



ST. JOHN APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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!

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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

Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

On March 13, 2015, Pope Francis, during a homily, announced an *Extraordinary Jubilee Year* focused on God's mercy. In the coming weekends we will explore the historical background and purpose of a Jubilee Year, and then focus on the Jubilee Year of Mercy.



JUBILEE OF MERCY

December 8, 2015 —
November 20, 2016

What is a Jubilee Year?

The celebration of a jubilee year every 50 years was an ancient Hebrew custom (see Leviticus 25:8-13). The jubilee year was a year of rest and restoration. During such years, captives were set free, debts cancelled, and the land was not sown or harvested.

In the 1300s, the Catholic Church adopted the tradition of proclaiming a jubilee year every 50 years to encourage Catholics to return to a life of holiness. By the 1400s, a jubilee was proclaimed every 25 years so that each generation could participate in the celebration. The last "ordinary" jubilee took place during the year 2000, to mark the second millennial anniversary of Christ's birth.

There is also a Catholic tradition of proclaiming an "extraordinary jubilee" outside the 25-year-cycle. The last such jubilees were held in 1933 and 1983, marking the 1900th and 1950th anniversaries of Christ's death and resurrection. The current Extraordinary Jubilee Year started on December 8, 2015 on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will continue till November 20, 2016. Before we consider what is happening during the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we will need to understand what mercy means. So stay tuned for the next 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.**

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

In the beginning of his gospel Luke explicitly states that he sets out to "compile a narrative of the events" of Jesus' person and mission. His story of Jesus, however, is more than facts. Jesus clearly proclaims who he is and what he comes to bring in today's gospel. He summed up his plan in these few words: **liberation of people from any type of slavery**. As he read the scripture text, all eyes were focused on him. At that time whoever sat down to instruct others was considered master, a teacher, and Luke wants to tell us that **Jesus is now our master**; our attention must now focus on him alone, we must not look at anybody else. Although in Jesus' time the Jews were not in captivity, the situation was difficult. Other forms of oppression had taken its place: the rich were exploiting the poor, the masters were not paying their workers, and the strong abused the weak. And Jesus "in the power of the Spirit," comes to bring a new teaching. As God's **anointed one**; he comes to bring the human community glad tidings, sight, freedom, favor.

In the first reading, Ezra identifies the reasons of evil in among the Jews who had returned from the captivity. He immediately realizes that it was due to their failure to keep the law. The people failed to keep the Lord's

commandments and precepts not out of wickedness, but out of ignorance: they didn't know them anymore. Ezra addressed this by calling an assembly of all people old enough to understand, and "reads the book of the law from dawn till noon." In this assembly nobody remains at home or seeks excuses to stay away to look after his own affairs. The people attentively listened and at the end bowed down in worship. After making an examination of conscience, they realized that they had not kept God's law and manifested the will to repent. Sometimes we forget that it is the task of everyone to nourish his/her faith together with others through listening to the word of God. Aren't there members of our parish who sit back, or keep talking, or move around without paying attention, forgetting that the word of God is being proclaimed?

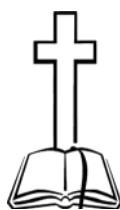
In Jesus' proclamation, he dramatically asserts that the passage of Scripture he read **is fulfilled** in their hearing. Jesus now **is** the book, the Good News, the Word made flesh. His word is a creative word fulfilled **in him** and continues in the gospel in which **we ourselves** encounter him and are moved to be disciples. Jesus is enfleshed today in the lives of those who encounter him in the gospel. This happens only when we ourselves respond to those around us who need a

nourishing, strengthening, joyful word, and our deeds. We can do so because, like Jesus, in our baptism we have been **anointed with the spirit**. By our baptism we have received a share in Jesus' saving deeds. This means that God's word isn't something we only hear on Sundays, but becomes a living word in our hearts, inspiring us to become living gospels. As we gradually grow into being "anointed by the Spirit," we, like Jesus are the fulfillment of the Scriptures.

As Christians we must keep claiming this hope of liberation and thus continue Jesus' work. Do we open up the eyes of the blind, that is, of those who are morally blind to the truth of the gospel through ignorance? Are we like the master, against any form of oppression? Spiritual blindness impairs vision, our sense of sin and makes us to compromise and accept what is evil as good. It makes us accept any form of oppression as good in the name of **human rights and freedom**. Each Sunday we come to celebrate what God has done for us. Jesus' sacramental presence will empower and fill your heart with his love and his grace to live a holy life. If you are properly disposed, like the Israelites, God will surely fill you up!

FR. BONIFACE WAEMA

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 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;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): [streaminghomilies](http://streaminghomilies.com)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon., January 25, 2016 (8 am)

Ignacia Valdez Benitez (RIP)

Carmelo I. Solomon (RIP)

Poor Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

Tues., January 26, 2016 (8 am)

Ignacia Valdez Benitez (RIP)

Audry Kawa'a (Healing)

Suzanne Oshima (Healing)

Wed., January 27, 2016 (8 am)

Tadashi Furuta (RIP)

Ignacia Valdez Benitez (RIP)

Pacita Mauleon (RIP)

Thurs. January 28, 2016 (8 am)

Ignacia Valdez Benitez (RIP)

Marcelino S. Wong (RIP)

Friday, January 29, 2016 (8 am)

Nydia Pagan (RIP)

Ignacia Valdez Benitez (RIP)

Eugene Ottarski (RIP)

Thomas E. Silva (RIP)

Saturday, January 30, 2016

8AM: Tina Aguinaldo

(Birthday Blessings)

Sonny & Tessie Aquino

(Blessings / Thanksgiving)

Vicente & Glicería Dumbrique (RIP)

5 PM: Ignacia Valdez Benitez (RIP)

Sunday, January 31, 2016

7AM: Isidoro B. Barayuga (RIP)

9AM: For the People

11AM: Jaime Maldonado, Sr. (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 Culkin, Joyce Agsaldá, 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.



Old Blessed Palms needed for Ash Wednesday. Please drop off your old palms, from January 25 thru February 7, in the box provided near the church entrance.

Black & Indian Mission and Church in Latin America Collections - This weekend 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* this 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, & friends are invited!



The Knights of Columbus, Council 14336,



will be holding an information and membership drive next weekend, January 30/31, after all Masses. Stop by their table and learn about their family activities, charitable works in the parish and community, as well as AAA-rated member benefits like life insurance, annuities, disability income, long-term care, and mutual fund investment opportunities. With over 15,000 councils and 2 million members worldwide, the man who stands with us never stands alone.

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.



For more info go to www.catholicahawaii.org

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.



Mutual Loving: A Valentine's Day Special

Retreat for couples in 1-5 years of Marriage on February 13 from 9am - 4pm with pupus, music, and dancing from 4-5 pm at the St. Anthony Retreat Center. To register, contact the St. Anthony Retreat Center at 845-4353, sarc3351@gmail.com, or visit their website www.saintanthonyretreat.org.

Island Leadership Retreat 2016: Mercy like

the Father. A single day retreat, held at the *Mystical Rose Oratory* (Waialae) on March 12, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, designed for anyone 18 yrs or older who minister to high school youth and/or young adults (18-39 yrs old). If you are a high school or RCIA catechist, a youth/young adult ministry member, a marriage or baptismal prep teacher, or if you interact with youth and/or young adults through your ministry, this is for you! \$15/person registration fee. For more info, visit www.oahu-ilr2016.eventbrite.com.

Planned Giving

Good Stewardship requires us to think of the future. Have your estate plan prepared now and express your good stewardship in ways that will bless your family. Please remember **St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church** in your will.

Stewardship of Treasure - January 16 / 17

Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,523.00
- 7:00 AM	\$2,717.30
- 9:00 AM	\$2,848.12
- 11:00 AM	\$2,537.19
- 6:00 PM	\$2,371.00
- Front Office	\$402.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$1,596.00
Candle Sales	\$579.00
Mass Intentions	\$300.00
Donation - Young Adults	\$110.00
All Souls Offering	\$50.00
Donation - Outreach	\$119.00
Stewardship Development	\$28.25
BEMO	\$995.25
Parish Hall Building Fund (non-assessed)	\$248.25
Hui O Laulima	\$37.00
Church in Latin America	\$5.00
Weekend Total:	\$17,466.36

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

DECEASED: 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, Jaime Maldonado, Sr., Thomas E. Silva, Sr., and Mary G. Cordero.