



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)

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Fr. Boniface Waema (x 104)

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Office Administrator (x 103)

Jolly Guerrero-Tano

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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

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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

A Very Acceptable Time

This coming Wednesday is **Ash Wednesday**. It marks the beginning of Lent; a time to "turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel" (Mk 1:15) "Transforming people one at a time is at the heart of God's plan for the world." Ash Wednesday is the first of forty days of the Lenten Season that precedes Easter. Through the ashes we receive, symbolic of penance, we are reminded that all we are and all we have belong to God. We own nothing, not even our own selves. What we think we own actually belongs to God: God has given us so much in trust: time, talents and treasure. Therefore all of them belong to God. That is the meaning of the ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday. "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." (Gen. 3:19)

This Lenten Season, God has an incredible possibility for you to encounter Jesus Christ in a way you never imagined. That is why Saint Paul tells us, "Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (2 Cor. 6:2) It is a very acceptable time because you and I are going to be deeply touched by God as we encounter His Son Jesus Christ who will transform us with grace and prepare us for his mission of touching others around us. Let us open our hearts to this incredible possibility.

May we have a blessed and fruitful Lenten Season.

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.**



Jubilee Year of Mercy: December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016
"Merciful like the Father"

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

"I WAS JUST MINDING MY OWN BUSINESS." Isaiah and Peter both can say this when asked what got into them. The First Reading is the call and response between God and Isaiah. Presumably, he was praying privately in the temple area outside the Holy of Holies. God's call to people in the Sacred Scripture does not depend on being in the exactly right or holy place. Moses was tending sheep and Amos was tending sycamores.

In his vision, Isaiah feels "doomed," because to have a vision of God means death or drastic change. In the Scripture, those approached and invited have very good excuses to protect their well-being. Isaiah tries to get out by acknowledging that he has "unclean lips." The excuses are the truth, but God seems to play the trump card. The Seraphim, or servant angels surrounding the royal throne of God, fly down with a burning coal and purify as well as inspire God's call. Isaiah

has stated the truth and God has not denied that truth but makes a counter proposal.

The story does not end there. Now that Isaiah's excuses and his past have been dealt with, there is a future. The vision of God is accompanied by sound. A voice asks a "leading question." "Whom shall I send?" Freed from his negative excuse Isaiah replies simply, "Here I am, send me."

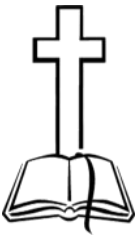
The Gospel relates the call and response between Jesus and Peter. Jesus is always teaching and does some act which invites a response. Jesus invites himself into the emptiness of the human condition resulting in a further and deeper response. In the gospel, Jesus reaches out into the emptiness of Peter's fishing life. Jesus asks for a simple act of faith by lowering their nets into deeper waters. "Put out into the deep water." What might that

mean? Putting out into deep water can mean a change in attitude toward our family, toward people in our community. It can mean a change to a simpler lifestyle, so others may simply live. It may mean venturing into the deep water of our own prejudices and habitual ways of thinking and making changes.

In our lives of faith, we also believe that the deep water is where we will find Jesus. As we look forward to Ash Wednesday we are all invited to go into the 'deep water' in our lives. The deep waters signify a place of uncertainty, challenge, risk, and the unknown. But it also points to a tremendous opportunity for redemption and to experience the mercy of God. Let us be open to "lowering our nets into the deep waters of faith" during this Lenten Season.

**BLESSINGS,
DEACON WALLY MITSUI**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2016



First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

This passage contains one of the most important confessions of faith in the first part of the Old Testament. The passage shows that this profession of faith was part of Jewish celebration of the First Fruits, acknowledging that the land itself was a gift from God. The celebration consisted of action (offering of the basket containing the produce) and the reciting of the saving action of God for his people. The writer shows that this tradition originates from Moses as Israel journeyed towards the Land of Promise (salvation). What is your plan for showing gratitude to God for the "land": the gifts, talents and treasure God has given you, the source of your income during the Season of Lent?

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 91:1-2,10-11,12-13,14-15

Psalm 91 is certainly a prayer used a worshiper in a liturgy. The worshiper is first called and told to how to turn to God in trust. The phrase "shelter of the most high" is in reference to a sacred place or shrine where the worshiper is at prayer, calling upon God: "Be with me, Lord when I am in trouble." Do you turn to God in prayer when in trouble?

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

In this passage Paul puts together three themes. 1) He stresses singular importance of faith as the basis of salvation. 2) He reinterprets the Scripture from the point of view of Christ. 3) He proclaims the universal character of salvation through Christ. These three themes underline the centrality of Christ in the mystery of salvation and the need to accept the Gospel for one to open oneself to Christ's saving power. The bottom line is that faith in Christ is salvific, effecting the saving works of Christ. What is your plan (personally and as family) for deepening your faith in the mystery of salvation this Lent?

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

The Gospel passage is an account of the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness. The wilderness was a dangerous place inhabited by wild animals, a refuge of bandits; the abode of demons. It was also a symbolic place of Israel's testing (cf. Deut 8:2). The account shows certain similarity to the Israelites in the desert, but unlike them, Jesus does not give into the test. The temptations happen in three places: the wilderness; on a high mountain; and on the parapet of the Temple in Jerusalem. In each of the temptations Jesus is challenged to prove he is the Son of God and three times Jesus resists and quotes Scripture to show his faithfulness the Father (cf. Deut 8:1-3; Deut 6:13; Ps 91:11-12). How do you face temptations when you encounter them?

Follow Msgr. John's homilies! Blog (text): <http://www.sundayhomily.com>

Podcast (audio): <http://streaminghomilies.podbean.com> iTunes (audio): [Streaming Homilies](#)

Mass for the Intentions

Mon., February 8, 2016 (8 am)

Mr. & Mrs. Henry DeCosta
(Anniversary Blessings)
Bienvenida B. Millan (RIP)
Jeffrey A. Ramelb (RIP)

Tues., February 9, 2016 (8 am)

Apoliona R. Recibe (Birthday Blessing)
Anthony Yannitelli (RIP)
Allen Baytes (Birthday Blessing)

Wed., February 10, 2016 (8 am)

Leonardo Pascua (RIP)
Guillermo G. Uytingco (RIP)
Lucia Ramento (RIP)

Thurs. Feb. 11, 2016 (8 am)

Belen R. Santos (RIP)
Mr. & Mrs. Rodgrigo Balicoco & Family
(Thanksgiving)
Brooke Galicinao (Birthday Blessing)

Fri., February 12, 2016 (8 am)

Mr. & Mrs. Rodrigo Balicoco & Family
(Thanksgiving)
Alejandro Bolosan (RIP)
John & Frances Clarke (RIP)
Walter S. Rabacal (RIP)

Saturday, February 13, 2016

8AM: Henry DeCosta
(Birthday Blessing)

5 PM: Steven Grace
(Birthday Blessing)

Sunday, February 14, 2016

7AM: Alejandro Bolosan (RIP)
9AM: For the People
11AM: Cornelia A. Ramelb (RIP)
6 PM: Sheryl Beathard (Healing)

Please pray for our Members & Friends

HEALING / BLESSINGS: Marsha Cha, Sue Mamiya, Sammie Chang, Annie Chang, Chang Family, Mike Culkin, 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, Darryln Bunda, Ellen Cleghorn, Hilaria Santos, Fr. Edward Turner, Maureen Hart, Monica Pangelinan, and Diane Kotch, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Vicente T. Reyes, Marshall Sunajo, Rebekah Gomes, Selbistre "Stan" Narito, Cheryl Calvin, Ignacia V. Benitez, Jaime Maldonado, Sr., Thomas E. Silva, Sr., Mary G. Cordero, Jarrett B. Bolosan, Walter S. Rabacal, and John Gibson.

Ash Wednesday Masses (February 10) will be held at 8:00 am, 5:00 pm, and 7:00 pm.

Stations of the Cross will take place this Friday, February 12 at 7:00 pm, followed by a frugal meal that is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.



Additional Time for Confession. Each Friday during Lent, there will be a Priest in the Confessional from 5:30 pm through the duration of Stations of the Cross for your convenience.



Hungering for the Journey - Join our parish community, and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States, in a life-changing Lenten Journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's Rice Bowl after Mass from the back of the Church this weekend, & don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! Remember, what you give up for Lent changes lives.



World Marriage Day - Marriage & Family Life Commission (MFLC) invites all married couples to renew their wedding vows next weekend, **February 13/14** at all Masses. Please bring your spouse & recommit to one another the joy you felt on that special day. More info, contact Duane & Wanya Ogata at ogataohana@msn.com.

The Spring 2016 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil & Fasting Campaign will take place February 10 thru March 20. A group from our parish will participate in a prayerful vigil at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility located at 1350 S. King Street on the following dates: 2/15, 2/24, 2/29, 3/10, & 3/14. Those who are interested may sign-up at the back of the church. The group will leave the church parking lot at 9 am and return at approx. 11:30 am, depending on traffic. For more info, contact Mary Smart at 741-2358.

Lenten Renewal - Prepare for Lent by reading "Bringing Lent Home with Pope Francis" by Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle. This booklet will truly provide your family with practical structure of family prayers, reflections, and activities for each day of Lent. Limited supply, \$5 donation to MFLC. Contact Duane & Wanya Ogata, ogataohana@msn.com, to get a copy.



The next 24-Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, March 4, immediately after the 8:00 am Mass and ending at 7:30 am on Saturday, March 5.



Remember this Lent:

***FASTING:** In the United States dioceses, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday (February 10) and Good Friday (March 25). To **fast** means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meal (excepting water and medicine) is not permitted on fast days.

***ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT:** Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday. To **abstain** means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, through the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

The next Catholic Book Club Meeting will be held on February 18, 7-9 pm in classroom 6. The discussion book will be on *The Final Confrontation* by Ralph Martin. Borrow or buy the book, read it, and join our book discussion. For more info, contact Melissa Crisostomo 626-2469 or alohamc@yahoo.com.

Planned Giving

Who needs estate planning? Every adult who is legally competent, who owns anything and cares about who receives it at the time of his or her disability or death. Please remember **St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church** in your will.

Stewardship of Treasure - January 30 / 31

Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,452.50
- 7:00 AM	\$2,589.25
- 9:00 AM	\$3,024.25
- 11:00 AM	\$2,281.50
- 6:00 PM	\$2,627.58
- Front Office	\$513.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$2,199.25
Candle Sales	\$473.00
Mass Intentions	\$200.00
Donation - YYA	\$110.00
Holiday Fund	\$10.00
Preschool	\$38.00
Donation - Outreach	\$577.00
Stewardship Development	\$33.25
BEMO	\$1,358.90
Hui O Laulima	\$96.50
Parish Hall Building Fund (non-assessed)	\$422.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$7.00
Church in Latin America	\$50.00
Weekend Total:	\$19,062.98

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