



MAY 7 / 8, 2016
THE ASCENSION 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

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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

Visit the Imprisoned

"I was in prison, and you visited me." (Matthew 25:37) Visiting the imprisoned means more than just going to see them physically. It also means helping them and ensuring their just treatment. Those in prison and their families suffer hindrances or dangers to freedom. Helping them, visiting them or protecting them is an act of love and mercy. The following would be some of the broad ways of helping the imprisoned.

- ❖ Support programs and/or ministries for those who are incarcerated, or for those unjustly imprisoned, and for their families.
- ❖ Pray for all those who are incarcerated, or who are imprisoned by fear, anxiety, or illness; support and/or participate in ministries for those who are incarcerated.
- ❖ Support programs sponsored by agencies that advocate on behalf of those who are unjustly imprisoned.
- ❖ Support job-training and educational programs designed to rehabilitate prisoners.
- ❖ Pray for the families of inmates.
- ❖ Visit families of those incarcerated and comfort them.
- ❖ Support programs that provide holiday gifts for prisoners and their families.
- ❖ Support efforts that seek the abolition of the death penalty.

Next week we will consider the sixth work of mercy:
"Give Drink to the Thirsty." So stay tuned.

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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"

JESUS' ASCENSION - A CALL TO BE WITNESSES, TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

This weekend we celebrate the last of Jesus' earthly mysteries. We celebrate a great truth of our creed that "*He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*" The *Ascension* means that Jesus has gone before us to open up the gates of heaven, so that we can conquer sin and death! The *Ascension* means that we can now live every day with the hope of heaven. Knowing where Jesus has gone, we can follow — into the highest heavens! This is the beautiful truth we celebrate. His *Ascension* is the start of our mission, the mission Jesus gave to his Church! It is the mission we inherited as part of our *baptism responsibilities*. Jesus promises that we will be "*clothed with power from on high.*" This "*clothing*" is the Holy Spirit dressing us from within and empowering us to go on with the mission that we have been entrusted, to continue Jesus' saving ministry.

In the reading from Acts, he assures the apostles and us that we "*will be (Jesus') witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*" Being clothed with the Holy Spirit is a wonderful Gift. Being faithful to this Gift is pure choice. We choose to be faithful when we

continue the saving work of Jesus. Now, we need to ask ourselves how well are we doing with what Jesus asked us to do (*His mission, the Church's mission*)? Are we, like the disciples, staring at the heavens, when there is work to do here on earth? Or are we thinking, "*Well that is the work of the church leaders: the Pope, bishop, priests, deacons and religious...it isn't for me. I can't do it. I am not a public speaker or don't know how to preach.*" Jesus isn't asking all of us to preach. Jesus, however, is asking for something more, something even harder: he is asking us to be his witnesses.

In one level, that's a challenge because *witness* actually means "*martyr*", the *martyrdom* of simply being a witness to the Gospel often involves something we find increasingly elusive: *Mercy*. Let's be honest, how much mercy do we witness today, at work, on highways, around our own kitchen table, our own homes, or after Mass in our own parking lot? "*Hurry up get in the car, we're going to miss brunch (breakfast/lunch), Deacon's homily was too long.*" How much are we being merciful? How much are we living, *truly living*, the Gospel in our daily lives?

This glorious *Solemnity of the Ascension* - one of the "*glorious mysteries*" we pray on the rosary—asks each of us to do something glorious. It asks us to rise with Christ, to defy the laws of gravity. It asks us to defy the world, to change the world. Where do we begin? The answer has been before us all along. Over the last few weeks, what has been the one recurring theme in the Sunday readings and homilies? **LOVE!** *Love one another.* We have heard it again and again, and for a good reason. That is where we begin. Making that choice, living that choice, and making that choice visible to a doubting and disbelieving world—a world that is increasingly turning away from Christ. Our mission is to change that.

Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising they (we) would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit strengthens us for our mission in his Church, to be his apostles and witnesses. We are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth – to use our time and talents to spread the *Good News* of salvation.

MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU!
DCN. MODESTO CORDERO

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016



First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

The Jewish feast of Pentecost was one of three major pilgrimage festivals of Israel. Originally this was an agricultural feast marking the end of the grain harvest. It was also called the Feast of Weeks because it was celebrated seven weeks or 50 days after the Passover. The text mentions several manifestations of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit: thunder that at times accompanied God's presence; strong wind and the tongues of fire. All these phenomena were audible and visible to all in the room. As all in the room received the Holy Spirit, they began to speak in other languages - languages that foreigners could understand. This was a manifestation of the universal presence of and power of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104:1,24,29-30,31,34

Psalm 104 is a hymn of praise. It begins with a call to praise God. The call "to bless the Lord" is addressed to someone other than the psalmist. The psalm is divided into two parts. Part one speaks of God as the wondrous Creator of the world in all its manifestations, while the second describes God's providential care for all living things.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17

In this passage, Paul contrasts two ways of living in the flesh and in the spirit. When Paul refers to the flesh, he is not thinking of specific sexual behaviour. He is speaking of human nature in all the limitations that sometime incline one away from God. On the other hand, life in the spirit is attuned to God. Paul's denunciation of life in the flesh is clear. It is a separation from God and cannot please God. Life in the spirit is a form of union with God. Separation from God is death, while union with God is life.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

The gospel passage is about the appearance of Jesus on the evening of his resurrection. The doors were lock and Jesus appears suddenly to frightened disciples and says, "Peace be with you." He says this to those who only three days ago had denied and abandoned him, leaving him to die alone. Now Jesus extends a sign of forgiveness to them. Lest they doubt the gravity of their sins or the reality of his forgiving presence, Jesus shows them the wounds on his hands. He confirms that he suffered all this for them and for all humanity. Then Jesus "breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them," thus empowering them to forgive just as he has forgiven them; the power to bring about reconciliation and peace in the Christian community and in the world.

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 for the Week

Monday, May 9, 2016 (8 am)

Mr. & Mrs. Charley Jones (RIP)

Lorenzo Sumaoang (RIP)

Constance Heery (RIP)

Tuesday, May 10, 2016 (8 am)

Communion Service

Wednesday, May 11, 2016 (8 am)

Communion Service

Thursday, May 12, 2016 (8 am)

Communion Service

Friday, May 13, 2016 (8 am)

Communion Service

Saturday, May 14, 2016

8AM: Mercedes Soliven (RIP)

Lucy Mora

(First Eucharist Anniversary Blessing)

Timoteo Ramos (RIP)

5 PM: Stella Jones & Edna Thibaux

(RIP)

Sunday, May 15, 2016

7AM: Marcial Taglinao

(Birthday Memorial)

9AM: For the People

11AM: Mark Pablo (Birthday Blessing)

6PM: Jackson E. K. Lee

(Birthday Blessing)

2016 Annual Diocesan Priests' Convocation:

Msgr. John & Fr. Boniface will be away on Convocation the week of **May 9-13**. There will be 8:00 am Daily Mass on *Monday, May 9* and Communion Services from *May 10-13*.

Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)-

Our parish will be participating in this campaign by taking up a collection this weekend, **May 7/8**. CCC supports diverse projects such as television, radio, social media, podcasts, and print media to more effectively use technology & media in spreading the gospel message. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. You may drop your donation during offertory or donate online by visiting our parish website, "Online Giving". Please give generously.

Catholic Parent Revival (CPR) -

Join us on **Saturday, May 14**, in the Church from **9 am to 12 pm** for a morning of CPR with speakers *John & Shanita Akana, Fr. Gary Secor, and Michael Theisen* with music by *Dallas Carter*. Inhale a breath of new life into your vocation as a parent. CPR supports, motivates, and revives the faith of parents and grandparents through music & song, inspiring messages & uplifting stories, and deep & powerful prayer. Visit www.cpr-hi.eventbrite.com for more.

St. John Rosary Making Ministry -

Interested in learning how to make rosaries using beads? The next gathering will be on **Wed, May 18** at 10 am on the church lanai. All materials are provided for **FREE**. Everyone is welcome to join! Contact Ellen Dona, donaf001@hawaii.rr.com.

The Bishop's Circle Appeal is asking

for your generous support. Our Catholic Church in Hawaii has many dimensions and continues to make a significant impact in the communities that we serve. Your generous gift helps support our programs as **Stewards of the Gospel** in our *Faith Communities, Faith Formation, and Service Ministries*. Please consider joining one of the *Donor Societies*. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Donations are accepted online. Visit www.catholicchawaii.org for more.

Na Ohana Pulama Program - Catholic Charities

Hawaii has an opportunity for those who want to help Hawaii's youth by becoming *Therapeutic Foster Caregivers*. Monthly training and support group sessions are provided. The program's purpose is to provide emotionally & behaviorally challenged youth with a non-institutional, nurturing environment in a family home with *CCH trained treatment parents*. Visit www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org for more info or contact Valerie Catz at 527-4941 or valerie.catz@catholiccharitieshawaii.org.

St. John Women's Guild welcomes all

parishioners to celebrate and honor our Blessed Mother Mary in the May Crowning Ceremony on **Sat., May 14, after the 5:00 pm Mass**. Come and join us in praying the Holy Rosary and the coronation of the Blessed Mother Mary statue. All are invited to a potluck after the ceremony. Please bring a potluck dish to share with fellow parishioners.

The next Catholic Book Club

meeting will be held on Thurs., May 19, 7-9 pm in classroom 6. The discussion book will be *The Joy of Love* by Pope Francis. Open to everyone, bring a snack to share! For more info, email Melissa Crisostomo at alohamc@yahoo.com.

REBOOT Are you longing for more? Who

isn't looking for something more? Do you want to experience your faith - and live your life - more deeply? Then don't miss the **REBOOT LIVE!** event featuring *Chris Stefanick* and special guest *Jon Niven* on **Wednesday, June 29, 7:00-9:00 pm** at Resurrection of the Lord Parish in Waipio. Don't wait! Tickets are selling fast! Contact our **Parish Office** to purchase tickets!

The next 24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will be held this **Friday, June 3**, immediately after the 8 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am on **Saturday, June 4**.

Planned Giving

Have circumstances changed since you last updated your estate plan? Do your current estate planning documents carry out your commitments to your church? Please remember **St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church** in your will.

Stewardship of Treasure - April 30 / May 1

Sunday Collection

- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,907.96
- 7:00 AM	\$3,201.10
- 9:00 AM	\$3,280.00
- 11:00 AM	\$3,538.39
- 6:00 PM	\$1,936.00
- Front Office	\$918.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$3,724.00
Candle Sales	\$541.00
Donation - Outreach	\$164.50
Donation - YYA	\$25.00
Mass Intentions	\$120.00
Mother's Day Offering	\$255.00
Stewardship Development	\$9.50
Building Fund (non-assessed)	\$362.00
BEMO	\$1,317.26
Hui O Laulima	\$778.50
Preschool	\$78.00
Catholic Comm. Campaign	\$500.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$62.54
Weekend Total:	\$23,723.75

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



HEALING/BLESSINGS: 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, Debi Tulang DeSilva, Mike Culkin, Marcie Sagon, Paul Thames, & everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Robert Atiburico, Greg Cain, Stanley T. Patinio, Isidro J. Loquere, Charles W. Deinhardt, Joe Ormasa, Wellie V. Yadao, Darlene Catekista, Bienvenido M. Eligio, Sr., and Andreccietta Cabanting, and Wayne P. Herodias.