



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

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PARISH PROGRAMS

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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 Treasure

“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?” (Psalm 116:12). This catechesis focuses on being grateful for the treasures God gives to each of us. It may come as a surprise to learn that while the Bible has about 500 verses on prayer and fewer than 500 verses on faith, there over 2,300 biblical verses dealing money and possessions. Without apology, Jesus says more about money and possessions than he does on any other subjects including heaven and hell. This catechesis is about the importance of being grateful for the treasure that God in His generosity has given us.

We love God because He first loved us (1 John 4:19). Similarly, we give to God because He first gave us all we possess. “What do you possess that you have not received? But if you have received it, why are you boasting as if you did not receive it?” (1 Cor 4:7). We have been abundantly blessed by God. Each time we come to celebrate the Eucharist, we come intentionally to express gratitude to God. Shortly before the consecration, the presider and the congregation exchange a dialogue of thanksgiving. “Let us give thanks to the Lord our God”, the presider prays, and we respond, “It is right and just.” The presider continues to pray, “It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.” What follows is a profound expression of why we thank God in this great act of worship which end with “*Through him, and with him and in him, O God Almighty Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit. O glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever.*” The Congregation responds in approval with, “Amen.”

Just as the Father sacrifices His Son on the Cross for our salvation, our thanksgiving to God needs to be sacrificial. Unless our monetary gift is sacrificial, it is not really a thanksgiving but more like a tip. And one of the tensions in our discipleship lies in whether we live our life and give to God the leftovers, or whether we give to God first, and then manage the rest. If the Christian disciple gives to God the leftovers, he or she will never be satisfied. If he or she gives to God first, he or she will always have enough.

I take the opportunity to express deep gratitude all parishioners who have always put God first in their grateful expression of what they have received from God. May God in his generosity continue to bless you with more, and to nourish you in your faith the more you put God first. May you continually give your first portion of what God has given you, not the leftovers. Thank you for your recommitment for another year. Thank you for your generous stewardship of treasure.

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.**

WE DON'T TAKE GOD'S GIFTS FOR GRANTED

In the gospel reading today, Jesus says to Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" Bartimaeus answers, "Master, I want to see."

Our sight is a gift from God. We neither earn or deserve it. We receive it. Most of us receive the gift of sight at birth. It's like the premium package that comes with a new car: automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes and door locks, an audio system with CD changer, Bluetooth and more. These gifts of sight, touch, hearing, and speech, and many other natural gifts, are those we might take for granted each day.

Bartimaeus did not receive the gift of sight, and so throughout his life he sat by the roadside begging, but this was the means by which he encountered Jesus.

Crying out, "Jesus, son of David have pity on me," he was persistent to get Jesus' attention and yelled louder despite those around him quieting him down. When Jesus asks for Bartimaeus, he jumps up, throws off his coat, and runs to Jesus. When Jesus asks, "What do you want me to do?", Bartimaeus answered, "Master, I want to see." Jesus says, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Just as he asks,

Bartimaeus receives his sight and follows him on the way.

Bartimaeus became a disciple, a follower of Jesus and took "the way", that is, the path to the Cross. This is the road we must all take as we follow Jesus in our own lives. With this new gift of sight Bartimaeus became a Christian steward: one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends to them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them generously with others, and returns them to the Lord with even more.

What does the experience of Bartimaeus teach us today? If we have a gift from God, or many, many gifts from God, it is our responsibility to say thank you and give back. We must take special care of our gifts and share them generously with others. The story of Bartimaeus also reminds us that the Church is a gift that no one deserves or is entitled to. We receive the Church from our Heavenly Father through all those who faithfully committed their lives for 2000 years to build up the Body of Christ and to establish and sustain our sacred place of worship.

We are reminded that we cannot take for

granted God's gifts for us all. We want our parish to be a vibrant community of faith, and so we must participate in our church mission and take action. We must take part in our parish formation programs not only for ourselves, but for our children, and for our youth. We must continue to pray for vocations, invite and encourage talented young people to respond generously to God's call. We want good clergy and to participate and pray with beautiful liturgy in which our ministries thrive because of a dynamic community of faith. Above all, we must continue to be good and faithful stewards, nurturing all of God's gifts as we persist in prayer. This requires the same courage revealed by Bartimaeus when he threw off his coat and ran blindly to Jesus. Let us run to him without doubt, but with conviction.

When the Lord asks, "What do you want me to do for you," let us be ready to respond to Him with faith and to trust in His call for each of us. Let us give thanks for all of our blessings, get up and follow the way of Jesus.

**BLESSINGS TO ALL,
DEACON ROMEO GANIBE**

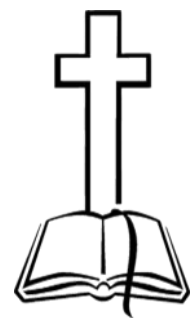
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015

First Reading: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14

The First Reading speaks of "a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation, race, peoples and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, "Salvation from our God who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb!"

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24:1-2,3-4,5-6

Psalm 24 is a liturgical psalm probably used to accompany a procession of the Ark of the Covenant to the temple. It seems that two choirs sing the psalm antiphonally in which one side asks, "Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord?", and the other side replies, "One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain." The mountain of the Lord used metaphorically to point to the Kingdom.



Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

The First Letter of John was written against a false teaching on the understanding of Christian existence. These Christians at the end of the first century were claiming to have received a special revelation that they were already perfected and that they needed no need to "The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him." We do not know what life after will be like, but we do know that we, and all the saints shall be "like him."

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

The Gospel is passage on the Beatitudes from Matthew's perspective which shifts the focus from heaven to earth. The Beatitudes offer us, as it were, a charter for holiness as followers of Christ. They focus on the values of Jesus as against the values of the world. Jesus rejects what is held in high esteem by the world. The Beatitudes are a kind of a mission statement of what a good Christian should be.

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

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon., October 26, 2015 (8 am)

Everisto & Ignacia Racoma (RIP)
Leonora Bernardo (RIP)
Jeannie & Lambert Lum
(Thanksgiving)

Tues., October 27, 2015 (8 am)

Viann Won (RIP)
Pacita V. Mauleon (RIP)
Andrea Perlas & Valenzuela Family
(Thanksgiving)

Wed., October 28, 2015 (8 am)

Adrinne Perez (RIP)
Bernard Luna (Memorial Anniv.)
Alex & Cathy DeJesus
(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Thurs., October 29, 2015 (8 am)

Nydia F. Pagan (RIP)
August "Gus" Pacheco (RIP)
Jonathan & Margie Romasanta
(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Friday, October 30, 2015 (8 am)

Social Ministry (Support/Blessing)
Shirley Guerrero
(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Saturday, October 31, 2015

8AM: Channing Fukuda
(Birthday Blessing)
Isidoro B. Barayuga (RIP)

5PM: Mr. & Mrs. Sabas

DeGuzman (RIP)

Sunday, November 1, 2015

7AM: Liya Lamanilao (Birthday
Blessings/Thanksgiving)

9AM: *For the People*

11AM: Mercedes Soliven (RIP)

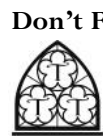
6PM: Vivian K. Ichimura (RIP)

Please pray for our Members & Friends

HEALING/BLESSINGS: 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, BJ Sagocio, Ben & Helen Guerrero, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.



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



Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card - We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card, you still can mail it to the parish. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of St. John Apostle & Evangelist. Please take this opportunity to express your support for our parish with your time, talent, and treasure!

The Annual Outreach Holiday

Food & Fund Drive continues through November 8th. The Outreach Office will be collecting non-perishable food and personal hygiene items for the yearly holiday food baskets. Monetary donations are welcomed. Please see flyer for the *Outreach Office hours* to drop off your donation. For more information, please contact Pearl Bates at 623-3332, ext. 203. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.

Be An Angel! - It is hard to believe, but Advent and Christmas is coming up soon. Be an Angel by providing a Christmas gift to a deserving child. Our Angel Tree will be on the church lanai at all Masses the weekends of **November 7/8 & 14/15**, so you can choose a child to support. Gifts will be returned the weekends of **November 28/29 and December 5/6**. Thank you for being an Angel!

Homeless Veteran Stand Down will be held on Tuesday, November 10, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Hawaii National Guard Building in Kalaeloa. The event will include job opportunities/job fair, haircuts, lunch, clothing, door prizes, housing information, legal advice, and more! For more information contact Iwie Tamashiro at 203-6702.



40 DAYS Peaceful Prayer Vigil Campaign FOR LIFE continues through 11/1. A group from our parish will leave the church parking lot on Thursday at 9 am. This is the last week of the campaign. A 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 thru 12*. Prizes will be rewarded! Deadline to apply is November 8. For more info, contact Melissa Crisostomo: alohamc@yahoo.com.



Sing, sing, sing!!! We welcome singers or instrumentalists of *all ages* to share God's gift of song! If you are interested in joining our Music Ministry, see Nicholas Calzada after Mass near the choir area for more information or email him at nclazada@rcchawaii.org



World Mission Sunday - Thank you for your generous response to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend. Some people are called to serve in other countries to develop the Church and serve its people, but all of us can pray and support the Missions from right here in the parish.



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.

Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn Program - Please continue praying for the unborn children. Also continue filling the baby bottles with your monetary donations for the Pearl City Problem Pregnancy Center. Your donations help give unborn children a chance for a future. The collection will be held after all Masses at the church lanai on the weekend of **November 7th & 8th**. Thank you for your support!

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.



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Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,148.00
- 7:00 AM	\$4,180.00
- 9:00 AM	\$2,635.00
- 11:00 AM	\$2,092.00
- 6:00 PM	\$1,906.09
- Front Office	\$1,375.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$1,968.40
Candle Sales	\$430.00
Offerings - Baptism	\$25.00
Offerings - Funeral	\$300.00
Mass Intention	\$190.00
Donation - Outreach	\$39.00
Youth Donations	\$10.00
All Souls	\$32.00
Stewardship Development	\$278.50
Parish Hall Building Fund (non-assessed)	\$100.00
BEMO	\$1,552.75
Hui O Laulima	\$563.00
World Mission Sunday	\$1,446.50
Weekend Total:	\$21,336.49

"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.