



AUGUST 15 / 16, 2015
20TH 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

NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

PARISH CLERGY

Pastor

Msgr. John Mbinda (x 111)

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Boniface Waema (x 104)

Deacon Modesto Cordero

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Deacon Wally Mitsui

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Deacon Romeo Ganibe

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PARISH OFFICE

Office Administrator (x 103)

Jolly Guerrero-Tano

Parish Secretary (x 100)

Lindsey Higa-Kohagura

Bookkeeper (x 101)

Stephanie Jamile

Director of Liturgy

Nicholas Calzada

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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

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PARISH MINISTRIES

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

PASTOR'S CORNER

Happy Forty-Fourth Anniversary!

Our parish warmly welcomes Fr. Eugen Nkardzedze from the Diocese of Kumbo, Cameroon, Central West Africa. Fr. Eugen kindly accepted to serve in our parish for one month while I am on vacation. He is a PhD candidate at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and serves at St. Bernard, Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, while completing his doctorate. He is a native of English speaking Cameroon from the village of Nkar (the n is silent). According to local tradition, his last name identifies both his home village and the circumstances around his birth, in his case the fact that he was born on the way to the hospital. He encourages people to call him Fr. Eugen, and they are free to add "Born on the Way" if they find difficulties pronouncing! In his spare time, he enjoys soccer, ping pong, watching movies and storytelling. He hardly ever preaches without telling a story! On the weekend of August 22/23, Fr. Eugen will preach at all Masses and take a Second Collection authorized by our Diocese for his Diocese of Kumbo. We are a generous parish.

On August 15, 2011, St. John Apostle & Evangelist celebrated its Fortieth Anniversary. Four years later it is time to celebrate our Forty-Fourth Anniversary. St. John Apostle and Evangelist Parish was officially founded on July 15, 1969, to serve Catholics in central Oahu. The first parish Mass was celebrated in the Mililani Mortuary Chapel on September 1969. In May 1970, the current site was blessed at a ground breaking ceremony. The church was formally dedicated on August 15, 1971. The rectory and parish center were added in 1979.

This year as we mark our Forty-Fourth Anniversary this weekend, we need to begin planning on our Forty Fifth Anniversary on Monday, August 15, 2016. I have already taken the initiative to invite Bishop Larry Silva to preside the Anniversary Mass. Our Anniversary also falls within the Year of Mercy that begins December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016. Normally parish events are the responsibility of the PPC. The liturgical component will be the responsibility of the Director for Liturgy in coordination with the Diocesan Director for the Office of Worship which is normal when the Bishop has to preside at a parish Mass.

We could think of having the Year of Mercy events as part of our Forty-Fifth Anniversary as well as part of implementing our Pastoral Plan. Both events are wonderful opportunities for new evangelization by reaching out to more Catholics in our area. A purpose driven parish plans events with a purpose in mind. Let us plan these events with the purpose of reaching our more to our brothers and sisters who no longer come to Church except at Easter and Christmas.

With this in mind, Happy Forty-Fourth Anniversary, and may grace and peace of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

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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.**

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Quarrels are brought about by misunderstandings and disagreements. They are usually marked by anger, selfishness and stubbornness. Jesus' teaching and the quarrel of the Jews go to the heart of issues of what they held dear in their tradition. The cause of the quarrel is centered on the question who is "this man" and on telling them to eat his "flesh and blood." For them this meant eating "the whole person." Jesus declares that he is the "living bread sent by his Father"; who shares the divine Life with the Father. These words of Jesus were scandalous to the Jews. Their embarrassment does not seem to worry Jesus who repeats what he said; he even adds a provocative proposal that **it is necessary to drink his blood**. The Jews could not accept that Jesus was divine.

In Jesus the divine Life has been incarnated in human flesh. When we eat his flesh and drink his blood, we partake in that same divine Life he shares with the Father. And so, like God, we will "live forever." And so, like the risen Christ, we will be the Presence of God incarnated in human flesh. The depth of this mystery challenges us no less than the Jews of Jesus' time. We,

too, are faced with the question, who is "this man"? **To follow Jesus is to let go of tradition and enter a whole new way of living and believing.**

We spend our lives encountering Jesus in many different ways and grappling with the mystery of who he is. The mystery of life and death is at the heart of what Jesus was teaching about being the "living bread" given for us. The mystery of the Eucharist is present to us on the altar of sacrifice during mass and on the altars of sacrifice of our daily living as we give ourselves over for the good of others. In this way of living we learn who Jesus is. His invitation to "eat and drink" his flesh and blood is an invitation to enter into his own mystery of self-giving, dying and rising. **Eucharist is self-giving.** We can be self-giving like Jesus because by eating his flesh and drinking his blood we become more perfectly the Body of Christ. This is why we can "remain" in Jesus - **we are transformed by what we eat.** So the Eucharist transforms us to assume the mind and life of Christ. **The Eucharist is both gift given and an invitation to live as Jesus did.** This mystery strengthens us for our daily dying and rising, our daily giving

of ourselves for the sake of others so that we all might share more abundantly in the divine Life.

To receive the Eucharist sincerely means to be assimilated and identified with Christ. This is also the reason why we should not receive the Eucharist without first listening to the word of God. If we choose to become one person with Christ in the Eucharist, we must first accept his teaching. It is like signing a contract: one has first to read and assess all its content carefully. Before receiving the Eucharist it is fitting that we read or hear the word of God and resolve to make it the food of our minds, so that we may welcome him warmly and lovingly. Receiving the Eucharist day after day without knowing its true value might become a routine and make us cold and indifferent towards this Most Holy Sacrament. Each time we receive the Eucharist, we are truly receiving Jesus and he comes to abide in us and make our lives more enriching and holy. How do we approach this Most Holy Sacrament? How does it change us and make enlivened each time?

**GOD LOVES YOU,
FR. BONIFACE WAEMA**

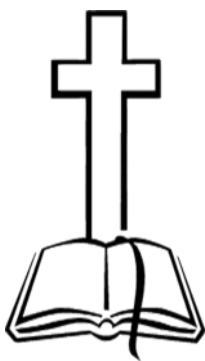
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2,15-17

In this reading, the people challenge Joshua on questions of faith and Joshua places a clear option before them. "If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites...As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord". After Joshua reminded the people of what the Lord had done for them, the people said, "we also will serve the Lord."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34:2-3,17-17,18-19,20-21

This Sunday we pray with the third part of Psalm 34. We have already seen that this psalm is less a prayer than an instruction. Its content teaches that the righteous will be blessed and the wicked will be punished. That is why the contrast between the just and the wicked is clearly drawn. The fortunes of the righteous will be blessed, while those of the wicked will be the reverse.



Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Paul in this presents a more familiar form of choice making. He speaks of the decision made by engaged couples preparing for marriage. They must choose one partner, and that choice is sealed at the marriage covenant in the Church. Paul uses this image to describe the loving relationship between Christ and the Church in order to underline the choice we make at Baptism to serve Christ.

Gospel: John 6:60-69

At the end of a lengthy discourse on the bread of life, some followers of Jesus found the teaching difficult and they no longer went with him. Jesus then turned to the Twelve and said, "Do you also want to leave?" Obviously Jesus loved them so much that he wanted to respect their freedom of choice. They in turn would respond in love and freedom through Peter. "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God". We live in a world full of life choices and a plurality of options. But when we come to matters of faith, God loves us so much that He wants us to choose in freedom to do His will.

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, August 17, 2015 (8 am)

Paulina Wong (Special Int.)
Josephine B. Sargado (Special Int.)
Paciencia Nazareth (RIP)

Tuesday, August 18, 2015 (8 am)

Catherine Awong (Birthday Blessing)
Dionisio L. Locquiao (RIP)
Carmelo I. Solomon (RIP)

Wed., August 19, 2015 (8 am)

Severino Valencia (Memorial Ann.)
Dominator Bongot (Memorial Ann.)
Paciencia Nazareth (RIP)

Thursday, August 20, 2015 (8 am)

Noah Evile (Birthday Blessing)
Maria Margarita Amaral
(Memorial Anniversary)
Ann Richie (RIP)

Friday, August 21, 2015 (8 am)

Sherwin Aquino (Birthday Blessing)
Carmen Omoso (RIP)
Clayton L. Young (RIP)

Saturday, August 22, 2015

8AM: Josephine B. Sargado
(Special Intentions)
Wayne Kanagusuku (RIP)
Ramon Ramos (Healing / Blessing)
5PM: Modesta Yadao (Blessings)

Sunday, August 23, 2015

7AM: Dr. Thomas McNorton (RIP)
9AM: *For the People*
11AM: James & Mildred Mizoguchi
(RIP)
6PM: Pete G. Sablan (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, Ramona DeCosta, Marsha Cha, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Bernice Nakamoto, Ceasar L. Peverada, Carmelo I. Solomon, Tomas T. Asuncion, Wayne Kanagusuku, Angelita O. Catalan, Richard K. Paglinawan, Clayton L. Young, Paciencia J. Nazareth, Lota Bihis, Isidoro B. Barayuga, Vivian K. Ichimura, and Victorio Lanuevo.

SUNDAY ENVELOPES!!

The Sunday envelopes (Aug. 2 – Sept. 27) have been misprinted. We apologize for the confusion and inconvenience.

The following envelope colors codes indicate the appropriate donation fund:

ORANGE/PLAIN trim: *Building/Equipment Maintenance & Outreach (BEMO)*

COLORED/PATTERN trim: *Sunday Offering*

Confirmation Yr. 1 & 2 Opening Year Mass will be held on Thursday, August 20th, 6:30-8:30 pm in the Church. All students must addend with at least one parent.

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, August 21, in observance of the Admissions Day Holiday.

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 next weekend, 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**, note in memo "**Mission Appeal**". You may also donate online by visiting our parish website, clicking the "Online Giving" icon. Please be generous.

Hospitality Ministry meeting will be held on Monday, August 31, at 7:00 p.m., in classroom 4. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend!

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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Victorio Lanuevo (RIP)

Thursday, August 19 ~ St. Joseph Church
Mass: 10:00 am

Isidoro B. Barayuga (RIP)

Tuesday, August 25 ~ St. John A & E
Visitation: 9:30 am ~ Mass: 11:00 am
Burial: 2:00 am ~ HI State Veteran's Cemetery

Vivian K. Ichimura (RIP)

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

Upcoming Liturgical Workshops

"Getting More out of the Mass"

Liturgy Workshop

Tuesday, August 25 - 7:00-8:00 pm (Church)

Many Catholics have yet to understand what they are doing when they gather for Sunday worship or why liturgical participation demands social responsibility. Come and join us for a "walk through" of our Mass from beginning to end. This workshop is for all parishioners.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) Workshop

Sat., August 29 - 9:00-11:30 am (Church)

The administration of Holy Communion during the Mass is truly a ministry. It is the ministry of bringing the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ to the People of God. Eucharistic Ministers will have an opportunity to review and renew their call to ministry. This is a **mandatory** Eucharistic Minister Faith Formation Workshop. If you are unable to attend, please let Sue Osborn know and we will have a make-up workshop scheduled for absentees.

Lector's Workshop

Sat., September 5 - 9:00-11:30 am (Church)

Lectors bring the living Word of God to the liturgical assembly. They will have an opportunity to review and renew their call to ministry. This is a mandatory Lector's Minister Faith Formation Workshop. If you are unable to attend, please let Paul Olszewski know and we will have a make-up workshop scheduled for absentees.

Workshop dates and information **COMING SOON** for **USHERS & ALTAR SERVERS**

Stewardship of Treasure - August 8 / 9

Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,261.00
- 7:00 AM	\$3,625.08
- 9:00 AM	\$3,069.25
- 11:00 AM	\$2,096.12
- 6:00 PM	\$2,020.00
- Front Office	\$427.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$1,758.45
Candle Sales	\$372.00
Donations - Funerals	\$300.00
Holiday Fund	\$10.00
Stewardship Development	\$63.25
Mass Intention	\$120.00
Donation - Outreach	\$904.50
Parish Hall Building Fund (non-assessed)	\$140.00
BEMO	\$1,067.25
Hui O Laulima	\$90.35
Weekend Total:	\$18,328.75

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