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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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 Secretary (x 100)

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Bookkeeper (x 101)

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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

One Community Center: A Place to Connect

Our One Community Center will be a multifunction facility. On this campus we exist to evangelize, that is “to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to all through our words, deeds and lives” (Mission Statement) It is not a space where we serve ourselves and sit down and enjoy our potluck! Besides many other services, here we will connect with people, welcome people, engage them and equip them for ministry. This article highlights our One Community Center as a space to connect with people.

Just as every family needs a space in the home where they can come together like the living room and the dining room, the parish too requires a place where parishioners can connect with each other as they share their stories. It is in this space that parents pass to their children the values they need as they grow. Our parish would require such a space of formation and deepening the faith. Many people are disconnected from church for a variety of reasons. Most have simply drifted away, yet they have profound hunger and are open to an invitation to reconsider coming back to church. Our One Community Center would be the place where such invitation is extended and heard by Catholics who have drifted away.

How do we connect with such Catholics? Our One Community Center will be the space where we host speakers on topical issues that attract a large audience in Central Oahu. We could offer issues that attract wide interest such as, domestic violence, poverty as a justice issue, abortion, contraception, homosexuality, divorce and remarriage, euthanasia, human cloning, why not a married priesthood, why not women priests, to mention some examples.

The One Community Center could be a space where we host a tailgate party during seasonal games using a large screen to watch the games. During the viewing we could offer free snacks, booming Christian music at half game time, and give away cards or items with contact information for the parish and worship schedule. The next article will highlight our One Community Center as a place where we welcome people. Stay tuned.

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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.**

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH - YEAR C

Today's feast and the readings remind us that being a "Holy Family" is a matter of valuing the memories and traditions that make us who we are- *a holy family, a holy people*. Holiness consists of finding a worthy way of keeping the traditions alive while at the same time remaining open to something surprisingly new. Holiness is finding the way to be who we are in God's sight: *people of tradition and people open to God's surprises*. We know whether to accept something new into our family tradition when that change deepens our holiness. In the Jewish family, parents were expected to tell their children what the Lord had done for his people. Obedience to one's parents meant to accept their teachings and to imitate their fidelity to God. It is in this sense that Jesus "honored his parents". He was infused with their deep faith in the God of Abraham and their love of the *Word of God*, to which he referred throughout his life. We have to continuously ponder the *Word of God* in order to understand His will for us. The motivation for choosing to be a "Holy Family" is God's way of inviting us into the "family" of the Holy Trinity.

The Holy Family was ordinary in the sense that it dealt with issues that affect our families. Mary and Joseph were not safe from family challenges; they were refugees in Egypt and lost Jesus for three days on a pilgrimage! I can only imagine the fear, stress and the "great anxiety" that loss created for

his parents. It must have been the worst week for Mary, until the last week of her son's life, when he would again go missing for three days. When they found him, they struggled to understand who he was and who he was meant to become. In doing so, they were able to help Jesus and themselves grow in wisdom, age and grace. In this same love and care for each other, we also grow in holiness as a family. Our families are schools of holiness, developing memories and learning traditions that make us who we are and who God wants us to be: *God's beloved children*. It is with family that we learn virtues and practice them. Every family is special to God, vital to society, and receives favor. So your family can make a difference in the world.

The familiarity of *family life* can sometimes blind us to see the goodness in each other. This feast reminds us to open our eyes and be "*astonished*" at the goodness of each other rather than being anxious about our own concerns. Families grow in holiness when each person in the family, *from parents to the smallest child and including anyone else, is treated with hospitality as a member of God's family*. This is challenging when we sometimes only see each other's faults. We must remember that love never sets conditions. The love we have for our children does not mean letting them do what they like; we must make an effort to understand and help them to be happy. Children misbehave at times, but parents do not give up just for this;

they keep on hoping for improvement. In the family, children and the elderly represent two pillars of family life, but are also the most vulnerable ones. Societies that neglect children and marginalizes the elderly cut off its own roots and endangers its future. Caring for the young and the elderly is a sign of an enlightened civilization of love.

As Christians we must be clothed with virtues of *compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forbearance and reciprocal forgiveness*. Over all, these we must put on the coat that completes and keeps them together, *Love*. This uniform is to be permanently worn by all men and women, priests, religious and laity. We all know that *only one who serves can show true love*. There should be a constant attitude of service towards our brothers and sisters, a readiness to suffer for them. *Love and peace* can come in the family only through this dress suggested by Paul. Praying together, dialogue, and reciprocal instructions are essential means to keep all the family members of one heart and mind. In keeping this advice we can ask ourselves, "*Do we foster to our children and nephews and nieces the love for the word of God and for the study of the Bible shown here by the boy Jesus? Do we teach them to make their life options in accordance with the will of God?*"

FR. BONIFACE WAEMA
PAROCHIAL VICAR

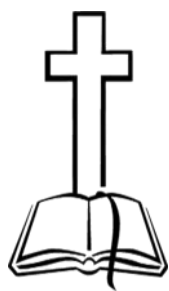
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2016

Second Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

This passage from Isaiah is song in praise of Jerusalem. It was written during the restoration of the ruined city after the captivity in Babylon. The prophet dreams that the former glory (vv 1-4) and prosperity (vv 5-7), such as king Solomon had achieved, would again belong to the Jewish people. This dream was never fulfilled literally, but was more than fulfilled by the coming of Christ.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Psalm 72 looks back to the reign of King Solomon, characterized by the greatest peace, prosperity, power, and justice Israel had ever known. It also looks forward in hope to another king who would be like Solomon, but who would embrace the entire world. The response: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you" anticipates that hope.



Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul in this passage refers to the mission of the Church, the calling of all humankind into union with God, as a mystery. The reading underlines the universal nature of salvation in God's plan. Therefore God wills that all cultural barriers be broken down, and all men and women without exception come to know God's love, because the same promise has been made to them through the Gospel.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

This Gospel story about the wise men from the East in a certain sense anticipates the rejection of Jesus by the Jewish leaders as contrasted with his manifestation to and acceptance by the gentiles. The prophecy quoted in v 6 (adapted from Micah 5:1 and 2 Sam 5:2) points to Jesus as fulfilling the messianic hope symbolized by King David. More significantly, the entire story echoes the coming of the Queen of Sheba (Ethiopia) to King Solomon (1 Kg 10:1-13), and shows Jesus as the "new Solomon" whose wisdom draws even the wisest of the world to humble submission.

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, Dec. 28, 2015 (8 am)

Nydia F. Pagan (RIP)

Poor Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

Alvin B. Akiu, Jr. (RIP)

Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2015 (8 am)

Hilarion C. Savet

(Memorial Anniversary)

Erin G & Nick T

(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Carmen Callejo (Memorial Anniversary)

Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2015 (8 am)

Stanley Kong (Memorial Anniversary)

Mary & William Waema (RIP)

Dr. Bizon (Birthday)

Thursday, December 31, 2015

8AM: Guerrero Family (Thanksgiving)

Demi & Rita Galicianao (Thanksgiving)

10PM: Gora-Higa Family

(Thanksgiving/Blessings)

Friday, January 1, 2016 (8 am)

Social Ministry (Support/Blessings)

Higa-Kohagura Family (Blessings)

Cristina C. Falke (RIP)

Saturday, January 2, 2016

8AM: Feliciano Dona (RIP)

Cayetano Family

(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Andrea Perlas (Healing/Blessing)

5 PM: James & Mildred Mizoguchi (RIP)

Sunday, January 3, 2016

7AM: Ann Majewski (RIP)

9AM: For the People

11AM: Sunajo & Nomura Family

(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

6PM: Poor Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

Please pray for our Members & Friends

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

The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday, December 31, 2015 (12 noon)** and on **Friday, January 1, 2016** in observance of the New Year. Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

New Year's Eve Masses on December 31st will be at 8:00 am and 10:00 pm.



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

Priests' Retreat - Msgr. John and Fr. Boniface will be attending a Priests' Retreat at St. Stephen Diocesan Center from **January 4-8, 2016**. There will be Communion Services in lieu of Daily Mass.

Theology of the Body Seminar - Join us on **Friday, January 8 at 7:00 pm** in the Church for a special presentation with speaker and educator **Bill Donaghy** as he features **Everything's Amazing, but Nobody's Happy: Rekindling our Sense of Wonder through Theology of the Body**. For more information, please email Maile Domingo at mailedomingo@gmail.com.

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on January 21, 2016, 7-9 pm in classroom 6. The discussion book will be on the *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 or alohamc@yahoo.com.

The March for Life Rally & Luminary Prayer Service will be held on **Friday, January 22, 2016, 3-8 pm** at the Hawaii State Capitol Building. The March reminds our elected leaders and community that the unrestrained destruction of life, of pre-born babies, is not only a tragedy of moral indifference, but a legacy of shame for future generations. The luminary prayer vigil supports two pregnancy care centers in our community. Your donations will assist in keeping their doors open. Join pastors, religious leaders, youth, friends, and neighbors who choose to cherish life. There will be free bus transportation. For more info, contact Mary Smart at 741-2358, mghsmart@yahoo.com or Melissa Crisostomo at 626-2469, alohamc@yahoo.com.

Online Giving - Stewardship is made easier than ever with our online giving system, **WeShare**. Make a one-time or recurring donation using your debit card, credit card, checking, or savings account in 3 easy steps. 1.) Visit our parish website, www.stjohnmililani.org, and click "Online Giving". 2.) Set up your account. 3.) Choose a payment option and customize your donation.

3rd Annual St. Marianne Cope Charity Walk - Sat., Jan. 30, 2016, 7 am at Kewalo Basin Park. The walk will be one mile around the harbor and back. Early registration is \$30/person; \$40/person after *January 15th*. Proceeds from the walk will help support the St. Francis Healthcare System Charity Care Fund that provides financial assistance to seriously ill patients who need care but are unable to afford it. For more info and registration, please contact the St. Francis Healthcare Foundation at 547-8031 or gkaahanui@stfrancishawaii.org.

REMINDER FOR ALL PARISHIONERS!

Please be mindful of others as you park your car in the church parking lot. There have been complaints of double parking and damage to vehicles. When you double park, you are prevent other drivers from leaving their space and stall the flow of traffic. We request that you **DO NOT** double park your vehicle. Mahalo!

The next Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on **Fri., Jan. 1**, immediately after the 8:00 am Mass for **1 HOUR** only, 8:30-9:30 am.


† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marshall S. Sunajo (RIP)

Friday, Jan. 8, 2016 ~ Diamond Head Mortuary
Visitation: 6:00 pm ~ Prayer Service: 7:00 pm
Saturday, January 9, 2016 ~ Burial: 11:30 am
Valley of the Temples Memorial Park

Stewardship of Treasure - Dec. 19 / 20

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Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,521.00
- 7:00 AM	\$3,097.31
- 9:00 AM	\$3,249.00
- 11:00 AM	\$2,581.17
- 6:00 PM	\$2,974.10
- Front Office	\$10,141.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$2,099.50
Candle Sales	\$505.00
Holiday Fund	\$8.00
Misa de Gallo (Dec. 16-20)	\$1,908.55
Stewardship Development	\$28.50
Mass Intentions	\$70.00
Donation - Young Adults	\$50.00
Donation - Outreach	\$114.00
Christmas Flowers	\$255.00
Christmas Offering	\$122.00
Immaculate Conception	\$40.00
Parish Hall Building Fund (non-assessed)	\$514.50
BEMO	\$1,467.75.75
Hui O Lailima	\$125.00
Retirement for the Religious	\$355.00
Weekend Total:	\$32,226.38

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

DECEASED: Juanita V. Miguel, Jesus L. Lagueras, Ann Nita, Toni Kaleopaa, Tom English, Sammy Chang, Jan Chan, Antonio Amasol, Berlina Mindoro, Vicente T. Reyes, Marshall Sunajo, Rebekah Gomes, Selbistre "Stan" Narito, Cheryl Calvin, and Ignacia Benitez.