



AUGUST 20 / 21, 2016
THE TWENTY-FIRST 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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Parochial Vicar (x 104)

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PARISH PROGRAMS

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Pearl Bates

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

45th Anniversary: Mahalo for a Successful Celebration!

"I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now." (Phil 1:3-5)

On Saturday, August 13, we experienced an amazing One Community Celebration. We opened our campus to the entire Mililani community and utilized our celebration to welcome, engage and tell our story to our guests. The response was outstanding and the event was a great opportunity to get to know each other.

I am indebted to the Planning Committee (Angela Bolan, Cesceli Nakamura, Cory Lindo & Mike Browning) and their volunteers for organizing the vendors, business participants, our neighboring Christian churches, the children's events and the many parish ministries that made this a great celebration. Mahalo to Clyde Higa and the Knights of Columbus for joyfully performing set-up, take-down and other needed tasks throughout the day. Mike Browning was an excellent MC who kept the schedule on-time, high level interest with great prize giveaways, and many thought-provoking questions about our parish and our Christian faith. Special thanks to all who entertained us, especially our Children's Choir, Na Wahine O Ka Hula Mai Ka Puuwai, the Zumba and Yoga instructors, the Rock/Hawaiian Ensemble, St. John's Liturgical Movement Ministry and our newly-discovered St. John's Jazz Band. Thank you for your time and talent. Thank you Deb Zedalis and your team for the wonderful brochure on the hidden art in our Church and thank you to our Deacons for leading the guided tours of the Church. To my staff, I am grateful for the amount of time you gave to the One Community Celebration.

This event would not have been successful without the participation of our parishioners and their families. Thank you for your monetary and prize donations and especially your attendance. Finally, my gratitude to all the youth and young adults who responded to our invitation to play *Pokémon Go* on our campus. I was asked if we are going to have another occasion for *Pokémon Go*, I replied yes because this has developed into "*pokéangelization*."

From the One Community Celebration we now focus our attention on building our One Community Center as we head towards the 50th Anniversary of our parish. That is the vision. We have outlines for our plan and soon the A/E design concepts will be presented to the *Diocesan Planning and Building Committee* and thereafter to parishioners at the next town hall meeting.

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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"

NARROW GATE: OUTSIDE OR INSIDE?

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about the narrow gate. It is the answer to the question: "*Lord, will only a few people be saved?*" Those who enter the narrow gate will enjoy the Father's eternal banquet. Those who do not have the determination and courage to live their faith, will remain outside the Master's House. You get the sense that the people left outside are lukewarm Christians. They did know the Master, ate and drank with him, and were witnesses to his teaching, but now they were outside. They thought it was their right to receive all the benefits, but they were shut out. They no longer had a relationship with the Master. Are we inside with the Lord or outside? That is the goal of our lives, "*to be with Jesus, at all times and for all eternity.*"

Why are we here? The answer is far deeper than just "*to go to Mass.*" We are here because we need to be with our loving Lord and be with Him always, not

just one hour a week in a church, but throughout the week, wherever He can be found.

People often attempt to justify their faith life by speaking about their past relations with God, how they did ministry in the church or attended religious education classes. Some people go through life thinking that their past is all that matters. It doesn't occur to them that their present relationship with God is what really matters. Our relationship with God is the source of our spiritual life. If that relationship is no longer present, then the source of life is gone.

Why would anyone, who once valued his or her relationship with God, push God aside or even out of his or her life? The answer is the gate to heaven is narrow for many. Evil is all around us. It invites us to an immoral party. It tells us that some of our friends we know are at that party. It is so easy to join them. It is so much harder

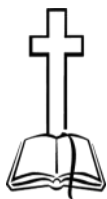
to go in a different direction. The different direction is the narrow gate. It is easier to go through the wide gate, to go along with a crowd. It is difficult to be one of the few that rejects the values of the crowd. When we choose the wide gate over the narrow gate, we find ourselves diminishing the importance of our relationship with God.

The people in the second reading, those addressed in the Letter to the Hebrews, acted as though the Christian faith was too difficult. Our faith is not difficult. It is our way to happiness. We make sacrifices, like being faithful, truthful, giving and compassionate to others.

Today, we pray for the courage to stay inside the house with the Master. We pray for the courage to live our faith and enter through the narrow gate.

**BLESSINGS TO ALL,
DCN. WALLY MITSUI**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2016



First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18,20, 28-29

This five verse reading focuses on humility. It wisely suggests that one's humility should increase as one's status increases. The motive for our humility should be genuine, otherwise we end up with false humility to promote our own ego. The reading ends with a proverbial comparison between water and almsgiving. Just as water quenches fire, almsgiving atones sin. Both water and almsgiving wipe away what is detrimental. Both images are meant to promote humility. The one who gives alms does not do that from a position of superiority or to promote his/her ego. Rather, almsgiving is an expression of serving the one we give.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 68:4-5,6-7,10-11

The verses selected from psalm 68 sketch two very different images of God. 1) God is described as the protector of the vulnerable. He is also the Father of orphans and the defender of widows. 2) God is the source of life for the earth. In the guise of the storm, God becomes fertility for the land. Both of these images illustrate the power of God in history and the created world.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

This passage from Hebrews uses the image of two mountains: *Mount Sinai*, where God reveals himself first to Israel through Moses, and transformed *Mount Zion* (New Jerusalem) where God continues to reveal himself and where he will completely revealed himself in the end. One comes to the mountain in order to commit oneself to God's covenant. Both mountains are metaphors for *God's Old Covenant* given through Moses, and the New Covenant given through Jesus Christ who seals that Covenant with his blood, which is far more efficacious.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

The context of this gospel passage is that Jesus is present at a family banquet on a Sabbath. He is watched carefully by those at table, but Jesus too is watching the guests as they enter and occupy places of honor. There, Jesus initially uses the occasion to teach the guests and then the host. To the invited guests, Jesus tells a parable about proper placement at banquets. The preoccupation with places of honor was important as it reflected one's status and degree of relationship to the host. Jesus does not criticize the practice, but instead finds fault with the arrogant attitude of those who think they are more important than they are. He admonishes the guests to take the lowest seats so that the host may see them and bring them to better seats. The teaching is that the humble are exalted while the those who exalt themselves are humbled. Turning to the host, Jesus admonishes the practice of inviting those who are able to reciprocate in kind. Rather, Jesus teaches us to give to the poor and those in need; people who cannot advance one's sense of honor.

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

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



Masses For The Week

Monday, August 22, 2016 (8 am)

Faye Gibson (RIP)

Ron Thames (Spiritual Blessings)

Paul Thames (Spiritual Blessings)

Tuesday, August 23, 2016 (8 am)

Lucille Wright (RIP)

Rosalie Shelton (Healing)

Thomas M. McNorton (RIP)

Wed., August 24, 2016 (8 am)

Ernest Grace (Birthday Memorial)

Jesse Pangelinan (Memorial Anniversary)

Raymond Swider (RIP)

Thurs., August 25, 2016 (8 am)

Justin Tano (Birthday Blessing)

Kristine Calzada (Birthday Blessing)

Raymond Swider (RIP)

Friday, August 26, 2016 (8 am)

Emil & Dina Pahayahay (RIP)

Raymond Swider (RIP)

Raymond E. Nawrocki (RIP)

Saturday, August 27, 2016

8AM: Faye Gibson (RIP)

Raymond Swider (RIP)

Bibiana Cabana (RIP)

5PM: Raymond Swider (RIP)

Sunday, August 28, 2016

7AM: Fukuda & Yamaguchi Families

(Blessings / Thanksgiving)

9AM: For the People

11AM: Frank J. Tadda (RIP)

6PM: The Youth of Our Parish

(Blessings / Guidance / Thanksgiving)



HEALING / BLESSINGS: Ben &

Helen Guerrero, Mina DeJesus,

Bob & Mel Knott, 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 Culkan, 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, Modesta Yadao and all

names in the Prayer Intentions Book.

Marriage Validation Information Night -



Join us on Friday, September 2, 7-8 pm in rooms 4 & 5, to find out how to obtain the Church's blessing of a non-Catholic marriage. Interested in validating your marriage in the Catholic Church? Our clergy will be present to assist you. For info, please contact our Parish Office: 623-3332 x100, sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org.

Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the USA. Many students receive scholarship aid from this collection. On weekend of September 3/4, we will be participating in the National Collection for the CUA. Your support will enable Catholic University to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation. You can donate online by visiting our parish website, selecting the "Online Giving" icon.

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! For more information, contact Linda 277-1307 or Melissa alohamc@yahoo.com.

Religious Education Volunteer Certified



Catechists - RE is currently looking for a Volunteer Catechist to teach Grade 1. If you are interested in teaching Grade 1 students with an adult aide and registering to become a Certified Catechist (classes are once a month for 6 months), please contact the RE Director, 623-3332, x206, sjaeRE@rcchawaii.org.

All Parishioners interested in becoming a Certified Catechist for Faith Formation are invited to register for the "Bearer's of Light" Catechist sessions for the upcoming school year. There are a total of seven (7) classes to attend, an online Safe Environment class & certification, as well as a background check. If you are interested, please contact the RE Office, 623-3332, x206, sjaeRE@rcchawaii.org.

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 at 585-3342, mcordero@rcchawaii.org for more.

What's NEW!! Check out our new St. John Parish App. Download it for FREE from Apple Store or Google Play. Just search "St. John Mililani", look for our logo, and upload it. This app will be replacing the myParish app as of September 1st. More information is to come, so stay tune!

Job Opening!

Choir Director/Piano Accompanist

Seeking a competent *Choir Director/Singer/Piano Accompanist* who can collaboratively work with all choirs and liturgical ministries during Mass. This **Part-Time** position holds an average of 10 hrs/week. [Additional hours during solemnities, special feast days, including rehearsals/prep-time].

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

Christmas is just around the corner!



St. John's Social Ministry is seeking *Angel Volunteers* to help with this year's Angel Network. If you are interested in helping, contact Deb Zedalis: 348-2973, dzedalis@hawaii.rr.com.

The next 24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Fri., Sept. 2, immediately after the 8 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am on Sat., Sept. 3.



Planned Giving

Your gifts to your church are a testimony to your faith and the confidence you have in your parish. Both lifetime gifts and testamentary (those that are given through your will) express your feelings in a meaningful way. Please remember *St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church* in your will.

Stewardship of Treasure - August 13 / 14

Sunday Collection

- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,408.00
- 7:00 AM	\$2,995.19
- 9:00 AM	\$3,179.86
- 11:00 AM	\$2,520.36
- 6:00 PM	\$1,573.00
- Front Office	\$283.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$1,971.25

Candle Sales

\$602.00

Offerings - Funerals

\$100.00

Mass Intentions

\$120.00

Donation - YYA

\$30.00

Preschool

\$10.00

Building Fund (non-assessed)

\$1,743.25

Social Ministry

\$466.00

Stewardship Development

\$14.25

Building, Equip., & Maint.

\$1,291.00

Seminarian Education Fund

\$5.00

Weekend Total: \$19,312.16

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