



AUGUST 8 / 9, 2015

19TH 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

PARISH CLERGY

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Deacon Modesto Cordero

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Preschool Director (x 208)

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Deacon Wally & Gwen Mitsui

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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.**

NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Campus Renovation Town Hall Meeting

"Unless the LORD build the house, they labor in vain who build. Unless the LORD guard the city, in vain does the guard keep watch." (Psalm 127:1)

As you may be aware, our parish held an important town hall meeting on Saturday, August 1, 2015. At the end of the town hall meeting, I asked for an executive summary which Cory Lindo, the PPC Chair has prepared. I take the opportunity to thank all parishioners who are taking the future of their parish seriously by being present at such events. Thank you for your time, talent and treasure. The summary is quoted below.

"One hundred (100) parishioners attended the pre-announced Parish Town Hall meeting held on Saturday the 1st of August, 2015. The meeting began at 9:30 am with a gathering hymn led by Nicholas Calzada, St. John's new Director of Liturgy, and joint recitation of the Stewardship prayer led by Msgr. John Mbinda. During this meeting, those in attendance were able to listen to and ask some questions of the parish leadership team speaking on the results of the surveys that were sent to parents, teachers and advisory board members of the Pre-School and parents and instructors/catechists of students in the Religious Education program. Angela Bolan, the chairperson for the Pre-School Advisory Board and Julie Quiroz-Zamora, the Director of the Religious Education program presented the "way-ahead" for both the Pre-School and Religious Education programs as two very important participants in SJA Church's mission to become a spirit-led, stewardship parish and evangelize within the 96789 community.

Les Hunkele, the chairperson for the Parish Planning and Building Committee (PPBC) explained the "One-Community" Center approach the leadership team is taking in moving forward with the campus renovation which will include a parish hall, a new Pre-School, additional spaces for Religious Education, ministries and staff. The parishioners in attendance were informed that parishioners will have a large say on the plans when the AE briefs the parish at the 10% design stage. That is the best time for questions and inputs. Funding alternatives were also presented, including possibilities of organizational grants and donations. Msgr. John Mbinda in his short address called for a "Common-Vision" among parishioners and urged unity among parishioners in moving forward with the reconstruction of the campus. The parishioners in attendance were asked to vote on whether or not they are in support of the "One-Community" Center as the best solution moving forward. More than 90% of those in attendance not only backed moving forward with the renovation project but also voted to support the project financially. The town hall meeting concluded at 11:00 am with a blessing by Msgr. John Mbinda."

This meeting was intended to last 90 minutes, which required limiting the number of questions that could have been asked of each presenter. Our apologies for moving through the schedule as quickly as we did and not allowing more time for questions after each segment. For those of you who still have some questions, please submit your questions to sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org, for review by the parish leadership team, no later than August 15, 2015. A list of the questions submitted with answers will be published by August 30th.

The town hall meeting was an important step in the way forward. The next crucial steps were presented by Les Hunkele in outline as follows: 1) We will hire Architect/Engineer (A/E) following diocesan requirements. 2) A/E will meet with parish ministries and staff to determine space usage and needs. 3) 5% design (concept): Space Allocation; Rough Floor Plan. 4) 10% Design (Schematic): Rendering, Good Floor Plan + Cost Estimate. 5) Parish and Diocese **APPROVE** -- OR **NO GO**. 6) Fundraisers use 10% Cost Estimate to determine feasibility. 7) With all three "GREEN LIGHTS" – **Parish, Diocese** and **Fundraisers**, the Diocese will give permission to proceed to Raise Funds, Finish Design, and Build.

Let us remain purposely focused on the vision, mission and purpose of our Lord Jesus Christ which must always inform our parish vision and mission. As Psalm 127 reminds us, we labor in vain if we do not work with the Lord.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

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Pastor

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It is often said that it is better to give than to receive, but it is usually more difficult to receive than to give. The person who gives has the satisfaction of helping and supporting another. On the other side, the person who receives is in a different situation. They become indebted to the person who gives. However with this, a bond of friendship is formed. We all know the experience of exchanging gifts and feeling a bit uneasy when we realize that someone has given us a gift that is much nicer than the one we bought for them. Receiving a gift changes us because it binds us responsibly to the one who gives.

Receiving something of great value transforms us from within. It creates within us a special bond from the giver and reveals to us a new sense of responsibility.

In the same way, when we receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of our

Lord Jesus Christ, we hold the most beautiful gift. This entails more than we can ever imagine. In the gospel today Jesus says "I am the living bread that has come down from heaven." At the altar, the gift of Jesus himself is offered to us in the most precious Eucharist. When we partake in this meal we are profoundly indebted and empowered to do as our savior plans. We are responsible to build God's kingdom, to see God's will be done on earth.

The bread, which is the sign of the Eucharist, is also the sign of what that responsibility entails. Every piece of bread reveals our connectedness to the rest of the world. It is Christ in His very self and we hold a sacrament that opens our lives to see how we are all connected to one another. We are all part of His body.

We are called to receive the Eucharist and remember that we and those around

us are all one family in Christ. Jesus speaks to us, and invites us all to take and eat.



When we receive Jesus, we are entitled and responsible to build the kingdom and be a symbol of His love and justice to others in our world. As Pope Francis shared, "by receiving Christ in the Eucharist, taking part in His life and entering into communion with Him, we in turn are called to promote unity among ourselves, transforming our life into a gift, especially to the poor, to the suffering, even to the smallest and most defenseless."

**BLESSINGS,
DCN. ROMEO GANIBE**

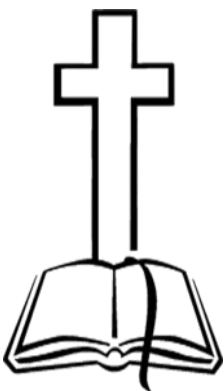
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2015

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

The account of Wisdom preparing a banquet and inviting people to the banquet has several characteristics to be noted. 1) The setting for the banquet and the food to be served, along with the maidens who attend to Lady Wisdom. 2) The people invited to the feast are all simple and average. 3) The one who plans the banquet and invites is Lady Wisdom, a figure, much more than a mere human and therefore divine and cosmic. 4) We note the importance given to women in this account. There is no indication of any men mentioned. 5) Wisdom's banquet is lavish with meat carefully prepared, and wine probably mixed with spices for the taste and potency. 6) Whatever the interpretation, wisdom always invites, persuades and attracts those who pay attention to understanding necessary for better living.

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

Psalm 34 is more of an instruction than a prayer. Its teaching concerns the understanding of retribution in terms of the righteous being blessed and the wicked being punished. Thus the psalmist thanks the Lord for having been delivered from all fear, and invites others to join in praising God.



Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Paul in this reading resumes the theme of wisdom. He urges the Christians of Ephesus to live like the wise and not like the foolish who are under the influence of drunkenness. Rather Paul exhorts them to be filled with the Spirit who leads them to prayer, hymns and spiritual songs to the Lord, giving thanks always.

Gospel: John 6:51-58

The bread of life discourse has been the subject of the Gospel reading for the last several Sundays. Today Jesus repeats the teaching of last Sunday with a Eucharistic reinterpretation of the manna tradition. He identifies his flesh as the bread of heaven alluding to his death given for the life of the world. The very thought of feeding on the flesh of another was simply repulsive to some of his listeners. That is why Jesus tries to explain. In unmistakable language, Jesus declares that his flesh is real food and his blood real drink. To underline the point, Jesus states this central point four times (vv. 53-56). What Jesus says here is not a figure of speech, but direct language "whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life."

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 for the Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 10, 2015 (8 am)

Devin Shockley (Birthday)
Richard P. Tesoro (RIP)
Elizabeth Solmirin (RIP)

Tuesday, August 11, 2015 (8 am)

Cezar L. Vitug (RIP)
Cayetano Family (Blessings)
Ramona V. Poepoe (RIP)

Wed., August 12, 2015 (8 am)

Catherine DeJesus (Birthday)
Carmelo Solomon (RIP)
Elizabeth Somirin (RIP)

Thurs., August 13, 2015 (8 am)

Magdalena Chavez (RIP)
Solomon Family (Blessings)
Felix Gill (RIP)

Friday, August 14, 2015 (8 am)

Richard K. Paglinawan (RIP)
Marie H. (Healing)
Tomas T. Asuncion (RIP)

Saturday, August 15, 2015

8AM: Poncie Tranilla (RIP)
Abraham T. Miram (Birthday Mem.)
Perlis Ancog-Potter &
Hose Ancog, Sr. (Memorial Anniv.)
5PM: Jorge F. Fernandez
(Birthday Memorial)

Sunday, August 16, 2015

7AM: Damien K. Cortel (Birthday)
9AM: For the People
11AM: Richard Amaral (Birthday)
6PM: Lorenzo Rull, Jr. (RIP)

Please pray for our Members & Friends

HEALING/BLESSINGS: 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, Berlina Mindoro, Fr. Edward Turner, Joyce Medeiros, Richard Butz, Lawrence Terry, Elaine Rillamas, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.



2015-2016 Religious Education REMINDER

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!

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

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

The St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church's Evangelization and Hospitality Commission's (EHC) goal is to welcome and be available to everyone with all our heart and soul. From arrival to departure, the EHC will help convey our parish as a spirit-led, stewardship parish. Also known as the "Aloha Hospitality Commission" (AHC), the group's initial actions will focus on hospitality and welcoming at church by the following ministries:

-Aloha/Hospitality Station Ministry: Guest information/new parishioner sign-up table before and after each Mass

-Communications Ministry: Create AHC's logo and advertisements of the commission's services, and announcements.

-Hospitality Ministry: Greet & welcome parishioners/guests outside of the church before and after all Masses. *Upcoming meeting - Monday, 8/31/15, at 7:00 p.m., in classroom 4. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend!

-Parking Lot Ministry: Greeters in the parking lot to assist parishioners with drop off/pick up support, placement of welcome signs.

The EHC/AHC is seeking parishioners to serve at each Mass. If you would like to join or learn more about this ministry, please contact the following leads:

Aloha/Hospitality Station, Communications, Parking Lot Ministries - Cesceli Nakamura at sjae.hospitality@gmail.com

Hospitality Ministry - Liz Perry at 462-0123 or Rob Pry at robforgreeters@gmail.com

Helping with a ministry you are interested in will give you an opportunity to share your talents with others. Amazing things can happen when everyone works together to serve and celebrate God!

DECEASED: Diana J. Jorgensen, Dolores Martin, Nena Elizabeth Postum, Bernice Nakamoto, Ceasar L. Peverada, Carmelo I. Solomon, Tomas T. Asuncion, Wayne Kanagusuku, Angelita O. Catalan, Richard K. Paglinawan, Clayton L. Young, Pat Nazareth, and Lota Bihis.

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 & join our book discussion. For more info, contact Melissa Crisostomo at 626-2469 or alohamc@ychoo.com.

The Diocese of Honolulu Mission Cooperative Office has assigned **Reverend Eugen Nkardzedze**, representing the Diocese of Kumbo, Cameroon in Africa, to visit our parish for a Mission Appeal on the weekend of August 22/23. Fr. Eugen will preach at all the Masses and there will be a Second Collection after communion to support his mission appeal. Please make checks payable to **St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church**, note in memo "Mission Appeal". You may also donate online by visiting our parish website, clicking the "Online Giving" icon. Please be generous.

The next 24 hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, September 4, immediately after the 8:00 am Mass and ending at 7:30 am on Saturday, September 5.



† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Vivian K. Ichimura (RIP)

Thursday, September 3 ~ Mililani Mem. Park
Visitation: 10:00 am ~ Prayer Svc.: 11:00 am
Burial: 11:30 am

Stewardship of Treasure - August 1 / 2

Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,980.40
- 7:00 AM	\$3,154.00
- 9:00 AM	\$3,553.25
- 11:00 AM	\$2,574.50
- 6:00 PM	\$1,655.50
- Front Office	\$225.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$1,871.50
Candle Sales	\$622.00
Donations - Baptism	\$100.00
Donations - Funerals	\$300.00
Holiday Fund	\$10.00
Mass Intention	\$110.00
Stewardship Development	\$78.50
Donation - Outreach	\$120.50
Parish Hall Building Fund (non-assessed)	\$220.00
BEMO	\$1,486.75
Hui O Laulima	\$133.10
Preschool	\$19.00
Ikot Ekpene Diocese, Nigeria	\$2,500.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$73.00
Weekend Total:	\$21,797.00

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