



JANUARY 16 / 17, 2016
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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Deacon Wally Mitsui

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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

A Place to Equip Parishioners for Witness

In our One Community Center we will connect people, welcome them and engage them. Engaging parishioners leads to a sense of belonging and belonging leads to openness to parish ministry and therefore they will need to be prepared and equipped to be evangelizers. In the *Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis has reminded us that "In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers" (JG. 28). He goes on to say, "I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style, and methods of evangelization in their respective communities" (JG. 33). The One Community Center will therefore be a space where we encourage, train and equip members for outreach witness in the community, in the family and in the work place. Here we intend to form intentional disciples who are bold and articulate in sharing their faith. Our parish community is fuelled by four stewardship core values: prayer, formation, hospitality and service (outreach). As a stewardship parish, evangelization is at the core of our parish life (cf. mission statement).

"I have come to set the world on fire, and how I wish it were already ablaze." (Lk. 12:49) Our One Community Center will be a space in which our parish life will be transformed and revitalized. Here all parishioners will be led to understand their baptismal faith as the foundation of their witness. This could be done through a variety of sessions whose aim is setting hearts of parishioners ablaze and equipping them to embrace their role in passing on the flame of faith and bringing Christ's warmth and light to all. These sessions will strive to cultivate a spirituality for the New Evangelization; a spirituality that transforms ordinary lives for an extraordinary mission of being evangelizers. Such a spirituality leads one to encounter Christ in a deep way to the extent of being fired up by the Spirit of Christ. One who is filled with the Spirit of Christ cannot but share the joy of the Gospel with others leading them to be the best version of themselves. Equipping more parishioners will lead to more committed parishioners convinced of their faith and comfortable in sharing that faith with others. The basic purpose of our One Community Centre is to transform us all into dynamic Catholics who have a routine of prayer, who take time to study their faith, who are generous in time, talent and treasure and who are fired up to pass on their faith to others.

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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Pastor

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

From today, we are in the Ordinary Time of Liturgical year and the Holy Mother Church invites us to participate in a Marriage function at Cana.

Towards the end of the gospel, we read the comment of the head waiter that *"everyone serves good wine firstbut you have kept the good wine until now"*. It is to be understood that the life we enjoy is not the best one, but better life is yet to come. The food that we have eaten, the coffee that we drank so far, the friends that we have, and the day that we have are not the best ones, but there are better ones waiting for you and for

me. Yes, the life to come and the things to enjoy are the better ones. Do not be trapped in the present one, but look forward to the future with hope because God has prepared better days and better things for our beautiful life. Let us take courage and have hope in Christ, through His grace everything is possible.

This week, Jesus' message is simple - *"fill the jars with water."*

When the wedding party was in need, Jesus turned water into wine. Jesus works miracles. Nothing is impossible for us as long as we listen to Jesus. Imagine the *"impossibilities"*

we accomplish if we work together and listen to what God is telling us. Christians must fill the empty jars of loneliness, prejudice, and hate with mercy, kindness, and love, and allow God's miracle to transform the world.

Take Mary's advice: *"Do whatever he tells you."* John 2:5

BLESSINGS TO ALL!
DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4,5-6,8-10

The account in this reading contains quite significant ritual/liturgical language and action. Ezra acts in his capacity as priest, one who is responsible for interpreting the law. We note that the assembly is inclusive of men, women and children who are able to understand. There is a ritual preparation before the reading which takes about six or seven hours, from daybreak to midday! The reading is accompanied with a commentary in order to help the assembly understand the meaning of the law in the context of their lives.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19: 8,9,10,15

Psalm 19 is a song in praise of the law of the Lord - the Tora. The word Tora in Hebrew means "instruction" or "teaching". Six different synonyms are employed to extol the law. The law consisted of directives for living faithfully before God in accordance to God's will. The law was therefore the place of human encounter with God. Those shaped by the law were therefore godlike.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

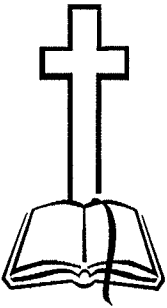
In this passage, Paul continues his teaching on the diversity of functions and services found in the Christian community. This time he uses the metaphor of the body. By this metaphor, Paul intends to portray several characteristics of the Christian community. First the passage underlines the aspect of unity in diversity, that is, unity is not uniformity. Second, Paul intends to underscore the absence of any form of competition among members, since no one activity is elevated above others. Our common Baptism is the source of our unity. "For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body..."

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21

The gospel passage begins with an introduction that sets the purpose for writing this account. Luke writes the account "in an orderly sequence" so that Theophilus may "realize the certainly of the teaching" he has received. The Gospel then gives a summary statement. Jesus has taught in the synagogues of Galilee and has been praised by all. He now returns to his home town of Nazareth and attends a Sabbath synagogue service. He is known in Nazareth as a Rabbi, and so he is given the scroll containing the passage from Isaiah (Is. 61:1-2). In these verses the prophet is endowed with the Spirit, having been anointed (chosen) by the Lord. The function of the prophet is proclamation. He is called to announce liberty, release, healing and the year of the Lord (Jubilee). With eyes in the synagogue fixed on him, Jesus boldly claims: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." He is therefore the one prophesied by Isaiah in this passage.

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

Mon., January 18, 2016 (8 am)

Fr. Cletus Mooya (RIP)

Marshall Sunajo (RIP)

Tues., January 19, 2016 (8 am)

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Omar Romero (RIP)

Poor Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

Wed., January 20, 2016 (8 am)

Selbistre Narito (RIP)

Ignacia Valdez Benitez (RIP)

Fr. Cletus Mooya (RIP)

Thurs. January 21, 2016 (8 am)

Tomas T. Asuncion

(Birthday Memorial)

Gregoria Taglinao

(Birthday Memorial)

Sy Siang (RIP)

Friday, January 22, 2016 (8 am)

Ignacia Valdez Benitez (RIP)

Heidi S. Taboan (RIP)

Bonifacio Manuel (RIP)

Saturday, January 23, 2016

8AM: Ignacia Valdez Benitez (RIP)

Isabel Romero (Birthday Blessing)

Julian Castillo, LJ (RIP)

5 PM: Mary Jenkins (RIP)

Sunday, January 24, 2016

7AM: Carmelo I. Solomon

(Birthday Memorial)

9AM: For the People

11AM: Maximo Codelina (RIP)

6PM: Ignacia Valdez Benitez (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, Darrylyn Bunda, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.



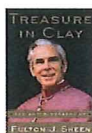
The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

RESPECT LIFE SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY RED MASS SPEAKER!

The Diocese of Honolulu's Respect Life Office invites all Catholics to attend a special presentation by Archbishop Bernardito Cleopas Auza this Wednesday, January 20. 6:30 –8:00 pm at St. Ann Church (46-129 Haiku Road, Kaneohe). Archbishop Auza will speak on the subjects of religious freedom in the world, assisted suicide and other life issues of concern to Catholics in Hawaii. For more info, contact the Diocesan Respect Life Office at 203-6722 or respectlife@rcchawaii.org.

The next Catholic Book Club

meeting will be held this Thurs., January 21, 7-9 pm in classroom 6. The discussion book will be 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.



The March for Life Rally & Luminary

Prayer Service will be held this 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. For all who are participating, please pick up your Respect Life t-shirt this weekend after either the 9:00 am, 11:00 am, or 6:00 pm Masses. The bus will depart St. John's parking lot at 4:00 pm and will return at 7:00 pm. Please check in by 3:30 pm and wear your Respect Life t-shirt. For more information, contact Mary Smart at 741-2358 or Melissa Crisostomo at 626-2469.

Black & Indian Mission and Church in Latin America Collections - Next weekend, 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, & 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.

SANTO NIÑO Novena - Come and join the Fil-Am Catholic Group as they pray a novena to the Holy Infant of Prague beginning on Thursday, January 28 through Saturday, February 6 here at the SJAE Parish. Please see the bulletin board for specific dates and location.



Family Faith Formation

Program presents their next session on *Restoring the Proper Order of the Sacraments* on Friday, January 29, 6-8 pm on the church grounds. Come and join in on the fun, faith-filled enrichment program for families. All Parishioners, Families, and Friends are welcome to attend!



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.



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.



See the bulletin insert for more information or go to www.catholicahawaii.org.

Stewardship of Treasure - January 9 / 10

Sunday Collection

- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,312.00
- 7:00 AM	\$3,297.78
- 9:00 AM	\$2,518.00
- 11:00 AM	\$2,210.35
- 6:00 PM	\$2,677.03
- Front Office	\$707.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$3,036.20
Candle Sales	\$552.00
Mass Intentions	\$120.00
Donation - Young Adults	\$110.00
Christmas Offering	\$10.00
Preschool	\$67.50
Donation - Outreach	\$991.50
Stewardship Development	\$125.25
Parish Hall Building Fund (non-assessed)	\$152.00
BEMO	\$1,122.25
Hui O Laulima	\$206.05
Weekend Total:	20,215.36

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

DECEASED: 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, Ignacia V. Benitez, and Jamie Maldonado, Sr.

The Original Order
Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist

On the occasion of *The Baptism of the Lord*, Bishop Larry Silva issued a “Decree of Promulgation” or a formal policy declaration. This decree explains that Bishop Larry is restoring the order of the Sacraments of Initiation to their original, historical order: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Why the change? During the first five hundred years or so of the history of the Catholic Church, the sacraments of Christian initiation were always celebrated in the same sequence: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. It was almost always the case that all three sacraments were celebrated together at the same time, even with infants. Over the centuries, the pastoral situations changed. In 2013 Pope Francis speaking with young people in Cagliari, Italy, described the current situation of the Sacrament of Confirmation jokingly by asking “What is this sacrament called? They reply: Confirmation. No! Its name has changed: ‘the sacrament of farewell! Is this true or not? They do this and then they leave the Church...Many young people move off after receiving Confirmation, the Sacrament of Farewell, of goodbye...It is an experience of failure, an experience that leaves emptiness and discourages us....” The current pastoral practice does not work. It can mislead people into believing that Confirmation is a rite of passage to adulthood, which lacks basis in Scripture and tradition.

In response to the current situation, more and more dioceses in the USA are restoring this original order to the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation. Today, Bishop Silva has decided that our diocese will soon celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation in their original order, which is Baptism, then Confirmation, and then First Holy Communion.

What does the change intend to achieve? Practically, the decree intends to fulfill three main goals:

- To restore the sacraments of initiation for those baptized as infants (before the age of 7) to the original order: Baptism, Confirmation and then First Holy Communion;
- To celebrate Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the same Mass at the age of reason (ordinarily at the age of 7 years);
- To implement comprehensive youth ministry in all parishes as defined in the USCCB document, *Renewing the Vision*.

What is the take away message?

- 1) Today Bishop Larry Silva declares a diocese-wide policy to restore the order of the Sacraments of Initiation to their original, historical order: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- 2) That means it becomes the policy of the Diocese for those who were baptized as infants to receive Confirmation *before* First Communion, not *after*.
- 3) Practically, this means that children in Second Grade will receive the two sacraments at the same Mass: Confirmation after the homily and First Holy Communion at Holy Communion time.
- 4) The implementation of this policy will take place in our parish between 2018 and 2020.

What will happen between now and 2018?

- 2016 and 2017 are preparatory years for clergy, DREs, catechists, volunteers, parents and the entire parish. Both the Diocese and the parish will help in this preparation especially to understand the vision of comprehensive youth ministry
- On Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for those who were baptized as infants and will then be in the Second Grade and having been appropriately prepared for the Sacrament. This will be celebrated after the Homily. All those confirmed on this day will also receive their First Holy Communion at this Mass.