



SEPTEMBER 12 / 13, 2015
24TH 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!

PASTOR'S CORNER

A Purpose Driven Parish Part 3

In part two, we considered the first three key values found in our Mission Statement: Catholic, Community and the Word of God. In this part, we consider three more key values: Sacrament, Stewardship and Evangelization.

1. Sacrament

As a parish community, we celebrate the Eucharist and other Sacraments instituted by Jesus Christ and through these celebrations we receive God's grace to live in God's love and so be nourished spiritually to become the best version of ourselves. Therefore we strive to ensure a meaningful celebration of the Eucharist that inspires and deepens our personal encounter with God. In view of this we place great emphasis on careful preparation for all sacramental celebrations especially the Sunday Liturgy.

2. Stewardship

Here at St. John Apostle & Evangelist parish community, we strive to become a Spirit-led stewardship parish in Central Oahu because we believe that God provides us with many blessings from His superabundance. We will therefore care for and share the abundant gifts God gives us. In view of this:

- We will have an annual vision/mission timeline for stewardship as a way of life to keep us focused;
- We will have one intentional formation stewardship retreat to deepen our spirituality;
- We will have annual stewardship commitment renewal weekend during the month of October.

3. Evangelization

As disciples and stewards of Jesus Christ, we are called and sent to proclaim the good news of God's love by actively inviting and welcoming everyone to join us and grow spiritually by a life grounded in God's sacred Word. That is why:

- Through Aloha Hospitality Commission we strive to be hospitable to all who come to our parish Sunday Mass from the parking lot to the dismissal;
- We continue to give a lei to all visitors at each Mass as a sign of welcome and appreciation;
- We will strive to reach out to Catholics who no longer come to Church through our Catholics Return Home Commission;
- We will strive to make use of every space on our campus for evangelization purposes.

All the values outlined in part two and three are central to living a purpose driven parish life. They are the core values that inspire our vision, mission and the very reason of being a stewardship parish community.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

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Pastor

PARISH CLERGY

Pastor

Msgr. John Mbinda (x 111)

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Boniface Waema (x 104)

Deacon Modesto Cordero

(mcordero@rcchawaii.org)

Deacon Wally Mitsui

(wmitsui@rcchawaii.org)

Deacon Romeo Ganibe

(rganibe@rcchawaii.org)

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.

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.**

JESUS ASKED HIS DISCIPLES, "WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?"

Along the way to the village of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ."

In this incident, Peter immediately confesses his faith in Jesus as the Messiah --the Messiah of victory and salvation. But, when Jesus speaks of a Messiah who would suffer rejection and death, Peter objects. Peter's reaction is the same as our very own. We would prefer to follow the popular and joyful Jesus, the healing, comforting, and hopeful Jesus, and we step away from the suffering, humble, unsettling Jesus of the cross.

In today's Gospel, Peter is a model of wavering faith, a model that typifies our own reaction to the call to discipleship. Every moment we live,

every decision and choice we make, and every good deed we do, is our most revealing and telling response to the question, "*Who do you say I am?*" Our love for family and friends, our commitment to the highest moral and ethical standards, our willingness to take the first step toward reconciliation and forgiveness are ultimately the true confession of our faith in Jesus Christ as the love and Word of God incarnate.

Jesus proclaims in today's Gospel, "If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

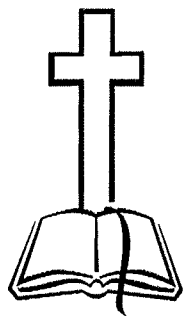
Only in "denying ourselves" in order to imitate the servanthood of Christ can we experience the true depth of our faith. Only in embracing his compassion and humility in our lives do we enable the Spirit of God to renew

and transform our world in God's life and love.

We cannot belong to the company of Jesus unless we embrace the Crucified One's spirit of selfless servanthood. We cannot stand with the Crucified Jesus unless we unconditionally and completely love and forgive others as he did; and we cannot hope to share the victory of the Risen Christ unless we "crucify" our fears, self-consciousness and prejudices that blind us from seeing him in the faces of every human being. To be Christian stewards, "we must take up our cross and seek to give our all to follow him."

BLESSINGS TO ALL,
DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015



First Reading: Wisdom 2:12,17-20

In this passage, we hear that the wicked conspire to attack the righteous person who has become a constant reminder of their sins. The wicked persons appeal to the principles of attribution to test the righteous person to find out whether he or she is genuine. This kind of argument is meant to prove both the faithfulness of God in his promises, as well as the claims of the just one to be the son of God. If so, God will defend the just one and deliver him or her from the hands of the wicked.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 54:3-4,5,6-8

Psalm 54 is a prayer for deliverance and as such begins with a cry to God for help in a time of need. "For the haughty have risen up against me, the ruthless seek my life." The prayer ends with praise of God.

Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3

This passage from the Letter of James draws a contrast between the path taken by the wise or upright person and that taken by the foolish or sinful person. The purpose of this wisdom teaching is to help one to choose the path of wisdom over the path of folly. The passage begins by describing the path in which foolishness reigns, revealing itself with jealousy, self-ambition and the like, as compared to the path of wisdom that generates harmony, peace and every good behavior believers are called to live. The instruction shifts from the vision of peace to the reality of conflicts in the community, and argues that such conflicts are not caused by outside forces. The Christians themselves have no one else to blame but themselves.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

There are two parts in the gospel passage. The first (vv.30-32) recounts Jesus' prediction of his death and resurrection; and the second is Jesus' reaction to the disciples' quarrel over who among them was the greatest (vv.33-37). They did not understand the prediction about his death and resurrection and amazingly, they were afraid to ask Jesus. When Jesus asked them what they were arguing about, they remained silent perhaps embarrassed because they had been arguing about whom among them was more important. Jesus immediately teaches them that the call to discipleship is not about authority and power, but about service and powerlessness. That is why Jesus used the image of a child. The gospel concludes with the paradox of the kingdom and of our call to discipleship. To be first is to be last and servant of all.



Mon., September 14, 2015 (8 am)

Avery Nakagawa (Birthday Blessing)

Justin Silva (Birthday Blessing)

Evelyn B. Silva (RIP)

Tues., September 15, 2015 (8 am)

Monica Pangelinan

(Birthday Blessing)

Marcial Taglinao (RIP)

Evelyn B. Silva (RIP)

Wed., September 16, 2015 (8 am)

Paul Lapa (Birthday Memorial)

Marilyn Benson (RIP)

Evelyn B. Silva (RIP)

Thurs., September 17, 2015 (8 am)

Evelyn B. Silva (RIP)

Gwen Kelly (Birthday Blessing)

Paciencia "Pat" Nazareth (RIP)

Friday, September 18, 2015 (8 am)

Fr. Cletus Mooya (RIP)

Shirley Guerrero (Birthday Blessing)

Paciencia "Pat" Nazareth (RIP)

Evelyn B. Silva (RIP)

Saturday, September 19, 2015

8AM: Julie Quiroz-Zamora

(Birthday Blessing)

Anthony Scarpelli (Memorial Anniv.)

Evelyn B. Silva (RIP)

5PM: James & Mildred Mizoguchi (RIP)

Sunday, September 20, 2015

7AM: Dcn. Modesto Cordero

(Birthday Blessing)

9AM: *For the People*

11AM: Kirah Evile

(Birthday Blessing)

6PM: Jesse Pangelinan (RIP)

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.

Healing Mass with Anointing will be held this Monday, September 14th, in the church. Praise and worship will begin at 7:30 pm followed by Mass.

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 Companions** (assistance to the store, doctor 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 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.

40 Days for Life Peaceful Prayer Vigil Campaign will take place in front of Planned Parenthood Health Center, located at 1350 S. King Street, from September 23rd through November 1st. A group from our parish will leave the church parking lot on most Thursday mornings at 9 am and return around 11:30 am (one exception: Wednesday Oct 14 instead of Oct 15). A sign up sheet will be at the back of the Church. For more information, call Mary Smart 741-2358 or go to the local website: <http://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/honolulu/>

The Catholic Charities Hawaii special collection will be held next weekend, September 19/20. Your participation will help us fulfill the mission to serve our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please drop your donation during Offertory next weekend. You may also make a donation on our parish website by clicking "Online Giving". Please be generous.

Catholic University of America (CUA)

Thank you for your contributions to last week's collection for the CUA. Your gift will make great things possible by providing direct financial aid to more than 4,000 students from dioceses across the country.

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.



Mahalo Nui Loa Terry!
 Mrs. Terry Silva retires from her position as the Religious Education Secretary effective September 13, 2015. She will continue as a Catechist for our Confirmation 2 class through the end of the year.
 We wish Terry well in her semi-retirement.

Stewardship of Treasure - September 5 / 6

Sunday Collection

- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,885.00
- 7:00 AM	\$2,289.00
- 9:00 AM	\$3,052.00
- 11:00 AM	\$2,630.05
- 6:00 PM	\$2,202.01
- Front Office	\$865.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$1,429.75
Candle Sales	\$575.00
Donations - Funeral	\$300.00
Mass Intention	\$240.00
Parish Hall Building Fund (non-assessed)	\$100.00
Holiday Fund	\$10.00
Donation - Outreach	\$154.00
Stewardship Development	\$33.25
BEMO	\$1,757.55
Hui O Laulima	\$247.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$7.00
Catholic University of America	\$1,273.00
Mission Appeal	\$1,192.50
Weekend Total:	\$21,269.11

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

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.

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September 2, 2015

Statement regarding forgiveness for abortion

Dear faithful of the Diocese of Honolulu:

On September 1, the Vatican publicly released a copy of a letter from our Holy Father, Pope Francis, written to Archbishop Rino Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization. In that letter, Pope Francis laments the sin of abortion and the harm that it does, not only to the unborn children, but to the women who have been scarred by the decision that they have made and who, at times, fear that their sin is unforgiveable. It is the Holy Father's intention that women seek the mercy of God during the upcoming Jubilee Year of Mercy and receive forgiveness and healing.

The Holy Father's inexact wording perhaps gave the impression that a priest's ability to forgive the sin of abortion was something new. In fact, the current *Code of Canon Law*, promulgated in 1983, no longer contains any provision for "reserved sins," so no matter what the sin, when there is true repentance the priest can grant you absolution in confession. This remains true before, during, and after the Year of Mercy.

Pope Francis' statement on this, in fact, is nothing new. In his 1995 encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, St. John Paul II made a similar plea: "I would like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitely lost and you will also be able to ask forgiveness from your child, who is now living in the Lord." (no. 99)

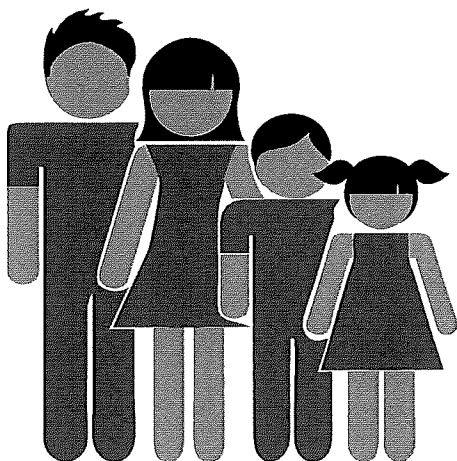
I would also like to mention that here in the Diocese of Honolulu our Respect Life Office sponsors Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats as an outreach to those who have experienced abortion to facilitate the healing process. I would encourage you to visit www.catholicahawaii.org/rachel and invite those you might know who feel that they cannot be forgiven to consider participation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu

Support Our Special Collection **CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUNDAY**

Each year, Catholic Charities Hawai'i provides services to tens of thousands of people statewide. Here are a few ways your support made a difference in our communities throughout O'ahu, Kaua'i, Hawai'i Island, Maui County in 2014.



FAMILY & YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES

1,186 individuals were identified, assessed, trained and licensed to provide foster resource families services Statewide.

56 emotionally and behaviorally challenged youth were provided a non-institutional therapeutic foster family environment on O'ahu and Hawai'i Island.

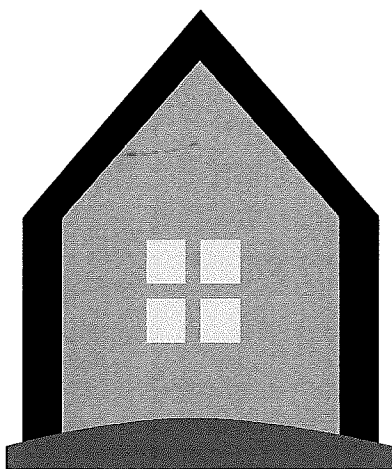
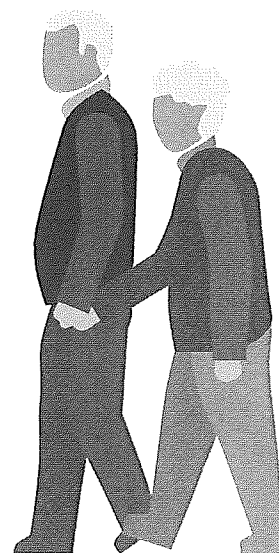
4,973 families with children were provided individual and family counseling, parenting skills development, supervised visits between parents and children in foster care, outreach services and group parenting classes on O'ahu and Hawai'i Island.

SENIOR SERVICES

1,770 seniors were kept active, healthy, and connected to the community through educational, recreational, and social activities on O'ahu.

574 seniors were provided advocacy services, case management, professional counseling for psychological and social problems, assessment of needs, and bereavement counseling through 12 O'ahu senior housing projects and 2 parishes.

291 seniors were helped with resolving housing crises, eviction prevention, counseling, and placement into affordable housing on O'ahu.



HOMELESS SOLUTIONS

274 individuals were provided transitional housing services focusing on families with children. Services included transitional housing, case management, employment training, budgeting, and educational classes to help families become self-sufficient and obtain affordable permanent housing on O'ahu and Hawai'i Island.

413 families with children found and secured housing with rent or security deposit assistance payment to help the families avoid or leave homelessness on O'ahu.

15,983 individuals were offered social service and emergency basic needs assistance of past-due rent, utility payments, food, and clothing on Kaua'i, Maui and Hawai'i Island.

Mahalo for your kokua. Your contribution makes a difference!

To learn more about us please visit www.CatholicCharitiesHawaii.org

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Kaua'i 241-HOPE (4673) • Hawai'i Island 935-HOPE (4673)



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Dear Friends:

"It is not enough to offer someone a sandwich unless it is accompanied by the possibility of learning how to stand on one's own two feet. Charity that leaves the poor person as he is, is not sufficient."

Pope Francis spoke these words two years ago when visiting the Jesuit Refugee Service in Rome, but their meaning rings true for the social workers, case managers, counselors, therapists, foster parents and volunteers of Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Since it started in 1947, Catholic Charities Hawai'i has sought to promote the dignity of all those it has served, helping them empower themselves, especially those with the greatest need. These are our brothers and sisters in Christ, the hungry, the lonely, the fragile, the disadvantaged, the abused, the vulnerable and frightened. In Hawai'i they live among us, sometimes in plain sight, more often hidden in society's shadows.

"True mercy, the mercy God gives to us and teaches us, demands justice," Pope Francis said. "It demands that the poor find the way to be poor no longer ... to ensure that no one ever again stand in need of a soup-kitchen, of makeshift-lodgings, of a service of legal assistance in order to have his legitimate right recognized to live and to work, to be fully a person."

In return, the poor will enlighten you. The pope continued, "Their frailty and simplicity unmask our selfishness, our false security, our claim to be self-sufficient. The poor guide us to experience God's closeness and tenderness, to receive his love in our life."

This is the work of Catholic Charities Hawai'i, extending God's mercy to those most in need, serving them with compassion, justice and competence. Performing these acts of love in our name, Catholic Charities Hawai'i asks for our support. Please respond with an open heart. May God bless you abundantly!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu

