



SEPTEMBER 19 / 20, 2015
25TH 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

(mcordero@rcchawaii.org)

Deacon Wally Mitsui

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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

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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

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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

Purpose Driven Parish: Leadership Roles - Part 1

The Role of the Pastor

In the coming four weeks I will reflect on the leadership roles that help us to live these values and to remain focused: the pastor, the staff, advisory councils and parishioners. In part 1, I will consider the role of the pastor

In addition to the duties outlined in Canons 528-530, 883 and 1003, the pastor in a purpose driven parish plays a crucial role. The pastor ensures that the parish is well focused on the parish vision and the mission, which is aligned to the vision and mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. The pastor offers ongoing reflections on the parish vision and mission with clarity. Parishioners will easily embrace a vision that is simple and clear. Another crucial role of the pastor that he shares with the parish clergy, is to continually cultivate a Catholic identity, which is a precious gift from God, and to promote living that identity in the life of the parish. The pastor and clergy play a major role in helping the parish to continually grow in communion with Christ and with one another by promoting a sense of belonging to the Body of Christ through personal relationship with Christ. The pastor and clergy, in a purpose driven parish, are instrumental in deepening parishioners' understanding of the Word of God by encouraging parishioners to study the Scriptures as a road map that leads them to encounter God and grow in holiness. In addition, the pastor and clergy play a major role in the preparation of and administration of the sacraments especially the celebration of the Eucharist, the source and summit of Church life.

Our parish is a stewardship parish. The pastor and clergy in this context play the role of forming parishioners so they may continually grow in stewardship as a way of life. One way of forming parishioners is through inspiring the daily and weekly homilies. The pastor ensures that the parish has an annual vision/mission timeline in order to keep the parish focused. In that timeline

intentional stewardship annual retreat is foreseen. Most importantly, the pastor gives his own personal witness of living stewardship as a way of life. Similarly, the pastor ensures an annual stewardship commitment renewal weekend. Finally, the parish exists to evangelize. The pastor and clergy continually guide the faithful to proclaim the good news of God's love to others in word and by their personal life. The pastor ensures that evangelization is at center stage of all parish activities. Next week I will focus on the role of the staff in a purpose driven parish. Stay tuned.

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.**

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In the Gospel, we begin with the second prediction of the passion. Like many things in the biblical tradition, a threefold repetition gives emphasis of its importance.

Mark places this teaching in the context of a secret journey. There is a suggestion of a time alone with the disciples. The three predictions of the passion are inserted with very little reference to the rest of the narrative. The predictions are a reminder to us that Jesus was not surprised by the later events in Jerusalem; he had seen them on the horizon for a great part of his journey. The comment “they were afraid to ask” suggests that awkwardness had crept over the relationship between Jesus and the disciples.

“What did you talk about on your way home?” The disciples couldn’t answer, we are told, because they were arguing about their various positions in the group. This highlights the complete misunderstanding of pain, suffering and

rejection as a part of the way to liberation.

In the manner of the great prophets, Jesus now uses a concrete sign. He gathers his disciples around him and picks up the child of one of them. He holds the child on his knee while he speaks, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”

This basic Christian teaching, common to all the Gospels, is one that has not always been honored. An attitude of servanthood is not one that permits a triumphal attitude, yet much of our history, has been about seeing ourselves as better than others.

Finally it is important to listen to what the child means to us. “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and the servant of all.” In the first part of the gospel, the disciples are told that a measure of their discipleship is their attitude of power. In the second part, discipleship can be

judged on the disciple’s attitude to children.

When Jesus placed a child in their midst, the symbol of simplicity and powerlessness was to teach the disciples that he himself was born a poor child to a poor family in a poor town. Jesus illustrated the value and dignity of simply being human. Just being a child of God is value enough, not what one has or one’s status. He uses the child to exemplify the importance of doing what is just and right, not for rewards or status. Serving others, doing what is right and just, is its own reward; serving a child who has nothing to give in return reinforces this notion strongly.

We can all learn from little children and they have much to offer us in our faith journey. Take the time to observe, interact and simply be in their presence in our homes, schools and parish community.

**BLESSINGS,
DEACON WALLY MITSUI**

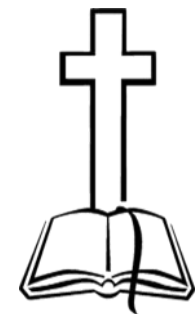
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

We find a very unusual story in this passage for several reasons. First, the spirit of prophecy given to Moses was shared by chosen elders. Second the same spirit was given to other elders who were absent during a ceremony for that purpose. Third, Joshua is upset because those elders who received the spirit while absent were also able to prophesy. Joshua being a priest may have resented anyone seen as a challenge to his own exclusive authority. Moses however does not hinder the two elders, but is only glad that they can participate in the leadership. That is why Moses exclaims, “Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!” Prophecy is here seen as a gift of discernment.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19:8,10,12-13,14

The general theme of Psalm 19 is praise, but its aim is to teach and extol the glories of the law. It describes the blessings and joys that faithfulness to the law brings. Each of the statements in the psalm identifies the law as belonging to the Lord. “The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.”



Second Reading: James 5:1-6

Although the second reading resembles a prophetic pronouncement of doom on the plight of the wealthy, it is actually a wisdom teaching that describes the consequences of a way of life that does not conform to right living. In the end the rich fall victim to corruption of their own ways. The bottom line is that wealth is not lasting: it rots away, like fine cloth becomes moth-eaten and like gold and silver corrode.

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

This passage is a collection of several pronouncements of Jesus on the themes of acceptance, hospitality and scandal. The first saying follows a report of the intolerance of the apostle John. Like Joshua in the first reading, the apostle John challenges someone who is not in the company of apostles, but who is able to perform the same marvels they have been commissioned to perform while this fellow was not commissioned. Moreover the exorcism this fellow has performed seems to have been quite successful. The response of Jesus is simple. It is important that the work of the reign of God be done. “Whoever is not against us is for us.” Similarly Jesus commends the works of mercy (hospitality) performed in his name. Giving a cup of water may not sound important but its implications are far reaching in the light of the kingdom. Finally Jesus warns against causing scandals. Although the image of “little ones” used here could be taken literally to mean children, it is applied to any innocent disciple who follows Jesus.

Follow Msgr. John’s homilies! Blog (text): <http://www.sundayhomily.com>

Podcast (audio): <http://streaminghomilies.podbean.com> iTunes (audio): [Streaming Homilies](http://streaminghomilies.com)



Mon., September 21, 2015 (8 am)

Evelyn Fernandez (RIP)

Mr. & Mrs. Pacifico Ongcangco
(RIP)

Muriel Ramos (RIP)

Tues., September 22, 2015 (8 am)

Mercedes Soliven (RIP)

Lina V. Cuenco (RIP)

Harold Jones, Jr. (RIP)

Wed., September 23, 2015 (8 am)

Mark Bates (Birthday Blessings)

Gregoric Sosa (Birthday Blessings)

Muriel Ramos (RIP)

Thurs., September 24, 2015 (8 am)

Eli Cabello (Birthday Blessings)

Mary Daly (Birthday Blessings)

Muriel Ramos (RIP)

Friday, September 25, 2015 (8 am)

Mike Aguinaldo (RIP)

Perpetua F. Fernandez (RIP)

Vivian K. Ichimura (RIP)

Muriel Ramos (RIP)

Saturday, September 26, 2015

8AM: Pearl Bates (Birthday Blessing)

Jesse Pangelinan (RIP)

Paciencia Nazareth (RIP)

5PM: Barbara Orillo (RIP)

Sunday, September 27, 2015

7AM: Esperidion Cortel

(Birthday Blessings)

9AM: *For the People*

11AM: Jesse Pangelinan (RIP)

6PM: Paciencia Nazareth (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.

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., David F. Manchester, and Fel D. Feria.

The Catholic Charities Hawaii special collection will be held this weekend. Your participation will help 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. You may also make a donation on our parish website by clicking "[Online Giving](#)". Please be generous.

NEW! Blessing of the Animals on



St. Francis Feast Day - Join us on October 4, 1:30 pm on the Church Front Lawn for a blessing of pets!

This event is being hosted by the Confirmation Year 1 students. Bring your family pet(s) or their picture to commemorate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. *Please no pets with more than four legs.* For more information, contact the SJAE Religious Education Dept. 623-3332, ext. 204, or email sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org.

Health and Wellness Fair, sponsored by our



Parish Health Nurse Ministry, will be held on Saturday, October 24, from 7:30 am to 11:30 am on the lanai. This event will include a Blood Bank Drive, Blood Pressure Check, Catholic Charities Medical management, Family/Marriage Life Resources, Flu Shots, Nutrition Demo, Senior Resources, and More! Flu shot registration will be held on the following weekends: 9/20, 9/27, and 10/4, after the 7am, 9 am, and 11 am Masses on the Church Lanai.

Pope Francis will be in the USA! During the historic visit of Pope Francis to the United States, the **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops** will live-stream free online video coverage of the papal events over the six days. Special guests will be providing commentary and explanations of several events as they happen in Washington, New York City, and Philadelphia. All events will be live streamed in English with audio commentary from the [USCCB website: www.usccb.org/live](http://www.usccb.org/live). All events will also be available for video on demand, shortly after their conclusion at: www.usccb.org/about/leadership/holy-see/francis/papal-visit-2015/papal-visit-2015-video-on-demand.cfm Download the free app on your mobile device by visiting www.USACatholic.Church. You can watch all live-streaming and videos on demand as well as up to the minute news and photos from the *USA Catholic Church* app available for iOS and Android devices

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 9/23 through 11/1. 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(10/14) instead of 10/15). A sign up sheet will be at the back of the Church. For more info, call Mary Smart 741-2358 or go to the local website: <http://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/honolulu/>

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held on October 16-18, 2015, at a private retreat center on Oahu. Heal the pain of abortion one weekend at a time. The retreat will provide a confidential, supportive, non-judgmental environment with others who've walked the similar path to healing. To register, contact Lisa Shorba at 808-349-5071 or Sr. GERALYN at 808-741-3819. A suggested donation of \$125/person helps cover costs. Space is limited, registrations are strictly confidential.

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.



† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fel D. Feria (RIP)

Monday, Sept. 28 ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Visitation: 5:30pm ~ Prayer Service: 6:30pm

Thursday, Oct. 1 ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Burial: 10:30 am

Stewardship of Treasure - September 12/13

Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,172.10
- 7:00 AM	\$3,374.00
- 9:00 AM	\$2,021.00
- 11:00 AM	\$1,907.00
- 6:00 PM	\$1,789.00
- Front Office	\$70.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$1,087.75
Candle Sales	\$564.00
Mass Intention	\$170.00
Youth & Young Adult	\$10.00
Parish Hall Building Fund (non-assessed)	\$100.00
Donation - Outreach	\$109.00
Stewardship Development	\$63.25
BEMO	\$1,177.50
Hui O Laulima	\$3.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$2,400.75
Catholic University of America	\$80.00
Weekend Total:	\$17,099.70

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