



MARCH 26 / 27, 2016

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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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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

We are an Easter People!

"Christ is risen! Indeed he is risen!" In ancient times Christians exchanged this greeting at Easter. Our brothers and sisters in the Eastern Churches still use it to greet one another. That greeting could remind us during the season of Easter of the great joy we have in the glorious Resurrection of Christ that confirms our faith that He is risen indeed.



On Easter we celebrate the most unique victory that seems to have been won against all odds – that is, until we remember the power of God over life and death. St. Augustine, in the 4th Century, reminds us why we are filled with such great joy at Easter and throughout this season. "*We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.*" Throughout this season and indeed throughout the next liturgical Ordinary Time we remain "*an Easter People.*" If we are an Easter people, then there is nothing we need be afraid of or to be discouraged, because we know that Christ's power of the resurrection will indeed lead us to victory.

That is the good news Easter brings to all of us. If you are facing health issues, marital crisis, economic crisis, personal crisis, this message is for you. God, is going to transform all of that and lead you out of the crisis, whatever it may be. God intends you to have life in abundance; to live as an Easter person.

I wish you all a blessed and fruitful Easter season.
"Christ is risen, alleluia, alleluia!"

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"

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING - YEAR C

The story is told of a child who began to read the Gospel. Like millions before her, she quickly became charmed by Jesus. Suddenly, she ran out of her room crying hysterically into her mother's arms, "*They killed him! They killed him!*" Her mother comforted her then whispered, "*now go back and finish the story.*" You and I know the rest of the story. Yet, we have difficulty in owning the resurrection and allowing it to impact our lives.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter shares with the crowds the witness of his faith in the resurrection with utter conviction that Jesus, who died on the Cross, is now alive. Peter is so filled with the joy of it that he simply must share that same joy with others – so that it can be theirs, too. Similarly, the experience of the

resurrection by Paul leads him to advise that we keep focused on the risen Christ, since Christ is our life. For Paul, we know that this experience brought a total revolution in his life, and gave him a totally new vision of things, especially of the meaning of Jesus' life and message.

In the Gospel, we have the experience of the empty tomb as a sign of Jesus' resurrection. This first day of the week is full of emotions, commotion and confusion. The discovery of the empty tomb by Mary of Magdala may have been very disappointing, even confusing. John, who writes today's Gospel, tells us he entered into the empty tomb, "*he saw and he believed*". Renewed by the appearance of the risen Lord, the disciples were moved to witness the mystery of the resurrection.

The message we take home on this joyful Easter day is threefold. 1) You and I know that the story of Jesus does not end on the Cross but that his resurrection is the motivation for our sharing that good news with others. 2) Like the little girl in the story, when we feel overwhelmed by our own personal issues, the risen Lord reminds us to go and finish the story and realize there is always hope. 3) On this Easter morning, may the resurrection transform us so we may lead others to discover the best way to live; may it give us the grace and courage to proclaim that "Christ is risen indeed, alleluia."

MSGR. JOHN S. MBINDA
PASTOR

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016



First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

This passage depicts an ideal early Christian community also found in Acts 4:32-35. The "signs and wonders" mentioned here refer to the miracles performed by the apostle through divine power bestowed on them by Jesus. Like Jesus before them, they are able to effect healing simply through their touch. Peter is singled out in this passage he heals even by his mere shadow, which is quite unusual.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Psalm 118 is used as a hymn of praise that recounts God's deliverance of his faithful servant from death, and sings of God's glory. While the last part of the psalm refers to the oppressed nation of Israel directly, it also gives a beautiful summary of God's power in raising Jesus to life and establishing him as Lord of all creation. Response: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting."

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11

The reading consists of a report of a commissioning vision that the speaker received. The speaker, John, is caught up by the Spirit and commissioned by God as were the prophets of old. The function of his vision is twofold: 1) it clarifies the purpose of his task; and 2) it confers divine authority upon the work he is given. The vision is not just for the seer. Both at the beginning and at the end John is told to write down what he sees now and what will be revealed in the future. The vision is clearly for the churches.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

The Risen Lord appears in a new form of existence. His "glorified body" does not have the physical limitations of the human body, and yet is truly physical and can be touched. The appearance accounts are not merely a proof of Jesus' resurrection by his presence, but are used as a way of leading the disciples into deeper faith and understanding in preparation for their future task of establishing the Church. In commissioning them to continue his mission, he empowers them to make him present in body to all peoples of all ages. The peace of Jesus' greeting is the commonly used Hebrew word, "Shalom." When Jesus says this, however, he means far more than a mere greeting ("my peace, not as the world gives it," Jn 14:27). Jesus' "Shalom" is his promise that his Spirit will restore order and harmony to all creation (Jn 14:26). In the context of Divine Mercy Sunday, Jesus says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (Jn. 20:22). In other words, Jesus sends the apostles to be ministers and instruments of God's compassion, forgiveness and reconciliation that flow from his infinite Divine Mercy.

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

Monday, March 28, 2016 (8 am)

Constancio Domanguera (RIP)

Fe Guadalupe (RIP)

Ramona DeCosta (Birthday Blessing)

Tuesday, March 29, 2016 (8 am)

Nydia F. Pagan (RIP)

Clyde S. Higa (Birthday Blessing)

Engracia Pablo (RIP)

Wed., March 30, 2016 (8 am)

Walter Rabacal (RIP)

Charlez Cruz (RIP)

Cathelina DeLos Reyes (B-day Blessing)

Thurs., March 31, 2016 (8 am)

Isidoro B. Barayuga (RIP)

Benny Marcos (RIP)

Pascua Family (Thanksgiving)

Friday, April 1, 2016 (8 am)

Isidoro B. Barayuga (Birthday Mem.)

Feliciano Dona (RIP)

Abraham Miram (RIP)

Saturday, April 2, 2016

8AM: Bonifacio Rivera (RIP)

Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group

(Thanksgiving/Blessings)

Benny Marcos (RIP)

5 PM: Natividad Dorado (RIP)

Sunday, April 3, 2016

7AM: Benny Marcos (RIP)

9AM: For the People

11AM: Damen Nakagawa

(Birthday Blessings)

6PM: Jarrett B. Bolosan (RIP)

Please pray for our Members & Friends

HEALING/BLESSINGS:



Sue Mamiya, Sammie Chang, Annie Chang, Chang Family, Mike Culkin, Joyce Agsalda, 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, Aiden Phillips & Family, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.



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

Hungering for Celebration - We prayed, fasted, and gave alms - and now we celebrate! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends in our own hearts, where Jesus reigns forever. Let us rejoice in our risen Lord - and in the lives we've changed this Lent in Colombia, Laos, Rwanda, Honduras, Madagascar and all over the world! Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Cub Scouts Fundraiser - Next week Sunday, April 3, the Cub Scouts will be fundraising by selling Makahiki Discount Cards for \$12.00. The card features discounts from Jack-in-the-Box, Jamba Juice, Foodland, and more! Please stop by their table after all Masses next weekend.

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".

Upcoming Religious Education Dates:

April 2, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm First Eucharist Retreat (FRE 2-3 A & B, FRE 4-11B Students, & Parents)
April 9, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Super Heroes University (Confirmation Yr. 2 Students)
April 17, 10:30 am - 2:00 pm Confirmation Yr. 2 Class & Retreat (Last Class)
April 20, 6:30 - 8:30 pm (Church) First Eucharist Rehearsal (FRE 2-3 A & B, FRE 4-11B Students, & Parents)
April 23, 9:00 - 11:30 am Confirmation Mass Rehearsal (Yr. 2 Students, Sponsors & Parents)
April 24, 6:00 pm Confirmation Mass
May 7, 5:00 pm First Eucharist Mass

Family Concert! You and your family are invited to see an internationally-known artist, **Amanda Vernon**, in concert on Friday, April 8, 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Pearl City. Amanda will share her original music and give the faith-filled stories behind her songs. Reception to follow. For more information to RSVP, visit www.amandavernon.com/OLGC or call the OLGC Parish Office at 455-3012, ext. 108



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday March 28th in observance of Easter Monday.



Divine Mercy Sunday - Please join the St. John Rosary Group on Sunday, April 3, at 2:30 pm in the church for the Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Veneration of the Divine Mercy image. All are welcome to join us, please bring your rosary. For more information please call Marietta Kaeo at 623-9164.

Marriage & Family Life Commission - Sign up and attend the *Choice Wine Marriage Enrichment Program: 7 Steps to Superabundant Marriage*, April 8 - June 3, each Friday, 6:30-8:30pm in the Church, \$25 registration fee. To register, call Heidi Sparks 626-1623 or Duane & Wanya Ogata 625-8863.

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

How long has it been since you updated your will? Does it still express your wishes? Does it leave a gift to your church to carry on its ministry after your death? Please remember **St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church** in your will.

Stewardship of Treasure - March 19 / 20

Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,640.17
- 7:00 AM	\$3,562.71
- 9:00 AM	\$3,682.77
- 11:00 AM	\$3,095.98
- 6:00 PM	\$2,009.09
- Front Office	\$459.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$3,192.00
Candle Sales	\$663.00
Stewardship Development	\$318.25
Mass Intentions	\$180.00
Donation - YYA	\$50.00
Donation - Outreach	\$84.00
Easter Flowers	\$447.00
Easter Offering	\$235.00
Christmas Offering	\$500.00
Building Fund (non-assessed)	\$292.00
BEMO	\$1,141.26
Hui O Laulima	\$31.00
Preschool	\$30.00
Holy Land / Good Friday	\$100.00
Holy Thursday (Rice Bowl)	\$444.00
Frugal Meal/Rice Bowl	\$152.00
Weekend Total:	\$23,309.23

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

DECEASED: 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, Greg Cain, Stanley T. Patinio, Isidro J. Loquere, Charles Deinhardt, Joe Ormasa, and Willie Yadao.