



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

OCTOBER 10 / 11 2015
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

PARISH CLERGY

Pastor

Msgr. John Mbinda (x 111)

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PARISH PROGRAMS

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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

Stewardship of Time

In the coming three weeks we will try to focus more on Stewardship as a way of life from the perspective of time, talent and treasure. This Sunday we focus on *Stewardship of time*. According to the Bishop's Pastoral Letter of 1992, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, a Christian Stewards is one who:

- ✦ Receives God's gifts gratefully.
- ✦ Cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner.
- ✦ Shares them in justice and love with others.
- ✦ Returns them with increase to the Lord.

Christian stewardship is the grateful response we make to God's generosity. We have received many gifts of time, talent and treasure from God in his generosity. Gratitude is the first quality of a Christian steward. Time is a gift from God. Living a life of a Christian steward involves a deliberate decision to thank God for the gift of time. A deep sense of gratitude fills the heart of a steward. Stewardship is living a life of gratitude - taking the time every day to recognize the gifts that God has given and to be grateful.

God gives us the wonderful gift of time each day and each week. A Stewardship way of life involves spending time with God that is, giving gratefully to God some of your 168 hours per week. Recognizing that every day is a gift from God, we gratefully strive to spend some time each day with God, through prayer, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel, some quiet moments of reflection, scripture reading, spiritual reading (lives of the saints or a good inspiring book on being a better Catholic). Dynamic Catholics take their faith seriously, planning their daily time and ensuring that some time is given to God with a grateful heart, either in the early hours of the morning, in the middle of the day, at the end of the day or throughout the day.

Some parishioners gratefully give their time to God through their commitment to ministry. Others take every opportunity of faith formation to be nourished. Yet others spend time reading the scriptures or at prayer. All these are ways of grateful giving back to God some of the time God has given. At prayer this week, spend some time thanking God for the gift of time. Use some of the time God has given you gratefully to serve God and his Church. Do not give to God just the leftovers of your time. Our next catechesis will focus on the Stewardship of Talents.

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.**

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The rich young man must have had an inkling that keeping the commandments was not enough, or else he never would have approached Jesus with his question about how to inherit eternal Life. Looking at him, Jesus loved him. Wouldn't we all want to have such concrete affirmation that Jesus loves us? Jesus clearly told him the cost of following him: **he must give up everything**. The man "went away sad." Are we not also sometimes sad at the demands of being faithful followers of Jesus? What does it mean to give up everything? In spite of his faithfulness in keeping the God's commandments and his being loved by Jesus, the man nevertheless had divided heart: "he went away sad, for he had many possessions." He needed to turn his focus from earthly life to eternal Life, from possessions to single - heartedly following Jesus to salvation.

The rabbis taught that one was upright once he kept the commandments, but Jesus adds another demand that seems excessive: **"To sell all that you have and give the money to the poor"**. Note well: it is not a matter of giving out something in alms; everything must be given up and this is no joke. Giving our all to follow Jesus doesn't mean

that we literally sell everything; we all have family and social obligations that make having things a necessity. Jesus is saying that we can't let possessions divide our hearts. Too often possessions possess us; we must let go so only God possesses us. The man turned away from Jesus because he couldn't let go. It's not impossible to enter the kingdom of God because "all things are possible for God." But it is hard to enter the kingdom of God because too often our hearts are divided. The very hard demands of following Jesus include allowing ourselves **to be possessed by Jesus fully and completely** so that we receive the hundredfold promised those who are faithful to him. Riches are a stumbling block to following Jesus when they command our attention so that we are not turned toward doing what is right.

Jesus is the wisdom of God - no possessions compare to him. When we choose to follow him, all good things come to us. It is human tendency to do the minimum - just enough to get by. According to Jesus, keeping the commandments is the minimum; faithfully following him requires much more. And we know that inheritance is not something that can be gained, nor can it be received as

a reward, or as a kind of salary, but it is a free gift. Thus eternal life is not a reward for our good deeds, but a generous gift of the Father to his children. The inevitable mistakes that we make do not prevent us from looking at our lives as good.

Salvation comes only through dispossessing self of all that stands in the way of making God the complete focus of one's life. The teaching is hard - the young man walks away from it and the disciples question their ability to live it. The price is nothing less than our giving everything; **the reward is nothing less than our receiving fullness of Life**. Let us ask God to fill us with divine love and wisdom we need to make this choice. God granted such love and wisdom to Solomon and Jesus offered it to the young man. A wise person, one who learns to give things their proper importance and value, who chooses things according to the plan of God, and gains all: he finds happiness. We are, in a sense, the young man in the gospel of today. Are we ready to accept the invitation or we prefer to walk away because too high a price to pay?

FR. BONIFACE WAEMA
PAROCHIAL VICAR

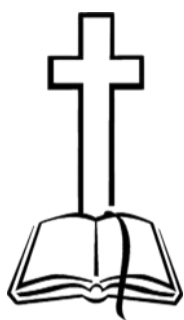
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2015

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

This short passage provides several themes: a portrait of the suffering servant of God; an example of what comes out of suffering; and suggests a way to come out of the vicious circle of violence. The passage clearly states that the servant is crushed to the point of losing his life, and it seems that God is instrumental in his suffering. The servant is also portrayed as giving himself as scapegoat, by whose suffering shall justify many.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33:4-5,18-19,20,22

Psalm 33 opens with a statement that reflects the basis of ancient Israel's faith in God (vv. 4-5). This faith is rooted in the truth of God's word, faithfulness of God's work, the justice of God's covenant and the steadfastness of God's love. That is the foundation of the trust expressed in the response: "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you."



Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

This reading contains a double exhortation: to hold fast to faith and to approach the throne of grace with confidence because Jesus intercedes for all who turn to him. Jesus is described as the high priest who was tempted in every way and therefore who can sympathize with human struggle and thus reconciliation has been achieved through the blood of Christ.

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

This passage contains misunderstanding, paradoxes, and reversals. James and John seek places of honor in the kingdom, but Jesus tells them that real prominence is found in service, not in wielding authority over others. The others are indignant because James and John beat them to making that request first. When Jesus speaks of drinking the cup and James and John accepting, that is an example of misunderstanding. Drinking the cup is not about a banquet! What Jesus is speaking about is his suffering and death. This is a complete reversal of what the disciples were thinking. To be a leader in the vision and teaching of Jesus is to be a servant and slave of all.

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

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

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 12, 2015 (8 am)

Peter Kaeo, Jr. (Birthday Blessing)
Trinidad C. Dalde (Birthday Mem.)
Paciencia "Pat" Nazareth (RIP)

Tues., October 13, 2015 (8 am)

Deacon Wally Mitsui
(Birthday Blessing)
Raymond & Anne Swider
(Wedding Anniversary)
Joanne Knight (Healing)

Wed., October 14, 2015 (8 am)

Tessie Aquino (Birthday Blessing)
Two-Hearts Prayer Group
(Blessing/Guidance)
Jesse Pangelinan (RIP)

Thurs., October 15, 2015 (8 am)

Two-Hearts Prayer Group
(Blessing/Guidance)
Patrick & Violet Mayock
(Wedding Anniversary)
Robert, Christopher, & Allen
Campbell (Blessings)

Friday, October 16, 2015 (8 am)

Jesse Pangelinan (RIP)
William & Elizabeth Castro (RIP)
Doreen D. Stabilio (RIP)

Saturday, October 17, 2015

8AM: Two-Hearts Prayer Group
(Thanksgiving)
Jesse Pangelinan (RIP)
Lawrence P. Perry (RIP)

5PM: James & Midred Mizoguchi
(RIP)

Sunday, October 18, 2015

7AM: Cynthia Ellison (RIP)
9AM: *For the People*
11AM: Keiji Nakagawa (RIP)
6PM: Jennifer Hee (RIP)

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 Culkin, Ann Nitta, Joyce Agsalda, Darlene Catekista, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 12, in observance of Discoverer's Day.

Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday -



Today we will hear from a parishioner who will share what stewardship has meant in his or her life. Reflect on how you are involved at St. John Apostle and Evangelist... Do you serve in parish ministries? Do you come to parish-wide events? Are you taking steps to improve your spiritual life and further study our Catholic Faith? The Commitment Card you received in the mail offers suggestions for how you can take a step forward in all these areas. Don't forget to bring your Commitment Card to Mass next **Sunday, October 18th!**

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!

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.

The Annual Outreach Holiday Food and Fund Drive begins this month

through November 8, 2015. The Outreach Office will be collecting non-perishable food and personal hygiene items for the yearly holiday food baskets. Monetary donations will be accepted and used to purchase Foodland/Sack 'n Save gift cards. A gift card will be placed in each basket for the purchase of a ham or turkey to complete the family's meal at Thanksgiving and Easter. Please see flyer for the *Outreach Office hours*. For more information, please contact Pearl Bates at 623-3332, ext. 203. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.



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.

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.

"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!

Stewardship of Treasure - Oct. 3/4

Sunday Collection

- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$1,985.01
- 7:00 AM	\$3,082.89
- 9:00 AM	\$3,295.00
- 11:00 AM	\$2,533.71
- 6:00 PM	\$2,204.87
- Front Office	\$435.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$3,035.25

Candle Sales \$636.00

Mass Intention \$220.00

Donation - Outreach \$101.50

Donation - General Parish \$60.00

Youth Donations \$35.00

All Souls \$25.00

Holiday Fund \$10.00

Stewardship Development \$266.25

Parish Hall Building Fund (non-assessed) \$100.00

BEMO \$1,643.50

Hui O Laulima \$161.00

Pre-School \$19.00

Catholic Charities Hawaii \$10.00

Catholic University of America \$10.00

Weekend Total: \$19,917.45

"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.