



JUNE 4 / 5, 2016
THE TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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Dominique Kekiwi

Preschool Director (x 208)

Catherine Awong

PARISH MINISTRIES

We welcome you to visit our parish website for a listing and more information on all our ministries.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Active Participation in the Mass

In order to benefit from the Holy Mass, active participation is necessary. The USCCB General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), published in 2002, says that the assembled faithful should be made "*ever more holy by conscious, active, and fruitful participation in the mystery of the Eucharist*" (GIRM, #5) This means that when we come to Mass on Sunday we are not just silent spectators. It also means that we are conscious of being in a worshipping community as mentioned in last Sunday's bulletin. From the very beginning of the Mass we make every effort to play our role in the assembly by singing and responding to prayers.

The Pope Pius X explained that if you wish to participate in the Mass actively, "*you must follow with your eyes, heart and mouth all that happens on the altar. Further, you must pray with the Priest the holy words said by him in the Name of Christ and which Christ says by him. You have to associate your heart with the holy feelings which are contained in these words and in this manner you ought to follow all that happens at the altar. When acting in this way you have prayed Holy Mass.*" Hence, we need to attentively follow every part of the Mass. This implies our presence from the beginning to the end.

Our attitude to the Mass matters. If we think about going to Mass merely as "*fulfilling my Sunday obligation*," we have already lowered the bar terribly to begin with. The Holy Mass is also called the Eucharist from the Greek *efcharistia* (ευχαριστία), meaning thanksgiving. As stewards we come deeply conscious of what God in Christ has done in saving us, giving up his only Son to die and rise again so we may have life. It is not just an obligation but just and right to give thanks to God Sunday after Sunday and for those who can attend daily. Next we will consider ways of being better prepared for the Sunday Mass.

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"

LIFE AND HOPE

This weekend we return to "Ordinary Time" readings. Now, we use the word "ordinary" not in the sense of "usual" or "common," but ordered or sequential. The readings bring us to the theme about the gifts of life and hope. These are gifts that are only God's to give. Life is both fragile and precious. It is a gift from God that we sometimes take all too much for granted. As Christians, we are constantly reminded that death is not an end, but a sign of God's power and saving grace. Life and death are great mysteries. We know we are born to die. We accept the life and hope Jesus offers us when we in turn give it to others. Like Jesus, our compassion spills over without our ever being asked to be compassionate. Like Jesus, we die to self for the good of the other.

In the first reading, we heard the event of how Elijah revived the son of a widow back to life. The child is raised to live through Elijah's prayer to God. This miracle demonstrates the power of God

in his prophet; the power to restore life physically and spiritually, especially when all hope seemed to have been lost.

In the second reading, Paul recounts his own conversion. He was dead because his activities as Saul were prompted by his human nature, whereas Paul became fully alive through the grace and love of Jesus. Like Paul, it is through the grace of Jesus that we are restored and live again. Therefore, our life is only but a grace granted unto us. It is granted unto us for a purpose.

In the Gospel, Jesus himself revived the widow's son back to life. It is an unwritten "rule" that parents should die before their children. The death of a child is the most painful event that a parent never quite gets over. It is easy for us, then, to identify with the pain of the widow in the Gospel who lost her only son. Yet Jesus says to her, "Do not weep." How could he say that? Jesus knows the plan: "God has visited his people." God

desires *Life* not death, *Hope* not despair. As the Son of God, Jesus has the power and authority to restore life, and so he does. Jesus has the compassion to bring hope, and so he does.

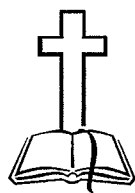
Every new opportunity of restoration is given to us in order to do better in life. It is an opportunity to complete our mission here on earth. Each day, Jesus restores us to life through the sacraments of life; especially, through the sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist. When Jesus restores us to life, he also expects us to live it to the fullest. This means walking in his light and truth.

This weekend, we are reminded that God is the author of life. He is the one who through His Son and the Holy Spirit restores and sustains us. So, what we do with our life is very important. We do not just live for ourselves, we live for God.

BLESSINGS!

DCN. MODESTO CORDERO

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016



First Reading: 2 Samuel 12:7-10,13

The main part of this reading is a message from the Lord through the prophet Nathan to David. In the last verse David acknowledges his guilt and Nathan assures him that he will not die for his sin. He will be punished for his lust and murder. David is reminded that the king's successes in battle were the work of God, not his doing. The reading also reveals the precarious situation of women in that society, where procreation was both their strength and their weakness. That is why at times women are nameless, like the wife of Uraiah.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32:1-2,5,7,11

Psalm 32 is one of the seven psalms known as the Penitential Psalms. The form is one of thanksgiving, but could be considered as wisdom psalms. The psalm opens with a double saying of "blessed are" or "happy are". This form comes from the value system of Israel that shows that one person is more blessed on receiving God's mercy than another who has riches.

Second Reading: Galatians 2:16,19-21

This passage is a summary of Paul's teaching about justification through faith in Jesus Christ. Paul contrasts the limitations of the observance of the law with the power of the death and resurrection of Christ. His argument is that in the end everything depends on faith in the power of Jesus to transcend the law. Christians are governed by faith in Jesus Christ and not by the law. They are governed by the spirit and not by the flesh.

Gospel Reading: Luke 7:30-8:3

The central focus of the Gospel passage is Christ. The question raised by Simon in his mind sharpens the focus: "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Here the contrast is drawn between Simon the Pharisee and an unnamed woman who is known as a public sinner. The context is a family Sabbath dinner at which guests were invited. Uninvited woman sneaks in and begins to wash the feet of Jesus with her tears, wipe them with her hair and anoint them with oil. Simon who was supposed to wash the feet of his guests is agonizing in his heart and even judging Jesus. "If this man were a prophet he would know what kind of woman she is." As Jesus tells the story of the two creditors, it is clear that he is a prophet because he knows the secret thought of Simon as well as the fact that the woman is a sinner.

Follow Msg. John's homilies! Blog (text): <http://www.sundayhomily.com>

Podcast (audio): <http://streaminghomilies.podbean.com> iTunes (audio): [Streaming Homilies](#)

Mass for the Intentions

Monday, June 6, 2016 (8 am)

Pedro E. Corpuz (RIP)

Mark Burnett & the Mercy Ship
Personnel (Blessings)

Tuesday, June 7, 2016 (8 am)

Alden J. E. Raqueno

(Blessing / Thanksgiving)

Wednesday, June 8, 2016 (8 am)

Hilario & Prima Aquino (RIP)

Sandra Woodard (Healing)

Thursday, June 9, 2016 (8 am)

Ann Swider (Birthday Blessing)

Friday, June 10, 2016 (8 am)

All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

Saturday, June 11, 2016

8AM: Abraham Miram (RIP)

5PM: All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

Sunday, June 12, 2016

7AM: Hilarion C. Savet

(Birthday Memorial)

9AM: For the People

11AM: Beatrice Rego

(Birthday Blessing)

6PM: Corazon Crisostomo

(Birthday Blessing)



HEALING / BLESSINGS: Ben & Helen Guerrero, Mina DeJesus, Bob & Mel Knott, Judy Amasol, Betty Deinhardt, Tom Harris, John F. Gora, Darrlyn 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, Marcy Sagon, Paul and Ron Thames, Steve Aquino, Milton Sagon, Fely Sagon, Sandra Woodard, & everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.



The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, June 10th in observance of King Kamehameha Day.

Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on **June 16, 7 pm** in classroom 6. The discussion book will be *A Father Who Keeps His Promises: God's Covenant Love in Scripture* by Scott Hahn. Open to everyone, bring a snack to share! For more info, email Melissa Crisostomo, alohamc@yahoo.com.

St. John Rosary Making Ministry - 

The next gathering will be on **Sat., June 18** at 10 am on the lanai. All materials are provided for **FREE**. Everyone is welcome! Contact Ellen Dona, donaf001@hawaii.rr.com for more.

Aloha & Farewell: Join us on **Sat., June 18** at 5:00 pm for a concelebrated Mass with  Msgr. John, Fr. Boniface, and Fr. Ramon Francisco. An appreciation & welcoming potluck will follow after Mass. *Please bring a dish to share.*

Fil-AM Food Bazaar: Join us after all the morning Masses on **Sun., June 19**, on the church breezeway. All the proceeds will benefit the Fil-AM's annual *Misa De Gallo*. For more information, contact Marcie Wong, 808375-6752. 

RE Open Registration for the 2016-17 SY & Summer Edge Program

Stop by their table after all morning Masses on Sunday. Turn in completed registration forms at the **RE Office** (please call first) or at the **Parish Office** (during business hours only).

All checks are addressed to

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church.

For more information, contact the RE Office at 623-3332, ext. 204/206.



Never Confirmed in the Catholic Church?

Do you want to be baptized?

Are you or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a part of the Catholic Faith?

Let us help you with your journey in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation.

Candidates will explore the elements of the Catholic faith in weekly meetings with Catechists in preparation to receive all the **Sacraments of Initiation.**

2016-2017 RCIA Classes begin this August.

For more information, visit the RCIA table on the lanai or contact Dcn. Modesto Cordero at 585-3342 or mcordero@rcchawaii.org.

Job Opening!

Choir Director/Piano Accompanist (Part-Time)

We are looking for a competent **Choir Director/Singer/Piano Accompanist** who can work with choirs of all ages. This position holds Part-Time hours (on average of 10 hours/week) [Subject to additional hours during solemnities, special feast days, including rehearsals/prep-time].

This Choir Director reports directly to the Director of Liturgy & Music and works collaboratively with all ministries during Mass.

To apply and more information, visit www.catholicahawaii.org/about-us/careers

St. John's Outreach Department is seeking donations for their annual **School Supply Drive** starting now through **August 15th**. Please see the bulletin board for more info. The goal is to supply students in need from our Parish and Mililani Community with the basic necessities required to begin the school year. Drop all donations off at the Outreach Office. Contact Pearl Bates, 623-3332, x 203, for more.

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

Planned Giving

Good stewardship requires us to think of the future. Have your estate plan prepared now & express good stewardship in ways that will bless your family & your church. Please remember **St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church** in your will.

Stewardship of Treasure - May 28 / 29

Sunday Collection

- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$3,017.29
- 7:00 AM	\$3,133.00
- 9:00 AM	\$2,726.50
- 11:00 AM	\$2,023.33
- 6:00 PM	\$2,151.00
- Front Office	\$353.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$2,954.50

Candle Sales \$647.00

Donation - Outreach \$79.00

Donation - YYA \$105.00

Mass Intentions \$100.00

Father's Day Offering \$255.00

Stewardship Development \$14.25

Building Fund (non-assessed) \$248.25

BEMO \$1,391.50

Hui O Laulima \$167.00

Preschool \$40.00

Weekend Total: \$19,405.62

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

DECEASED: Greg Cain, Stanley T. Patinio, Isidro J. Loquere, Charles W. Deinhardt, Joe Ormasa, Wellie V. Yadao, Darlene Catekista, Bienvenido M. Eligio, Sr., Andreicietta Cabanting, Wayne P. Herodias, Constance Heery, Herbert Vallejos and Lillian Vallejos.

SUNDAY to SUNDAY

SAINT OF THE WEEK

EPHREM

Feast Day—June 9



Known to Syrian Christians as “the harp of the Holy Ghost,” this Mesopotamian from Nisibia was baptized at eighteen and may have accompanied his bishop to the Council of Nicaea in 325. He served as head of the cathedral school and left Nisibia only after it became Persian. In 363, he moved to a cave overlooking Edessa but preached frequently in the city and wrote many poems, hymns, and biblical commentaries; he organized a choir of women to sing his hymns during liturgies. In about 370, he visited St. Basil in Caesarea. The winter before his death, he earned praise for managing relief supplies during a severe famine in Edessa. Ephrem is the only Syrian father declared a Doctor of the Church.



RESOURCES FOR THE JUBILEE OF MERCY MOMENTS OF MERCY

Each month during the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, our *Moments of Mercy* will offer brief reflections and concrete suggestions of how we can live out the mercy that God offers us all. These are perfect for busy days since they help us to slow down for just a few minutes and think about the gifts God has blessed us with and how we can share them.

JUNE 2016

What is the opposite of indifference? After reading through *Misericordiae Vultus*, we see that being compassionate is the opposite of indifference. Pope Francis encourages us not to “fall into humiliating indifference or a monotonous routine that prevents us from discovering what is new! Let us ward off destructive cynicism! Let us open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help!” (MV, no. 15). How easy it is in today’s society to ignore the cries of those in need and to become cynical about the state of the world around us. We might feel that our small acts of mercy cannot really change anything. But the indifference of the world will not change until we start showing the compassionate love and mercy of God toward everyone we meet and become more involved in our communities.

1. Dare to be compassionate! Read the local paper or watch the local news. Recognize where there is a need in your community, and pray for those who are in need and for those caring for them.
2. Volunteer at a local charity organization this month. If there is a need that you have come to recognize in your community, see if there are particular organizations that your parish is involved in, and join with others in supporting your community.

SALT AND LIGHT

FIVE TIPS ON DIALOGUE FROM POPE FRANCIS: A CHALLENGE TO FAMILIES . . . AND CANDIDATES?

In *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis calls dialogue “essential” for family life. His guidelines on dialogue are easily applicable to civil society as well.

Can you imagine how this election cycle might be different if we challenged ourselves, candidates, political parties, commentators, and others to follow Pope Francis’s advice?

1. Recognize the real “importance” and dignity of the other person. Recognize others’ right “to think as they do and to be happy.” Pope Francis challenges us to acknowledge the values of the other’s “deepest concerns” and what he or she is trying to say (no. 138).
2. Try to understand where the other person is coming from: his or her pain, disappointments, fear, anger, hopes, and dreams (no. 137).
3. Put yourself in the other’s “shoes”; try to “peer” into his or her heart. This is the starting point for dialogue (no. 138).
4. Be ready to “listen patiently and attentively to everything the other person wants to say.” Dialogue requires the “self-discipline” of waiting until someone is finished speaking before responding. And, it means truly listening to what someone else is saying—not planning a comeback before the other person has even finished speaking (no. 137).
5. “Keep an open mind.” We need not stick to our own “limited ideas and opinions,” but we must “be prepared to change or expand them.” Our goal is “synthesis” that enriches everyone involved in the dialogue. We don’t seek unity in diversity, Pope Francis says, but rather “reconciled diversity” (no. 139).

These are challenging words from Pope Francis. How might our own families be different if we took his words to heart? Our parishes? Our neighborhoods? Ourselves? Our society? The current election cycle?

Pope Francis’s vision is a vision of joy-filled love. Let’s share it!

