



JULY 30 / 31, 2016
THE EIGHTEENTH 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: (Friday) 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM (During the Year of Mercy) • (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 (x 111)

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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

Realizing Our One Community Center

"Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 18:29). In our Pastoral Plan dated June 20/21, 2015, our parish vision was stated as follows: *"We strive to become a Spirit-led stewardship parish in Central Oahu. Stewardship as a way of life is what fuels our parish community."* This vision is clear and inspires us continuously. The implementation of our One Community Center needs such a clear vision that inspires and captures the imagination of all stakeholders.

A vision states what one intends to do. In our case, it is clear that we want to respond to the need for meeting space. We plan to do this by building a parish hall that we now call *"One Community Center"*. Simply stated, our vision would be *"we intend to construct a one community center in Central Oahu"*. This is not a new vision, but almost a twenty-five year old desire and intention of many parishioners because our growing parish is bursting at the seams for meeting space. Some have continually asked when the groundbreaking for the One Community Center will be! We have had several town hall meetings so far to clarify our vision. We cannot continue going around this idea without taking action. It is my perception that we have reached a common understanding.

At the Town Hall Meeting this Saturday, our architects/engineers and Parish Leadership provided us with concept options and cost estimates that will help us decide which direction we want to go. The content of this Town Hall will be our mission statement as it will chart the way forward and how we will achieve our goal. Stay tuned for the results.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda
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"

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C

Greed, vanity, and possession over what matters most help us to focus on the central point of the readings this Sunday. The readings start with snapshots in the first reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes: *"Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!"* Yes, ALL stuff is vanity, like the smoke or the mist that evaporates and disappears quickly. We may labor, fret and sweat, but at the end of the day, for what? That is the question behind the first reading. Paul, in the second reading, reminds us why we must choose the values of the gospel. *"If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above... Think of what is above, not what is on earth."* In other words, Christ is the highest possession we can have.

The parable of the rich fool in the Gospel goes deeper into the question of what life is really about for us as Christians, as followers of Jesus Christ.

As Jesus is teaching, someone in the crowd asks Him to intervene in a family inheritance conflict, but Jesus goes to the real issue in the heart of that person — greed. *"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."* The person must have been surprised by that response that hit home right on.

In a world, driven by consumerism, this is a hard lesson to learn because we are constantly prompted to buy and accumulate things that we probably do not need. Family inheritance conflicts are on the increase, not to mention the issue of land grabbing by the rich and powerful. Through a very well thought out parable, Jesus leads us to discover that what really matters most is God not possessions.

The story of the Rich Fool is addressed to all of us: elderly, adults, youth and children. The point of the parable is clear.

Possessions do not guarantee life. Indeed, they may make us so blind that we do not see what really matters most in life.

So what message do we take home this Sunday? 1) In a consumer society that favors a culture of materialism and affluence, the gospel presents a different set of values that lead us to discover that life is much more than stuff. 2) All the values of this world are vanity, as compared to the values of the Gospel. 3) Paul in the second reading reminds us why we must choose the values of the gospel. *"If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above....Think of what is above, not what is on earth."* In other words, Christ is the highest possession we can have.

MSGR. JOHN S. MBINDA
PASTOR

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2016



First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

This passage is an interpretation of the deliverance of the chosen people at the time of slavery in Egypt. It recounts the events of the night of their Passover. The writer compares how God in his providence spares the Israelites while the Egyptians are smitten with afflictions. The Israelites put their trust in God so much that they took a risk to escape from the iron hand of the Pharaoh. The author moves beyond comparing the Egyptians and the Israelites and claims that God reversed the fates of the two peoples.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22

The responsorial psalm opens with a prayer of praise. Everything in the response speaks of covenant relationship with God. The psalm uses the idea of inheritance which normally refers to land from one generation to the next, but this is used as a metaphor to indicate that Israel belongs to God who loves Israel; God who gives Israel all they need and secures them. God is therefore their help and their shield.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

The first verse of this reading about the faith of Abraham is the best known in Scripture. The story of Abraham's faith begins with his call from God to leave from his land and go to a land that God would show him, a land he would receive as one receives an inheritance. In brief, the story of Abraham and his sojourn out of faith for a promised inheritance is used as a metaphor for our journey out of faith towards our promised land, the New Jerusalem.

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

The gospel passage can be divided into three parts: 1) teaching on possessions (vv. 32-34); 2) a story that shows the importance of watchfulness (vv. 35-40); and 3) instruction about responsible leadership. On the first part, Jesus does not condemn material possessions as such, but only the amassing (hoarding) of such goods. In this context, Jesus tells his disciples not to have money bags for carrying their surplus. Jesus knows that trust in riches can be an obstacle to trusting in God. He then introduces his teaching on watchfulness with a twofold admonition. He tells his disciples to tuck in their flowing robes under their belts as their calling demands strenuous activity. The next image Jesus uses is the metaphor of keeping your lamp lighted, suggesting that they will have to remain watchful and vigilant even in the night, as they await the return of the householder, who is identified with the return of the Son of Man at a time the servants do not know.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 1, 2016 (8 am)

Isidoro B. Barayuga (RIP)

Carol K. Baron (Birthday Memorial)

Frank J. Tadda, Jr. (RIP)

Tuesday, August 2, 2016 (8 am)

Marietta Kaao (Birthday Blessings)

Frank J. Tadda, Jr. (RIP)

Wed., August 3, 2016 (8 am)

Peter Kaao, Sr. (Birthday Memorial)

Frank J. Tadda, Jr. (RIP)

Jane A. Rapoza (RIP)

Thursday, August 4, 2016 (8 am)

Beverly Perry (Birthday Blessing)

Frank J. Tadda, Jr. (RIP)

Friday, August 5, 2016 (8 am)

Feliciano Dona (RIP)

Mariano Mendoza, Sr. (RIP)

Lorraine Aguirre (Birthday Memorial)

Narcisa A. Cafirma (RIP)

Saturday, August 6, 2016

8AM: Peter Kaao, Sr.

(Memorial Anniversary)

Bartolome Baraceres (RIP)

Remy Sosa (RIP)

5PM: Elaine Snowden & Jane Smith

(Healing)

Sunday, August 7, 2016

7AM: Tony Baptiste

(Birthday Memorial)

9AM: For the People

11AM: Nakagawa, Carberry, Thompson

Families (Blessing/Comfort)

6PM: Michele (Mopas) Kawauchi (RIP)

Interested in becoming an EMHC?

There is a need for additional ministers for the 11:00 am and 6:00 pm Masses.

For more info, please contact Nick Calzada at ncalzada@rcchawaii.org.



End of Summer Celebration for EDGE and LifeTeen programs, grades 6-12. Join us this Tuesday, August 2 at 6 pm for Glow-in-the-Dark games & Adoration. We're on Instagram: [edgesjae](https://www.instagram.com/edgesjae).

The final RE Parent Orientation, before classes start on Sunday, August 7, will be held on **Saturday, August 6th** at 9:00 am in the Church. For more, please contact the Religious Education Office.



2016-2017 Religious Education Open Enrollment

For more information, contact the RE Office at 623-3332, x204.



Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a part of the Catholic Faith? Let us help you with your journey in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation. Contact Dcn. Modesto Cordero at 585-3342, mcordero@rcchawaii.org for more.

The next 24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Fri., August 5, immediately after the 8 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am on Sat., August 6.



St. John Women's Guild will be having its annual bake sale on Sunday, August 7, following all morning Masses. Proceeds will help the Guild in their charitable works for the parish and community. For information on the Women's Guild, contact Erlinda Nishimura at 286-1071.



Cub Scouts, Pack 144, is having a Registration Night on Monday, August 8, 6:00 PM in classroom 6. Boys in Kindergarten to 5th grade may register to join in the fun!

Christmas in the Summer! St. John's Social Ministry is seeking *Angel Volunteers* to help with this year's Angel Tree Network. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Deb Zedalis at 348-2973 or dzedalis@hawaii.rr.com.

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on Thurs., Sept. 25, 7-9 pm in room 6. The title of the discussion book is *Come be my light: The Private Writings of the Saint of Calcutta* by Mother Teresa. Open to everyone, bring a snack to share! Contact Linda 277-1307, alohamc@yahoo.com for more.

In preparation of the "One Community Celebration", the Planning Committee is seeking helpers to distribute posters to the community, monetary donations for volunteers' lunch, and prize giveaways. If you are able to assist, please stop by their table on the lanai after Mass. Mahalo to those who made donations and signed up to donate event prizes. Please drop off prize donations at the celebration table next weekend, August 6/7, after all Masses.

SAVE THE DATE!!



Celebration!
A Place to Gather, Grow and Reach Out

Saturday, August 13, 2016

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Church Grounds)

45th Anniversary Holy Mass

Monday, August 15, 2016 ~ 7:00 PM

Bishop Larry Silva will preside.

Planned Giving

Proper estate planning can reduce administrative time, expense and inconvenience. Careful estate planning can also be one of the best gifts you give your family. Please remember **St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church** in your will.

Stewardship of Treasure - July 23 / 24

Sunday Collection

- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$1,896.11
- 7:00 AM	\$2,016.40
- 9:00 AM	\$2,199.75
- 11:00 AM	\$2,646.45
- 6:00 PM	\$1,804.78
- Front Office	\$1,440.50
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$1,795.50

Candle Sales \$531.00

Offerings - Marriage \$200.00

Offerings - Blessings \$50.00

Mass Intentions \$270.00

Donation - YYA \$30.00

Building Fund (non-assessed) \$172.00

Social Ministry \$212.50

Stewardship Development \$14.25

Building, Equip., & Maint. \$983.00

Preschool \$10.00

Seminarian Education Fund \$460.00

Weekend Total: \$16,732.24

"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, Judy Amasol, Tom Harris, Darrlyn Bunda, Ellen Cleghorn, Hilaria Santos, Fr. Edward Turner, Maureen Hart, Diane Kotch, Mona DeCosta, Josephine Ponce, Aiden Phillips & Family, Tony Gabriel, Debi Tulang DeSilva, Mike Culkin, Marcy Sagon, Paul & Ron Thames, Steve Aquino, Milton Sagon, Fely Sagon, Sandra Woodard, Kelli Buenconsejo, Catherine Garnsey, Fritz Campbell, Elaine Snowden, Julie Smith, Kim Noveloso, & all names in the Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Amelia "Mely" Benitez, Alicia Llacuna, Robbie Garliyo, Daniel E. Hunkele, Antone Gabriel, Gilbert A. Padilla, Ellen A. Inciong, Raymond E. Nawrocki, Raynaldo Pasion, Gloria Bernal, Frank J. Tadda, Jr., Rudolfo "Rudy" Nacapoy, Madeline Pascua, Helen B. Prestosa, Arden Lee, Sherry H. White, Martin Moreno, and Betty Deinhardt.