



FEBURARY 27 / 28, 2016
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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!

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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

The Transforming Power of Almsgiving

Almsgiving has a transforming power. The prophet Tobit says: "Prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is almsgiving accompanied by righteousness ... It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life" (Tob 12:8-9). Why is almsgiving better than prayer and fasting? Almsgiving is a form of prayer because it is "giving to God" and not mere philanthropy. It is a form of fasting because it demands sacrificial giving, not just giving something, but giving up something, giving till it hurts. In the Sermon on the Mountain, Jesus teaches on almsgiving first as a necessary part of Christian life: "when you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, to win praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing" (Mt 6:2-3). Jesus does not say IF you give alms, but WHEN. Like fasting and prayer, almsgiving is non-negotiable for us Christians.

What do we mean by almsgiving? We often think of almsgiving in terms of financial contribution and giving to the less fortunate. But we can also give our time, our talents as well as our treasure. How could you give time during this season of Lent? You could, for example, give time by visiting the homebound, the sick or prisoners. You could also decide to meet with new parishioners to make them feel at home. That implies generous giving of your time for someone else. If you are a godparent, you could decide to spend some prime time with your godchildren this season. God has given so many talents to each of us. You could put these talents at the service of others as a gift at home, in the parish community or in the neighborhood. Regarding treasure, Scripture recommends tithing, a contribution of 10% to your parish. That is the ideal and so you start with baby steps of 1%. The Lord blesses those who make their promise and keep it. Are you keeping up with your pledge to your stewardship commitment? Generosity is the third sign of a dynamic Catholic.

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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 CATHOLIC CHURCH: THE WELL OF LIVING WATER



Long ago, when people were thirsty and out of water, they journeyed to the nearest well to fetch a bucket full of clean water. Today, our reliance on fresh water has not changed. We all must constantly hydrate to remain healthy. Fittingly, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman that everyone who drinks water from the well will always be thirsty, but those who drink from Christ's living water will never thirst - and will be led to eternal life.

The story of the Samaritan woman is a metaphor for our own lives - often lived in deserts of alienation, sinfulness, and despair. This season of Lent, we long for refreshing water to acknowledge our own need in the midst of the desert, our need of breaking down barriers, and our need of finding the living water that will truly quench our thirst.

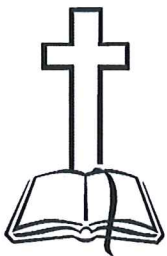
Welcome to the Catholic Church - the Well of Living Water! When we enter through the doors of our parish, we have journeyed to the Well of Living Water. Here, we partake in Christ's Word, His Body and His Blood. In the Church, we find rejuvenation and strength to continue our journey towards holiness. Within these walls,

we thank God for everything he has given to us. Our spirit cannot live without Christ. When we fill our spirit with Him, we allow ourselves to also become full of Living Water. At St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church, the Well of Living Water will never run dry. We are all invited to come and take the water of life as a gift. May we respond to that invitation with an ever greater thirst, and say "*in spirit and truth*" to Jesus now, "*Give us that life giving water always!*"

Christ is the Living Water. We are challenged to be filled with Christ and bless the World with Living Water!

BLESSINGS TO ALL!
DCN. ROMEO GANIBE

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016



First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

This passage was a prophetic and legendary account of the beginning of David's reign through the anointing by Samuel. Since Saul had proven himself unworthy, God rejected his line of descendants and chose a new king — David. This account shows that it was truly God's choice, not anyone else's, by the consistent rejection of the more promising brothers, and the final selection of the youngest and least of them. Subsequent history would see David's reign in relation to the promised Messiah who would come from the line of David.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6

Psalm 23 is one of the most familiar psalms to all Christians, and picks up the theme of the shepherd in the first reading. The office of leadership of God's people, symbolized by a shepherd, is also a symbol of God's lordship. Response: "The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

The theme of light overcoming darkness is one of the most consistently recurring themes in early Christian literature. The point emphasized by Paul here is that our Baptism introduces an absolute break with the darkness of the past; there can be no question of looking back to past ways and habits. The new light through Baptism does away with all our spiritual darkness and hints at the themes of the Gospel.

Gospel: John 9:1-41

The healing of the man born blind in the Gospel passage leads to a controversy with the Pharisees quite similar to the discussion between Jesus and the Samaritan woman on salvation and revelation in the Gospel of last Sunday. The blind man gives Jesus the opportunity to show forth once again his own true divine nature for all to see and believe. The point being made is that the Pharisees do not understand their own spiritual blindness (vss. 40-41). On the other hand, the man born blind understands both his physical and spiritual blindness, and makes his confession of faith (vss. 35-38). John intends to show here a clarification of the difference between those who are willfully blind, and those who trust in Jesus, the Son of God.

Mass & Intentions for the Week

Mon., February 29, 2016 (8 am)

Nydia F. Pagan (RIP)

Isidoro B. Barayuga (RIP)

Charlotte Hodapp (RIP)

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 (8 am)

All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

Wed., March 2, 2016 (8 am)

All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

Thursday, March 3, 2016 (8 am)

All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

Friday, March 4, 2016 (8 am)

Feliciano Dona (RIP)

Two-Hearts & Our Lady of Fatima

Prayer Groups

(Good Health/Guidance/Protection)

Saturday, March 5, 2016

8AM: Hilaria & Prima Aquino (RIP)

Daniel Phelps (RIP)

5 PM: Mary M. Coldwell (RIP)

Sunday, March 6, 2016

7AM: All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

9AM: For the People

11AM: All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

6PM: All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

Please pray for our Members & Friends

HEALING/BLESSINGS: Sue

Mamiya, Sammie Chang, Annie Chang, Chang Family, Mike Culkin, Joyce Agsald, Darlene Catekista, BJ Sagocio, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Mina DeJesus, Bob & Mel 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, Diane Kotch, Mona DeCosta, Josephine Ponce, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: 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, John Gibson, Catherine Phillips, David Twelker, Mr & Mrs. Hilburn T. Miller, and Robert Atiburico.



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

Hungering for a Healthy Start - The next



stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation of Rwanda, where we're reminded to care for the unborn.

This week we pray for pregnant mothers, that they may have the medical and nutritional support they need to raise healthy, thriving children. Extra Rice bowls are available at the back of the church. Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

The Spring 2016 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil & Fasting Campaign continues

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: 2/29, 3/10, & 3/14. Sign-up at the back of the church. The group will leave the church parking lot at 9 am & return before noon. For more info, contact Mary Smart at 741-2358.

Lenten Book Fair - The Daughters of Saint Paul

from Pauline Books & Media Center, will hold a book fair after all Sunday Masses next weekend, March 5/6. There will be a selection of religious books, music CD's, DVD's, and religious articles for purchase. If you have special requests, please call Pauline Books & Media Center at 521-2731.

Catholic Relief Services Collection - Next

weekend, March 5/6, our parish will be taking up a collection for CRS. The funds will help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees and Christ's love and respect to all people. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. You may drop your donation during offertory or donate online by visiting our parish website, clicking "Online Giving." Please give generously and help Jesus in disguise.

Lenten Parish Mission - The Jubilee Year of Mercy: Receiving & Sharing God's Mercy featuring Fr. Felix Just, S.J. will be held on March 7 & 8 at 7:00 pm. Don't forget to bring your Bible, family and friends!



Our Parish Lenten Penance Service will take place on March 9th at 7:00 pm in the Church.

FREE Caregiver Workshop on

Saturday, March 12, from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at St. John A&E Church.

Workshop has 3 topics: *Talk Story with retired MG Tony Taguba*, *Prepare to Care*, and *Improving Quality of Life for Caregivers & Loved Ones at Home*. Free bento lunch will be provided! Call Connie Murphy 625-7773, Deb Zedalis 348-2973 or visit <http://aarp.cvent.com/care3-12> to register.



PIANO ACCOMPANIST

The Music Ministry is looking for a volunteer pianist to accompany the 7:00 AM choir at Mass on Sundays. If you are interested, please contact Nick Calzada (ncalzada@rcchawaii.org) for more information on auditioning.

Catholics Returning Home - If you are a non

-practicing Catholic or know of someone who left the Church and is not practicing their faith, we invite you and ask you to encourage others to join us for an informal listening session and update of the Catholic faith. See bulletin insert for more info.

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on March 17, 7-9 pm in classroom 6. The discussion book will be on *Finding God's Will for You* by St. Francis de Sales. Borrow/buy the book, read it, and join our book discussion. For more info, contact Melissa Crisostomo at alohamc@yahoo.com.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, March 4, immediately after the 8:00 am Mass until 12:00 noon.

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 and you church. Please remember St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church in your will.

Stewardship of Treasure - February 20 / 21

Sunday Collection

- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,646.50
- 7:00 AM	\$2,261.75
- 9:00 AM	\$3,570.25
- 11:00 AM	\$2,757.77
- 6:00 PM	\$2,149.33
- Front Office	\$241.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$3,405.75

Candle Sales \$388.00

Offerings - Marriage \$150.00

Offerings - Baptism \$20.00

Donation - Outreach \$209.00

Donation - YYA \$50.00

Mass Intentions \$50.00

Holiday Fund \$10.00

Stewardship Development \$33.25

Building Fund (non-assessed) \$207.00

BEMO \$1,053.25

Hui O Lailima \$55.75

Catholic Campaign for HD \$7.00

Frugal Meal/Rice Bowl \$90.00

Weekend Total: \$19,355.60

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

Protecting God's Creation • Embracing Gospel Justice • Nurturing Spiritual Fulfillment

Water

Our Lenten practice this week is to conserve and protect the gift of water.

Water is essential for life. If life is sacred, then whatever supports life is sacred.

The oceans, rivers, lakes, and streams are part of God's wondrous creation. Looking at our blue planet from space, it might appear that we have a lot of water. But only 1 percent is available for human consumption. Since there are over 7 billion humans—not to mention all the plants and other animals that depend on water to stay alive—we must learn to share and use water wisely. As God's stewards we are called to care for this sacred gift. We must learn to protect water (don't pollute) and use it carefully (conserve, don't waste). That's going to be our focus this week.

The world water crisis is one of the largest public health issues of our time. Millions of women and children spend hours every day walking miles to collect water. Nearly 11 percent of the world's population lacks access to safe drinking water. Approximately 1.6 million people die annually from unavoidably consuming polluted water. Just because we have access to water doesn't mean that we can be wasteful. Our observance of Lent this week is a call to use water more responsibly, keeping in mind the many who suffer for lack of this essential resource.

At home, we have many opportunities to reduce our water footprint by up to 25 percent. Wasting water—with leaks, long showers, letting it run unnecessarily while washing teeth or dishes, and careless landscape watering—is not only expensive, but an issue of justice as well.



"We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth; . . . our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters."

—Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*

"You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it."

—Psalm 65:10

What the Church Is Saying

1. Access to Safe and Sufficient Water Is a Basic Human Right

"Access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights. Our world has a grave social debt towards the poor who lack access to drinking water, because they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity."

—Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*

2. The World Water Crisis Is an Ethical Issue

"Attention also needs to be paid to the world-wide problem of water and to the global water cycle system, which is of prime importance for life on earth. . . . The ecological problem must be dealt with not only because of the chilling prospects of environmental degradation on the horizon; the real motivation must be the quest for authentic world-wide solidarity inspired by the values of charity, justice and the common good."

—Pope Benedict XVI

3. Overconsuming Water Impairs the Well-Being of Society

"The hoarding of resources, especially water, can generate serious conflicts among the peoples involved. Peaceful agreement about the use of resources can protect nature and, at the same time, the well-being of the societies concerned."

—Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*

4. Dangers of Privatizing Water by Corporations

"By its very nature water cannot be treated as just another commodity among many, and it must be used rationally and in solidarity with others. . . . The right to water, as all human rights, finds its basis in human dignity and not in any kind of merely quantitative assessment that considers water as a merely economic good."

—Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church

"Praise to you, my Lord, through Sister Water, so useful, humble, precious, and pure." —St. Francis of Assisi

Our water consumption is measured in three categories: home, agricultural, and industrial. The average American lifestyle requires nearly 2,000 gallons of water per day. Only 5 percent (100–150 gallons) passes through the kitchen, bathroom, laundry, and yard. Nearly 95 percent of water usage is hidden in the food we eat, energy we use, products we buy, and services we rely on. For example, it takes approximately 40 gallons for a bag of potato chips and a whopping 1,500 gallons of water to produce one pound of beef. Water is required to manufacture our clothing (650 gallons for a cotton T-shirt), paper (three gallons for one sheet), a pair of leather shoes (2,114 gallons), and to produce steel for one car (32,000 gallons). It's important to learn more about the water footprint of our food and manufactured goods. If each of us learned to conserve just a little more water, it could add up to big savings.

How much is needed?

Each person needs about twenty-one gallons of water a day for a reasonable standard of living. In the world's poorest countries, people use just 2½ gallons a day to wash, clean and cook. In the United States, the typical lifestyle requires 100–150 gallons per day in home usage. On average, it takes: two to six gallons per minute for a shower; ten to thirty-five gallons for a full load in the washing machine; two to five gallons per flush of the toilet; five to fifteen gallons to run the dishwasher.

Action Steps

This Lent we are trying to live a more just and sustainable lifestyle. Listed below are suggestions for using water in more thoughtful and conserving ways. Consider the steps you can take this week.

If There's Only One Thing You Can Do . . .



Kick the bottled water habit this Lent (and thereafter).

This is an easy yet effective water-choice to live more simply. In the United States, over a half billion bottles of water are bought every week—enough to circle the globe more than five times. It's a waste of energy and resources. Over 70 percent of them end up in landfills where it can take 700 years for them to decompose. Don't trash the planet. Instead, buy a reusable bottle and go to the water tap.

In the Kitchen

- ☐ Run your dishwasher only when fully loaded; skip the pre-rinse cycle.
- ☐ Avoid wasting water by letting it run thoughtlessly during food preparation and cleanup.
- ☐ Put aerators on faucets to reduce household water flow by two gallons a minute.

In the Bathroom

- ☐ Fix leaky faucets and toilets. One drip per second equals 3,000 gallons of wasted water per year.

- ☐ Use a timer to reduce shower time by 2–5 minutes. Extra credit: install low-flow showerheads to decrease water use by 20–60 percent.
- ☐ Turning off water while brushing teeth can save two gallons per minute.
- ☐ Replace old toilets with modern low-volume dual-flush models.
- ☐ Keep water clean and safe. Household hazardous waste and pharmaceuticals thrown into the toilet make our streams unhealthy.

Other

- ☐ Eat a bit less meat, especially beef. A typical hamburger can take 400 gallons to produce.
- ☐ Only run your washing machine with full loads—and use the coolest water possible.
- ☐ Purchase products with minimal packaging. One pound of plastic equals twenty-four gallons of water!
- ☐ Choose outdoor landscaping appropriate for your climate—native plants and grasses that thrive on natural rainfall.
- ☐ Practice sustainable irrigation and responsible lawn care. Don't water in the heat of the day.

Steps Continued

1. Calculate your water footprint at www.waterfootprint.org. Learn how much water it takes to produce an apple, a pound of chicken, or a microchip.
2. Watch the documentary *Flow: For Love of Water*. Learn how the world's water supply is being privatized and taken over by corporations.
3. Join the campaign to End Water Poverty, a global injustice causing millions to live without access to clean water and sanitation.
4. Watch *The Story of Bottled Water* at storyofstuff.org.
5. Participate in World Water Day on March 22. Become educated on water issues.
6. Learn about your contribution to the water problems in California where one-third of the nation's vegetables and two-thirds of its fruits and nuts are grown.

All this and more available online at www.Lent42.org.

Prayer

*Creator God,
your waters refresh our bodies
and give life to Earth.
From the hardness of our hearts,
bring forth the waters
of compassion and care.
Open our hearts
to the water crisis of our world.
Guide us in ways to reduce waste
and over consumption of your resources.
Teach us to use our sacred waters wisely.
Amen.*