



ST. JOHN APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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27TH 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!

PARISH CLERGY

Pastor

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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 3): The Role of Advisory Councils and Commissions

The third part in this series deals with the role of advisory councils and commissions. This general title includes the Parish Planning and Building Committee (PPBC) and the Preschool Board. Seven new bodies were constituted from the various ministries as part of the planning of our Pastoral Plan as an instrument of organizing our parish life as communion in Christ. The chart developed to describe these advisory councils reflect this reality of council connected to each other and gathered around the parish community which is at the center. Our parish has twelve advisory councils among which are seven commissions, one committee and one board. They are all referred to as advisory councils. These are: Finance Council, Stewardship Council, Parish Planning & Building Committee (PPBC), Preschool Board, Youth & Young Adults Commission, Liturgical Commission, Evangelization Commission, Marriage & Family Life Commission, Word/Adult Faith Formation Commission, Religious Education/RCIA Commission, Social Ministry Commission.

What is their role?

As the name suggests, the primary role of advisory councils is to advise the pastor in his administrative pastoral role in the parish. Each advisory council has a particular role in its own area of competence. Three examples will suffice here. The Finance Council advises the pastor in the administration of the parish finances by helping him to share with parishioners the ongoing status of parish finances in a transparent and accountable manner. The PPBC serves the parish by helping the pastor in the ongoing campus facilities management tasks of repairs and maintenance. The Stewardship Council has important role of the ongoing formation of the parishioners on stewardship as a way of life. They first have to form themselves at their monthly meetings through prayer and scripture sharing. In turn they help the pastor to foresee and plan parish stewardship retreats as well as annual mission retreats, particularly their administration on the actual day(s). The Annual Renewal and Commitment Weekend each October is also the responsibility of the Stewardship Council. It also foresees and plans the triennial Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. In brief, advisory councils serve the whole parish through the variety of ministries but above all in discerning guidance of the Holy Spirit through prayer and scripture sharing.

Another crucial role of these councils is communication within each council and in the parish as a whole. This brings up the role of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) which is made up of all the twelve chairs of the twelve advisory councils. At every PPC meeting its chair who is chosen (not elected) helps the members pray, share scripture together and to exchange information on the ongoing work of the various councils. It also anticipates and plans major parish events such as parish anniversaries or the annual priesthood day. The PPC promotes collaboration and helps to bring harmony and unity in diversity in the ongoing variety of ministries that serve our parish as communion in Christ. The original four advisory councils plus the PPC chair and one consultant constitute the Leadership Advisory Council (LAC) that acts as an executive advisory body at the service of the pastor. Its role is to help the pastor with the technical planning step by step the implementation of our first pastoral priority - building our parish One Community Center. The next article will address the role of parishioners. 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.**

“FAMILY IS A FACTORY OF HOPE!” - POPE FRANCIS, 2015

Today's readings are timely in our society, especially with the recent visit of Pope Francis to United States and the incoming Synod of Bishops on the Family this month. Our readings may seem “controversial”, but we must view them in the context of which they are presented. Their underlying message is about the importance of family. Family can be defined and regarded from a number of different notions. They range from the family into which we are born, to our faith family here at St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church. The reading from the Book of Genesis speaks about the creation by God of the first man and the first woman. Adam and Eve are described as “partners”. We are all partners, in stewardship if you will. That is what makes us a family and a community. God's intention, “from the beginning of creation”, is that we live our relationships with each other with the openness and trust of children. The idea of family is extended in the Second Reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews. Our reading today opens with “Brothers and Sisters.” That is a clear statement that we are a family of faith, and that in loving one another as we should, we need to see one another as members of a family. However, for us to truly be a family, regardless how we may define it, it involves sacrifice. That, too, parallels the idea of stewardship. To be a steward, to be

a disciple means that we are willing to serve one another in love. Our gospel unfolds two interrelated situations. It speaks about the sacredness of marriage - traditional marriage - and that children are truly blessed and a blessing in the eyes of God. The Pharisees approach Jesus to test him about his stance concerning marriage and divorce; the disciples rebuke the people for bringing their children to Jesus. In both situations, God's intentions for human relationships are being thwarted. In both situations, Jesus upholds human relationships as fundamental to embracing the kingdom of God. In both situations, faithful ones are embraced and blessed by God. In this gospel Jesus exposes the hardness of the Pharisees' hearts. This challenges us to look deep within our own hearts. Jesus said that, “Because of the hardness of your hearts (Moses) wrote you this commandment.” The Pharisees show “hardness of ... hearts” by putting the Law of Moses, which allows divorce, ahead of the plan of God (“what God has joined together, no human being must separate”). Even the disciples show “hardness of ... hearts” in rebuking the children. The dignity and stability of marriage is of the greatest importance to families, to children, and to society itself. When Jesus elevated matrimony to the dignity of a sacrament, he was doing something

completely unprecedented. Christ elevated the natural reality of Christian marriage to a supernatural plane. For a Christian, marriage is not simply a social institution, much less a mere remedy for human weakness. The family is the primary vital cell of society and the Church itself. The family has a sacred status that deserves the veneration and attention of all its members, of civil society, and of the entire Church. Pope Francis said, “Family is a factory of hope.” The very first thing that was not in God's good creation, we encounter in today's first reading when God looks around and proclaims: “It is not good for man to be alone!” It helps to understand why our Church insists that we cannot be Catholics by ourselves; we need this weekly community celebration we call “the Mass,” in which we worship and pray, think and believe, eat and drink together. God wants the family to be a school of virtues where children are formed as good sons and daughters of God and good citizens. The love shared by a family needs to be shared with all those around us. That is what Jesus expects of us and that is what living a steward is all about – *Love*. The Eucharist is a good place to learn this lesson.

**BLESSINGS,
DEACON MODESTO CORDERO**

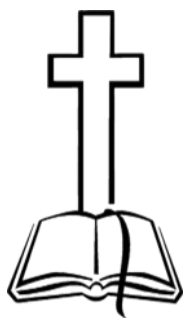
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2015

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

This passage seems to be a reinterpretation of Solomon's prayer for wisdom (1 Kings 3:5-9) which is personified. Wisdom is referred to as she. In this reading, the speaker is depicted as a king, who prefers her “to scepter and throne”, considering riches as nothing in comparison with wisdom. The passage ends on an interesting note. Although the speaker did not prefer riches to wisdom, in the end he receives them along with wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 90:12-13,14-15,16-17

These verses of Psalm 90 are a collection of petitions from a community in great distress. Apparently the community has suffered for some time, since it cries out to God in prayer: “Return, o Lord, how long?” At the same time, the community is confident in God's willingness to relent and grace it with kindness.



Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

In these two verses, the word of God is praised for both its creative and efficacious force. It is living and effective because it is the expression of God who is living and effective in his word. Thus God's word is incisive and probing, sharper than a double edged sword.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

The exchange between Jesus and the rich man in this Gospel raises an important theological question: can one gain or merit eternal life, or is it a gift from God? The man's question implies that there is something he could do to deserve eternal life. In Jesus' response about obeying the law indicates that a particular way of life is required of those who desire eternal life. Here the man is not testing Jesus as he approaches Him with respect. Although this rich man's character and moral integrity is unquestionable, he lacks one thing, detachment from material possessions. When he hears the challenge from Jesus to go and sell all he has, give to the poor and then follow Jesus, that demand is just too much. He cannot renounce his possessions and so he goes away sad. While all those who wish to inherit eternal life are bound to keep the commandments, only God's free gift of grace and not one's human effort can enable one to enter the reign of God.

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

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 5, 2015 (8 am)

Dorothy Isaac (Birthday Blessing)
Two-Hearts Prayer Group
(Blessing/Guidance)
Rita Galicinao (Blessings/Thanks)

Tuesday, October 6, 2015 (8 am)

Rita Galicinao (Birthday Blessing)
Two-Hearts Prayer Group
(Blessing/Guidance)
Gerardo U. Udarbe (RIP)

Wed., October 7, 2015 (8 am)

Ben & Helen Guerrero
(Birthday Blessings)
Michael Morano (RIP)
Paciencia "Pat" Nazareth (RIP)

Thursday, October 8, 2015 (8 am)

Maiya Serrao (Birthday Blessing)
Two-Hearts Prayer Group
(Protection/Guidance)
Jesse Pangelinan (RIP)

Friday, October 9, 2015 (8 am)

Two-Hearts Prayer Group
(Protection/Guidance)
Brandi DeCosta (Birthday Blessing)
Muriel Ramos (RIP)
David F. Manchester (RIP)

Saturday, October 10, 2015

8AM: Francis Taglinao
(Birthday Blessing)
Our Lady of Fatima (Thanksgiving)
Jesse Pangelinan (RIP)
5PM: Felicidad Fernandez
(Birthday Memorial)

Sunday, October 11, 2015

7AM: Ben & Helen Guerrero
(Anniversary)
9AM: *For the People*
11AM: Maria G. Corderman
(Birthday Blessing)
6PM: Two-Hearts Prayer Group
(Blessings/Guidance)

Please pray for our Members & Friends

HEALING/BLESSINGS: 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 Culkun, Ann Nitta, Joyce Agsald, Darlene Catekista, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

Stewardship Renewal Begins Today - This



week, we kick off our parish Stewardship Renewal. Soon you will receive a package of beautiful materials in the mail. They explain what stewardship means at St. John Apostle and Evangelist. Over the next few weeks, please pray about your role in our parish. Two Sundays from now, each parish family will be asked to make commitments of their time, talent, and treasure.

Life in the Spirit Seminar, presented by the St. John Charismatic Prayer Group,  will be held in the Parish Center, rooms 1-3, on Fri., October 9, 7:30-9pm and Sat., October 10, 8:30am-6pm, 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!

Convalidation of Marriages – If you were not married in the Catholic Church, but wish to enter into a valid Catholic marriage, we invite you to explore convalidation. Also referred to as the *blessing of a marriage*, convalidation is completing your marriage with the witness of the Church. An information night is scheduled for October 20, Parish Center Room 5, from 7–8 PM. For more info, contact Dcn Wally Mitsui at 341-1385 or wmitsui@rcchawaii.org. The group Marriage Convalidation Ceremony is scheduled for February 13, 2016, at 11:00 am.



Health and Wellness Fair, sponsored by our Parish Health Nurse Ministry, will be held on Sat., October 24, from 7:30-11:30 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! **Last Flu Shot registration** is this weekend after the 7am, 9am, and 11am Masses on the Church Lanai.

All Souls Day Masses on November 2, will be held at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm. Offering envelopes are available at the main entrance to the church.

40 Days for Life Peaceful Prayer Vigil Campaign continues through 11/1. A group from our parish will leave the church parking lot on Thursday at 9 am. The sign-up sheet will be at the back of the Church.

Celebrate Priesthood Sunday (Oct. 25th)

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood. This day was established for the Catholic communities to express appreciation for devoted priests who serve them faithfully.

What can you do?

Pray - Priests need the prayers of the faithful that they become the men God has called them to be.

Affirm - Your spiritual fathers need affirmation. When you hear a good homily, witness an eloquent moment, or out of gratitude for receiving the Eucharist, write your priest a note. Priests hear a lot of bad news; you would be amazed what one letter of affirmation can do to touch the heart and soul of your priests, and thus build him up. A simple smile or a phone call to assure him of your loving care and gratitude goes a long way.

Please join us on **Sunday, October 25th**, at the concelebrated 9:00 A.M. Mass to honor our priests.

"Love is a Choice. Choose Life" 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 this weekend on the church lanai. Prizes will be rewarded!

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy C. H. Jay (RIP)

Friday, October 9 ~ Mililani Memorial Park
Visitation: 5:30 pm ~ Wake Service: 6:30 pm
Saturday, Oct. 10 ~ Mililani Memorial Park
Prayer Srvc.: 10:00 am ~ Burial: 11:00 am

Stewardship of Treasure - Sept. 26/27

Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$3,696.22
- 7:00 AM	\$3,102.51
- 9:00 AM	\$1,972.01
- 11:00 AM	\$1,946.65
- 6:00 PM	\$2,034.00
- Front Office	\$732.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$1,515.25
Candle Sales	\$520.00
Mass Intention	\$130.00
Youth & Young Adults	\$10.00
Parish Hall Building Fund (non-assessed)	\$100.00
Holiday Fund	\$10.00
Donation - Outreach	\$89.00
Stewardship Development	\$33.25
BEMO	\$1,126.50
Hui O Laulima	\$25.25
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$995.00
Peter's Pence	\$7.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$1.75
World Mission Sunday	\$100.00
Weekend Total:	\$18,201.39

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

DECEASED: Vivian K. Ichimura, Victorio Lanuevo, Evelyn B. Silva, Jesse Pangelinan, Harold Jones, Jr., Liberato Presto, Sr., David F. Manchester, Fel D. Feria, Brenda Roberson, Pacita Mauleon, Paulina A. Castro, Amy C.H. Jay, and Leonora Bernardo.