



ST. JOHN APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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AUGUST 1 / 2, 2015

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

PARISH CLERGY

Pastor

Msgr. John Mbinda (x 111)

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Office Administrator (x 103)

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PARISH PROGRAMS

Outreach (x 203)

Pearl Bates

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Deacon Modesto Cordero

Religious Ed. Director (x 205)

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Terry Silva

Preschool Director (x 208)

Catherine Awong

Youth & Young Adult

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PARISH MINISTRIES

We welcome you to visit our parish website for a listing and more information on all our ministries.

NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Our Common Vision Going Forward

Peace be with you!

In Proverbs 19:28 we read: "Where there is no vision, the people perish." A vision defines who we are as one Ohana and who we strive to become. "Ohana" is a deep value that binds us together in Christ. Here at St. John Apostle & Evangelist as one Ohana "we strive to become a stewardship Spirit-led parish in Central Oahu." But since we are already a stewardship parish, we now strive to get to the next level of stewardship as a way of life. In the first place, God has been good to our parish in giving us the gift of this campus in Mililani. Now every gift is given by God for a purpose. The purpose of our campus is evangelization. God in his generosity has given us this wonderful gift to make use of it and care for it as good stewards.

As good stewards, we are grateful to God. We are aware that when God gives, he gives in abundance. Therefore when we accept this wonderful gift from God we do so not from the point of view of scarcity but from the perspective of abundance. Let us celebrate gratefully what God has given us, our parish Ohana, deeply aware that our campus is enough for the whole Ohana to share. There is enough space here for the whole parish community. The most important action we need is to plan how we are going to reach out to evangelize those who are not here. Let us put potluck in the back burner and burn our stewardship energy in going to bring others into our Ohana; let us spend our energies in approaching our Catholic neighbors who no longer come to Church and invite them to come back home; let us pass on our Parish Bulletins, Newsletters, and myParish app to friends and neighbors and invite them.

Against this background, we need to embrace our common vision as one Ohana, one parish, one option for a multi-purpose parish hall that accommodates all our needs. This vision is open to expansion if and when we strive for a bigger facility in the future depending on our willingness to commit God's generous gifts to realize this vision. I share the frustration of much time wasted and lost opportunities for expansion, but I also know that everything happens for a purpose. It is time to go forward with God on our side.

Being Spirit-led means that the Holy Spirit of the Risen Lord is with us as we go forward. We are grateful to God for having led us to a consensus, a "sense of the faithful" common mind. "Be not afraid, it is I!" In the Acts of the Apostle the Risen Lord appears to the apostle Paul and tells him: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city." (Acts 18:9) This text informs our common vision and mission to trust, to be bold and be proud of belonging to St. John Apostle & Evangelist parish, a wonderful stewardship Ohana with a bright future if only we share this common vision. Something wonderful is about to happen because the decision we have taken together also means we are committed to make the vision a reality. May God bless our common vision, may He bring it to realization.

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.**

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Sunday Paul in the second reading calls us to be renewed in the spirit of our minds. This is a spiritual revolution that transforms us to desire encountering Jesus, the bread of life who is simply irresistible.

Let me first share with you a brief story. It is about the situation in China and other parts of Asia in the 19th century during a period of years when there was a rice shortage. Many families in the Asian region converted, were baptized and became active Christians as long as their physical needs were met by the Church. The name given to these Catholics was "Rice Christians" because as soon as the food situation improved they drifted away from Church. I share this story because in the Gospel of this Sunday, people go in search of Jesus, not because they really believed in Him, but because He gave them free lunch which was irresistible.

Jesus however takes the opportunity to proclaim himself as the bread of life. "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never hunger; he who believes in me

will never thirst". Both the first reading and the Gospel this Sunday speak about God who miraculously provides for the physical needs of the people. The readings invite us to go beyond the physical needs; to focus our attention on Christ, who is the bread of life. Our concern for the physical needs must never overshadow our desire for the real bread of life that transforms us to be the best version of ourselves. In the Gospel we are told that the crowds were coming to Jesus because they had their fill of earthly bread. They were simply drawn to following Jesus because they knew they would be hungry again and that Jesus would feed them.

Jesus, in the Gospel passage, challenges us to be radically transformed by moving to a new level of awareness, to realize that Christ is everything that matters most to us. He is the bread of life. He is the one who satisfies our spiritual hunger and thirst. Jesus invites us to go beyond our superficial, selfish encounters, to a deeper spiritual encounter, a genuine intimacy with him. The readings invite us to assess our motives for coming to Church on

Sunday or even daily. Are we simply running after food that perishes? If so, Jesus invites us to rethink our encounter with him, to be transformed so we may seek food that satisfies our deepest hunger. You and I are here because we seek to be transformed by a real encounter with Jesus, whom God has sent; we want to be deeply touched by Jesus so we may assume his way of thinking his vision, mission and purpose. So what is the take away message this Sunday? 1) The readings challenge us to evaluate our motives for coming to Church. Are we like the "Rice Christians" simply running after food that perishes? 2) Do we come simply to fulfill a Sunday obligation; or are we here for what we get rather than what we give? 3) Paul invites us to assume a radical way of thinking; to seek and encounter Christ, the true bread of life that radically transforms us, so we may transform others by leading them to encounter Jesus Christ who is simply irresistible.

MSGR. JOHN MBINDA
PASTOR

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2015

First Reading: 1 King 19:4-8

The reading shows Elijah, the prophet, in a state of acute desperation because he feels abandoned by God and disgusted by the people and life itself. He aimlessly refuses to eat and wonders into the desert where he collapses under a broom tree wishing to die. An angel of the Lord sees Elijah in this pathetic state and brings him food and water. After that Elijah walks for forty days and forty nights.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34:2-3,4-5,6-7,8-9

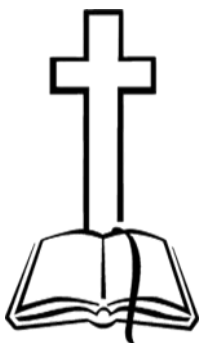
Psalm 34 is more of an instruction than a prayer. It teaches about retribution: the righteous will be blessed and the wicked will be punished. The psalm in a liturgical setting begins with an expression of praise of God. The psalmist encourages the worshippers to taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

The reading contains two exhortations: do not grieve the Spirit and become imitators of God. The Christians who have been sealed with the Holy Spirit are exhorted not to grieve the Holy Spirit. The author warns against several weaknesses that can undermine a community: bitterness, anger, fury, malice. Rather Christians should be kind, compassionate, tender-hearted, and forgive each other. The second exhortation is to be imitators of God just as children are imitators of their parents. Finally there is an admonition to live lives governed by love following the example of Christ.

Gospel: John 6:41-51

The gospel passage starts by saying the Jews were murmuring because Jesus claimed to be the bread that came down from heaven. The issue is that the opponents knew the origins of Jesus, so how could he be from heaven? As the arguments between Jesus and his opponents continue, Jesus returns to his teaching on the bread of life making two revealing proclamations: "I am the bread of life; I am the living bread from heaven." These claims become more striking as Jesus identifies the bread of heaven that he gives as his flesh. To give his flesh is to surrender his own life so that the world may have eternal life. There is an intrinsic relationship between the Eucharist and the death of Jesus.



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

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 3, 2015 (8 am)

Cyril & Molly Pereira (RIP)

Peter Kao, Sr. (Birthday Mem.)

Carmelo I. Solomon (RIP)

Tuesday, August 4, 2015 (8 am)

Beverly Perry (Birthday Blessing)

Teofilo Malicay (RIP)

Wed., August 5, 2015 (8 am)

Peter Kao, Sr.

(Memorial Anniversary)

Emerson Masa (Birthday Memorial)

Thurs., August 6, 2015 (8 am)

Diana Jorgensen (RIP)

Winifred Young (RIP)

Friday, August 7, 2015 (8 am)

Feliciano Dona (RIP)

Michael Morano (RIP)

Carmelo I. Solomon (RIP)

Saturday, August 8, 2015

8AM: Tony Baptiste (RIP)

Carmelo I. Solomon (RIP)

5PM: Jose D. Manandic (RIP)

Lily Knott Williams (RIP)

Sunday, August 9, 2015

7AM: Myrtle D. Reponte (RIP)

9AM: *For the People*

11AM: Samuel Aguirre

(Birthday Blessing)

6PM: Kathleen M. Faltus (RIP)

Please pray for our Members & Friends

HEALING/BLESSINGS: BJ Sagocio,

Teresita Miliano, 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 Butz, Lawrence

Terry, and everyone mentioned in

our Prayer Intentions Book.

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

Religious Emblems Facilitator Training -

The Diocese of Honolulu Catholic Committee on Scouting will conduct a Religious Emblems Facilitator Training for American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts adults on Sat., August 8, 9 am - 3 pm in classroom 4. For more information, email dhccs.hi@gmail.com or call Erin Gallogly at 808-478-6071.

Women's Guild Bake Sale

will be held on Sunday, August 9, after all morning Masses. The funds raised will support the WG in its spiritual and charitable works for the parish community.

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will

be held on August 20, 7:00-9:00 pm in classroom 6. The discussion book will be *Familiaris Consortio (On the Family)* by Pope John Paul II. Borrow or buy the book, read it, and join us for our book discussion. For more information, contact Melissa Crisostomo at 626-2469 or alohamc@ychoo.com.

2015 Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition

Program (SFMNP) - The Hawaii Foodbank will be distributing SFMNP voucher booklets worth \$50.00 at partner locations around the island. The goal is to provide fresh, locally-grown fruits & vegetables for our senior citizens. Vouchers are redeemable with certified vendors at various farmers' markets until October 11, 2015. For more information on how to apply, contact the Outreach Office at 623-3332, x 203.

Online Giving - Stewardship is made easier

than ever with our online giving system, WeShare. Make a one-time or recurring donation using your debit card, credit card, checking, or savings account in 3 easy steps. 1.) Visit our church website, www.stjohnmililani.org, and click on *Online Giving*. 2.) Set up your account. 3.) Choose a payment option and customize your donation.

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tomas T. Asuncion (RIP)

Tuesday, August 4 ~ St. John A & E

Visitation: 9:30 am ~ Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Clayton L. Young (RIP)

Thurs., August 6 ~ Mililani Memorial (Mauka)

Visitation: 5:30 pm ~ Prayer Service: 6:30 pm

Friday, August 7 ~ HSVC ~ Burial: 10:00 am

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.



Healing Mass with Anointing will be held on Monday, August 10. Praise and worship will begin at 7:30 pm followed by Mass.



2015-2016 Religious Education REMINDER

Schedule "A" & Confirmation Year 1

Classes Begin on Sunday, August 2nd

Schedule "B" & Confirmation Year 2

Classes begin on Sunday, August 9th

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

Confirmation Year 1 & 2

All students must attend with at least ONE Parent

Opening Year Mass

Thursday, August 20, 2015

6:30 - 8:30 pm in the Church



2015-2016 classes will begin in August.

For more info on registration, contact Dcn. Modesto Cordero at 585-3342 or email mcordero@rcchawaii.org.

Stewardship of Treasure - July 25/26

Sunday Collection

- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,577.00
- 7:00 AM	\$2,745.00
- 9:00 AM	\$2,333.40
- 11:00 AM	\$2,085.05
- 6:00 PM	\$1,8586.69
- Front Office	\$1,250.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$2,099.50

Candle Sales \$627.00

Donations - YYA \$20.00

Mass Intention \$20.00

Donation - Outreach \$121.50

Holiday Fund \$10.00

Stewardship Development \$33.25

Parish Hall Building Fund \$120.00

(non-assessed)

BEMO \$1,487.40

Hui O Lualaba \$104.50

Augustine Ed. Foundation \$7.00

Seminar Education Fund \$505.00

Weekend Total: \$18,062.29

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