



SEPTEMBER 24 / 25, 2016
THE TWENTY-SIXTH 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)

Msgr. John Mbinda

Parochial Vicar (x 104)

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Deacon Romeo Ganibe

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PARISH OFFICE

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Jolly Guerrero-Tano

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PARISH PROGRAMS

Outreach (x 203)

Pearl Bates

RCIA Coordinator

Dcn. Modesto Cordero

Religious Ed. Director (x 206)

Julie Quiroz-Zamora

Religious Ed. Secretary (x 204)

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

Various Roles in the Catholic Church

Part 1: The Laity and Lay Ministry

The word "role" will be used deliberately as it incorporates the role of the laity, religious men & women as well as the clergy.

Laity, by virtue of their baptism, confirmation and sharing in the Holy Eucharist, are called to be witnesses of Jesus Christ in the world. Their specific roles in the Church are clearly defined in the Second Vatican Council Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity (November 18, 1965). We see these roles clearly taking place here in our parish community. One important quotation worth noting from the above document is the following: "Lay people, too, sharing in the priestly, prophetic and kingly office of Christ, play their part in the mission of the whole people of God in the Church and in the world." (#2).

Lay Ministries are a concrete application of the guidelines emanating from various documents of the Catholic Church including those of the US Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB). These guidelines are found in several documents among them: "Co-workers in the vineyard of the Lord", USCCB, 2005; and "Called and Gifted", USCCB, Nov 13, 1980. Here are a few examples of Lay Ministries you may recognize in our parish community: Director of Religious Education (DRE) is responsible for the religious education of pre-k through grade 12 working in collaboration with volunteer catechists; Director of Liturgy (DL) is responsible for all liturgical ministries and services to ensure our parish has vibrant and meaningful liturgies; Director of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is responsible for overseeing the process of welcoming and forming new adult members on their journey toward baptism, confirmation and full communion into the Church working in collaboration with volunteer catechists; Coordinator of Lectors is responsible for scheduling of lectors for Sunday and Major Feast Day Masses in coordination with the DL; Coordinator of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) is responsible for scheduling of EMHCs for Sunday and Major Feast Days in coordination with the DL.

The next bulletin will consider the role of men and women religious in the Church. 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"

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

BY: DCN. WALLY MITSUI

"Woe to the complacent! Woe to the over confident! And to those stretched out in comfort, music in the background, and a gourmet meal on the table."

What's wrong with this picture? Amos was disturbed by it, not because of itself but because of the context. He couldn't understand how some people could spend lavishly on extras while others around them were unable to provide the minimum for themselves and their families.

The story from Luke echoes the complaints of Amos against the self-satisfied. The rich person is described as dressed in the best. The reference to the color purple emphasized the man's ability to purchase the same fabrics that the royals' used. We are given these details to underline the degree of wealth. The other detail we're given is that money is no object when it comes to food. He can eat what he likes and eat anytime.

In contrast to the rich man the other character is very poor. Not only is he poor but he is sick as well. He sat at the gate of the rich man hoping that such a spot would put him in a handy position to receive scraps. He got more compassion from passing dogs. Eventually he died. So did the rich man.

The next scene takes place in the abode of the dead. The roles are now reversed. The rich man inhabits the darkness while the poor man dwells in light. The rich man calls out for help. He is refused because the gulf between them is too difficult to cross. There had been a huge gulf between them in life but that gulf could have been bridged if the rich man had wanted it. His new state was the result of his own choices.

The rich man now realizes that his family is in for the same fate and in a burst of compassion asks if they can be shown the error of their ways. He is told that they have all the spiritual help that they need,

although, as Abraham points out, it would take a miracle to change their selfish ways.

This story, like so many Gospel stories, is told to wake us up. It would be easy to say, *"I'm not like the rich man"* and think that the story has nothing to say to me, but each day we have opportunities to make choices. The hard thing is that there is no easy list to follow; we have to work it out according to our talents and means. We have to be able to name who are the poor at our gate. Our concern is for all creation and for all people. God is not against enjoyment. As Amos says, *"It's injustice that makes God roar."* We need to remember that shared food is the major symbol of our faith. Our coming to the table is a reminder not only of the gift of Jesus, his life and ministry but also his words, *"As I did, so you do, in my memory."*

Blessings!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2016

REFLECTION BY: MSGR. JOHN MBINDA

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4

This reading consists of two parts. The first is a direct address spoken to God by the prophet. It sounds like a complaint: *"how long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen!"* Complaint to God is an expression of profound religious sentiment. In the second part, the prophet reports the response he has received from God. *"Then the Lord answered me and said..."* This response from the Lord is not an answer but a vision, the fulfilment of which lies in the future. The point is the need for hope and trust.

Responsorial Psalm: 95:1-2,6-7,8-9; 2

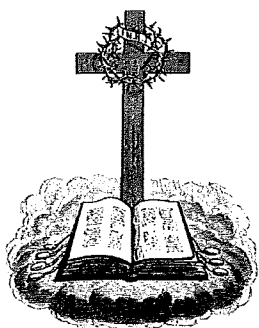
The responsorial psalm combines an invitation for praise, a plea for openness to God's voice and a word from God. *"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."*

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

In this text, Paul exhorts Timothy to renew his zeal, to be unashamed of the gospel, to bear his share of sufferings, to adhere to Paul's teaching and safeguard it. Timothy, like any of us, struggled with his calling as a Christian, but now, as one commissioned for the ministry, he had to struggle even more. Paul is aware of the risk one takes in publicly professing faith in Jesus Christ because *"God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control."*

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

The gospel passage contains two separate sayings. The first deals with the power of prayer, while the second addresses the responsibilities of disciples. Both are understood to be instructions for the apostles. The apostles ask for an increase in faith, and Jesus realizes that they want more faith in quantity. Jesus' response is in terms of quality of faith! *"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed..."*, you can move mountains! In the second saying, Jesus is teaching about the obligation of the one serving and not about the one being served. The disciple of Jesus Christ has been called to serve. Our service is not something we brag about, but something done in all humility.



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

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



Masses For The Week

Mon., September 26, 2016 (8 am)

Pearl Bates (Blessing / Thanksgiving)

Mike Aquinaldo (RIP)

Christopherson Cortes (RIP)

Tues., September 27, 2016 (8 am)

Esperidion Cortel (Birthday Blessing)

Betty & Charles Deinhardt (RIP)

Raymond J. Swider (RIP)

Wed., September 28, 2016 (8 am)

Rogelio Delos Santos, Sr.

(Memorial Anniversary)

John "Mike" Culkin (RIP)

Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016 (8 am)

Derrick Shockley, Jr.

(Birthday Blessings)

Felicitas & Alfredo Cordial (RIP)

Ira Ordillas (Healing)

Fri., September 30, 2016 (8 am)

Carolina Piedad (Healing)

Ricardo Piedad (Healing)

Elaine Marcos (RIP)

Saturday, October 1, 2016

8AM: Linda Armant (Birthday Blessing)

Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group

(2nd Anniversary / Blessings)

Corazon Manahan (Birthday Blessing)

5PM: Linda Armant (Birthday Blessing)

Sunday, October 2, 2016

7AM: Maria & Elivera Sfredro (RIP)

9AM: For the People

11AM: Henry P. Calio (RIP)

6PM: Rosario & Rosa Calip (RIP)

The Hui O Lailima Food Trolley will be out next weekend. There is a need for *non-perishable* single-serving size foods. Please kookua.



2016 Louisiana Flood Emergency - Our parish will be participating in a **Second Collection** for the Louisiana Flood next weekend, **October 1/2**, after Communion. Please be generous in your donation, checks are payable to *St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church*, memo: *2016 Louisiana Flood*.

The Cub Scouts will be doing their Annual Popcorn Fundraiser on Sunday, October 2 after all Masses.

Come & Enjoy a free community event featuring the *Mililani High School & Middle School Choirs* in a collaborative **Fall Concert**, **Wednesday, October 5th** at 7 pm in the Church.

A Town Hall Meeting will be held on **Saturday, October 8** at 9:00 am in the Church for an update on what has been done since the last Town Hall and the next steps into bringing the *One Community Center* and the relocation of the Preschool to fruition. Attendees will be able to ask questions of the Leadership Advisory Council (LAC), the Architects, and the Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) regarding these action items.



Harvest Festival Celebration will be held on **Sat., October 8** from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on our Parish Church Grounds. Join us for food, games, arts & crafts, and entertainment! Bring the whole family, everyone is invited to come! For more information, contact the RE Office: 623-3332, x204, sjaeRE@rcchawaii.org.



Missionary Basic Christian Community (MBCC) Retreat - This retreat is open to adults, 18+ yrs, who desire a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Held on **October 14-16** at the *St. Anthony Retreat Center*. Registration fee: \$60 for weekend; includes: food, lodging, & fun. Join us for a weekend of spiritual renewal & Christian fellowship. For more, contact Russell Yamamoto: 381-0674 or russellkyamamoto@gmail.com.

Safe Environment Workshop will be held on **Saturday, October 15** at 9:00 am in classrooms 4 & 5. All parish community members who belong to a ministry group that works with minors, under the age of 18, are required to attend. For more, please see the RE Office.



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

Christopherson Cortes (RIP)

Viewing / Rosary ~ Nu'uuanu Memorial Park
Sunday, Sept. 25 - 4-7 pm ~ 5:00 pm Rosary
Monday, Sept. 26 - 5-9 pm ~ 6:30 pm Rosary
Tuesday, Sept. 27 ~ Blessed Sacrament Church
Rosary: 10:00 am ~ Mass: 11:15 am
Burial: 1:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Benedicto A. Gorospe (RIP)

Monday, September 26 ~ St. John A & E
Mass: 11:00 am ~ Burial: 12:30 pm (MMP)

Frederico P. Olivas (RIP)

Monday, September 26 ~ Mililani Memorial Park
Wake: 6:30 pm (Mauka Chapel)
Tuesday, September 27 ~ MMP (Mauka)
Visitation: 9:00 am ~ Prayer Svc.: 10:15 am
Burial: 11:00 am

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.

Catholic Charities Hawaii (CCH) - Thank you for supporting CCH Sunday last weekend. Together, our parish contributed \$3,577.50.



Stewardship of Treasure - September 17/ 18

Sunday Collection

- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,008.75
- 7:00 AM	\$2,642.51
- 9:00 AM	\$2,894.26
- 11:00 AM	\$2,285.86
- 6:00 PM	\$1,567.00
- Front Office	\$930.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$2,793.00

Candle Sales \$419.00

Offering - Baptism \$100.00

Offering - Funeral \$300.00

Mass Intentions \$140.00

Donation - YYA \$30.00

Charity Donations \$62.00

Building Fund (non-assessed) \$228.25

Social Ministry \$170.00

Stewardship Development \$960.00

Building, Equip., & Maint. \$1,525.00

Cathedral Renewal Campaign \$175.00

Weekend Total: \$19, 131.62

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



HEALING/BLESSINGS: 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, 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, Chelsea Anne Ramiro, Bertha Goo, and all names in the Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: 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, Federico P. Olivas, John "Mike" Culkin, and Christopherson Cortes.



WHAT IS A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR?

A Life in the Spirit Seminar consists of a series of talks, testimonies, and time for prayer and reflection. The seminar will help deepen a person's relationship with Jesus Christ and leads the participant to experience an awakening of the gifts and fruit of The Holy Spirit bestowed at Baptism and Confirmation.

We urge you to come and establish or re-establish your personal relationship with Jesus Christ, yield to the action of the Holy Spirit in your daily life, experience His Presence in you and be more fully joined to Christ.

SAVE THE DATES

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

(a weekend experience)

Sponsored by St. John Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group
St. John A&E Catholic Parish, Mililani

October 21, 2016 Friday 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Registration at 7:00 pm
October 22, 2016 Saturday 8:30 am – 6:00 pm

THE SEMINAR IS FREE.
LUNCH AND DINNER ARE PROVIDED ON SATURDAY

For more information call
Frank & Nita Hing: 625-6227

