



NOVEMBER 28 / 29, 2015
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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Office Administrator (x 103)

Jolly Guerrero-Tano

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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

Vision / Mission Driven Capital Campaign

In the coming three weekends, I will be introducing our parish capital campaign under the umbrella of “*Vision / Mission Driven Capital Campaign*”. The short articles will be from three perspectives: 1) Vision, 2) Mission, and 3) the Goal or the Product.

Vision Driven Capital Campaign

Experts agree that a successful capital campaign must be *Vision* driven. What does that mean? It means that the capital campaign must have a clear vision statement that inspires and drives the capital campaign throughout the entire process. In our Pastoral Plan (dated June 20/21, 2015), our parish vision was stated as follows: “We strive to become a Spirit-led stewardship parish in Central Oahu.” In other words, stewardship as a way of life fuels our parish activities daily. The vision is clear and inspires us continuously. A capital campaign needs such a clear vision that inspires and captures imagination as a driving force. A vision that states what you intend to do. In our case it is clear we want to respond to the acute need for meeting space. We plan to do this by building a parish hall that we now call “*One Community Center*”. Simply stated our vision would be “we intend to construct one community center in Central Oahu”.

This is not a new vision, but almost a twenty five-year old desire and intention of many parishioners because our parish is bursting at the seams for meeting space. Some have already asked when the ground-breaking for the one community center will be! We have had several town hall meetings so far for the purpose of clarifying our vision. It is my perception that we have reached a common understanding. What will make this vision clearer and more attractive is the architect's rendering of the end product of what we have been envisioning. There will be more town hall meetings to ensure that stakeholders in the parish are on board with what is envisioned. A mission statement responds to a deeper question. How do we get from here to there? Stay tuned for next week's Bulletin.

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.**

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To understand the verses from Jeremiah more fully, it would be helpful to read the previous thirteen verses of this chapter. In the first five verses, ruin and capture by the Chaldeans is foretold. Then the spirit of his words changes, recovery is promised and an offspring of David will arise and bring about fidelity and trust in the God who made the earth and justice. As always, first comes the bad news then the good.

In the midst of disaster and apparent abandonment by God, God's word speaks through Jeremiah, which supports former promises that the city of Jerusalem will always be called the place of God's justice. The security promised is based on God's fidelity, not on human power or human structures.

The chapter from which the verses of the Gospel are taken begins with the story of Jesus and his disciples who are watching worshipers entering the temple. They spot a widow putting in a few coins in the temple's collection basket. Then they seem to contrast that with the splendor of the

temple's construction. Jesus predicts that all this grandeur will fall apart. His hearers ask when this will happen and how will they know, by what signs. The answer Jesus offers is more than we want to know.

What we hear are verses of bad news and as with the verses from Jeremiah, some corresponding good news. The very elements of creation will turn to signs of disorder and disaster. The moon, sun, stars and oceans will announce a shakeup. These will be signs, not of the end, but of the beginning of a new order. The announcement will be that all those human structures are not the center and resting place.

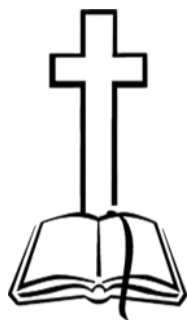
It is way too easy and simplistic to interpret these verses as end-of-the-material-world sayings. They are a context for Jesus to get our attention about the disorder around us and within us. There are disasters awaiting the disorderly living. Our human weaknesses affect our values, sensitivities, and actions. It happens to the best of us! Jesus is inviting us to watch the signs of our

times, our personal times. What moons or stars or suns are trembling by our making them the center or god of our lives. As the Jews relied on the temple of God rather than the God of the temple, we have human inclinations to hold onto the temporary and yet attractive.

It is the beginning of Advent and in the Opening Prayer the Church invites us to ask for a spirit of "welcome" to the "Shoot of David", Jesus. It is the beginning as well of the new liturgical year. We are preparing to welcome the God made one of us, to shake our stars, moons and suns. He enters our comfort zones to get our attention and trust by taking the false stability from right under our trembling feet and bringing us to our knees. Being on our knees is not a bad beginning place to welcome, accept, and worship the one who welcomes us by His coming.

**PEACE BE WITH YOU,
DCN. WALLY MITSUI**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2015



First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

There are two themes in this dramatic description of reversal of fortunes. Jerusalem is first described as a grieving, and is told to "put on the splendor of glory from God forever." The second theme is that Jerusalem is told to stand on the heights and watch the resplendent return of the previously captured citizens. Both these themes are meant to bring about hope in a God who keeps his promise of salvation.

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

Psalm 126 is a threefold response of the exiles after they returned from captivity: amazement, laughter and joy. "Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing." Their release from captivity was so extraordinary it was almost beyond their understanding. This was like a dream and a real reversal of fortunes which is described in symbolic language: sowing in tears and reaping in joy.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

In this passage, we find Paul's affectionate prayer for the Philippian Christian community. This affection is more than just human sentiment. The longing he has for them is identified with the affection Christ has for them. The prayer is twofold: that their love for one another will increase, and that they will be pure and blameless for the coming day of Christ. The affection of which Paul speaks about here is a selfless love "agape", like the sacrificial love of Christ. Paul concludes his prayer in the traditional Jewish and Christian prayers of thanksgiving: "For the glory and praise of God."

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

This passage introduces us to the beginning of the ministry of John the Baptist. We meet here a number of images that recall both the Exodus from Egypt and the return of the exiles from Babylon. The passage refers briefly to John's of "proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." That proclamation assumes an urgency in the final part where Luke quotes Isaiah 40:3-5. In this quotation, John's messianic character is clear for he is the voice that cries out in the desert urging conversion and transformation in readiness for the coming of the Lord. The passage therefore suggests that John was the herald ahead of the One who come to save his people. As announced by Isaiah, this salvation would be universal. "All flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, Nov. 30, 2015 (8 am)

Asako Diana (Birthday Blessing)
Nydia F. Pagan (RIP)
Isidoro B. Barayuga (RIP)

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015 (8 am)

Elizabeth K. Gora Higa (Birthday Blessing)
Dennis G. Nakamura (RIP)
Vivian K. Ichimura (RIP)

Wed., December 2, 2015 (8 am)

Luzviminda Otico (RIP)
Social Ministry (Support/Blessings)
The Poor Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

Thursday, Dec. 3, 2015 (8 am)

Felipe Domanguera (Birthday Blessing)

Friday, Dec. 4, 2015 (8 am)

Feliciano Dona (RIP)
Felicidad Fernandez (Memorial Anniversary)
Mari Page (RIP)

Saturday, December 5, 2015

8AM: Rhys Higa (Birthday Blessing)
Cornelio & Amelita Reusi (RIP)
Justin T. Fishel (Healing/Blessing)
5 PM: Lillian Ramos (RIP)

Sunday, December 6, 2015

7AM: Michael Morano (RIP)
9AM: *For the People*
11AM: Mr. & Mrs. Berting Ramos & Family (Blessings/Thanksgiving)
6PM: Dionisio L. Locquiao (RIP)

Please pray for our Members & Friends

HEALING/BLESSINGS: 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 Culkin, Joyce Agsalda, Darlene Catekista, BJ Sagocio, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Mina DeJesus, Bob Knott, Baby Lily, Judy Amasol, Betty & Charles Deinhardt, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Amy C.H. Jay, Leonora Bernardo, Juanita V. Miguel, Daniel A.M. Eli Sr., Berlina Mindoro, Jesus L. Lagueras, Ann Nita, Toni Kaleopaa, Tom English, Sammy Chang, Jan Chan, Antonio Amasol, Berlina Mindoro, Jesus L. Lagueras, and Vicente T. Reyes.



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

Parish Advent Retreat with Fr. Frank DeSiano, CSP, a 3-part session, will take place in the church on Fri., December 11 at 7:00 pm and Sat., December 12 at 9:30 am. Come and join us as Fr. Frank talks about *Advent Guides: Isaiah, John the Baptist, & Mary*. Free admission! All parishioners, friends, & family are welcome!

Reminder to all of our Christmas Angels! A big MAHALO to all of you who took "Angel" tags to fulfill a child's Christmas wish. *GIFT COLLECTION* will continue each weekend until Dec. 5/6. Please be sure to add the Angel tag to your gift when you drop your gift off. Mahalo again for being a Christmas Angel!



Mililani Holiday Parade! Our parish will be participating in this year's Mililani Holiday Parade on **Saturday, Dec. 5** from 9:00-10:30 am. Please be at Mililani Town Center by 8:30 am if you plan on joining us. Everyone's invited to participate. Children must be accompanied by at least one parent/guardian.



Reminder to all Religious Education FRE Parents - There will be a parent meeting on **Sunday, Dec. 6** at 12:30-2:00 pm in the Church.



Give Yourself an Early Christmas Present!

BEST Advent EVER Join Matthew Kelly and six other influential Catholic voices of our time on a life-changing journey through *Best Advent Ever, Rediscover Mercy*. Unwrap the gift of Advent. Let it transform your relationships, work, and ability to embrace and experience all of life. For more information and how to sign up, visit www.BestAdventEver.com.

SAVE THE DATES!

Tuesday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
8:00 am & 7:00 pm Masses

December 16 - 24, 2015 - Misa de Gallo
(Sponsored by Fil-Am Catholic Group)
5:00 am Mass

Friday, December 18 - Nativity Play
7:00 pm in the Church

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Thursday, December 24th - Christmas Eve
6:00 pm (Children's Mass), 12:00 Midnight

Friday, December 25th - Christmas Day
7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am *No 6:00 PM Evening Mass*

Job Opening!

Religious Education Secretary (Part-Time)

Clerical support for our vibrant RE Dept.

Responsibilities include supporting the organizational functions of the RE Department with secretarial services. Must be skilled in telephone etiquette & Microsoft Office. ***MUST** be available to work weekends and some evenings.

For more information and how to apply, visit www.catholichawaii.org/about-us/careers

2015 Central Oahu Vicariate Advent Penance Services:

Monday, December 7 - 7:00 PM

St. Elizabeth (Aiea)

Wednesday, December 9 - 7:00 PM

Resurrection of the Lord (Waipio)

Monday, December 14 - 7:00 PM

St. John Apostle & Evangelist (Mililani)

Tuesday, December 15 - 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Sorrows (Wahiawa)

St. Michael (Waialua)

Monday, December 21 - 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Good Counsel (Pearl City)

The next 24 hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on *Friday, Dec. 4*, immediately after the 8:00 am Mass and ending at 7:30 am on *Saturday, Dec. 5*.



† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jesus L. Lagueras (RIP)

Friday, Dec. 4 ~ Mililani Memorial Park (Makai)

Visitation: 9:30 am ~ Prayer Service: 10:30 am

Burial: 2:00 pm ~ HI State Veteran's Cemetery

Stewardship of Treasure - Nov. 21 / 22

Sunday Collection

- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,540.85
- 7:00 AM	\$2,846.00
- 9:00 AM	\$3,281.00
- 11:00 AM	\$2,103.41
- 6:00 PM	\$1,759.38
- Front Office	\$1,278.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$2,099.50

Candle Sales \$434.10

Donation - Outreach \$474.00

Donation - Youth \$70.00

Mass Intention \$320.00

Holiday Fund \$50.00

Stewardship Development \$33.25

Parish Hall Building Fund (non-assessed) \$120.00

BEMO \$1,296.00

Hui O Laulima \$45.93

Catholic Campaign for Human Development \$1,587.00

Peter's Pence \$7.00

Seminar Education Fund \$20.00

Weekend Total: \$20,460.90

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