



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

(ncalzada@rcchawaii.org)

PARISH PROGRAMS

Outreach (x 203)

Pearl Bates

RCIA Coordinator

Dcn. Modesto Cordero

Religious Ed. Director (x 206)

Julie Quiroz-Zamora

Preschool Director (x 208)

Catherine Awong

Youth & Young Adult Coordinators

Gwen & Dcn. Wally Mitsui

(gmitsui@rcchawaii.org)

PARISH MINISTRIES

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

PASTOR'S CORNER

A Purpose Driven Parish Part 2

A purpose driven parish is fueled by the values that guide and inspire the parish community. In this second part, I would like to reflect on three out of seven key values found in our mission statement. Part three will outline three more key values.

1. Catholic

Our Mission Statement starts by saying that "We are a Catholic Christian Community..." By so stating we mean that we find our identity in a rich sacramental system and in full communion with the universal Catholic Church and its timeless Tradition. We strive to preserve our Catholic identity as a precious gift from God. We make use of many programs that help to deepen our rich Catholic tradition and to share it with others.

2. Community

As a parish community, we are part of the Body of Christ. We strive to help each other grow in our personal relationship with Jesus Christ to become God's presence in the world. We promote this value of community by: striving to promote a sense of belonging to the Body of Christ, deepening our understanding of parish life as communion in Christ and with one another, and instilling a sense of personal relationship with Christ.

3. Word of God

We are grounded on the Word of God in reading the Sacred Scriptures and the Liturgy of the Word. That is why we encourage parishioners to be familiar with the road map that helps to encounter God and so grow in holiness. By reading the Sacred Scriptures, we become the best version of ourselves. We strive to encourage Bible Study groups in the parish; we help and encourage parishioners to read the Sunday readings before coming to Sunday Mass using their Sunday Missals or the outline provided in the parish bulletin each week. To be even better prepared, parishioners are encouraged to read commentaries on the Sunday Reading.

As we continue to implement our pastoral priorities, we need to keep these values before us since they keep us grounded on God's purpose in giving us the gift of this wonderful parish.

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.**

“EPHPHATHA!” - THE DEAF HEAR & THE MUTE SPEAK!

The deaf hear, the blind see, and those bowed down are raised up. Our associations affect us. Teenage friends dress like friends, talk like friends and effect a walk like their friends. Parents know this. Though difficult to do, parents will sometimes not allow their child to play with another child out of fear that the association will lead their own child down the wrong path, but association can improve us as well. That is why we sometimes join certain groups. We all know people who seek out special associations, especially with the rich and famous – and to some degree, we also are guilty of doing it. How many of us love getting our picture taken with a famous person? There's not necessarily anything wrong or sinful in this, but it does point out that we like to have certain associations. Having a picture of ourselves with someone famous is fun. It makes others notice us.

Saint James is speaking to us about our Christian associations. If nowhere else then at least within our faith communities we must strive to freely and comfortably

associate with all who come to pray with us. In God's kingdom as it is meant to be lived, we would freely and comfortably associate with everyone, but we know this is not yet the case. The prophet Isaiah was writing to the northern Kingdom of Israel in the days it was besieged by Assyria. People were frightened. They had despaired. Isaiah needed to restore hope. His choice of method to restore hope was to try to convince people to once again associate with God. If they would only associate with God once again, then their friendship with Him would bring the peace they sought. Isaiah proclaims, “Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!” These are comforting words to us as Christian stewards in an uncertain world.

There is a hidden association in our Gospel today. “People” brought Jesus a deaf man. We don't know what motivated these friends, but they took him to Jesus and begged Jesus to do something. It could be that these “people” simply used the man to get Jesus to do something interesting, but these “people” could also

have been friends looking out for one of their own. Using spittle, which was believed to have curative powers, we know that Jesus responded. Today we might question our own associations. With whom do we choose to spend our time? What is the criteria we use to make friends and keep our friendships? How many of our friendships are based on our shared faith? How many are life-giving? How many associations with other people are formed just so we can gain something? Isaiah, James and Mark offer us a vision of what proper associations can do for us. They can bring hope. They can facilitate healing. And if used properly, our associations can also spread faith in Jesus Christ. Discrimination and prejudice are evils in our society. To be Christian disciples and good stewards, we must understand the kingdom of God is open to ALL who love him. The good steward must not show favoritism.

GOD BLESS YOU!
DEACON MODESTO CORDERO

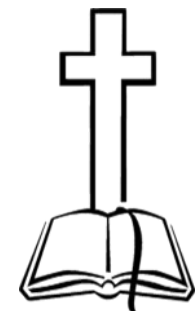
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9

Although this passage is one of the Servant Songs of Isaiah in form and content, it sounds like a personal lament. We listen to the prophet as he recounts the abuse suffered, but that lament is followed by the affirmation of confidence in divine providence. The opening verse sets the stage for what follows: “The Lord God opens my ears that I may hear.” It is that openness to God's will that is tested by various torments afflicted upon the Servant of the Lord. No reason given for the suffering, and thus, being innocent, the Lord is his help.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116:1-2,3-4,5-6,8-9

Psalm 116 is a prayer of the poor and suffering in thanksgiving to the Lord. “I fell into distress and sorrow, and called upon the name of the Lord... I was brought low, and he saved me.” Thus a believer will walk in confidence before the Lord even in midst of danger.



Second Reading: James 2:14-18

This passage addresses the misunderstanding in the Christian community regarding faith. Some within the community seemed to be satisfied with simply a belief articulated in a formula. But the passage tells us that authentic faith must also be practical, that is expressed in action. Moreover it must express itself in more than just acts of worship. The passage touches on the central question of what kind of faith will save us. The passage therefore helps us to see the relation between faith, work and salvation. Along with our faith and our going to Church on Sunday, we need to engage in corporal works of mercy.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

The gospel passage consists of two separate episodes. 1) First there is a discussion about the identity of Jesus. Here Jesus addresses the disciples alone. Peter takes the initiative to confess the identity of Jesus. 2) Only after Jesus is identified as the Christ (the anointed one) does he then predict his forthcoming suffering, death and resurrection. Since Peter seems to misunderstand the kind of Messiah he is, Jesus rebukes him, then summons the whole crowd to teach them the implications of being his followers: self-denial, taking up the cross and following him.



Monday, September 7, 2015 (8 am)

Cyril & Molly Pereira (RIP)
Dionisio L. Locquiao (RIP)
Sarah Knott (RIP)

Tues., September 8, 2015 (8 am)

Nick Tatistcheff (Birthday Blessing)
Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy Postmus, Sr. (RIP)
Victorio Lanuevo (RIP)

Wed., September 9, 2015 (8 am)

Erica Utu (Birthday Blessings)
Alexander U. Gagalac (RIP)
Victorio Lanuevo (RIP)
Carmelo Solomon (RIP)

Thurs., September 10, 2015 (8 am)

Carlina Castillo (Birthday Blessing)
Faustina S. Ramos (RIP)
Evelyn B. Silva (RIP)

Friday, September 11, 2015 (8 am)

Daniel A. Fernandez (Birthday Memorial)
Victorio Lanuevo (RIP)
Isidoro B. Barayuga (RIP)

Saturday, September 12, 2015

8AM: Jordan Tano (Birthday Blessing)
Evelyn B. Silva (RIP)
Jesse Pangelinan (RIP)
5PM: Virginia Beaver (RIP)

Sunday, September 13, 2015

7AM: Evelyn B. Silva (RIP)
9AM: *For the People*
11AM: Myrtle D. Reponte (RIP)
6PM: Sharon P. Taylor (Birthday Blessing)

Please pray for our Members & Friends

HEALING/BLESSINGS: 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, Mike Culkin, Ann Nitta, Joyce Agsalda, Darlene Catekista, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Richard K. Paglinawan, Clayton L. Young, Paciencia J. Nazareth, Lota Bihis, Isidoro B. Barayuga, Vivian K. Ichimura, Victorio Lanuevo, Evelyn B. Silva, Jesse Pangelinan, Harold Jones, Jr., Liberato Presto, Sr., and David F. Manchester.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.

NEW! Social Ministry Commission - Are you looking for an opportunity to help others? If so, consider volunteering for one or more of the Social Ministry Commission Teams. We are looking for help in Global Outreach, Disability, Social Justice or Senior Services. If you would like to help, please contact Deb Zedalis by email at dzedalis@hawaii.rr.com or phone 348-2973.

Are you a person who cares about our elderly? Do you have a desire to give back and help those who need your support? If so, our Seniors Team has a perfect volunteer opportunity for you. In cooperation with Catholic Charities Hawaii, the Seniors Team is setting up a **"Friendly Volunteers" Program**. This program includes **Friendly Visitors** (home visitation, reading, writing, companionship), **Friendly Escort** (escorting to the store, dr. appointments, and other pre-approved destinations), and **Friendly Driver** (using your car to drive seniors to appointments, errands and church). Catholic Charities Hawaii provides training, support, and liability coverage – no need to worry! If you are interested, please contact the St. John's Senior Team Leader, Connie Murphy, at 625-7773 or Connie96789@msn.com.

The Hui O Laulima 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. Please be generous. Mahalo for your continued support.

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on September 17th, 7:00-9:00 pm in classroom 6. The discussion book will be *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis. 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@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Liturgical Workshop Presented by Dcn. Modesto Cordero

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.

Catholic University of America (CUA) is the national university of the Catholic Church in the USA. Many students receive scholarship aid from this collection. This 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, October 2, immediately after the 8:00 am Mass and ending at 7:30 am on Saturday, October 3. 

Upcoming 2015 Baptism Dates:

Sunday, September 20

Sunday, October 4 Sunday, October 18
Sunday, November 1 Sunday, November 15
Sunday, December 6 Sunday, December 20

For more information, contact the Parish Office at 623-3332, ext. 100 or email sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org

Stewardship of Treasure - August 29 / 30

Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,354.73
- 7:00 AM	\$2,957.25
- 9:00 AM	\$2,713.50
- 11:00 AM	\$2,024.23
- 6:00 PM	\$1,672.35
- Front Office	\$331.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$1,429.75
Candle Sales	\$545.00
Holiday Fund	\$10.00
Donations - Funeral	\$500.00
Stewardship Development	\$83.25
Mass Intention	\$240.00
Donation - Outreach	\$104.00
BEMO	\$1,261.50
Hui O Laulima	\$31.50
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$10.00
Catholic University of America	\$70.00
Good Friday	\$7.00
Mission Appeal	\$1,377.50
Weekend Total:	\$17,722.21

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