialogue between prophet Amos and Amaziah the pagan priest at Bethel showing two different perspectives on the two people. Amos is sent by God to prophesy to the people of Israel (v. 15). Amaziah, on the other hand, is a pagan priest at Bethel the royal shrine (v. 13). That is why Amaziah calls Amos a seer rather than a prophet because he recognized Amos’ special gifts. The challenge by prophet Amos the true prophet indicates that Amaziah’s prophesying at Bethel depends on the good will of the king, while Amos is sent by God to prophesy to the people of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

The verses in Psalm 85 presume a worshipping community waiting for God’s word, a prophetic oracle that will announce peace (v.9). There is no direct appeal to God here. The verses depict the people awaiting a reply to a plea they must have made. The people’s confidence that God will respond rests in their conviction that they are God’s own people; they are faithful to God and trust that God will respond in kindness. “Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.”



Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

This passage opens with a beautiful benediction that blesses God who has blessed us with “every spiritual blessing.” These blessings of God come to us through Christ. They are uniquely of a spiritual, even cosmic nature. First is the election in Christ. The theme of election has its origins in Jewish religious tradition (Exodus 19:5-6; Deut 14:2). But here interestingly we find the idea of primordial predestination, the act whereby God’s love from all eternity determines salvation in Christ. The point being made here is that salvation in Christ is not an afterthought, but in God’s plan from the beginning. As we were destined for adoption through Christ, so we have been redeemed by his blood so that God’s plan might be fulfilled in Christ.

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

This passage is about the first mission by the twelve apostles. Jesus gives them explicit directions on what to take with them on their journey and how to act. Although they are given the power to drive out unclean spirits, it is clear that they can only do this through the authority of Jesus. They are now commissioned to participate in the ministry of Jesus with every power of Jesus. Jesus prepares the apostles for possible rejection and failure, a theme we saw last Sunday. There is no guarantee they will be received or that their message will be heeded. If rejected, they should rid themselves of any trace of obstinate people. To shake the dust of a place from their sandals was the symbolic act the Israelites used when returning from a foreign land. If they used this symbolic act before Jewish people, they easily understood the seriousness of the judgment upon them. The content of their mission was repentance, driving out demons and healing.

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, July 6, 2015 (8 am)

Peter & Molly Pereira (RIP)
Dolores Martin (RIP)

Tuesday, July 7, 2015 (8 am)

Anne Marie Serrao & Harlein Evile
(Birthday)

Michael Morano (RIP)

Wednesday, July 8, 2015 (8 am)

Charles Fernandes (RIP)
John & Frances Clark (RIP)

Thursday, July 9, 2015 (8 am)

Glen Galman (Birthday)
Antonio Amasol (RIP)

Friday, July 10, 2015 (8 am)

Stanley Kong (RIP)
Two-Hearts Prayer Group
(Thanksgiving)
Diana J. Jorgensen (RIP)

Saturday, July 11, 2015

8AM: John Bates (Birthday)
Wynne Gallogly (Birthday)
5PM: Joshua K. Nakata (Birthday)

Sunday, July 12, 2015

7AM: Emmanuel dela Cruz
(Birthday Memorial)
9AM: *For the People*
11AM: Rosalina B. Acdal (RIP)
6PM: Pastora D. Fonacier
(Birthday)

Please pray for our Members & Friends

 **HEALING/BLESSINGS:** BJ Sagocio, Teresita Milano, 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, Berlina Mindoro, Fr. Edward Turner, Joyce Medeiros, Richard Paglinawan, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

Peter's Pence Collection - Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father's Charitable works through the Peter's Pence Collection. Your contribution will help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to be a witness of charity. May God bless you.

Come and Learn about the Holy Land with speaker *Sam Makarios* on Friday, July 10, 7:00 pm in the church. Learn about the place where Jesus lived, proclaimed His Gospel, performed miracles, was crucified and rose from the dead, and why Catholics should care about the Christians living in the Holy Land. For more information, call 623-3332, ext. 103 or email info@stjohnmililani.org.



2015-2016 Religious Education Registration

Classes will begin on **August 2**.

Religious Education Office will be open on:

Tuesday/Wednesday - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Thursday/Friday - 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

Sunday - 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Parent Orientation will be on:

Sun, July 5 - 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm (Rooms 4 & 5)

Sun, July 19 - 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm (Church)

To register, call the RE office at 623-3332, ext. 204/ 205. God Bless us all!

Confirmation Year 1 & 2 Orientation

All Conf. Yr. 1 & 2 students must attend the **3-part** orientation with at least **ONE** Parent.

PART 1: Orientation Meeting

Sunday, July 12 OR Sunday, July 26,
12:30 - 2:30 pm in the Church

PART 2: Faith Formation w/ Paul J. Kim

Wednesday, July 22 & Thursday, July 23
6:30 - 8:30 pm in the Church

PART 3: Opening Year Mass

Thursday, August 20, 2015
6:30 - 8:30 pm in the Church

Classes begin **August 2, 2015**

For more information, please call Terry Silva at 623-3332, ext. 204.



2015-2016 classes will begin in *August*. For more information on registration, please call Dcn. Modesto Cordero at 585-3342 or email him at mcordero@rcchawaii.org.

The Great Adventure - "The Image of God" (Col 1:15-20), Wednesday, July 15, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, featuring Barrett Awai, Charmaine Hauonio-Kuewa, Leo Goeas, Tony Silva, and Asai Gilman. Praise & Worship will begin at 6:30pm. For more info call 623-3332, ext 205.

Choir Meeting - Friday, July 17, at 7:00 pm in the church. All choir members are encouraged to attend.

Summer Potluck and Movie Night -



Saturday, July 18, from 6:15 - 11:30 pm, in classrooms 4 & 5; sponsored by Respect Life Ministry & Knights of Columbus. Featuring *Despicable Me* (6:30 pm) and *McFarland, USA* (8:00 pm). Please bring a dish to share; popcorn, snacks & beverages will be provided. For more information contact Melissa Crisostomo at 626-2469.

The next 24 hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, August 7, immediately after the 8:00 am Mass and ending at 7:30 am on Saturday, August 8. 

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carmelo I. Solomon (RIP)

Wednesday, July 29 ~ Mililani Memorial Park
Wake: 6:30 pm (Makua Chapel)
Thursday, July 30 ~ St. John A & E
Visitation: 9:30 am ~ Mass: 11:00 am
Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Collection for June 27 / 28, 2015

Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,654.68
- 7:00 AM	\$3,653.00
- 9:00 AM	\$2,704.50
- 11:00 AM	\$2,198.00
- 6:00 PM	\$1,131.90
- Front Office	\$419.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$1,439.25
Candle Sales	\$511.00
Mass Intention	\$110.00
Donation - Outreach	\$74.00
Stewardship Development	\$68.25
BEMO	\$1,431.60
Hui O Laulima	\$7.05
Peter's Pence	\$1,356.50
Parish Hall Building Fund (non-assessed)	\$30,467.00

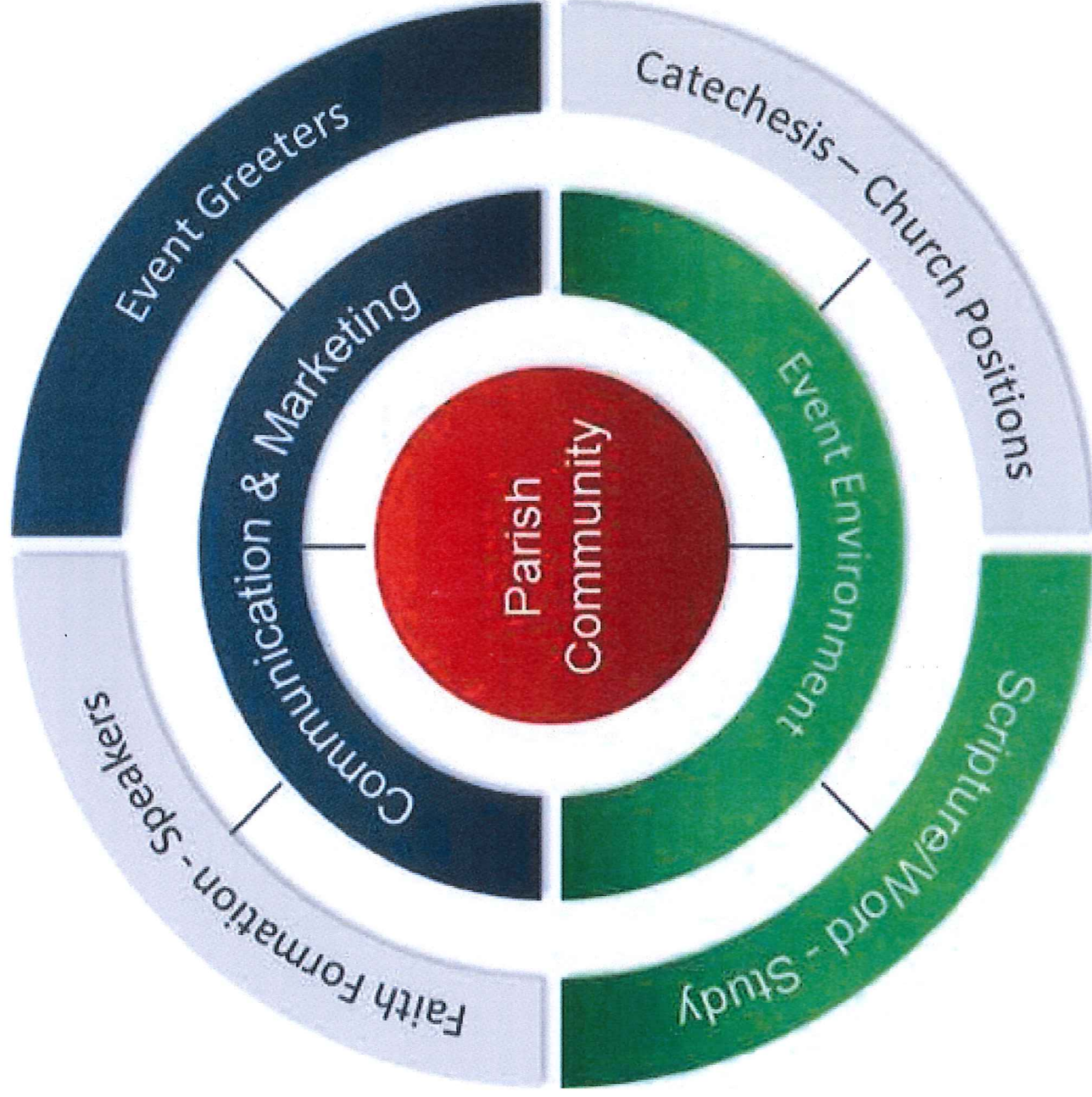
Weekend Total: \$47,850.40

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

DECEASED: Nydia F. Pagan, Dennis G. Nakamura, Regino P. Pacificador, Maria Abreu, Diana J. Jorgensen, Dolores Martin, Nena Elizabeth Postum, Bernice Nakamoto, Ceasar L. Peverada, Carmelo I. Solomon, Tomas T. Asuncion, Wayne Kanagusuku, and Angelita O. Catalan.



Religious Education & RCIA Commission



Religious Education & RCIA Commission

Chairs: Barbara Keliikoa, John & Cassandra Durham

Goal Statement: To increase our student enrollment in RE and RCIA, in order to facilitate the conversion of the whole person into a dynamic Catholic Christian.

Objective: By December 31, 2016, 10% increase in RE, 20% increase in RCIA, and reestablish the Catholic Returning Home program in the Parish

This *Commission* consists of the following teams:

RE Teams:

- Elementary – Pre-K to 5th
- Middle School – Grades: 6-8
- High School – Grades 9-12

RCIA Teams:

- RCIA – Ages 7 to 16 years old
- RCIA
- Catholics Returning Home

Implementation timeline for the new model is July 1, 2015

Each team will meet monthly or bi-monthly.

The team leaders will meet quarterly with the commission chair to share information on their on-going team activities and future plans.

Updated: May 22, 2015

