



OCTOBER 17 / 18 2015
29TH 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
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PARISH OFFICE

Office Administrator (x 103)
Jolly Guerrero-Tano

Parish Secretary (x 100)
Lindsey Higa-Kohagura

Bookkeeper (x 101)
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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

Stewardship of Talents

God creates each of us with a capacity for a great variety of talents. The talents and special abilities are not ours. They have been given to us by God. We own nothing that was not first given to us as St. Paul reminds us: "What do you possess that you have not received?" (1 Cor 4:7). You may be able to organize a group meeting, teach catechism, read, or write. Your skill may be typing, photography, or painting. Perhaps you sing or play a musical instrument. Maybe you are a teacher, lawyer, doctor, nurse, budget analyst, carpenter, landscaper, engineer or a mechanic.

The Bible refers to the Church as the Body of Christ with Christ as its Head (1 Cor 12:27; Eph 5:23). Just as your body has many parts, each with its own function, so the Church is composed of many members, each with his or her own special function to perform - and contribution to make - for the benefit of the whole Body of Christ, the Church. How do we identify our talents? The best way is to join a ministry, and then God will show you your talents.

Each of us has therefore been uniquely equipped by God to function in life and in the Body of Christ - the Church. No one in our parish is without gifts. God has enriched you with these talents and abilities, and as good stewards, we must use them for God's glory and not our own. Why? Because God gives us these abilities and talents out of his generosity and love for us. We give our grateful response to God by using our talents for His glory not our own. One talent I would to appeal for is anyone with legal skills to advise us on establishing planned giving.

As we go forward to the next level of stewardship, we will pause during the liturgical year to offer our gratitude for the talents God has given to each of us for the benefit of our parish community. On Mission Sunday, today, we celebrate "Stewardship Sunday" in various ways including our commitment to stewardship as a way of life. We are already a wonderful parish family, where we have established a wonderful tradition of sharing the many abilities and talents God has given to each and every one of us. Daily and weekly, we see and experience the stewardship of talents shared by parishioners. I would like to thank you for sharing these talents that God has given you with the parish community. May God continually bless you and increase your talents so that you may become all the more generous. The next bulletin catechesis will be on the "Stewardship of Treasure." Stay tuned.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

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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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

Saints Behaving Badly – the title of a book by Thomas J. Craughwell, helps to capture best the message of this Sunday's readings. The book shows that saints are not born but made. It also reveals that some saints were made of very rough materials indeed. It lays bare the unsaintly behavior of thirty-two venerated holy men and women, uncovering the scandalous and sleazy detours they took on the road to sainthood. The book, for example, profiles St. Hippolytus in the 3rd century who was an intellectual genius, but so arrogant that he even considered and said publicly that the pope was intellectually inferior to him. When the pope died, Hippolytus thought himself to be the logical successor, but as it always happens when the Church is guided by the Holy Spirit, the successor was St. Callistus (218-223) his arch enemy. Hippolytus was so arrogant and extremely ambitious that he

allowed his followers to make him the "anti-pope." The emperor condemned him to hard labor in Sardinia where he later repented. This story helps to highlight the enormous challenge of ambition the Church still faces today. One is struck by the ambition of seeking after positions of power in the Church at all levels quite similar to that of the sons of Zebedee in the Gospel.

In the Gospel Jesus gives a wonderful catechesis on leadership as service, by giving his own example. By taking on himself the role of a servant and redeeming us by his own suffering and death, Christ has turned all human ambitions upside down. "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." Pope Francis

has often spoken about ambition and power seeking in the Church. Last year he referred to people like these as climbers, people driven by ambition! He then challenged them: "But if you like climbing go to the mountains and climb them: it is healthier! Do not come to Church to climb! So what message do we take home? 1) Leadership is not about seats and positions, but about service and self-sacrifice for others. 2) Jesus challenges us to follow his own example, for he "did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." 3) Pope Francis reminds us that the Church is not a place to climb. If you like climbing, go to the mountains!

MSGR. JOHN S. MBINDA
PASTOR

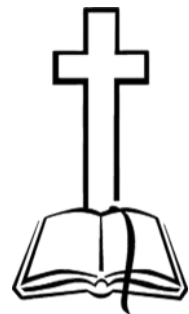
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2015

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

This passage from Jeremiah contains God's revelation of salvation through his word. It calls the listener to praise God for the blessings of deliverance and restoration. The passage is written in the context of promising salvation to the people in exile. The restoration promised here is clearly the work of God alone.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126:1-2,3-4,5,6

Psalm 126 expresses confidence in God's saving power that brought back the captives of Zion. This is a hymn of praise in retrospect for bringing the people back from exile. Thus the people are joyful. "The Lord has done great things for us; indeed we are filled with joy."



Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

This passage continues the theme of Jesus as high priest. The author states the general qualifications one must meet to assume the role of high priesthood. He must be able to empathize with the weakness of those he serves, and must have been called by God. In other words no one can assume this office upon himself. Although the reading does not mention Jesus' solidarity with human weakness, as king and priest he shared in the limitations of human condition. His life clearly shows his solidarity with others.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

This Gospel reading is about the healing of the blind man. The faith of this is both shown by his actions and by explicit recognition by Jesus. When he hears that it is Jesus of Nazareth who is passing by, he cries out to him using a title that has strong messianic connotations. "Son of David" identifies Jesus not only as a descendant of this royal figure, but also as the long awaited one. Bartimaeus knows that Jesus has the power to heal him, but he believes that Jesus is the anointed of God who has come to bring the reign of God. Jesus has no doubt about his faith. "Go your way; your faith has saved you." The passage concludes with healing and Bartimaeus becoming a follower of Jesus. He needs no call. He is so convinced.

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

Mon., October 19, 2015 (8 am)

Cyril Pereira (RIP)
Amelita F. Zablan
(Memorial Anniversary)
Lawrence P. Perry (RIP)

Tues., October 20, 2015 (8 am)

Yoon Jung (Healing)
Evelyn Ereso (Healing)
Lawrence P. Perry (RIP)

Wed., October 21, 2015 (8 am)

Fe Guadalupe (RIP)
Tyler Bolosan (Healing)
Justin T. Fishel (Healing/Blessing)

Thurs., October 22, 2015 (8 am)

Laurie Angeles (Healing)
Channing Fukuda (Healing)
Mari Page (RIP)

Friday, October 23, 2015 (8 am)

James & Ann Walsh
(Wedding Anniversary)
Perla Alonzo (Healing)
Nick & Kristine Calzada
(Blessings)

Saturday, October 24, 2015

8AM: Yoshiko Ishiki (RIP)
Nick & Kristine Calzada
(Strength/Comfort)
Mina DeJesus (Healing)
5PM: August "Gus" Pacheco (RIP)

Sunday, October 25, 2015

7AM: Calzada & Ganibe Family
(Strength/Comfort)
9AM: *For the People*
11AM: Keiji Nakagawa (RIP)
6PM: Mary & Alexander Thomson
(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 Culkun, Ann Nitta, Joyce Agsalda, Darlene Catekista, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

Today is Commitment Sunday - Today, all parish families are asked to bring their Commitment Card to Mass. During Mass, as a parish community, we offer God our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Our goal is to be a Stewardship Parish - a community who is noticeably committed to prayer, parish ministry, and generous financial support. All three are equally important. May God bless you as you make your commitment.

Join the Boy Scouts! There will be a Registration and Parent Orientation Night on Monday, October 19th, 6:30 pm, in the upstairs classroom #4. Come and join us!

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!

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.

Today is World Mission Sunday - We ask that you reach out and support the young churches throughout our world. Your prayers and generous gifts to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in today's collection will help missionaries offer the poor practical help as they share the mercy of God. It will ensure the development of local diocese and support the work of priests, religious and lay leaders who serve those on the margins and in most need. Go out to the world through your gift in today's collection. Envelopes are available at the back of the church or you can donate online by visiting our parish website, selecting "Online Giving" icon.

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.

"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*. Prizes will be rewarded!

The next 24 hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, November 6, immediately after the 8:00 am Mass and ending at 7:30 am on Saturday, November 7.

Stewardship of Treasure - Oct. 10/11	
Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,242.00
- 7:00 AM	\$2,983.73
- 9:00 AM	\$2,755.50
- 11:00 AM	\$2,376.65
- 6:00 PM	\$2,298.45
- Front Office	\$193.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$2,660.95
Candle Sales	\$543.00
Offerings - Funerals	\$600.00
Mass Intention	\$30.00
Donation - Outreach	\$39.00
Youth Donations	\$10.00
All Souls	\$40.00
Holiday Fund	\$15.00
Stewardship Development	\$28.50
Parish Hall Building Fund (non-assessed)	\$120.00
BEMO	\$1,288.75
Hui O Lailima	\$96.35
Pre-School	\$95.00
World Mission Sunday	\$62.50
Weekend Total:	\$18,543.38

"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.