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SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

# 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)*

Stephanie Jamile

*Director of Liturgy*

Nicholas Calzada

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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

#### *Giving Generously and Proportionately - Part 1*

Stewardship as a way of life implies living each day in gratitude for all the blessings that God has given to us. It also implies giving generously and proportionately. The roots of stewardship can be found in the Bible, which tells us over and over that God is the Creator and Giver of all gifts. It is our responsibility to show our gratitude to God for these gifts, by giving back to Him the "first fruits." We do not own the gifts God gives to us. All we have is given to us by God, and we are to be his caretakers or his stewards. We are here on earth to use those gifts to do God's work for his Kingdom.

In 1992, the U.S. Catholic Bishops released a pastoral letter on stewardship entitled: *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*. The Bishops described a Christian steward as one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them responsibly, shares them in justice and love, and returns them to God. Sharing our gifts and returning them to God means giving generously of our *time, talent and treasure*. We give to God by sharing with our Church and with those in need. Time and talent can be shared by becoming involved in parish life, volunteering and offering a helping hand. Treasure can be shared by making a conscious effort to make a financial gift to God first, before we pay the bills and buy the things we want. When we give to God only after all of our personal spending we end up throwing Him the loose change or giving God the leftovers. When we give to God first we are making a gift of faith, trusting that God will provide for our needs. We are truly giving Him the "first fruits" just as God asked us to do in the Bible.

Stewardship as a way of life in which one gives generously and proportionately cannot be understood clearly unless we understand every aspect of stewardship. This catechesis introduces some of the keys aspects of stewardship.

**Scripture Based:** All of the teachings of stewardship come directly from the Gospels, the Old Testament and the New Testament. Stewardship is not a new fad, or environmental word. Stewardship is the way God has expected His people to live since the beginning of time.

**Dependence on God:** Stewardship is recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God. We can take credit for nothing. Everything we have and everything we do is a result of some gift that God has placed into our hands.

**Gratitude:** Stewardship is living a life of gratitude - taking the time every day to recognize the gifts that God has given and to be grateful for them.

**Giving Back:** Stewardship is returning a portion of what God, in his superabundance, has given us. The gifts we return are our time, our talent and our treasure. We return these gifts not because God or our Church needs them but because we feel an overwhelming need to show our love and gratitude to God. Part 2 of this catechesis will outline more aspects of stewardship that help us to understand the deeper implications of stewardship as a way of life.

*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.**

## ORDINARY PEOPLE, EXTRADORDINARY ATTRIBUTES!

This weekend we celebrate the feast of all Saints. The Saints remind us of things that are changeless, timeless; things like courage, holiness, sacrifice and hope. For all the trials and hardships that the world has known, throughout history “ordinary people,” with extraordinary attributes, have stepped forward to live out those ideals. These “ordinary people” are God’s gifts to us; and this weekend we celebrate these gifts. God continues to give us Saints. In the last two months, Pope Francis added many other “ordinary men and women” to that list of “extraordinary people”: *Rev. Junípero Serra* (first canonization in the United States), *Vincenzo Grossi*, *María de la Purísima Salvat Romero* and *Louis and Zélie Martin* (parents of St. Therese of the Child Jesus). These were not people who would seem to be destined for holiness, but gave up everything for God.

For instance, *St. Patrick* was the son of a deacon, who was kidnapped and held as a slave for years before he escaped and found his way home and to God. *St. Dominic* was the rich Spaniard who attended the finest schools, but when famine struck and he saw human suffering, he was so moved with

pity that he sold all he had and joined a monastery. A young man from a prosperous and prominent family in Germany who did everything his father did not want him to do – including, finally, becoming a priest, was *St. Boniface*. The arrogant Italian playboy who scandalized and embarrassed his family, then gave up everything for God. We know him today as *St. Francis of Assisi*. *St. Marianne Cope*, whose original name was Barbara, was the daughter of Peter and Barbara Cope of Germany. She saw in the faces of those terribly afflicted and rejected by society, “*the face of Christ, not asking for compassion, but demanding a love to match His own*”.

Our ancestry may be different, we may come from various backgrounds and cultures, but the Saints we venerate and remember today, remind us of who we are and who we can be. They remind us of who we are and who we can be. An old saying puts it this way, “*Every Saint has a past and every sinner has a future*.” That’s one of the messages of this feast day. No matter where we come from, what we have been, what we have done, we can all still aspire to be Saints. The gospel this weekend explains

how it is done. The people described here, the “*blessed*,” embody virtues that are, in fact, very simple and very modest. To be blessed is to be merciful, to make peace, to be meek, to be poor in spirit. Greatness is rooted in things that are seemingly small. Yet, here are the seeds of sainthood, and those seeds grow with love. Love can change hearts and lives. Love can inspire ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

Let us always remember that we are blessed when we are poor in spirit; when we rely on the grace of God and put Him first at all times. We are blessed when we mourn, when we mourn for our sins and ask forgiveness of each other, when we are not so proud that we refuse to admit our need of forgiveness but turn humbly to God and each other asking for mercy. We are blessed when we are meek; when we are gentle instead of domineering. We are blessed when we are merciful, when we are clean of heart, when we live our life in a way that reflects our faith, like *Saints*.

### BLESSINGS!

DEACON MODESTO CORDERO

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2015

### First Reading: Kings 17:10-16

The story of Elijah going to Zarephath contains several themes. One of the themes is an ancient obligation of hospitality. There is also a prophecy of God’s providential care for the widow who is encouraged to trust in the Lord. Then finally there is the miraculous event of multiplication of food after the widow does what the prophet requests. The woman followed the word of the prophet and God’s word spoken through the prophet was fulfilled. We hear that the widow “was able to eat for a year, and her son as well.” This whole story is really about the efficacy of the power of God in a pagan land.

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146:7,8-9,9-10

Psalm 146 is a hymn of praise to the Lord because of what he does to his people. We praise the Lord because He keeps his covenant forever; secures justice for the oppressed, and gives food the hungry. The Lord setting captives free is an allusion to our salvation from the bondage of sin. After recalling the graciousness of the Lord, we express gratitude with the refrain: “Praise the Lord, my soul.”

### Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

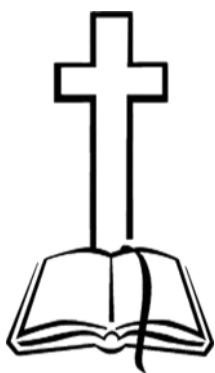
The argument Paul uses in this reading is based on the unsurpassed excellence of the sacrifice of Christ, who does not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, but a sanctuary made by God. The argument is based on the meaning of the temple and of the ritual sacrifice normally offered there before Christ. The difference is that these were earthly temples with earthly high priests, who must offer sacrifices repeatedly. Christ has offered his sacrifice once and for all.

### Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

The story of the widow’s mite is preceded by Jesus’ condemnation of the piety of some scribes who may have been before him as he taught in the temple. Jesus condemns these men because of their hypocrisy. Jesus implies that their long robes were a cover for their exploitation of wealthy widows who offered them money in exchange for prayers. Having condemned these scribes, then Jesus praises a poor widow who gives from her poverty all that she had into the offertory box, as compared to those who offered a fraction of what they had. Therefore the willingness to give all that one has becomes the central theme in this Gospel. It offers a model of unselfish giving which can also be used as a model of stewardship in time, talent and treasure.

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

**Mon., November 2, 2015 (8 am)**

Adrienne Gregory (Birthday)  
Cyril & Molly Pereira (RIP)

**Tues., November 3, 2015 (8 am)**

Dionisio L. Locquiao  
(Memorial Anniversary)

**Wed., November 4, 2015 (8 am)**

Social Ministry (Support/Blessing)

**Thur., November 5, 2015 (8 am)**

Adonio Duldulao (RIP)  
Eulalio & Teopista Tulang (RIP)  
Ben & Helen Guerrero (Healing)

**Fri., November 6, 2015 (8 am)**

Feliciano Dona (RIP)  
Mari Page (RIP)  
Justin T. Fishel (Healing/Blessing)

**Saturday, November 7, 2015**

8AM: Michael Morano (RIP)  
Earl J. Pacpaco (RIP)  
Edwin Morales (RIP)  
5PM: 5 PM Ushers  
(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

**Sunday, November 8, 2015**

7AM: Sonny Gabinete (RIP)  
9AM: *For the People*  
11AM: Trinidad & Anastacio  
Dalde (RIP)  
6PM: Royce & Anne Marie Serrao  
(Anniversary Blessing)

### Please pray for our Members & Friends

**HEALING/BLESSINGS:** Christina Gomez, Francis Calabrese, Fr. Edward Turner, Joyce Medeiros, Richard Butz, Lawrence Terry, Elaine Rillamas, Ramona DeCosta, Marsha Cha, Sue Mamiya, Sammie Chang, Annie Chang, Chang Family, Mike Culkan, Ann Nitta, Joyce Agsalda, Darlene Catekista, BJ Sagocio, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Mina DeJesus, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

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



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



**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. Gift collection will be on the weekends of **Nov. 28/29 and Dec. 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 Kalaheo. 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.

**Family Faith Formation Program** presents their next session based on the "Communion of Saints". This event will be held on Friday, November 13, 6-8 pm on the church grounds. Come and join in on this fun, faith-filled enrichment program for families. All family members and friends are welcome to attend!

**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](mailto:nclazada@rcchawaii.org)



**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 next Catholic Book Club** meeting will be held on Thursday, *January 21, 2016, 7-9 pm* in classroom 6. The discussion book will be *Treasure in Clay* by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Borrow or buy the book, read it, and join our book discussion. For more information, contact Melissa Crisostomo at 626-2469; [alohamc@yahoo.com](mailto:alohamc@yahoo.com).

## 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.



## "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](mailto:alohamc@yahoo.com).



## 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 next weekend **November 7th & 8th**. Thank you for your continued support!



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



## Stewardship of Treasure - Oct. 24/25

### Sunday Collection

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| - 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)  | \$2,516.00 |
| - 7:00 AM                   | \$2,485.14 |
| - 9:00 AM                   | \$3,216.42 |
| - 11:00 AM                  | \$1,972.75 |
| - 6:00 PM                   | \$2,403.52 |
| - Front Office              | \$336.00   |
| - Online Donation (WeShare) | \$2,846.75 |

**Candle Sales** \$586.00

**Mass Intention** \$10.00

**Donation - Outreach** \$101.50

**Youth Donations** \$60.00

**All Souls** \$566.00

**Holiday Fund** \$14.51

**Stewardship Development** \$218.50

**BEMO** \$1,241.75

**Hui O Laulima** \$83.50

**Parish Hall Building Fund (non-assessed)** \$139.50

**Catholic Charities Hawaii** \$20.00

**World Mission Sunday** \$455.00

**Weekend Total:** \$19,202.84

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