



OCTOBER 1 / 2, 2016
27TH 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 (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 MESSAGE

Various Roles in the Catholic Church

Part 2: The Role of Men and Women in Consecrated Life

Men and women in consecrated life profess public vows and bear public witness to Christ and to the Church according to a specific charism. An example of charism would be teaching, serving the poor or just pastoral work in a parish. Religious men may have a membership made up of brothers, priests or both. There are also communities of religious women. The various characteristics of the religious way of life as a particular form of consecrated life include:

- ❖ *Public vows of poverty, chastity and obedience* professed freely to God and accepted in the name of the Church. This profession obligates and liberates the consecrated religious priest, brother or sister to strive to love as God loves and to abide in his love.
- ❖ *Public witness* or visible presence in the Church witnessing to the Person of Jesus Christ who is present here among us, loves to the end and gives witness of hope.
- ❖ *Life lived in common* according to the charism of the founder or foundress.
- ❖ Through a certain *separation from the world* proper to the charism of the institute, consecrated religious are called to be salt and light of the world; a prophetic countercultural sign—whose focus is on God.

A corporate or common apostolate, which gives concrete expression to the purpose of the institute, is a source of unity and identity among its members.

Another distinction we make is between consecrated **religious monks and nuns** who live in monasteries and consecrated **apostolic religious priests, brothers and sisters**.

- ❖ **Consecrated religious monks (men) and nuns (women)** live and work primarily within the enclosure of their community setting, and have given their lives in support of the Church through prayer and hidden sacrifice. An example for us here would be the Benedictine monks and nuns at St. Michael in Waialua.
- ❖ **Apostolic communities** are frequently engaged in works related to education, health care, communication, social work or administration. One example would be the Daughters of St. Paul whose charism is media (print, CDs, DVDs and Internet). We have many other communities in the diocese.

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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"

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY: MSGR. JOHN MBINDA

The readings this Sunday underline the transforming power of faith when put into action. In the first reading, Habakkuk's society was not all that much different from ours, where violence and power are glorified and the vulnerable are destroyed or kept in their place.

Since 1972, the first Sunday of October has been designated by the Church as *Respect Life Sunday*. We are all challenged today by the secular context that denies the sanctity of human life while promoting a culture of death. Today we also join the prophet Habakkuk in asking God to intervene. We need to have strong faith because God eventually intervenes. Habakkuk is told not to despair. God will ultimately transform evil into good. *"The vision has its time; it will happen."*

In the second reading, Paul reminds Timothy of the gift from God that he received, exhorts him not be ashamed of his testimony to our Lord. The

Gospel reading starts with a genuine prayer of the apostles - Lord *"increase our faith"*. The apostles realized that faith was a gift from God, for no one can earn or buy it.

Without directly responding to the request of the apostles, Jesus used the image of uprooting a tree through the incredible power of faith. The tree is an image of the *status quo* of violence and destruction of human life. With the smallest amount of faith – the size of a mustard seed - one can uproot a large tree like the mulberry tree (with long roots). Jesus exaggerates to make the point that genuine faith has a transforming power for us and for the world. If we are faithfully united to Christ, we can be transformed into more effective instruments of the Lord in transforming the culture of death into a culture of life. As faithful disciples, we are challenged to make our choice: to serve Jesus Christ or to remain indifferent.



The message may be summed up in a few points. 1) The readings underline the transforming power of faith when put into action; 2) We must not despair. God will ultimately 'transform evil into good. 3) The readings challenge us to give witness in a secular culture of death and destruction of human life by promoting a culture of life; by being lovers of life ourselves.

This may mean marching together to the State Capital to express our conviction against legalization of abortion; it may mean sticking out our heads on the firing line for our faith or risking the possibility of persecution and even death.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2016

REFLECTION BY: MSGR. JOHN MBINDA

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

The reading is a narrative about healing, gratitude, conversion and worship. It is a recollection of stories about the prophet Elisha. The main character is Naaman, a foreigner cured of leprosy and converted to the God of Israel. Elisha simply asks Naaman to go and wash seven times in a river and he is miraculously cured.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4

This psalm belongs to the category of enthronement psalm, praising God as King over all. It opens with a call to sing a new song to God. *"Sing to the Lord a new song, for has done wondrous deeds."*

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

The passage, written from prison, begins with a form of creedal statement which Paul identifies as a trustworthy saying. Paul then exhorts Timothy to remember what is at the heart of the gospel Paul has proclaimed - a truth that is twofold: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead and he is a descendant of David. The structure of Paul's teaching here seems to be a liturgical hymn that uses four conditional clauses, reflecting not only the need to believe, but also to remain faithful in order to share in Christ's reign.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

The gospel passage echoes the healing story of a leper in the first reading. The Gospel passage tells of the healing of the ten lepers by Jesus. The point here is to show that Jesus is no ordinary prophet like Elisha who heals only one. Jesus heals ten here, and the list is long in the four gospels. These outcasts, instead of asking for alms as was expected of such persons, they asked for mercy and compassion: *"Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!"* Jesus sends them to the priests so that they can verify that they are clean and can now mix with other members of the community. The healing is used here as an image of salvation. In addition there is also the aspect of praise and thanksgiving by the one healed person who returns to offer gratitude to Jesus. One underlying contrast here is that ten were cleansed, but only one was totally healed, for he was able to return to offer praise to God for that healing. The others did not reach that level of healing.

Masses For The Week
Monday, October 3, 2016 (8 am)

Jolly Guerrero-Tano

(Birthday Blessings)

John "Mike" Culkin (RIP)

Raymond J. Swider (RIP)

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 (8 am)

Maryleimomilani E. Kohagura

(Birthday Blessing)

Monique K. Rossi (Birthday Blessing)

Christopherson Cortes (RIP)

Wed., October 5, 2016 (8 am)

Dorothy Issac (Birthday Blessing)

Kendyl J. Grace (1st Birthday Blessing)

Thurs., October 6, 2016 (8 am)

Rita Galicinao (Birthday Blessing)

Ray & Jane Beauchemin

(60th Wedding Anniversary)

Julius Soria (RIP)

Friday, October 7, 2016 (8 am)

Ben & Helen Guerrero

(Birthday Blessings)

Feliciano Dona (RIP)

Elpidio Orallo (RIP)

Benedicto A. Gorospe (RIP)

Saturday, October 8, 2016

8AM: Danny Pereira (Healing)

John "Mike" Culkin (RIP)

Julius Soria (RIP)

5PM: Col. & Mrs. Sabas DeGuzman

(RIP)

Sunday, October 9, 2016

7AM: Brandi DeCosta

(Birthday Blessing)

9AM: For the People

11AM: William Mein (Birthday Mem.)

6PM: Fr. Ben F. Calip (RIP)

**HEALING / BLESSINGS:** 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,

Bob & Mel Knott, Darrlyn & Ron

Bunda, and all names in the Prayer

Intentions Book.

The Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign is taking place now through *November 6*. During this time, please pray and fast for healing and conversion of those affected by abortion. There will be a continual *Prayerful Vigil* at the *Planned Parenthood Facility, 1350 S. King Street*. You may either participate individually by signing up online: www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu, or join our parish group that will leave the parking lot at 9 am on *Mondays* and will return at approx. 11:30 am. The sign-up sheet will be at the back of the church. Please indicate your level of participation and review the reminders & the *Statement of Peace*. For more, contact Mary Smart at 741-2358.

"Moved by Mercy" theme Poster Contest - Respect Life Ministry is *LOOKING* for youthful talent! This poster contest is open to parishioners, grades K-12. Registration will be after all Masses this weekend. Prizes will be rewarded! For more, contact Melissa alohamc@yahoo.com.

Come & enjoy a free community event featuring the *Mililani High & Middle School Choirs* in a collaborative *Fall Concert* this *Wed., Oct. 5th* at 7 pm in the Church.

A Town Hall Meeting will be held next *Sat., October 8* at 9 am in the Church for an update on the parish plans for the *One Community Center*. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Harvest Festival Celebration - *Saturday, October 8, 10 am - 3 pm, on campus*. Join us for food, games, arts & crafts, entertainment, and more! Bring your family & friends, everyone is invited! For more, contact the RE Office: 623-3332, ext. 204/206, sjaeRE@rcchawaii.org.

St. John Women's Guild Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11, at 10 am in the Church. All ladies of the parish with interest in the Guild are invited to attend. For more on the Women's Guild, contact Erlinda Nishimura at 286-1071.

Safe Environment Workshop will be held on *Saturday, October 15* at 9:00 am in rooms 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 Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on Thurs., Oct. 20, 7-9 pm in classroom 6. The title of the discussion book is *Real Mercy: Mary, Forgiveness, and Trust* by *Fr. Jacques Philippe*. Open to everyone! For more, contact Linda 277-1307.

Life in the Spirit Seminar, sponsored by the St. John Charismatic Prayer Group, will be held in the Parish Center, rooms 1-3, on Friday, October 21, 7:30-9:30 pm, and Saturday, October 22, 8:30 am - 6:00 pm. This seminar is FREE. Lunch and dinner is provided on Saturday. For more information, call Frank & Nita Hing at 625-6227.

Health and Wellness Fair, sponsored by the Parish Health Ministry, will be held on *Sat., October 29*, from 9 am - 1 pm on the lanai. This free community event will feature *Health & Education Resources, Flu Shots, Vision Exams, Food Demonstrations, Ask a Professional/Specialist Booth, and more!* For additional info, email sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org.

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.

The next 24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on *Friday, October 7*, immediately after the 8 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am on *Saturday, October 8*. Please join us in prayer to Jesus during this Eucharistic Holy hour for *Religious Liberty, Life, and Marriage*. Come and adore our risen Lord!

**Stewardship of Treasure - Sept. 24/ 25**

Sunday Collection	
- 5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)	\$2,160.00
- 7:00 AM	\$2,545.00
- 9:00 AM	\$2,441.00
- 11:00 AM	\$2,134.06
- 6:00 PM	\$1,895.57
- Front Office	\$227.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$2,831.00
Candle Sales	\$587.00
Offering - Funeral	\$100.00
Offering - Blessing	\$200.00
Mass Intentions	\$360.00
Donation - YYA	\$30.00
Charity Donations	\$104.00
Building Fund (non-assessed)	\$268.25
Social Ministry	\$118.00
Stewardship Development	\$204.50
Building, Equip., & Maint.	\$900.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$704.32
2016 Louisiana Flood Relief	\$155.00

Weekend Total: \$17,964.70

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

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.