



APRIL 2 / 3, 2016
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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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

What is Divine Mercy?

From the diary of St. Faustina, the message is nothing new, but a reminder of what the Church has always taught through scripture and tradition: that God is mercy, forgiving and that we too must show mercy and forgiveness. But in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's mercy is unlimited and available to everyone — especially the greatest sinners. The message of mercy is that God loves us — all of us — no matter how great our sins when we repent. He wants us to recognize that his mercy is greater than our sins.

The message of Divine Mercy is threefold: 1) **Ask for God's Mercy**. God wants us to approach him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking him to pour his mercy out upon us and upon the whole world. 2) **Be merciful**. God wants us to receive his mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us. 3) **Have complete trust in Jesus**. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive. In brief, God's name is Mercy!

The take away message is threefold. 1) Today we affirm our faith in the Risen Lord who channels the greatest gift: the grace of God's Divine Mercy, won for us by the blood of Christ on the Cross and the resurrection. 2) Many Christians have discovered that God's Mercy is not cheap. They had to struggle through a painful conversion experience and repentance. On this Sunday we are called to a conversion experience so that God's mercy and compassion may touch us deeply. 3) Just as the Father sends Jesus to share the grace of Divine Mercy with all of us, we too are sent to be instruments of peace, forgiveness, and God's compassion and mercy.

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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"

PEACE BE WITH YOU!

Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed! This Second Sunday of Easter bears the name of *Divine Mercy Sunday*. The title of *Divine Mercy* was given to this Sunday by Pope John Paul II in 2000, when he canonized Sister Faustina Kowalska. At the canonization he said, “*To humanity, which at times seems to be lost and dominated by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the risen Lord offers the gift of his love that pardons, reconciles and opens the soul to hope. It is love that converts hearts and brings peace*.” He added, “*How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!*” Saint John Paul II reminded us that we are called to act daily with a spirit of mercy toward our neighbors and our enemies with prayers, words, and deeds. Fifteen years later, Pope Francis declared an “Extraordinary Jubilee (Year) of Mercy”. Like St. John Paul II, he also reminds us that mercy is “*the beating heart of the Gospel*” and that as Christians we are called to be “*Merciful like the Father*” toward our neighbors and our enemies.

In the first reading, we heard how the Holy Spirit filled the apostles with an ever-deepening faith and shared the power of

God’s healing mercy with them. In the book of Revelation, John shared with us an invitation to put aside all fear and know Christ as the living one. The gospel speaks about the revelation in Jesus Christ of God’s mercy to sinners. This gospel is about new life, peace, faith and commissioning. As God breathed on Adam on paradise, and give him new life, Jesus now breathes on his disciples giving new life in the Spirit. He transforms them from frightened disciples into apostles. He sent them to go and be a witness, commissioning them to become witnesses of the Word. It is at this time that Jesus imparts his spirit of peace and confers upon the disciples the power to forgive sins.

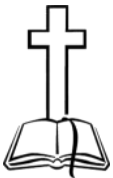
Jesus brought peace to the disciples. Three times in today’s gospel Jesus says to them, “*Peace be with you.*” What is this peace he brings? It is a peace that calms fears, empowers forgiveness, and prompts us to accept the reality of suffering and death as doorways to new life. The peace Jesus brings prompts us to face death rather than shy away from it. The peace Jesus brings prompts us to set right our relationships. The peace Jesus brings prompts us to accept

a new life. It is a peace that is the gift of the risen Lord. This peace bestows on us the power to make a difference in our world, to continue Jesus’ ministry of bringing salvation to all.

At the Last Supper, the Lord Jesus said to his disciples, “*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.*” These words are an assurance that we *ALL* have the enduring presence of Jesus now and the gift of *DIVINE* sonship that is the basis of our Christian peace. We are ‘*ALL*’ called to embody the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives in a matter that when people come into our presence they can experience peace in a way that reminds them that Christ is present and active in our lives. We need to remember that we are signs of God’s presence, God’s peace. We have these fifty days of Easter to come to a greater belief, deepen our relationships, forgive, and spread peace. More so, we have our entire lifetime to manifest the good works of our belief. So let’s get to work!

HAPPY EASTER!
DCN. MODESTO CORDERO

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016



First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40-41

The court scene in this reading describes the apostles who are courageous witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus to the world. The apostles stand fearless before the Sanhedrin and religious leaders. When accused by the high priest of having disregarded a previous injunction not to preach about Jesus, Peter responds that it is better to obey God than human beings. Peter then goes on to preach to them about Jesus within the tradition of Israel. The apostles are once again warned not to preach in Jesus’ name.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 30:2,4,5-6,11-12,13

Psalm 30 is a prayer of thanksgiving for deliverance from the netherworld (sheol) or the pit, that is the place of death. This is a place of dismal darkness where the dead are believed to go in Jewish religious thought. In this sense the psalmist prays: “I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me.”

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14;

The vision John sees in this passage reveals the heavenly throne room, where vast multitudes of angels, living creatures, and elders surround the throne of God. The four living creature have some likeness to those found in Ezekiel 1:4-13 – a lion, an ox, a man and an eagle. The elders number twenty four and no satisfactory answer as to why that number. The main focus is the investiture of the Lamb who is not identified with God since God is seated on the throne.

Gospel: John 21:1-19

This Gospel passage consists of several episodes brought together. It begins with an account of a miraculous catch of fish into which is woven a meal on the shore. This is followed by an exchange between Jesus and Peter. The encounter of Jesus with the disciples begins and ends with the announcement that the risen Jesus revealed himself to his disciples. This means that those outside this circle did not recognize the risen Lord but only his disciples. When Jesus calls them “children”, a term of affection, they immediately connect with him, but recognition takes a while. Only after making a large catch of fish does John exclaim, “It is the Lord”. On the shore, the others then recognize Jesus and then Jesus invites them: “Come, have breakfast.” Shortly we have the exchange between Jesus and Peter which has many links with his earlier denial of Jesus. Peter is called three times to declare his agape (unconditional love) for Jesus, and after each response Jesus tells him, “feed my lambs”.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 4, 2016 (8 am)

Sabine Eagles (Birthday Memorial)

Luther Fernandez (RIP)

Benny Marcos (RIP)

Tuesday, April 5, 2016 (8 am)

Evaristo & Ignacia Racoma (RIP)

Jarrett B. Bolosan (RIP)

Joe Ormasa (RIP)

Wednesday, April 6, 2016 (8 am)

Celestina O. Dela Cruz

(Birthday Memorial)

Alice Orona (RIP)

Joe Ormasa (RIP)

Thursday, April 7, 2016 (8 am)

Helen Minners (RIP)

Thomas Borowitz (RIP)

Joe Ormasa (RIP)

Friday, April 8, 2016 (8 am)

Fr. Cletus Mooya (RIP)

Michel Eagles (Birthday Blessing)

Joe Ormasa (RIP)

Saturday, April 9, 2016

8AM: Luz Abanez (RIP)

Isidro J. Loquere (RIP)

Joe Ormasa (RIP)

5 PM: Patricia Wigglesworth (RIP)

Sunday, April 10, 2016

7AM: Vicenta Imperial

(Birthday Blessing)

9AM: For the People

11AM: James & Mildred Mizoguchi (RIP)

6PM: Isidro J. Loquere (RIP)

Please pray for our Members & Friends

HEALING / BLESSINGS: Sue



Mamiya, Sammie Chang, Annie Chang, Chang Family, Mike Culkin, Joyce Agsald, BJ Sagocio, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Mina DeJesus, Bob & Mel Knott, Baby Lily, Judy Amasol, Betty 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, Tony Gabriel, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.



Thank You! Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say THANK YOU!!

Cub Scouts Fundraiser - This Sunday, the Cub Scouts will be fundraising on the lanai by selling Makahiki Discount Cards for \$12.00. The card features discounts from Jack-in-the-Box, Jamba Juice, Foodland, and more! Stop by their table for more information.

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 OLCG Parish Office at 455-3012, ext. 108

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 Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on April 21, 7:00-9:00 pm in classroom 6. The discussion book will be *Lord, Have Mercy: The Healing Power of Confession* by Scott Hahn. Open to everyone, bring a snack to share! For more info, email Melissa Crisostomo, alohamc@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Religious Education Dates:

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

DECEASED: 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 W. Deinhardt, Joe Ormasa, Wellie V. Yadao, and Darlene Catekista.



Divine Mercy Sunday - Please join the St. John Rosary Group this 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.

The next 24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, May 6, immediately after the 8:00 am Mass and ending at 7:30 am on Saturday, May 7.



† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wellie V. Yadao (RIP)

Thursday, April 14 ~ St. John A & E

Visitation: 9:30 am ~ Mass: 10:30 am

Burial: 2:00 pm ~ Valley of the Temples

Memorial Park (Kaneohe)

Charles W. Deinhardt (RIP)

Fri., April 22 ~ Mililani Memorial Park (Makai)

Visitation: 9:30 am ~ Prayer Service: 10:30 am

Burial: 2:00 pm ~ Hawaii State Veteran's

Cemetery (Kaneohe)

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 26 / 27

Easter Collection

- 7:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$6,279.25
- 7:00 AM	\$7,906.60
- 9:00 AM	\$6,104.81
- 11:00 AM	\$6,133.51
- Front Office	\$153.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$1,648.25
Candle Sales	\$453.00
Offerings - Baptisms	\$100.00
Faith Formation	\$25.00
Donation - Outreach	\$59.00
Easter Flowers	\$118.00
Stewardship Development	\$33.25
Mass Intentions	\$40.00
Building Fund (non-assessed)	\$242.00
BEMO	\$1,125.25
Hui O Laulima	\$45.00
Diocese of Iktok Ekpene	\$2,000.00
Holy Land / Good Friday	\$3,271.98
Holy Thursday (Rice Bowl)	\$4,582.32
Weekend Total:	\$40,320.22

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