



September 14, 1969, First Parish Mass • May 17, 1970 Ground-breaking • August 15, 1971, Dedication of the church

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DAILY MASS:

Monday-Saturday: 8:00am

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sundays at 7am, 9am, 11am & 6pm

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

or by appointment

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 12:00pm-4:00pm

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Saturday & Sunday – Closed

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The Sacrament of Confirmation: Its Deeper Significance

On March 24, 1980 Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador was shot to death by a death squad while celebrating Mass. Just two weeks before that he had prophetically written: "I have often been threatened with death. I must tell you, as a Christian, I do not believe in death without resurrection. If I am killed, I shall arise in the Salvadorian people. I say so without boasting, with the greatest humility." You and I might wonder where such people as Archbishop Romero find their courage to die for their faith. We might also ask, where do we find the courage to live our faith in the midst of modern benign persecution, ridicule and cynicism? The answer to that question is found in the Sacrament of Confirmation. When we are confirmed in our faith, we freely choose to embrace it as a precious gift from God. This is the gift that influences our thoughts and actions. It is a gift that draws us deeper into the heart of Jesus Christ.

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, we courageously stand up before the Church and publicly proclaim that the faith into which we were baptized is now something we are willing to live as fully as we possibly can. Confirmation is an important step in the life of a Catholic because in this Sacrament we are given the grace we need to fully embrace our faith and practice it even though we risk being ridiculed.

Through the imposition of the bishop's hands on those confirmed, and through the anointing with the Holy Chrism, the newly confirmed receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and the Fear of the Lord. With these gifts, we are given all the grace we need to stand up for the faith to the point of suffering and even dying for Christ, just as Christ died for us.

Receiving the gifts of Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation therefore is not a graduation. Rather, it's a new beginning. It is a call to engage even more passionately in the journey of faith that we began at Baptism; to be more engaged in the life of my parish community, for example, in liturgical ministries. As one of the teens celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday put it, "Confirmation is the beginning of a new chapter in my life, one in which the Holy Spirit will be even more present... because I now realize that Confirmation is just one moment in my faith journey, not just something to get and do."

For all our Confirmandi, I take the opportunity to congratulate you on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. You are a wonderful gift to our parish community. You are loved and treasured. The parish needs the gifts, talents and treasure God has given you to be shared with the parish community. May God bless you as you continue your journey of faith.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda
Pastor

VISION STATEMENT

*We are called to **develop a deeper relationship with Christ.** Such a relationship is fostered through active participation in: the Sacraments, the Word, Renewal programs, ministry/service, fellowship and other **Spirit-led** activities. We will dedicate our time, talent and treasure to install in our Parish community these basic building blocks of Christian living, to live out the **Lord's commands** and to preach the **Good News** to all through our words, deeds and lives.*

Next Sunday Readings: May 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C

Readings: Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8;
Rev 21:10-14,22-23; Jn 14:23-29

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2,22-29

This passage gives us a glimpse into the issue that almost led into earliest divisions among Christians. The first followers of Jesus were all Jews, and so the first Jewish converts continued to observe the Jewish religious practices. Most Jewish Christians expected all Gentiles to keep these practices. When Paul allowed his Gentile Christians to refrain from Jewish observance, because they were increasing in number, the Jewish Christians objected. Paul had to take the matter to Jerusalem for discussion and decision on guidelines for future pastoral practice. The gathering of the apostles and the decision crafted into a letter is the beginning of the early church structure we call a "Council" - an official gathering of the whole Church with authority to make decisions and implement them.

Responsorial Psalm: 67:2-3,3,5,6,8

The past tense used in this psalm classifies the psalm as a prayer of thanksgiving for blessings already received. It can also be seen as a prayer of blessing. The prayer asks that God look favorably upon the people, that God be benevolent towards them. The psalm ends with a prayer for continued universal blessing.

Second Reading: Revelations 21:10-14,22-23

The vision of the Holy City Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God is based on several prophecies of ancient Israel. One of those prophecies is from Ezekiel 40:2, 48:30-33. But then John in this text presents the already constructed city as a fulfillment of what was prophesied. Two features of this city are given: the gates in the city's high walls and the foundation stones.

Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29

The gospel passage contains several major theological themes. It emphasizes the link between love and obedience, and speaks of the presence of God with the one who loves. The passage also provides us with a partial view of the internal relationship within the Holy Trinity. We can briefly say that love is the fundamental message of Jesus in this passage. However, Jesus here calls for a demanding kind of love, one that is self-sacrificing, as the love of Jesus himself. This kind of love is more than emotional love. It is a state of being, a disposition within which one lives. In that kind of state, Jesus and his Father make their dwelling. They live in the one who loves as he loves and obeys as he obeyed.

Msgr. John's Sunday homilies are available on the following updated links: Blog (text): <http://sundayhomily.com>

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

*On iTunes, under Podcast search for: **streaming homilies**, subscribe free to get the homilies weekly.*

Audio 2: <http://audioboo.fm/jmbinda>

"If our prayer is resolutely united with that of Jesus, in trust and boldness as children, we obtain all that we ask in his name, even more than any particular thing: the Holy Spirit himself, who contains all gifts."(CCC 2742)

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Healing/Blessings: Myrtle Reponte, Ellen Cleghorn, Arlene Estiamba, Mike Culkin, Connie Leonoras, Marcy Sagon, Luis Bongbonga, Anthony Scarpelli, Danny Uehara, Bobby Higa, Guillermo Uyttingco, Stephanie Campbell, Emily Ramiscal, Gavina Tamonte, Anunciacion Amod, Marsha Cha, Ben Regidor, Sharon Scott, Channing Fukuda, Jun Galinato, Sandy Padilla and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

Deceased: Chie Wilson, Valerie Bumanglag, Victoria Rausa, Avelina Miranda, Irene S. L. Yuen, Juan Pillos, Joaquin Cruz Ferjarang, Gary Pagampao, Danilo Lumantas, Audrey Chun Hoke, Mary Cagasan, Orlando Padilla, Dominic Oscar Corniel, Manuel Butoc, Cipriano A. P. Herrera, Sr., Marie Lourdes How Yew Kin, Juan "Johnny" Bolosan, Maryanne Craddock, Lucy Williams, Philip Nazareth, Jr., Jose Talon, Abraham Miram, John Molina, Fernando P. Payomo and Deocenisa Baptista.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, April 29, 2013

8am Mass Cyril and Molly Pereira (RIP)
Baby Emily Ramiscal (Healing)

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

8am Mass Fred and Evalyn Caluya (Healing)
Geronimo and Debbie Borgonia
(Blessings and Thanksgiving)

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

8am Mass Hollywood Hawaii Media Alliance
(Blessings for Success)
Refan J. Tomski (RIP)

Thursday, May 2, 2013

8am Mass Anastacia Toves (RIP)
Gerarda L. Vitug (RIP)

Friday, May 3, 2013

8am Mass Leon B. Millan (RIP)
Brett and Salve Galman
(Blessings and Thanksgiving)

Saturday, May 4, 2013

8am Mass Crimson Aznar
(Blessings and Thanksgiving)
Anita Domanguera (RIP)
5pm Mass Newly-Elected Pope Frances I
(Guidance, Strength and Wisdom)

Sunday, May 5, 2013

7am Mass Josephine Lorenzo (RIP)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Philip J. Nazareth, Jr. (RIP)
6pm Mass Maryanne Craddock (RIP)

Parish News & Announcements

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins on Friday, May 3rd at 8:30am and ends Saturday, May 4th at 7:30am. All parishioners are encouraged to do a Holy Hour during this time. A sign-up sheet is available near the main entrance of the church.

Effective Monday, April 29, 2013, the Parish Office will be closed on all Mondays from 8am-12:00pm for administrative purposes. This schedule will continue every Monday thereafter.

The Hui O Laulima Food Trolley will be out next weekend, May 5th, for food collection. Please kokua. Mahalo!

The First Eucharist Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 4, 2013, at 8:00 A.M. This is the first time that the celebration is integrated into our daily Mass. The aim is to make the event a communal celebration of our parish represented by the parishioners who attend the daily Mass, in addition to the families and relatives of the first communicants. All are invited to attend this high moment of the young members of our parish.

The Women's Guild welcomes all parishioners to the **May Crowning, Rosary and International Potluck on Saturday, May 4th after the 5pm Mass.** The Rosary begins at 6pm, followed by the May Crowning ceremony of the Blessed Mother statue. All are invited to attend the potluck immediately after the May Crowning. Please bring your favorite potluck dish to share with others. Mahalo!

An Orchid Sale will take place on the breezeway after all Masses on May 4th and 5th. Proceeds will support the Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

The Next Catholic Book Club Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16th from 7-9pm in classroom #6. The book to be discussed is Our Lady of Kibeho: Mary Speaks to the World from the Heart of Africa by Immaculée Ilibagiza. Contact Melissa for more info. at: 626-2469.

A Healing Mass with Anointing is scheduled for Monday, May 13th. Praise and Worship begins at 7:30pm followed by Mass. All are welcomed!

Fr. Robert Phelps, O.F.M., Cap. will preside over the Daily Masses while Msgr. John Mbinda and Fr. Ronie Pillos attend the Annual Priests' Convocation at Turtle Bay from May 13-17, 2013.

Mahalo to all who supported the Two Hearts Prayer Group's fundraiser for the Youth/Young Adult Ministry.

Mark Your Calendars and Save the Date! The 2013 Year of Faith: Faith Formation Conference will take place on Oahu, Thursday, June 20th through Saturday, June 22nd at St. Joseph's Parish in Waipahu. Contact Kristina DeNeve at 203-6767 or email: kdeneve@rcchawaii.org. Also visit www.catholicahawaii.org/faithconference for details, and neighbor island conference schedules.

The Parish "Picture Directory" Committee is getting ready for your Photo Session. Sign-up to reserve your portrait session beginning on May 5th after all Masses on the lanai. Sign-ups will continue after all weekend Masses during the month of May. Below are the available dates and times for you to make your reservation.

Portraits will be taken in rooms 4 & 5 from 1-8pm on:

Tuesday, May 28th - Friday, May 31st
 Tuesday, June 4th - Friday, June 7th
 Tuesday, June 11th - Friday, June 14th
 Tuesday, June 18th - Friday, June 21st

Wheelchair Access for picture-taking is available only on:

Saturday, June 1st from 8am-4pm in room 3.

Portraits will also be taken in rooms 4 & 5 from 8am-4pm on these Saturdays: June 8th, June 15th and June 22nd.

For more information, or if you'd like to help with this picture directory, please contact Ann Swider at 626-9561 or Bill Castro at: 623-2619. Mahalo for your kokua!

First Communion Kits (for boys and girls) are available for purchase in the Outreach Office. Please contact Pearl at 623-3332 ext. 203 for additional information.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Philip Josef Nazareth, Jr. (RIP)

Tuesday, May 7, 2013 - Mililani Memorial, Makai Chapel:
 5:30-9:00pm – Visitation; 7:00pm - Wake Service
 Wednesday, May 8, 2013 - St. John Apostle & Evangelist
 10:00am -10:45am - Public Viewing
 10:45am - Final Private Viewing
 11:00am - Funeral Mass (Fr. Ronie Pillos, Presider)
 12:30pm - Burial at Mililani Memorial Park

Fernando P. Payomo (RIP)

Thursday, May 16, 2013 – 6:30pm Prayer Service at Mililani Memorial Park, Mauka Chapel (Dcn. Wallace Mitsui)
 Friday, May 17, 2013 - St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church
 12:45-1:30pm - Public Viewing
 2:00-3:00pm - Funeral Mass (Fr. Ronie Pillos, Presider)
 3:30pm - Burial at Mililani Memorial Park Cemetery

Sunday Collection Report		
	Actual Amount	Weekly Goal
Sunday Offering April 21, 2013	13,183.56	12,647.00
Building, Equipment Maintenance and Outreach April 21, 2013	1,187.00	1,470.00
<i>"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce." PROVERBS 3:9</i>		