



MARCH 5 / 6, 2016  
THE FOURTH 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!

### PARISH CLERGY

*Pastor*

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### PARISH PROGRAMS

*Outreach (x 203)*

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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 Corporal Works of Mercy*

During this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis urges us to reawaken our understanding of the corporal works of mercy. They are at the center of our Christian faith and its application. Mother Teresa dedicated her life to picking up the poor and the suffering from the streets of Calcutta and other major cities in India and providing for them the most basic necessities: food, shelter, a blanket, and a bit of human warmth and kindness. Many were desperately sick with incurable illnesses, but it made no difference to Mother Teresa and her Sisters of Charity. They were committed to loving the poor as "Jesus in disguise," so to speak. The sisters saw the Lord as truly present in all who suffer.

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are encouraged to practice these corporal works of mercy. The poor occupy a special place in God's mercy. In his teaching, Jesus challenges us and reminds us that the corporal works of mercy are the practical application of the commandment "Love your neighbor as yourself." The corporal works of mercy will be the criterion by which we will be judged in the end as Jesus teaches in *Matthew 25:31-45*. These verses outline the seven corporal works of mercy which are practical ways of living the commandment of love. Especially during this Year of Mercy, a priest in the confessional may propose one of the following corporal works of mercy as your penance instead of the usual prayers.

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| (1) Feed the hungry           | (5) Visit the sick       |
| (2) Give drink to the thirsty | (6) Visit the imprisoned |
| (3) Clothe the naked          | (7) Bury the dead        |
| (4) Shelter the homeless      |                          |

When you engage in one of these corporal works of mercy, you encounter Christ in the person you are serving. Your encounter is transforming. Next week we will consider the "Spiritual Works of Mercy." Stay tuned!

*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"*

## CALLED TO BE BEARERS OF THE LIGHT

The central message of this Sunday is that Christ heals our spiritual blindness in our Baptism and makes us bearers of the truth. That is the meaning of the second Scrutiny celebrated this Sunday for those preparing for Baptism at Easter. The celebrant prays over the Candidates and anoints them with *Holy Oil* in a rite of exorcism that symbolically restores their spiritual sight so that they begin to see Jesus, follow him become bearers of the light.

The purpose of the second scrutiny is to symbolically restore the spiritual sight of the catechumens, so that they can see Jesus and follow him. For those already Baptized, Christ renews our vision as if it were from 10/10 to 20/20 vision, so that we can begin to see as God sees (cf. 1 Sam 16:7). The three readings help us to see a sharp contrast between light and darkness. In the first reading, Samuel struggles as it were in darkness, trying to

find a king, but only succeeds in finding young David when he begins to see as God sees. In the second reading, Paul reminds us that we were once darkness, but now because of our Baptism we are the light in the Lord. We are therefore challenged to be bearers of the light.

The story of the man born blind in the Gospel contrasts the sight of the man born blind to the blindness of intellectual Pharisees. The Gospel reminds us that our Baptism enlightens us to see and embrace God's vision, life, goodness and truth. Our Baptism commits us to be bearers of the light and to confront the spiritual blindness of the world with the truth.

The passage clearly contrasts light and darkness, faith and the refusal to accept the truth. In the story, Jesus not only gives the blind man his sight, physical light, but he also gives him the light of faith. The story is about you and me in

moments of our own spiritual blindness and darkness. In our selfishness; our inclinations for pleasure; in our greed for material things, we become spiritually blind and lose our spiritual sight.

The message we take home is threefold:

1) In baptism, Christ has healed our blindness and given us the light of faith, so that, like the healed blind man, we may proclaim Christ boldly despite the opposition from those still in darkness. 2) Just as the blind man, after being healed, began to witness to Christ, we too are challenged to become bearers of the light even in times of opposition. 3) Just as in the Gospel story, we must not allow dishonesty and the distortion of the truth to dim our light, because Christ is our Light.

**MSGR. JOHN S. MBINDA**  
PASTOR

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016



### First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14 (34A)

This brief passage concludes the famous vision of Ezekiel of the dry bones being covered again with flesh and restored to life (37:1-14). The prophet was writing during the Babylonian exile, and the vision refers to the restoration of the people in their own land (centered on Jerusalem) upon their return from captivity. The entire vision of Ezekiel not only anticipates the return of Israel from exile and re-establishment, but also points beyond to the resurrection.

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Psalm 130 is a prayer of penitence with great hope in the Lord. It reflects an actual situation evoking a desperate cry of the believer for God's forgiveness. Even in the lowest moments, deep faith helps the believer to trust in God's mercy and redemption. Response: "With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption."

### Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

The contrast between "flesh" and "spirit" is one of the key themes in Paul's thought (Rom 7-8; Gal 5:13-26). The "flesh" or the physical characterizes the path of the self-sufficient person who refuses to look beyond what is perceptible to the senses. "Living according to the flesh" means taking oneself alone as the basic principle and goal of existence. It means isolation from God. The "spirit" is looking beyond oneself and being open to communion with God. "Living according to the spirit" means accepting the presence and direction of God's Spirit that leads beyond the physical to eternal life.

### Gospel: John 11:1-45

The death and resurrection of Lazarus in this Gospel prophetically point to the death and resurrection of Jesus and of everyone who believes in him. Various aspects of the themes of life and death run through each scene of this dramatic episode, revealing its many faceted character. The story is meant to prove that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of God. It shows that through faith in Christ, who is the resurrection and life, believers receive eternal life. Jesus is approaching the final journey to Jerusalem and his own death. Yet Jesus is intent on reaffirming life, and will show that death itself is the road to victory over death. Jesus' delay until Lazarus is dead emphasizes his power over death even when death has apparently won its victory. It is also paradoxical that Jesus' own death is hastened by his bringing Lazarus back to life (vv 46-53). In the context of the Lenten Season, death is a metaphor for mortal sin, our spiritual death. Christ through the sacrament of penance raises us back to life.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, March 7, 2016 (8 am)**

Dominic O. Corniel  
(Memorial Anniversary)

Mark Peralta (RIP)  
Greg Cain (RIP)

**Tuesday, March 8, 2016 (8 am)**

Greg Cain (RIP)  
Felicitas & Alfredo Cordial (RIP)

**Wed., March 9, 2016 (8 am)**

Greg Cain (RIP)

**Thurs., March 10, 2016 (8 am)**

Greg Cain (RIP)

**Friday, March 11, 2016 (8 am)**

Greg Cain (RIP)  
Mary G. Cordero (RIP)

**Saturday, March 12, 2016**

8AM: Greg Cain (RIP)

5 PM: All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

**Sunday, March 13, 2016**

7AM: Greg Cain (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 Aagsalda, Darlene Catekista, BJ Sagocio, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Mina DeJesus, Bob & Mel Knott, Baby Lily, Judy Amasol, Betty & Charles Deinhardt, Tom Harris, John F. Gora, Darryn Bunda, Ellen Cleghorn, Hilaria Santos, Fr. Edward Turner, Maureen Hart, Monica Pangelinan, Diane Kotch, Mona DeCosta, Josephine Ponce, Aiden Phillips & Family, 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, Robert Atiburico, and Greg Cain.

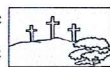
**Hungering to Learn** - We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to the Central America country of Honduras, where we meet students who are learning that it's better to help your neighbor learn and grow than to leave him/her behind. To whom are we called to extend a hand this week? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org).



**Easter Flower Offering** envelopes are available at the back of the church or you may also make a donation online by visiting our parish website, clicking "Online Giving".



**A Special Presentation of the Stations of the Cross** will be reenacted by the members of our Confirmation program this **Friday, March 11** at 7:00 pm. Please be advised that this will not be the traditional program, but will be a dramatization of the Passion of Christ. Everyone is encouraged to come and walk with Jesus and Mary on the road to Calvary. A frugal meal, sponsored by RE Department, will follow the presentation.



**Catholic Relief Services Collection** - This weekend, our parish will be taking up a collection for CRS. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. You may drop your donation during offertory or donate online through the SJAE website, clicking "Online Giving." Please give generously.

**Lenten Parish Mission** - The Jubilee Year of Mercy: Receiving & Sharing God's Mercy featuring Fr. Felix Just, S.J. will be held on **Monday, March 7** (The Jubilee Year of Mercy - What's It All About?), **Tuesday, March 8** (God's Mercy in the Bible, esp. Luke's Gospel), and **Wed., March 9** (Experiencing God's Abundant Mercy - Penance/Reconciliation Service) at 7:00 pm. Don't forget to bring your Bible, family and friends!

**FREE Caregiver Workshop** on **Sat., March 12**, from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at St. John A&E Church. See the bulletin insert for more information. 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.

**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. For more info, contact Melissa Crisostomo at [alohame@yahoo.com](mailto:alohame@yahoo.com).



**Catholics Returning Home** - If you are a non-practicing Catholic or know of someone who left the Church and is not practicing his or her faith, we invite you and ask you to encourage others to join us for an informal listening session and update of the Catholic faith. For more information, contact the CRH team at [home@stjohnmililani.org](mailto:home@stjohnmililani.org).

### 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](mailto:ncalzada@rcchawaii.org)) for more information on auditioning.

### 2016 Central Oahu Vicariate Lenten

#### Penance Services:

**Monday, March 7 - 7:00 PM**

St. Elizabeth (Aiea)

**Wednesday, March 9 - 7:00 PM**

St. John Apostle & Evangelist (Mililani)

**Thursday, March 10 - 7:00 PM**

Our Lady of Good Counsel (Pearl City)

**Monday, March 14 - 7:00 PM**

St. Michael (Waialua)

**Tuesday, March 15 - 7:00 PM**

Our Lady of Sorrows (Wahiawa)

**Wednesday, March 16 - 7:00 PM**

Resurrection of the Lord (Waipio)

**The next 24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will be held on **Friday, April 1**, immediately after the 8:00 am Mass and ending at 7:30 am on **Saturday, April 2**.

### 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/her disability or death. Please remember **St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church** in your will.

### Stewardship of Treasure - February 27 / 28

#### Sunday Collection

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| - 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)  | \$2,340.82 |
| - 7:00 AM                   | \$2,856.02 |
| - 9:00 AM                   | \$3,218.00 |
| - 11:00 AM                  | \$2,435.95 |
| - 6:00 PM                   | \$2,315.48 |
| - Front Office              | \$662.00   |
| - Online Donation (WeShare) | \$1,790.75 |

**Candle Sales** \$490.00

**Donation - Outreach** \$94.00

**Donation - YYA** \$50.00

**Mass Intentions** \$80.00

**Easter Donation** \$23.75

**Stewardship Development** \$33.25

**Building Fund (non-assessed)** \$192.00

**BEMO** \$1,732.70

**Hui O Laulima** \$45.00

**Augustine Ed. Fund** \$10.00

**Catholic Relief Services** \$5.00

**Holy Thursday (Rice Bowl)** \$6.00

**Frugal Meal/Rice Bowl** \$107.00

**Weekend Total:** \$18,487.72

"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

# Energy

*Our Lenten practice this week is to use more clean energy and to consume energy more efficiently.*

**We need energy to live and our appliances need energy in order to function. But where does energy come from?**

Most of the energy used to keep our homes cozy, our appliances humming, and our cars running comes from fossil fuels—coal, oil, and natural gas. These enable us to live with comfort and conveniences. Because energy seems to just come out of the socket, many of us are unaware of how our energy choices affect God's creation. Electric power plants that convert coal into electricity are the country's largest industrial source of pollutants.

Flip on the lights, turn on the television, power up the computer, brew coffee—an average American burns about forty-one pounds of coal every day for residential and transportation energy consumption. That's almost 15,000 pounds of coal a year.

Each of us has a responsibility to use energy more efficiently. Conserving energy translates into cleaner air, cleaner water, and preservation of our land from damage caused by drilling or mountaintop-removal mining of coal. A bonus is that it also saves money.

Our home is a terrific place to begin making a difference in energy consumption. This week of Lent you can learn simple ways to consume less energy from fossil fuels. Pope Francis suggests that small steps can make a difference. "A person who could afford to spend and consume more but regularly uses less heating and wears warmer clothes shows the kind of convictions and attitudes which help to protect the environment. There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions" (*Laudato Si*).

We live in an energy-hungry country. God has entrusted one Earth to us—we must learn to share it, care for it, and preserve resources for future generations.

*Small steps add up to important ways of caring for creation and saving precious nonrenewable resources for future generations.*

*"I am only one, but I am still one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something."* —Helen Keller

*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."*

—John 8:12

## What the Church Is Saying

### 1. An Obligation to Lower Energy Consumption

"The technologically advanced societies can and must lower their domestic energy consumption, either through an evolution in manufacturing methods or through greater ecological sensitivity among their citizens. It should be added that at present it is possible to achieve improved energy efficiency while at the same time encouraging research into alternative forms of energy. What is also needed, though, is a worldwide redistribution of energy resources, so that countries lacking those resources can have access to them."

—Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*

### 2. Vatican Solar Panels

In 2008 the roof of the papal audience auditorium was covered with 2,400 solar panels to produce energy for the Vatican, cutting carbon dioxide emissions by about 225 tons per year. The solar panels produce energy equivalent to the annual consumption of almost 100 families, making the building completely self-sufficient as far as electricity is concerned.

### 3. Protect the Air You Breathe

"As people of religious faith, we . . . believe that the atmosphere that supports life on earth is a God-given gift, one we must respect and protect. It unites us as one human family. If we harm the atmosphere, we dishonor our Creator and the gift of creation."

—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

### 4. Find New Sources of Renewable Energy

"We know that technology based on the use of highly polluting fossil fuels—especially coal, but also oil and, to a lesser degree, gas—needs to be progressively replaced without delay."

—Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*

*"Lord, hold us with your power and light, so we protect every life, preparing for a better future."*

—Pope Francis, World Day of Prayer for Creation 2015

## Action Steps

Burning fossil fuels—coal, oil, and natural gas—releases the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) into the atmosphere. At present, it is extremely difficult to avoid using any one of these forms of energy. But taking steps to reduce our carbon emissions is important. CO<sub>2</sub> affects the air we breathe and the quality of life on our planet.

This week try fasting from carbon by using less energy. Rethink how your lifestyle impacts God's creation and people's lives. Take two important steps: use energy more efficiently and try finding alternatives to consuming fossil fuels. Pope Francis reminds us in *Laudato Si'*, "Reducing greenhouse gases requires honesty, courage and responsibility."



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

**Replace home light fixtures with LED or compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL).** It's a simple way to reduce energy consumption and save money over the long term. Using a standard 100-watt incandescent light bulb for one year requires over 700 pounds of coal. About 90 percent of the energy consumed by incandescent light bulbs creates heat instead of light. They use four times more energy than CFLs and seven times more than LEDs for the same amount of light. Switching off unnecessary lights also helps.

### Heating and Cooling Air

- ☐ Give up two degrees. For every degree the thermostat is below 68°F (in winter) or above 78°F (in summer) there's a 3–5 percent savings in energy use and cost.
- ☐ Reduce drafts by caulking, weather-stripping, and adding insulation. Keep heated and cooled air in the house.
- ☐ Install a programmable thermostat for efficiency and savings.

## Know Where Your Energy Comes From

Almost 40 percent of energy consumed in the United States comes from coal. Learn about mountaintop removal, a commonly used method to extract coal in the cheapest way possible. Forest and topsoil are scraped away, up to 800 feet of a mountain is blasted off, coal is scooped out, and then giant machines push tons of rock and debris into valleys and streams below. The result is extensive damage to nearby communities and the poisoning of their water supply.

### Heated Water

- ☐ Use the shortest wash that will get the job done for dishwashing, laundry, and showers. Heating water is an energy guzzler.
- ☐ For laundry, most loads don't need hot water. Wash in cold. Ninety percent of the energy used by washing machines goes into heating the water.
- ☐ Wash laundry and run dishwashers only when full. Also, air dry—it's free!
- ☐ Lower the temperature of your water heater to 120°F. Don't overheat.

### Appliances

- ☐ Abstain from the clothes dryer (or overdrying) whenever possible. Line drying saves energy and money.
- ☐ Use energy-saving settings on the big four: refrigerator, dishwasher, clothes washer, and dryer.
- ☐ Power down. Five to ten percent of home energy can be consumed by electronics when they are not in use. Use power strips for televisions, computers, or anything with a light.
- ☐ Get an energy audit from your local utility company.
- ☐ When replacing appliances, go with Energy Star models.
- ☐ Get rid of any old second refrigerators. About 5 percent of a household electric bill is due to the refrigerator.

### Alternative Energy

- ☐ Many utility companies offer the option of purchasing green power. Find out how you can buy it by visiting the Department of Energy's state-by-state list of providers.

## Steps Continued

1. Take the virtual energy savings tour of your home.
2. Identify the best ways to save energy by using an online home energy saving calculator.
3. Join the Catholic Climate Covenant by taking the St. Francis Pledge to care for creation and the poor.
4. Become acquainted with the Interfaith Power and Light organization in your state.
5. Learn how mountaintop removal mining is devastating God's creation and harming the poorest in Appalachia.

All this and more available online at [www.Lent42.org](http://www.Lent42.org).

## Prayer

*Good and gracious God,  
you are the light of the world.  
Forgive us for acting as if creation  
belongs to us, rather than you.  
Help us to conserve and use wisely  
the treasures of our Earth.  
Teach us lifestyles that  
are a blessing for creation.  
May your Spirit light the way.  
Amen.*