



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

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Dominique Kekiwi

Preschool Director (744-9538)

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

The Seven Sacraments: Brief Outline

Part 1: The Sacraments of Initiation

Baptism (from the Greek noun βάπτισμα *baptisma*, meaning immersion) is the sacrament in which, by water and the power of the Holy Spirit, a person is cleansed of all sin, including the original sin, and is reborn into the new life of Christ. We also say that a person becomes a new member of the Body of Christ. The action by which Baptism takes place is twofold:

- ❖ The pouring of water or immersion.
- ❖ The words: *"I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* (cf. Matthew 28:19)

Confirmation (from the Latin verb *confirmare*, meaning to make secure, firm or strengthen) is the sacrament in which the baptized members are strengthened by the Holy Spirit in order to bear witness to Christ throughout their lives by taking on the role of a disciple and steward of Jesus Christ. The Sacrament of Confirmation is conferred by a bishop or priest with the following action and words:

- ❖ Laying of Hands and anointing with Holy Chrism.
- ❖ The words *"Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."* (cf. Acts 8:14-17)

Eucharist (from the Greek ευχαριστία *efcharistia*, which is a translation of the Hebrew word *berekah* both meaning thanksgiving or praise for the wonderful works of God.) is the sacrament in which the true Body and Blood of Christ, who is truly present under the appearance of bread and wine, is received in Holy Communion. The materials and the words by which the true Body and Blood of Christ is made present at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass are the following:

- ❖ Bread and wine
- ❖ The words of institution by the priest: *"This is my body....this is my blood."* (cf. Luke 22:19, originally from 1 Corinthians 11:24)

Part 2 in this series will outline the Sacraments of Healing. Stay tuned.

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"

DISCIPLESHIP IS NOT EASY!

Jesus clearly forewarns us about the cost of journeying with him to Jerusalem: a priority relationship with him that demands *total self-devotion*. Discipleship compels total self-renunciation, total commitment, and total identity with Jesus. There is no easy road to discipleship. However, we need to remember that we have in fact already begun this journey at baptism. Luke uses the journey with Jesus to Jerusalem as an opportunity to teach us, his followers, about the demands of being a disciple. To be a disciple of Jesus we must keep in mind three important factors.

Discipleship demands single-minded loyalty: One thing we can say about Jesus in today's Gospel is that he was not concerned about being politically correct. He uses the kind of strong language that is not heard often in our day: *If you want to be a disciple of Jesus, you must "hate" your family and "give up all your possessions."* Now the meaning of the word "hate" during that time did not carry the same

negative psychological implications for Jesus that it does for our contemporary culture. In Jesus' culture of honor and shame, to hate someone meant to regard them with less esteem, to prefer them less than someone else. This is the way Jesus chooses to express the demands of discipleship. It demands total and complete focus on the kingdom of God. Absolute loyalty to Jesus and his mission is required of every disciple. It even surpasses the loyalty demanded by one's family.

Every disciple of Jesus must be prepared to endure suffering: To make sense of the mystery of suffering we must connect our crosses to the cross of Christ. The image Jesus uses is to carry one's cross. For Jesus, however, the cross is not a metaphor; it is a concrete reality at the end of this lengthy journey to Jerusalem. As the Master goes, so goes the disciple. Being a follower of Jesus requires the willingness to suffer what he suffered.

Be prepared: One should not undertake a

difficult challenge without being carefully prepared for all results in failure and humiliation. Do not approach discipleship superficially. Everything – including possessions – must take second place to the kingdom of God. The cost of discipleship lies in the "total": it is everything we have and what we are. Following Jesus leads to death, to be sure, but to a death that grants us a share in God's very life, an outcome worth any price.

Our challenge this weekend is to see our call as a call for us to put Jesus ahead of our own families and even our own lives. It calls us to carry our cross and renounce all that we have. Discipleship is total and unconditional. The cost of discipleship? Everything we have and who we are. The reward of discipleship? Everything God has and is.

BLESSINGS!

DCN. MODESTO CORDERO

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016



First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

In this passage, Moses is at prayer before God who tells him that the Israelites are guilty of turning away from God's law. Moses pleads with God to spare the people asking him to remember the Covenant he made with the forefathers. In the end we hear that God relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict upon the people.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

Psalm 51 is the most beautiful Penitential Psalms. The response consists of plea for mercy, a prayer for transformation. The seriousness of the offenses acknowledged requires a thorough conversion (transformation, change of heart, *metanoia*). The psalmist therefore pleads to God for this transformation: "a clean heart create in me, O God."

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

This six verse reading is a bold statement about God's mercy toward sinners. Paul begins this teaching with an expression of gratitude for God's goodness towards him, and for this Paul moves into a personal testimony that shows the extent of God's goodness. Paul states that he is grateful Christ strengthened him and found him worthy to proclaim the Gospel. In other words, Paul is admitting to having been transformed by the grace of God's goodness to what he is now. He was the foremost of sinners, but was mercifully treated. Christ too will transform those who come to believe.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

In the opening verses of this Gospel, the lines are drawn between the scribes and the Pharisees, who are considered righteous leaders, and tax collectors and sinners, who are social outcasts. To share a meal with the latter group was to share life with them. Thus Luke in this passage sets the stage for a real confrontation. That is the context for the accusation of the religious leaders that "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Typically, Jesus does not deny their accusation but seizes the opportunity to teach about God's unfathomable mercy and compassion using three parables of the lost and found." The best known of these parables is that of the prodigal son. While the parable is clearly about the mercy God shows to the repentant sinner, it also contrasts God's openness with the closed-mindedness of those who consider themselves faithful. Often times we tend to behave like the elder son whose attitude and language is sharply contrasted to that of his forgiving father. The feasting and the joy of forgiveness are worthy meditating upon as consequence of deeply experiencing God's mercy.

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
Mon., September 5, 2016 (8 am)

Isabel L. Cox (Birthday Memorial)
Gallogly-Tatistcheff Ohana
(Special Intentions / Blessings)
Raymond Swider (RIP)

Tues., September 6, 2016 (8 am)

Gallogly-Tatistcheff Ohana
(Special Intentions / Blessings)
Raymond Swider (RIP)
Bretman Gaffud (RIP)

Wed., September 7, 2016 (8 am)

Gallogly-Tatistcheff Ohana
(Special Intentions / Blessings)
Raymond Swider (RIP)

Andrea Perlas (Blessings / Thanksgiving)

Thurs., September 8, 2016 (8 am)

Melody Therese Calzada
(Birthday Memorial / RIP)
Raymond Swider (RIP)

Friday, September 9, 2016 (8 am)

Erica Utu (Birthday Blessings)
Ganibe-Calzada Family (Blessings)
Raymond Swider (RIP)
Ellen A. Inciong (RIP)

Saturday, September 10, 2016

8AM: Raymond Swider (RIP)

Helen Yamaguchi & Kikuo Fukuda
(Good Health / Happiness)

5PM: Faustina Ramos (RIP)

Sunday, September 11, 2016

7AM: Daniel A. Fernandez
(Birthday Memorial)

9AM: For the People

11AM: Raymond Swider (RIP)

6PM: Kaulana Cossey (RIP)



HEALING/BLESSINGS: Bob & Mel Knott, Tom Harris, Darryln Bunda, Ellen Cleghorn, Hilaria Santos, Fr. Ed 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, Modesta Yadao, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Mina DeJesus, and all names in the Prayer Intentions Book.

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, September 5th** in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the USA. This weekend, we will be participating in a *National Collection* for the CUA. Additional envelopes are at the back of the Church. You may drop your donation during offertory or donate online through our parish website, "Online Giving".

SPECIAL Second Collection - Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace (September 10/11) - Join us in supporting the *Cathedral Renewal Campaign* (CRC) to renovate and restore our historic Hawaiian cathedral! The mother church of our Diocese, dedicated in 1843, has been serving the Catholic community of Hawaii for more than 170 years. Today, the *Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace* needs your help to ensure she remains standing for future generations to enjoy, just as we benefit from the efforts of our ancestors and Catholic predecessors. For more info, visit www.honolulucathedralrenewal.org or contact the Campaign Office: 808-585-3329 / CRC@rcchawaii.org. Please support the CRC in the Second Collection after Communion next weekend, Sept. 10/11, or contribute online. Mahalo Nui Loa!

A Caregiving, Alzheimer's & Social Security Seminar will be held on **Saturday, September 17, 9:00 am** to 12:00 pm, in the Parish Center of *Our Lady of Good Counsel Church* in Pearl City. To RSVP and for more info, please call Bob Mariano: 388-1581.

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on Thurs, Sept. 15, 7:00-9:00 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 info, contact Linda 277-1307 or Melissa alohamc@yahoo.com.

Fiesta of San Lorenzo Ruiz: The Fil-Am Catholic Group is hosting a 9-day novena to St. Lorenzo Ruiz from **September 15th to September 23rd**. On **Saturday, Sept. 24**, they invite everyone to join them for fellowship and a potluck following the 5:00 pm Mass. The actual feast day is on **Wed., Sept. 28th**. More info on times and locations of the novena is located on the parish bulletin board near the entrance of the church.

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

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

**† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS****Betty & Charles Deinhardt (RIP)**

Friday, September 9 ~ Mililani Memorial (Makai Chapel) Visitation: 10:00 am
Prayer Service: 11:00 am ~ Burial: 12:30 pm

Shirley Ann G. Ganir (RIP)

Tuesday, September 13 ~ Mililani Memorial (Makai Chapel) Visitation: 8:30 am
Prayer Service: 9:45 am ~ Burial: 11:00 am

Patrick V. Saguibo (RIP)

Wednesday, September 14 ~ Mililani Memorial (Makai Chapel) Wake: 6:30 pm
Thursday, September 15 ~ St. John A & E Mass: 11:00 am ~ Burial: 12:30 pm (MMP)

Planned Giving

 Preparing an estate plan is good Christian stewardship; saying thanks to God, expressing your love for family, and showing charity towards others. Please remember **St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church** in planning your will.

Stewardship of Treasure - August 27 / 28**Sunday Collection**

- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$1,952.10
- 7:00 AM	\$2,452.65
- 9:00 AM	\$2,593.55
- 11:00 AM	\$2,326.38
- 6:00 PM	\$2,231.00
- Front Office	\$200.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$2,199.25

Candle Sales	\$520.00
Offering - Marriage	\$500.00
Offering - Baptisms	\$140.00
Mass Intentions	\$130.00
Donation - YYA	\$30.00
Preschool	\$10.00
Building Fund (non-assessed)	\$143.25
Social Ministry	\$165.00
Stewardship Development	\$14.25
Building, Equip., & Maint.	\$1,028.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$10.00

Weekend Total: \$16,645.43

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

DECEASED: Helen B. Prestosa, Arden Lee & Sherry H. White, Martin Moreno, Betty & Charles Deinhardt, Warren Yamamoto, Faye Gibson, Raymond J. Swider, Shirley Ann G. Ganir, Patrick V. Saguibo, Julius Soria, Ramon N. Ramos, Robert L. Lasack, Benedicto Gorospe.