



JANUARY 9 / 10, 2016
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

(mcordero@rcchawaii.org)

Deacon Wally Mitsui

(wmitsui@rcchawaii.org)

Deacon Romeo Ganibe

(rganibe@rcchawaii.org)

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

(ncalzada@rcchawaii.org)

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

(gmitsui@rcchawaii.org)

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 Engage with People

Once we connect with people and they feel wanted, loved and welcomed, that for most people is a sign of belonging and belonging leads to believing. Some of us have trouble making friends and feeling a sense of belonging. How can we help parishioners to better know their God-given talents and the ability to express their faith convictions? Our One Community Center will be the space to offer sessions for adult faith formation programs that give newcomers and older parishioners formation that leads them to feel comfortable in speaking about their faith. Such programs will make use of methods that are most engaging. Starting with a personal story would be one example of engaging people in adult faith formation.

We will use the One Community Center for forming various ministries. One example would be to engage families with an exercise at which 1) members tell the story behind each person's name; 2) invite each person to share what makes them proud of their family; and 3) create a family vision together or generate a family charter for being the best version of ourselves. Another example is to engage parishioners in life changing personal stories and exercises. These kind of sessions have a deep impact on participants. They can also be instruments of evangelization. All activities that will take place in the One Community Center have evangelization as the primary purpose. That is the reason the Church exists.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

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.**

SOLEMNITY OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR C

The first reading from Isaiah is a prophecy: the promise of good news that salvation is on the way. The promise of salvation is fulfilled in the Gospel passage that moves us from anticipation of the coming of the Messiah to His manifestation when Christ is baptized, anointed, and revealed. Jesus is the one who fulfils Isaiah's prophecy of bringing the good news of salvation to the nations. The dove that descends upon Him symbolises the nature of His mission as an instrument of peace and reconciliation in the world. Jesus is the one who fulfils Isaiah's prophecy of comforting God's People and speaking tenderly to them. He is the one who heralds the good news of salvation; the one who comes like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering the lambs in his arms, carrying them in his bosom and leading the ewes with care.

The readings proclaim the good news that our salvation is not only coming, but already here in Christ anointed and sent by the Father to comfort His people to shepherd them, nourish them and lead them with compassion. By virtue of our baptism we become stewards of the Gospel: we are anointed, commissioned and sent by Christ to continue his presence and to proclaim his good news of salvation until he comes again.

In this Year of Mercy, we are called to relive our stewardship as a way of life by proclaiming the good news with conviction; by living lives that manifest the mercy and compassion of God. We are called to be the good news of salvation to those alienated; those caught up in the web of modernity and postmodern values of satisfying human desires only; those that question the fact

that you still go to Church. May they at last be led by our example to come back to the faith and find joy and fulfilment in Jesus Christ.

The message we take home is threefold. 1) The Baptism of the Lord is the fulfilment and manifestation of God's promise of salvation revealed in Jesus at His Baptism. 2) We celebrate Jesus who is anointed and sent by the Father to proclaim God's *Good News* of salvation: mercy, compassion and forgiveness. 3) By the virtue of our baptism, we become Christ's messengers: anointed, commissioned and sent to continue his presence and proclaim his good news of salvation until he comes again.

MSGR. JOHN S. MBINDA
PASTOR

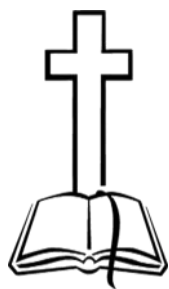
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

The structure of this passage is highly poetic. It is a prophecy about what God will do for His people. The passage begins with a declaration: "I will not be silenced; I will not be quiet; for Jerusalem's sake, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn." We are not told why God will vindicate His people. There was perhaps some crisis of some sort: defeat at war, humiliation, setback or loss of face. We are told that God will not rest until his people are vindicated. The passage then introduces the theme of newness, renewal and transformation of the people, using metaphors of marriage: espousal, bride and bridegroom to show the newness that God is going to create.

Responsorial Psalm: 96:1-2,2-3,7-8,9-10

Psalm 96 is a song of praise of God for the wonderful acts of salvation God has performed. The song of praise is in view of what God has done in transforming His people. "Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations."



Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:4-11

In the second reading, Paul starts his famous discourse on the varieties of functions and services within the Christian community. We note that Paul sketches the diversity of functions using two triads: gifts, ministries, and works; Spirit, Lord and God. This second triad suggests a Trinitarian approach to the functions in the community. In this sense, all the activities are manifestations of the Spirit. The role of the Spirit in the life of the community is evident in this passage. Through the agency of the Spirit the community is blessed with gifts, ministries and works produced and manifested by the Spirit for the enrichment of the community.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

John the Apostle and Evangelist ends today's gospel account of the wedding at Cana by referring to it as a sign. By this he means a wondrous manifestation that points beyond itself to some deeper reality. The central event is the miraculous changing of water into wine. Everything else in the passage needs to be understood in the light of this miracle. It includes the role played by Mary Mother of Jesus, Jesus whose hour has not come and yet goes ahead with the miracle leading to his glorification, and the faith of the disciples. All this is captured in the last verse: "Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him." Evidently the hour of his glorification had come for Jesus performed his first miracle and through it was manifested (revealed) to his disciples and they believed in him. This first sign also signified the beginning of the establishment of the kingdom.

Mass for the Intentions

Mon., January 11, 2016 (8 am)

Daniel Cortel (Birthday Blessing)

Marshall Sunajo (RIP)

August "Gus" Pacheco (RIP)

Tues., January 12, 2016 (8 am)

Joey Pablo (Birthday Blessing)

Felisa Dicsen (RIP)

Marshall Sunajo (RIP)

Wed., January 13, 2016 (8 am)

Lorraine Aguirre

(Memorial Anniversary)

Marshall Sunajo (RIP)

Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

Thurs. January 14, 2016 (8 am)

Marshall Sunajo (RIP)

Sheila Zajac (RIP)

John & Frances Clarke (RIP)

Friday, January 15, 2016 (8 am)

Irene Masa (Birthday Blessing)

Lea McNorton (Birthday Blessing)

Marshall Sunajo (RIP)

Ignacia Valdez Benitez (RIP)

Saturday, January 16, 2016

8AM: Carmelo I. Solomon (RIP)

Marshall Sunajo (RIP)

5 PM: Msgr. John S. Mbinda

(Special Intentions)

Sunday, January 17, 2016

7AM: Ignacia Valdez Benitez (RIP)

9AM: For the People

11AM: Marshall Sunajo (RIP)

6PM: Patricio & Gliceria Barayuga (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, Darlyn Bunda, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

St. John Women's Guild Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14, at 10 a.m. in the church. All ladies of St. John A&E Church are invited to attend. The Guild continues its tradition of promoting fellowship among all the ladies of the parish, providing support to the parish priests by assisting with parish functions, liturgical events, social events and celebrations, and performing spiritual and charitable works for the parish and the community. For more information, contact Erlinda Nishimura at ent575@aol.com.

The March for Life Rally & Luminary



Prayer Service will be held on Friday, January 22, 3-8 pm at the Hawaii State Capitol Building. Join pastors, religious leaders, youth, friends, and neighbors who choose to cherish life. Free bus transportation is provided; you must sign up. For more info, contact Mary Smart at mghsmart@yahoo.com or Melissa Crisostomo at alohamc@yahoo.com.

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on January 21, 7-9 pm in classroom 6. The discussion book will be on the *Treasure in Clay* by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Borrow/buy the book, read it, and join our book discussion. For more info, contact Melissa Crisostomo at alohamc@yahoo.com.

Black & Indian Mission and Church in Latin America Collections - The weekend of January 23/24, our parish will be participating in two separate collections; the Black & Indian Mission and Church in Latin America. Your generosity is invaluable to the future of the faith in the African American, Native American, Alaskan Native, and Latin American communities. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. You may drop your donation during offertory or make a donation online by visiting our parish website, clicking "Online Giving". Please be generous.

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.

DID YOU KNOW...

Our parish will soon offer the Sacrament of Confirmation **prior** to First Holy Communion?

All parishes within the Diocese of Honolulu are restoring the *Original Order* of the Sacraments of Initiation between 2018-2020.



In the early Church, the person was immersed into the waters of Baptism, anointed with chrism, and shared in the Eucharistic meal as part of a single event. Over time, and for many reasons, the celebration of these three sacraments became separated from one another. In the renewal stemming from the Second Vatican Council, the Church was asked to more clearly set forth the intimate connection of Confirmation with the whole of Christian initiation. This original order also helps us recognize that sharing in the Eucharist completes our initiation into the Church and that it is Eucharist which is the "source and summit of our faith."

Go to www.catholichawaii.org for more information on this important change.

The next 24-Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Fri., February 5, immediately after the 8:00 am Mass and ending at 7:30 am on Sat., February 6.



Stewardship of Treasure - January 2 / 3

Sunday Collection

- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,843.54
- 7:00 AM	\$4,452.00
- 9:00 AM	\$3,562.80
- 11:00 AM	\$2,804.92
- 6:00 PM	\$2,134.56
- Front Office	\$3,334.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$3,002.00

Candle Sales \$628.00

Donation - Funerals \$300.00

Mass Intentions \$120.00

Donation - Young Adults \$810.00

Christmas Offering \$5,828.75

Preschool \$19.00

Donation - Outreach \$132.50

Stewardship Development \$70.50

Parish Hall Building Fund (non-assessed) \$174.50

BEMO \$1,582.00

Hui O Laulima \$262.00

Retirement for the Religious \$2.00

Weekend Total: \$32,063.07

"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 V. Benitez.