



JUNE 25 / 26, 2016
THE THIRTEENTH 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!

PARISH CLERGY

Pastor

Msgr. John Mbinda (x 111)

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RCIA Coordinator

Dcn. Modesto Cordero

Religious Ed. Director (x 206)

Julie Quiroz-Zamora

Religious Ed. Secretary (x 204)

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

Is the Holy Mass Boring?

One of the issues we face as parish community is the complaints we hear over and over again that the *Holy Mass* is boring for various reasons. Some say that the Holy Mass is boring because there are too many changes, the music is either too old fashioned or too modern, or they can't stand those drums or additional instruments added to the choir. The litany goes on and on. If Mass bores us or we don't find it entertaining, we are missing something. We are missing the meaning of what the *Holy Mass* is about.

We come to Mass to thank God, who gave His only begotten Son to die on the Cross and rise again so that you and I may be saved. Just for a moment put yourself in the place of God and imagine that a terrible mystery plague has infected an entire world with no vaccine. Doctors finally find a vaccine, but they need uncontaminated blood. As people are called for blood tests, the doctors identify *your only son* as the only one with such blood to make the vaccine that will save the entire world. Your son dies as they need all his blood.

The next Sunday, a Mass of Thanksgiving is held in cities around the world and as you attend Mass at your home parish, you hear some people complaining that they are bored. How would you feel? Yes, that is how God feels about us complaining that the Mass is boring. If you were God you would tell such people, "*we are talking about my only son who died in order to save you!*"

We need to rediscover our sense of wonder on what the Holy Mass is all about.

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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"

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C

My initial response to the reading this Sunday is with two challenging questions. *What did it mean for me to respond to God's call to become a priest? What does it still mean to me to continue saying yes to Jesus Christ as his faithful steward?* My response to go to the seminary meant leaving home for the unknown. I had no idea what I was getting into nor where I was going. I soon discovered that my response meant letting go and detaching myself from the comfort of home and friends to be free to serve the Lord.

The first reading is about the call of Elisha by Elijah. It dramatizes the implications of responding to God's call. Elisha does the unthinkable. What he does is madness in the eyes of the world, but a wonderful metaphor for total detachment. He slaughters the very oxen used for plowing! If you can imagine in today's

world a young man destroying all the farm machines and tools before going to the seminary that is what Elisha does by destroying the source of family livelihood.

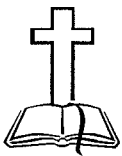
In the Gospel, Jesus challenges our temptation to give excuses when God calls us. It challenges our temptation of telling Jesus, *"let me finish up a few things first, and I'll follow you later when I have less responsibility"*. Jesus invites us like the captain in the story to burn our sail boats; to let go everything so we may be free to follow him. Since the Proclamation of the Kingdom comes first, Jesus wants us to follow him now, not tomorrow or later. Christ's call radically implies some painful hard choices and a price to pay. **"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me"** (Mk. 10:34). Our response to God's call implies losing one's life,

even by death, for the sake of Christ. The readings therefore lead us to focus on what it means to follow Christ.

The message of this Sunday is threefold. 1) Our response has to be like that of Elisha who literally gives up his entire livelihood thereby being free to follow God's call. 2) Christian stewardship requires detachment and lots of self-sacrifice including risking one's life, one's self-image, being rejected, ridiculed and despised. 3) The bottom line is: What are you and I prepared to let go in order to be free to follow Christ?

MSGR. JOHN S. MBINDA
PASTOR

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2016



First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

In this passage, it is the Lord who speaks, describing in metaphoric language, the relationship that will exist between the restored city and its inhabitants. The author described the loving care this relationship will provide in the image of a nursing mother feeding her inhabitants. Like a mother, the city will comfort them.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16,20

This Sunday's psalm begins with praise and ends with individual expression of thanksgiving. The response we use is a call to all the earth to praise God: *"Let all the earth cry out to God with joy."*

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

Paul begins and ends this passage with reference to suffering. He refers to the death of Jesus and then to his own bodily suffering. Thus Paul is happy to participate in the Cross of Jesus Christ, *"through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."* This is Paul's way of showing his own participation in the suffering of Jesus Christ. Just as Jesus met opposition, Paul too has had his own share of opposition for the Gospel.

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

The Gospel passage this Sunday is about Jesus sending the seventy-two disciples. Their mission is symbolic of the ultimate mission to all the nations of the world. Jesus uses two metaphors to represent the mission: 1) the harvests; and 2) the lambs among wolves. Harvest indicates the readiness of the world for the ministry of the missionaries. It suggests that planting and growing have been accomplished. The disciples only go for the harvest. The second metaphor adds a sobering tone to the picture. Although the harvest is ready, harvesting itself can be a dangerous task. The field of the ministry can be threatening and the harvesters may be vulnerable at times due to many factors. The idea of carrying no money, sack and sandals carries the demand for travelling "light" because extra baggage will be an obstacle to accomplishing the missionary task.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, June 27, 2016 (8 am)

Deacon Romeo Ganibe
(Birthday Blessings)

Tuesday, June 28, 2016 (8 am)

Ermelinda Rodrigues (RIP)

Wed., June 29, 2016 (8 am)

Pedro Taglinao (Birthday Memorial)
Women's Guild
(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Thursday, June 30, 2016 (8 am)

Isidoro B. Barayuga (RIP)
Knights of Columbus, Council 14663
(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Friday, July 1, 2016 (8 am)

Bryson DeCosta (Birthday Blessing)
Feliciano Dona (RIP)
James G. Mercado (RIP)

Saturday, July 2, 2016

8AM: Ronald & Erlinda Redoble
(Thanksgiving / Blessing)
Narcisco & Pacita Redoble (RIP)
Social Ministry (Thanksgiving/Blessing)

5PM: Guillermo G. Uytingco (RIP)

Sunday, July 3, 2016

7AM: Helen & Martin Ortogero (RIP)
9AM: For the People
11AM: All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
6PM: All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)



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, Kelli Buenconsejo, & everyone mentioned in the Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Wellie V. Yadao, Darlene Catekista, Bienvenido M. Eligio, Sr., Andreietta Cabanting, Wayne P. Herodias, Constance Heery, Herbert Vallejos, Lillian Vallejos, Mely Benitez, Alicia Llacuna, Robbie Garliyo, Daniel E. Hunkele, and Antone Gabriel.

MAHALO Thank you to the Women's Guild, Knights of Columbus, and all the parishioners who assisted and attended the Aloha and Farewell celebration of Fr. Boniface & Fr. Ramon.



The Hui O Laulima Food Trolley will be out next weekend. See insert for more.

Peter's Pence Collection (PPC) - This weekend our parish will be participating in this collection that will financially assist Pope Francis in carrying out his charitable works. Envelopes are available at the back of the church or donate online through our "Online Giving". Please be generous.

God didn't create us to just get by. He created us to live life to the fullest. Are you ready to take your life to a new level - practically & spiritually? Don't miss the **REBOOT LIVE!** event featuring **Chris Stefanick** on **Wed., June 29, 7:00-9:00 pm** at ROL. For all ages! Bring the whole family and your friends! Tickets are still available at our **Parish Office!**

St. Junipero Serra Relic Visit - Please join us on July 6, 5-8 pm at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa for **Eucharistic Holy Hour: Vocations & Public Veneration of the St. Junipero Serra Relic**. More info is available on the parish bulletin board or call Dcn. Modesto Cordero at 585-3342.

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on Thurs., July 21, 7-9 pm in classroom 6. The discussion book will be *Marriage: The Mystery of Faithful Love* by Dietrich Von Hildebrand. Open to everyone, bring a snack to share! For more, email Melissa Crisostomo at alohamc@yahoo.com.

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 to the **Religious Ed Office** (please call first).
For more information, contact the **RE Office at 623-3332, x204.**



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 info, contact Dcn. Modesto Cordero at 585-3342 or mcordero@rcchawaii.org.

Beginning July 1, 2016, through the Year of Mercy, **Friday confession** time has been changed to 6:00 – 6:30 pm.

Job Opening!

Choir Director/Piano Accompanist

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.catholichawaii.org/about-us/careers

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**.



† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Antone D. Gabriel (RIP)

Monday, June 27, 2016 ~ St. John A&E
Visitation: 10:00 pm ~ Mass: 11:00 am

Amelia Benitez (RIP)

Thursday, June 30, 2016 ~ St. John A&E
Visitation: 9:30 am ~ Mass: 11:00 pm
Burial: 2:30 pm ~ Valley of the Temples Memorial Park (Kaneohe)

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 - June 18 / 19

Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$3,107.76
- 7:00 AM	\$3,431.00
- 9:00 AM	\$2,097.00
- 11:00 AM	\$2,272.15
- 6:00 PM	\$1,647.00
- Front Office	\$328.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$2,641.00
Candle Sales	\$522.00
Stewardship Development	\$289.75
Mass Intentions	\$120.00
Father's Day Offering	\$158.00
Donation - YYA	\$55.00
Donation - Outreach	\$261.50
Misa De Gallo	\$20.00
Building Fund (non-assessed)	\$152.00
BEMO	\$1,209.19
Hui O Laulima	\$163.50
Peter's Pence Collection	\$130.50
Weekend Total:	\$18,605.35

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

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Hui O Laulima

Molokai Sunshine Backpack Program



“For I was hungry and you gave me food...” Matthew 25:35

Thank you for your support. Please see the other side for needed items and more information on this program.

God bless you!

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church

Hui O Lauima

Molokai Sunshine Backpack Program

The Sunshine Backpack Program provides food on the weekend, twice a month, to children who do not have enough food at home. Our backpacks truly do what Jesus asks us to do... *feed the hungry*.

Thank you for your continued support of this program! In the last 11 months, we have provided almost **3,500 pounds** of food to our brothers and sisters on Molokai. Your generosity is felt every day.

The first weekend of every month, the Hui collects food donations. The non-perishable Single Serving items we are in need of are:

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| - Cereal | - Peanut Butter | - Rice Krispies |
| - Oatmeal | - Jelly / Jam | - Trail Mix |
| - Fruit | - Crackers | - Handi-Snacks |
| - Ramen Noodles | - Raisins/Craisins | - Pudding Cups |
| - Vienna Sausage | - Fruit Snacks | - Chips |
| - Tuna Salad | - Fruit Roll-Ups | - Cocoa |
| - Chicken Salad | - Granola Bars | - Juice boxes |
| - Soups | - Cookies | - Milk boxes |

MAHALO for your continued support!

God bless you!