



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)

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(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

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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 2

The Role of Staff

In a stewardship parish, which is also a purpose driven parish, the staff has a major role to play. In a purpose driven parish, the staff become a model for living the vision and mission of the parish. At all their meetings, the staff always keep the vision of the parish before them: "We strive to become a stewardship Spirit-led parish in Central Oahu." They conclude every meeting with the Mission Statement which sums up the reason the parish exists. By reciting the mission statement together each time, the staff enshrine it in their hearts. One of the basic staff roles is that of growing together as a staff community. To this end, the staff read share scripture together for the purpose of cultivating spiritual communion by enriching each other with insights. Another contributive factor to the growth is shared information and deeper understanding of stewardship as a way of life. To achieve that, the staff read books on stewardship topics. This has helped them towards a deeper commitment in stewardship as a way of life. Each of us on the staff have been gifted by God, with a diversity of talents that we bring together for the growth of the whole parish community.

In a stewardship parish hospitality is a key value. It is meant for new parishioners, as well as all parishioners, to experience a sense of welcome anywhere on our parish campus which is meant for evangelization. When the staff extends such hospitality to anyone who comes to our campus, they do so with a spirit of evangelization. Welcoming anyone on our campus is indeed welcoming Christ who said, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt. 25:35). The staff try their best to remind parishioners, by their way of life, that the parish exists to evangelize. All our parish activities and ministries are geared towards this goal. For example, the primary purpose of Religious Education in our parish is evangelization because faith formation is indeed sharing the values of the kingdom.

In the next bulletin I will offer reflections on the role of advisory council leaders and ministry team leaders in a purpose driven parish. So 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.**

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Recognizing the working of the Spirit in others and tolerance are the key words that help to focus on the central message of this Sunday. Both the first reading and the gospel challenge us to recognize the work of the Spirit in others, to be inclusive and tolerant.

In the gospel, the disciples try to stop someone who was driving out demons just like them. They had to learn that their way was, in fact, a much narrower way than the Lord's way, and that their narrow perspective was an obstacle to the Lord's work getting done. Those they judged to be 'not one of us', Jesus regarded as 'for us.'

In contrast to his disciples, Jesus was able to recognize and encourage goodness wherever he found it. He knew that the Spirit blows where it wills. He was alert to the presence of the Spirit in anyone.

The main point is that we all have a role to play in recognizing and supporting the working of the Spirit in each other. Towards the end of his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul says, "Do not quench the Spirit." (Thess 5:19) How do we quench the Holy Spirit in others? There are several examples. We can become a stumbling block, an obstacle, to God's working in their lives. We can quench the Spirit in others and hinder the good work that God is doing through them for a whole variety of very human reasons. We can be motivated by jealousy, as Moses suggests Joshua was in today's first reading.

Like the disciples, we can refuse to acknowledge God's good work in the lives of others because they are not 'one of us', because they belong to a different church or religion or ethnic group. We can also be dismissive of the

good someone else is doing simply because it is not the way we would have done it, forgetting that the Holy Spirit works in many diverse ways in people's lives.

So what message do we take home this Sunday? 1) The mark of a true disciple and steward of Jesus Christ is an attitude of encouragement, tolerance, compassion and acceptance of the gifts of others. 2) God's Spirit is not limited to those of our company or to a chosen elite group. The Holy Spirit is not even limited to this or that Church. 3) Rather than quenching the Spirit in others and hindering the good work that God is doing through them, we are urged to recognize, encourage and affirm others.

MSGR. JOHN S. MBINDA
PASTOR

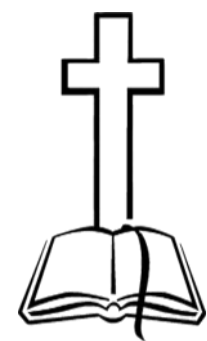
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2015

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

This passage concerns the creation of the first man and woman. The author explains that since none of the animals created were found fit to be a partner for man, God created the woman. The central point of the account here is to show unique companionship between man and woman. The account uses poetic language to show that the woman was the only suitable partner for the man: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh." There is also the imaginative language of the two becoming one flesh.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128:1-2,3-4,4-5,6

Psalm 128 is classified as a wisdom psalm. The psalm therefore contains some wisdom themes such as reward and punishment; happiness and blessedness. In the wisdom tradition, the fear of the Lord is one characteristic of the righteous person. Thus the one who fears the Lord is happy and enjoys the Lord's blessings. "Blessed are you who fear the Lord."



Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

This passage outlines solidarity of Jesus with humanity in order to underscore the dignity of the human race. The writer of Hebrews intends to show that for Jesus to share human nature was evidence of his humility so that He may exalt humanity into his glory.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

The gospel passage consists of three scenes. First the Pharisee test Jesus about the question on divorce and Jesus responds to them. Later Jesus in the house provides his disciples with further explanation to the question. Finally, Jesus is surrounded by children, whom he uses in speaking about the reign of God. The Pharisees were not just asking Jesus about the acceptability of divorce, but in order to see if he would contradict the Mosaic Law. Although the law had permitted divorce and remarriage in the patriarchal times, Jesus points out that it was not so "from the beginning of creation." Since the Mosaic Law had been changed because of the peoples' hardness of hearts, there is need to go back to the original understanding of marriage.



Mon., September 28, 2015 (8 am)

Jesse Pangelinan (RIP)

Muriel Ramos (RIP)

Tues., September 29, 2015 (8 am)

Derrick Shockley (Birthday Blessing)

Nydia F. Pagan (RIP)

Paciencia "Pat" Nazareth (RIP)

Wed., September 30, 2015 (8 am)

John & Kelley Galicinao

(Wedding Anniversary)

Muriel Ramos (RIP)

Vivian K. Ichimura (RIP)

Thursday, October 1, 2015 (8 am)

Linda Armant (Birthday Blessing)

Dennis G. Nakamura (RIP)

John & Frances Clarke (RIP)

Friday, October 2, 2015 (8 am)

Feliciano Dona (RIP)

Jolly Guerrero-Tano (Blessings)

Jesse Pangelinan (RIP)

Saturday, October 3, 2015

8AM: Jolly Guerrero-Tano

(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Two-Hearts Prayer Group

(Blessings/Guidance)

Jesse Pangelinan (RIP)

5PM: Gerardo Udarbe

(Memorial Blessing)

Sunday, October 4, 2015

7AM: Henry P. Calio (RIP)

9AM: *For the People*

11AM: Maryleimomilani Kohagura

(Birthday Blessing)

6PM: Two-Hearts Prayer Group

(Blessings/Guidance)

Please pray for our Members & Friends



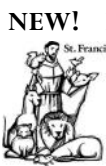
HEALING/BLESSINGS: Lance Yoshimura, Marcy Sagon, Gregory Castillo, Ramon Aguirre, Christina Gomez, Francis Calabrese, Berlina Mindoro, Fr. Edward Turner, Joyce Medeiros, Richard Butz, Lawrence Terry, Elaine Rillamas, Ramona DeCosta, Jarrett Plemmer Jr., Marsha Cha, Sue Mamiya, Sammie Chang, Annie Chang, Chang Family, Mike Culkin, Ann Nitta, Joyce Agsalda, Darlene Catekista, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.



The Hui O Laulima Trolley will be out next weekend. Please kokua.

The Catholic Charities Hawaii - Thank you for your participation in the CCH Collection. Your donation will help fulfill the mission to serve our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

Join the Boy Scouts! Open Registration for **Pack 144** (boys ages 6-10 yrs old) and **Troop 144** (boys ages 11-17 yrs old) will be held after all Masses on the weekend of October 3/4 on the church lanai. Adventure is calling! For more information, contact John Cleghorn 292-0793 or email surgicaltech@msn.com.



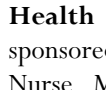
NEW! Blessing of the Animals on St. Francis Feast Day - Join us on October 4, 1:30 pm on the Church Front Lawn for a blessing of pets! This event is being hosted by the Confirmation Year 1 students. Bring your family pet(s) or their picture to commemorate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. *Please no pets with more than four legs.* For more information, contact the SJAE Religious Education Dept. 623-3332, ext. 204, or email sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org.

Life in the Spirit Seminar,



presented by the St. John Charismatic Prayer Group, will be held in the Parish Center, rooms 1-3, on Friday October 9, 7:30-9:00 pm and Saturday, October 10, 8:30 am - 6:00 pm, with dinner to follow. For more info, call Frank and Nenita Hing at 625-6227

Senior Bingo! Hui O Laulima is sponsoring a senior bingo event on Sunday, October 11, from 1:00-3:00 pm on the church lanai. Come and enjoy the camaraderie, fun and prizes that will be offered. Must be 65 years old or older to participate. Come and join the fun. Hope to see you there!



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: 9/27, and 10/4, after the 7 am, 9 am, and 11 am Masses on the Church Lanai.

"Love is a Choice. Choose Life" Themed Poster Contest - Respect Life Ministry **NEEDS** your Talent! This poster contest is open to all parishioners, grades K-12. Registration will be after all Masses, October 3/4, on the church lanai. Prizes will be rewarded!

40 Days for Life Peaceful Prayer Vigil Campaign continues through 11/1. A group from our parish will leave the church parking lot this Thursday at 9 am. The sign-up sheet will be at the back of the Church. For more info, contact Mary Smart at 741-2358 or visit: <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. 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 19/20

Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,273.45
- 7:00 AM	\$2,802.85
- 9:00 AM	\$2,736.04
- 11:00 AM	\$2,250.01
- 6:00 PM	\$1,613.00
- Front Office	\$1,325.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$2,147.00
Candle Sales	\$431.00
Donation - Baptism	\$20.00
Mass Intention	\$260.00
Easter	\$28.00
Holiday Fund	\$10.00
Donation - Outreach	\$99.00
Stewardship Development	\$283.25
BEMO	\$1,502.50
Hui O Laulima	\$122.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$547.75
Catholic University of America	\$5.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$10.00
World Mission Sunday	\$5.00
Mission Appeal	\$1,250.00
Weekend Total:	\$19,723.10

"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., David F. Manchester, Fel D. Feria, and Brenda Roberson.