



ST. JOHN APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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22ND 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

NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

PASTOR'S CORNER

A Purpose Driven Parish Part 1

In the coming three weekends, I will be reflecting on our Pastoral Priorities from the perspective of "A Purpose Driven Parish." These reflections will focus more on our parish vision, mission and purpose, which must be aligned to the vision, mission and purpose of our Lord Jesus Christ. Part one in these reflections is mainly introductory in order to set the context for better understanding of a purpose driven parish.

In our Pastoral Plan we stated that, "the vision of St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church in the coming years will be 'striving to become a Spirit-led stewardship parish in Central Oahu.'" Our Mission Statement published in our parish bulletin every weekend states how we will achieve our vision. How do we get from here to there? How do we get to the next level of stewardship as a way of life?

At the core of our Mission Statement we respond to these questions by stating why we exist as a parish community: "to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to all through our words, deeds and lives." A purpose driven parish therefore must remain focused on Jesus Christ, his vision, mission and purpose. The ultimate purpose for which Jesus became incarnate and born of the Virgin Mary is to save us. That purpose is gradually but consistently proclaimed in Jesus' public ministry; in his teaching and miracles. In one verse Jesus sums it all, "I came that they all may have life, and have it in abundance." (John 10:10) Life in Johannine language is understood in terms of salvation. The "Bread of Life" teaching in John Chapter 6 is understood in the context of life beyond this world. So too is Jesus' teaching on the "Water of Life" and the "Life of the World", all of which must be seen in the context of Jesus' resurrection and pointing to the reason why He came into the world. Before going up to heaven Jesus commanded his apostles saying, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20) By virtue of our Baptism, each of us is called to "go

and make disciples." First we must encounter Jesus Christ in order to give a credible witness to him. Our encounter with Jesus gives rise to a desire to share our joy with others. Pope Francis continually invites us "to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the 'peripheries' in need of the light of the Gospel".

A purpose driven parish must remain focused on this "Great Commission" of Jesus to his disciples since we are those disciples today. Our Mission Statement contains the values that guide and inspire our parish community to remain focused on the why we exist as a parish. Part 2 will reflect on these values. So stay tuned.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

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Pastor

PARISH CLERGY

Pastor

Msgr. John Mbinda (x 111)

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Bookkeeper (x 101)

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PARISH PROGRAMS

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Pearl Bates

RCIA Coordinator

Dcn. Modesto Cordero

Religious Ed. Director (x 205)

Julie Quiroz-Zamora

Preschool Director (x 208)

Catherine Awong

Youth & Young Adult Coordinators

Gwen & Dcn. Wally 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.

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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

All of the readings for today have the common theme of law. There are commandments to be observed if we are to be faithful to God.

To think of it as a collection of laws is to miss its wonder. Torah is about witness or testimony. Is God good? Look at the evidence, judge for yourself. Observances or commandments are to help us be worthy witnesses to the goodness, mercy, love and justice of God. This is not the way we generally think about law. We often see it as something, which gets in the way of our pursuing our own aims and desires.

Problems occur if laws themselves become more important than the people whose lives they are designed to serve and protect. If we remove the first three of the traditional Ten Commandments, which have application to a group founded on belief in God, the other seven commandments are the minimum for basic community living.

The reading from Deuteronomy goes beyond a set of observances to provide

for a way of life. It focuses attention on the benefits that come from a life of fidelity. You will have life, and you will take possession of the land. Your life of observance will be evidence of your wisdom and intelligence. You will be an example to all. Through your way of living others will come to know God.

The passage from the letter of James belongs to the later part of the first century of the Christian era. The emphasis by the writer is to live a life that reflects its nature as a gift from God. A good image is that of a mirror, as it is a convenient way to check our appearance, for others it is a reminder of who they are and what they aspire to be. If the word of God is something you listen to occasionally but never put into practice then you are like the first person. The second type of person carries the image of what they are called to be and this affects their actions throughout the day.

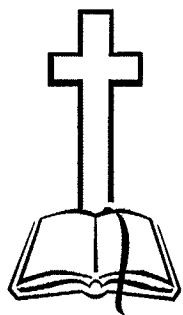
The gospel shows us what happens if observance becomes separated from the heart and mind and spirit. It is not the observance itself that Jesus criticizes but

the attitude of the "law observers" who see their position as one that enables them to judge others.

The other criticism is about making human laws sacred. He accuses these people of setting aside God's way for human ways. Jesus uses one custom, that of hand washing before eating, to expand on the theme. Of course, it is important to observe the rules of hygiene but if there is to be an emphasis on purity, surely the most important thing is purity of heart.

As adults in the Christian community we need to reflect on our religious laws from time to time to check that they promote growth and freedom and do not quench the spirit. Healthy community living promotes and serves the wholeness of each individual.

**BLESSINGS,
DEACON WALLY MITSUI**



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

The first reading from the prophet Isaiah highlights the imminent return of the Israelites from the Babylonian exile. Isaiah prophesies what the Lord in his compassion will soon do for his people. Their broken hearts will be healed and their dignity as a nation restored. Isaiah uses the image of healing and restoration of all creation in God's justice and care. Thus "streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

Psalm 146 is a hymn of praise to "the God of Jacob" who is faithful to his promises; a God who saves the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. It is a prayer to God who cares for the less fortunate.

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

James in the Second Reading challenges us when he speaks with irony of people who welcome the well dressed with gold rings, while ignoring the poor man, who is poor only in the eyes of this world but rich before God who makes no distinctions. On the contrary, God breaks all barriers and calls all to the universal table fellowship of the kingdom.

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

The Gospel passage is about the healing of a deaf and dumb person. This miracle becomes a fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy in Christ: opening the ears of the deaf and loosening the tongues of the dumb. The liturgy of the word therefore presents a compassionate God, who makes no distinctions between classes of people by breaking existing barriers, symbolized by the impediment of speech and hearing; a God who makes the poor rich in faith. God's action leads us to see Isaiah's prophesy in the context of suffering in the world caused by sickness, poverty, and oppression.

Mass for the Intentions for the Week
Monday, August 31, 2015 (8 am)

Antonio Amasol (RIP)
 Isidoro B. Barayuga (RIP)
 Muriel Ramos (RIP)
 Jesse Pangelinan (RIP)

Tues., September 1, 2015 (8 am)

Dennis G. Nakamura (RIP)
 Antonio Amasol (RIP)
 Pedro & Carmen Cazares (RIP)
 Jesse Pangelinan (RIP)

Wed., September 2, 2015 (8 am)

Antonio Amasol (RIP)
 Mariano Mendoza, Sr. (Mem. Anniv.)
 Cipriano Salmorin (RIP)
 Jesse Pangelinan (RIP)

Thurs., September 3, 2015 (8 am)

Mary C. Abad (RIP)
 Antonio Amasol (RIP)
 Cipriano Salmorin (RIP)
 Jesse Pangelinan (RIP)

Friday, September 4, 2015 (8 am)

Feliciano Dona (RIP)
 Antonio Amasol (RIP)
 Paciencia J. Nazareth (RIP)

Saturday, September 5, 2015

8AM: Salve Galman (Birthday Bless.)
 Brook L. Corderman
 (Birthday Blessings)
 Muriel Ramos (RIP)

5PM: Maria Teresa Amaral
 (Birthday Blessings)

Sunday, September 6, 2015

7AM: Michael Morano (RIP)
 9AM: For the People
 11AM: Muriel Ramos (RIP)
 6PM: Victorio Lanuevo (RIP)

Please pray for our Members & Friends

 **HEALING/BLESSINGS:** 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, Sue Mamiya, Sammie Chang, Annie Chang, Chang Family, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

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, Evelyn B. Silva, and Jesse Pangelinan.

The Hui O Lailima Food Trolley is in need



of food to support the Sunshine Backpack project on Molokai; a program that provides food for needy elementary kids for weekend meals. Our shelves are nearly empty. Foods requested: *peanut butter, jam/jelly, cereal, fruit cups, soup, tuna, snack crackers, mac and cheese, juice, and any food item you would like to donate.* Monetary donations are always acceptable. The Food Trolley will be out next weekend. Please be generous. Mahalo for your support.

St John's Knight of Columbus, Council 14663, will hold a membership drive after each Mass this weekend. The Knights will be present on the lanai to answer any questions you may have. For more information, visit kofc.org or call Jack Cleghorn at (808) 623-1492.

Upcoming Liturgical Workshops
Presented by Dcn. Modesto Cordero

Altar Servers Workshop

Sunday, August 30 - 12:30-2:00 pm (Church)
 This is a **mandatory** workshop for all current Altar Servers. If you are unable to attend, call Margaret Higa for (Sunday) & Dhel Taglinao for (Weekday)

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** workshop for all current Lectors. If you are unable to attend, call Paul Olszewski know for the make up workshop.

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 is an in-depth faith formation workshop. This is a **mandatory** workshop for all current Ushers. If you are unable to attend, call Vernon Silva for the make up session.

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Muriel Ramos (RIP)

Wed., Sept. 2 ~ Downtown Mililani Mortuary
 Visitation: 9:00 am ~ Prayer Svc.: 10:00 am

Vivian K. Ichimura (RIP)

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

Catholic University of America (CUA) is the national university of the Catholic Church in the USA. Many students receive scholarship aid from this collection. Next week is National Collection for the CUA. Donation Envelopes are at the back of the church or you can donate online by visiting our parish website, selecting the "Online Giving" icon.

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.



Mahalo Nui Loa!

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

A wise man once said, "If something is too much for you to say, sing it; if it is too much for you to sing, dance it." My gratitude for your kind and generous donations from last Sunday's Mission Appeal to support the "Let there be light in the homes of the poor" solar electricity program of the Diocese of Kumbo is such that we need to dance it. On behalf of Bishop George Nkuo, and the entire People of God in the Diocese of Kumbo, Cameroon, I say MAHALO. May God bless your Pastor Msgr. John Mbinda, the Parochial Vicar Fr. Boniface Waema, your Deacons and the entire administrative, pastoral, and domestic staff of St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church to continue coordinating the wonderful services that you so generously render to the Universal Church. You are most welcomed to Cameroon! Beri ven (Thank you).

Yours devotedly in Christ,
Fr. Eugen Nkardzedze

Stewardship of Treasure - August 22 / 23

Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$1,690.00
- 7:00 AM	\$2,780.13
- 9:00 AM	\$2,664.00
- 11:00 AM	\$2,108.36
- 6:00 PM	\$1,630.11
- Front Office	\$689.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$3,021.95
Candle Sales	\$470.00
Donations - Baptisms	\$100.00
Stewardship Development	\$33.25
Mass Intention	\$230.00
Donation - Outreach	\$186.50
BEMO	\$1,287.75
Hui O Lailima	\$92.50
Holy Thursday (Op. Rice Bowl)	\$7.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$10.00
Mission Appeal	\$13,418.80
Weekend Total:	\$30,419.45

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

Supplemental Questions and Answers

St. John A & E Church Post Parish Hall Meeting - August 1, 2015

Parishioners who had questions regarding the campus renovation but were not able to ask the question(s) at the August 1, 2015, town hall meeting were asked to submit their questions to the Parish office by August 15, 2015. The Parish Leadership team (Pastor and Leadership Advisory Committee) submitted responses directly to the individuals submitting the questions. All of the questions have been compiled and listed here with the responses that were sent to the individual parishioners who submitted the questions.

1. *Will the SJAE Preschool control any other space other than their classrooms after the project is completed? If yes, they will control other space, what space?*

RESPONSE - We do not plan on having the Preschool or any other ministry "control" any space on property. We hope to create an environment that will make the best use of "all" spaces realizing that the preschool will need to occupy certain spaces during the school day. Use of modular spaces may afford us the ability to pull out/push back these learning spaces to "build once, use many."

2. *Will all SJAE Ministries (i.e., from Altar Servers to Women's Guild) have an opportunity to voice their requirements, regardless of the size of the ministry, current space usage, or type of ministry? If certain Ministries will NOT be given the opportunity to submit their requirements, why NOT?*

RESPONSE - Absolutely! The architect/engineer (A/E) will be conducting interviews with all aspects of the St. John Apostle & Evangelist community to determine the best design for the multi-use facility. All ministries will submit their space usage requirements via their commission/council/committee chair, who will bring them to the PPC for inclusion in the overall campus space requirements.

3. *Who & how will the new One-Community space requirements be adjudicated? For example, if YYA Ministry, a Scout Organization, Alcoholics Anonymous, and Prison Ministry all require space on Mondays, 6-8pm and there is only room three groups, who & how will the decision be made? How far in advance can a Ministry/Group book a space?*

RESPONSE - We would be looking for input from our A/E professionals to assist us with use of space etc. As more information is gathered, future meetings will be held to discuss the use and scheduling. The intent is to provide more and be "better users" of all spaces on campus. Or said differently, "Become better stewards of gifts God has handed to us!" Our goal is to have sufficient spaces on campus to accommodate multiple ministry meetings having same day, same time requirements.

4. *As a member of the Adoration Ministry, I have not seen any reference to a renovation of the chapel to make it eligible for Perpetual Adoration on any agenda or chart that has been shown or displayed at any town hall meeting. Or has it been discussed at any town hall meeting. Why has it not been on any agenda or discussed? Is the chapel on a plan to be renovated as part of the construction projects? Can the Adoration Ministry count on the renovation of the chapel to be eligible for Perpetual Adoration and if so what time frame is it to be renovated? It has been mentioned in the 5 year plan for the church therefore it seems it should be discussed at the town hall meetings as others items are.*

RESPONSE - The question regarding the 24-hour adoration chapel was raised by one of the parishioners in attendance at the August 1, 2015 town hall meeting. The answer is that, yes, the 24-hour adoration chapel will be one of the items under consideration by the A/E in completing the 5% and 10% documents for SJAE clergy, leadership team and parishioner review.

5. *Is it true that the new structure was announced as primarily a Preschool?*

RESPONSE - The structure being announced as primarily a preschool is a misconception. No spaces have been allocated and will not be allocated until the A/E has finished interviewing all of the stake holders (that is the ministries and users) of the SJAE campus.

6. *What were the survey questions that you fielded out?*

RESPONSE - The Preschool and Religious Education ministries, the largest users of the campus were the subject of a survey, the questions compiled by the Hawaii Catholic School Office (HCSO). All survey questions and responses will be made available for viewing at the Rectory office.

7. *In the planning of the multi-purpose hall was it already assumed that the Preschool will be the primary occupant?*

RESPONSE - There have been no assumptions made to this point. We recognize that should the final plans include a Preschool, that the Preschool will be one of the SJAE ministries that use campus facilities on almost a daily basis. No plans have been put in place regarding space requirements or usage of the space since the A/E has not yet begun to interview the individual ministries/users of the campus.

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St. John A & E Church Post Parish Hall Meeting - August 1, 2015

8. *Why wasn't the whole parish included in the survey instead of just the Preschool and Religious Ed?*

RESPONSE - The focus of the parish is now and will continue to be evangelization in the 96789 zip code neighborhood. There was a need to know the effectiveness of our two largest groups on campus, that is, how effectively do they evangelize today and what are their plans to continue to increase their efforts to evangelize in the future. Thus the Leadership Advisory Committee (LAC) contacted the HCSO for input on the survey which reached out to the direct stake holders of each program. The surveys which were filled out and returned were reviewed and the results presented to the parishioners who attended the August 1, 2015 town hall meeting. The survey was geared to the value and effectiveness of the education product being delivered by the two programs. Sending this survey to every parishioner would not have been meaningful or appropriate.

9. *Under current conditions the space allotments were insufficient for the preschool. Do you plan to incorporate those extra requirements as requested by the preschool?*

- a. New break room for teachers and staff
- b. New locker room for teachers and staff
- c. New conference room for teachers, staff and parents
- d. Administrator room for director and bookkeeper/secretary
- e. Additional playground (due to new structure encroaching on playground)

RESPONSE - The A/E firm will interview Preschool personnel and will consult with the HSCO officials as well as NAYEC to determine what the "requirements" are to ensure that the Preschool operates effectively and in accordance to guidelines set by the State of Hawaii as well as the guidelines of the HCSO. Overall needs versus "wants" will have to be sorted out based on priority and cost. The A/E firm will only make recommendations. Final decisions will be made by Parish leadership after discussion with parishioners at future town hall meetings.

10. *Will the weekly conversion of the Preschool to parish hall/classrooms be easier than it is now?*

RESPONSE - This would be the intended outcome of the design. We want all spaces to be made available for all parishioners/ministries to use for our parish activities as well as for evangelization programs and efforts.

11. *Can the parishioners get a say in what you have planned before you enlist an architect/engineer to make feasibility studies?*

RESPONSE - Plans, to date, were presented at the August 1, 2014 town hall meeting where more than 95% of those in attendance approved moving forward with hiring an A/E to work on the 5% and 10% A/E plans. Parishioners will be presented with the 10% plan and will be offered a chance to comment on the plan as well as vote on moving forward or abandoning the plan.

12. *Are you aware that getting a grant may include adopting the benefactor's philosophies/mission agendas currently or in the future?*

RESPONSE - We will be guided by a seasoned fund-raising professional who understands and works with donors who have the capacity and history for supporting large projects such as ours. We will not sacrifice our Catholic values or teaching in exchange for grants and donations.

13. *Why are we renovating the rectory?*

RESPONSE - The renovation of the rectory was voted upon at the first town hall meeting on December 13, 2014. It is anticipated that the renovation will be minimal since the necessary spaces to house the administrative staff will probably be included in the existing parish center or the new multi-purpose building. The A/E firm will review all spaces on campus and meet with staff as well as ministries and will make recommendations to the LAC and thus to all of the parishioners.

14. *Have the concerns of the previous town-hall meeting (Dec 2014) been considered? Specifically "Do we need or can we afford to have a preschool"?*

RESPONSE - Yes, that was the purpose of the August 1, 2015 town hall meeting. Corporate funders/donors have a propensity to fund schools and community centers. Having a new Preschool in our campus plans could possibly mean up to 50% or more of the total campus renovation cost being funded by one or more of these corporate funders/donors. Not having a Preschool in the campus renovation plans suggests that up to 100% of the campus renovation costs will be funded by parishioners. This information was presented to the August 1, 2015 town hall attendees, who then voted (more than 95%) to support the effort going forward.