



August 22 / 23, 2015
21ST 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

(wmitsui@rcchawaii.org)

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. Secretary (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

Social Ministry: Global Outreach

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

The Catholic Church, from its very beginning, has been inspired to spread the kingdom in every part of the world by these words of Jesus, spoken before he went up to heaven. This missionary task required time and time again the solidarity of the universal Church reaching out to help the poorer churches. We notice such solidarity and outreach in the early Church. In June this year, Pope Francis in one of his weekday Mass homilies spoke about this form of outreach when he referred to St. Paul who organized a collection in the Corinthian Church to help the Church of Jerusalem, which was going through tough times. The pope also made it clear that outreach to our brothers and sisters in need requires reaching out into our pockets. He put forth this idea as follows: "if faith does not reach one's pockets, if one is not willing to give freely, then one's faith is not genuine."

This weekend Fr. Eugen Nkardzedze, from the Diocese of Kumbo, Cameroon, is the homilist at all Masses. The second collection will be taken for his Diocese. He will therefore be making a missions appeal to help us understand the specific needs of his Diocese so we may give to that cause. Every parish in our Diocese is required to have one missions appeal each year. This helps us to support the evangelization work of other Dioceses and parishes around the world. In this way we become aware of our connectedness with other Catholics in the work of evangelization. The offertory we give to the Diocese of Kumbo this weekend will be sent directly to the

Diocese by our Diocese for the support of specific pastoral projects in the Diocese. We are a generous stewardship parish and I am sure we will be generous in supporting Fr. Eugen's Diocese of Kumbo, Cameroon.

Our solidarity with the Diocese of Kumbo is not just in material things but also in spiritual things and thus we pray also for those who will benefit from our generosity so that God may transform them to become better versions of themselves.

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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.**

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At some point in our lives, each individual makes some major decisions, and, in one way or the other, makes them known to others. Such may comprise the decision to marry and whom to marry; the decision to pursue a religious vocation for the priesthood or religious life and which diocese or congregation to join; the decision to begin a business and which business to embrace; the decision over the choice of school for our children or for ourselves; the decision as to which friends we want in our lives or not, and so on. It is precisely the decisions we make after weighing our responsibility (response ability) over them that make us happy or sad in this life. We are happy and grateful when we make the right decisions, and sad and regretful when we make wrong ones and say, "If I knew."

To avoid "had I known," Joshua teaches us in the first reading to begin with life's decisions by making the right decision – opt for God! Jesus took an entire night in prayer before choosing his friends, the apostles (Lk 6:12-13). [He scored 91.67%, not because he made a mistake in the choice of Judas, but rather because the material he had to work with was human and weak, for he knew all the time who was to betray him (Jn 13:11)].

The decision of Joshua to vouch for himself and for his household on an uncompromising faith in Yahweh in the face of other gods, whom the rest of the Hebrews were beginning to drift after, did not come in the spur of the moment, but was a decision coming after long reflection and prayer, and so it was deep rooted and firm in his person: "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." It was his firm decision to serve no other god but the Lord alone that turned the minds and hearts of others to God.

At the height of his ministry, when other human beings would have been careful against losing the large following that Jesus' ministry was beginning to attract, Jesus made the decision to state the central teaching about his life and ministry by declaring his body and blood as true food and drink for anyone who desires to have life. In today's gospel, we see the consequence of that declaration: "As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him."

The decisions we make in life have consequences, good or bad. Most often we lack the audacity of Jesus to tell our friends, our spouses, our colleagues, our

families, the truth about ourselves for fear of similar consequences of desertion. Yet Christ assures us to speak the truth, and if it is the truth that we speak, as he did, he will always stand by us. In the second reading from his letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul sets another example in speaking the truth about marriage, referring to it as a mysterious union between a man and a woman, husband and wife, which resonates the mystical beauty of the church with Christ as its head. The Church, therefore, says like Joshua, "As for me and my household, this is what we believe."

Christ is the eternal companion whom we should always consult for every decision and option we make in life, as Peter's words continue to resound: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." We do not change eternal words; rather, they change us; we do not keep Christ company; rather, he keeps us company; we need Him, he does not need us. *Our prayer of thanksgiving adds nothing to his greatness but makes us grow in his grace.*

FR. EUGEN NKARDZEDZE

VISITING PRIEST FROM THE
DIOCESE OF KUMBO, CAMEROON

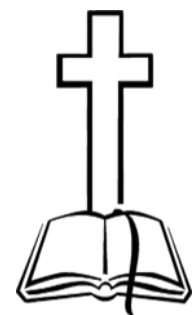
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2015

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-12, 6-8

In this first reading, Moses presents the statutes and decrees of the Lord in a positive way. He teaches the people that by observing the decrees of the Lord, they will live and occupy the land the Lord is giving them. He also warns the people that they must not add nor subtract from God's law and teaching. God's law basically consists of three parts: doctrinal teaching, moral teaching and prayer.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

Psalm 14 is more of an instruction than a prayer. It teaches about the rewards of those who walk in the ways of the Lord. Whoever walks blamelessly and does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.



Second Reading: James 1:7-18, 21-22, 27

The second reading from the letter of James neatly gives a summary of the commandments in terms relationships that are a criterion for personal holiness of life. In practical terms, we must put into action what God tells us. The reading summarizes this point well: "Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and able to save your souls". In other words, our inner life must overflow into the service of others

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

In the Gospel passage from Mark, Jesus takes issue with the legalism and hypocrisy of the Scribes and Pharisees. Instead of focusing on the essentials, they focus on the details of the law. When asked by the Scribes and Pharisee why He and his disciples did not observe the law of washing their hands before eating, Jesus contradicts their notion that external rituals such as washing hands and abstaining from certain foods have anything to help change the human heart for better. On the contrary, inner moral pollution comes from within the human heart.

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 24, 2015 (8 am)

Ernest Grace (RIP)

Josephine & Ray Christian
(Special Blessings)

Kikuo Fukuda (Healing)

Tuesday, August 25, 2015 (8 am)

Justin Tano (Birthday Blessings)

Lennon Elder (Birthday Blessings)

Dwayne Gonsalves (Healing)

Wed., August 26, 2015 (8 am)

Antonio Amasol (RIP)

Josephine & Ray Christian
(Special Blessings)

Lita Smith (RIP)

Thursday, August 27, 2015 (8 am)

Antonio Amasol (RIP)

Alma E. Torres (RIP)

Paciencia Nazareth (RIP)

Friday, August 28, 2015 (8 am)

Antonio Amasol (RIP)

Lita Smith (RIP)

Victorio Lanuevo (RIP)

Saturday, August 29, 2015

8AM: Rodolfo Taglinao

(Birthday Memorial)

Nydia F. Pagan (RIP)

Muriel Ramos (RIP)

5PM: Antonio Amasol (RIP)

Sunday, August 30, 2015

7AM: Antonio Amasol (RIP)

9AM: For the People

11AM: Lorraine M. Jozaitis

(Memorial Anniversary)

6PM: Remedios Orallo (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.

Upcoming Liturgical Workshops Presented by Dcn. Modesto Cordero

"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

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

The administration of Holy Communion during 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.

Altar Servers Workshop

Sunday, August 30 - 12:30-2:00 pm (Church)

Jesus said, "The greatest among you shall be your servant" (Mt. 23:11). Altar Servers, mark your calendars! Please attend our **mandatory** workshop. If you are unable to attend, you must call for a make up session (please call Margaret Higa for Sunday Masses and Dhel Taglinao for weekday Masses).

Lectors 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.

Ushers Workshop

Thurs., September 10 - 7:00-8:00 pm (Church)

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you, welcomes me. Whoever welcomes me, welcomes the One who sent me" (Mt. 10:40). This will be an in-depth faith formation workshop. **Current Users are required to attend.** If you are unable to attend, you must call Vernon Silva for the make up session.

The Diocese of Honolulu Mission Cooperative Office has assigned **Reverend Eugen Nkardzedze**, from the Diocese of Kumbo, Cameroon in Africa, to visit our parish for a Mission Appeal this weekend. Fr. Eugen will be preaching 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** with 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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Isidoro B. Barayuga (RIP)

Tuesday, August 25 ~ St. John A & E

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

Burial: 2:00 pm ~ HI State Veteran's Cemetery

Paciencia J. Nazareth (RIP)

Tuesday, Sept. 1 ~ Mililani Mem. Park (Makai)

Visitation: 6:00 pm ~ Wake: 6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 2 ~ St. John A & E

Visitation: 9:30 am ~ Mass: 10:15 am

Burial: 12:00 pm ~ Schofield Post Cemetery

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 15 / 16

Sunday Collection

- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,076.43
- 7:00 AM	\$3,262.69
- 9:00 AM	\$2,714.00
- 11:00 AM	\$2,228.72
- 6:00 PM	\$1,857.95
- Front Office	\$935.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$2,080.50

Candle Sales \$462.00

Donations - Baptisms \$190.00

Holiday Fund \$85.00

Stewardship Development \$33.25

Mass Intention \$250.00

Donation - Youth \$20.00

Donation - Outreach \$109.00

Parish Hall Building Fund (non-assessed) \$80.00

BEMO \$1,640.25

Hui O Laulima \$38.00

Catholic Relief Services \$7.00

Mission Appeal \$195.00

Weekend Total: \$18,297.79

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

DECEASED: 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, Victorio Lanuevo, and Evelyn B. Silva.