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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

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The good news of this weekend’s Gospel is that Jesus wants to be with us: “*I must stay at your house today.*” The message of Zacchaeus’ story is an invitation for us to celebrate God’s love, experience His mercy, and renew our commitment to Christ by responding to His invitation by making ourselves available to God. We need to empty ourselves to make room for His grace and open our hearts to let Him in.

After meeting Jesus, Zacchaeus chose to put his life in right order. He offered half of his possessions to the poor and promised to repay those he wronged, four times over. His response to God’s invitation, like a good steward, and his actions are proof that “*faith without works is dead*”.

A good steward has a faith that is very much alive. Stewardship is using our gifts for God’s purposes instead of only our own. It’s something we never “*complete*”; it is a process and God is always calling us forward. In the end, being a good steward is part of being a good disciple of Jesus. If it is true that following Jesus is sometimes difficult, it is also true that stewardship can be hard, too. However, with faith in the Holy Spirit we know that God will strengthen us for us to use our gifts and resources for the sake of the Gospel and to build up the Church.

Our parish has embraced stewardship as a way of life since 2014. Stewardship begins with an “*attitude of gratitude.*” When we’re thankful for the gifts in our lives, we’re much more likely to want to share them with others. Stewardship is “*living by giving*”. It’s a lifestyle of generosity. In preparation for our annual Stewardship Commitment Renewal, today we will hear from one of our parishioners who will share his own life experience of stewardship, as a way of life, and his personal response to God’s call. His story is proof of what St. Paul said in today’s second reading, “*Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.*”

This weekend we are invited to make our encounter with Jesus ‘*priority one*’ again. We are called to renew our commitment to the God who shows mercy to all and willingly overlooks our sins!

MISSION / VISION 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.**

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE***Stewardship Commitment Renewal Weekend***

One question that I hear every year, as we begin preparing for our annual commitment renewal, is “*Why do have to repeat this every year?*” Let me try to explain the meaning of an annual commitment from experience. This year, on the occasion of annual celebration of the Chrism Mass at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, all the priests present made a renewal of their priestly commitment before Bishop Larry Silva. I did not hear any of the priests ask why we were renewing our commitment since we had done it the previous year.

Practically every week at the daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist, couples request for a blessing on the occasion of their *wedding anniversary*. If a spouse were to tell their partner that there was no need to for a blessing since they celebrated the previous year, there would be war! A wedding anniversary blessing by the priest is actually a renewal of the covenant established at the time of the wedding and a moment to be grateful to God for the blessings God has given you together. Every Easter Vigil we renew our *Baptismal* promises. We also do this at the Baptism of infants. On those occasions, no one complains that we did it last year because it is our Catholic way of life. So is stewardship.

Our *Stewardship Commitment* renewal means that our stewardship is a way of life. This way of life demands an annual re-commitment. In re-committing ourselves we intend to tell Jesus, our Spouse and Master, that we renew our covenant with Him for another year. This Sunday we begin the journey towards Commitment Renewal Weekend. One of our parishioners will share his journey into *stewardship as a way of life*. Next Sunday is the actual Commitment Renewal weekend. During this week, you will receive your Stewardship Commitment Renewal package entitled “*Called to Serve*”. If you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.


Parish Office Hours

Monday: 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM - Tues. - Fri.: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Saturday/Sunday: Closed

Mass Schedule

Weekday (Monday - Saturday): 8:00 AM
Sunday: (Sat. Vigil) 5 PM, (Sun.) 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 6 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance)

Fridays: 6:00-6:30 pm (For the Year of Mercy)
Saturdays: 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM (or by appointment)

Outreach Office & Food Pantry Hours

Monday-Wednesday: 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Thursday - Friday: 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM
Saturday/Sunday: Closed



***Upcoming Baptism Ceremony Dates (Infants to Age 6):** Nov. 13, Nov. 20, Dec. 11 & Dec. 18.

***Baptism Preparation Classes:** November 6 & December 4

**** Please contact the Parish Office to make all arrangements in advance. ****

Marriages are scheduled by meeting with a clergy, at least 6 months, prior to wedding date.

Blessings (home, auto, religious items, etc.), Anointing of the Sick, Homebound Communion,

Funeral Services/Notices: Please call the parish office for further coordination.

Saint of the WEEK CHARLES BORROMEO (1538-1584)



Feast Day: November 4 - Though Charles suffered all his life from a speech impediment, his intelligence and zeal made him an outstanding figure of the Catholic Reformation. In 1560, he was named a cardinal and administrator of the Archdiocese of Milan by his uncle, Pope Pius IV, but was kept in Rome to assist with the reconvened Council of Trent. He helped draft the council's catechism and liturgical books, and in 1563 was ordained a priest and bishop. Finally, in 1566, he was allowed to go to Milan, where he worked tirelessly to reform priestly training and lay catechesis. He also exhausted his own funds to provide relief during periods of famine and plague. He is the patron of seminarians and catechists.

All Souls Day

All Souls Day Masses, commemorating all those who have gone before us, will be on **November 2**, at **8:00 am & 7:00 pm**. All Souls Offering envelopes are available at the main entrance of the church. **Please submit your offering no later than November 1.** We hope to see you as we gather in prayer for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacob I. Estoesta (RIP)

Thursday, November 3 - MMP (Mauka) Wake Service: 6:30 pm

Friday, November 4 ~ MMP (Mauka)

Prayer Service: 10:00 am ~ Burial: 11:00 am



24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will be held on **Friday, November 4**, immediately after the 8:00 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am on **Saturday, November 5**.



HEALING / BLESSINGS: Steve Aquino, Fritz Campbell, Elaine Snowden, Julie Smith, Kim Noveloso, Modesta Yadao, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Mina DeJesus, Chelsea Anne Ramiro, Mel Knott, Darrlyn & Ron Bunda, Matt Farris, Mona DeCosta, John Bates, James Kahala, Ken Enomoto, Ellen Cleghorn, baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, Paul & Ron Thames, Gregory Castillo, and all names in the Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: John "Mike" Culkin, Christopherson Cortes, Romulo G. Esmeralda, Daria B. Barayuga, Ilariya Debebar, Geraldine A. Pasco, Victor A. Paruginog, Jacob I. Estoesta, Roberto "Bob" Knott, Agnes Mutiso, Lorita Aguillon, Berlina Mindoro, and Yoko Aki.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 31, 2016 (8 am)

Agnes Mutiso (RIP)

Roberto "Bob" Knott (RIP)

Lillian Freitas (RIP)

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 (8 am)

Liya Lamanilao (Birthday Blessing)

Constantino Bunghanoy, Sr. (RIP)

Maria Bunghanoy (Healing)

Wednesday, November 2, 2016 (8 am)

Mercedes Soliven (RIP)

Adrienne Gregory (Birthday Blessings)

Remigio Crisostomo (RIP)

7 PM: All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

Thursday, November 3, 2016 (8 am)

Agnes Mutiso (RIP)

Roberto "Bob" Knott (RIP)

Geraldine A. Pasco (RIP)

Friday, November 4, 2016 (8 am)

Feliciano Dona (RIP)

Dolores & Francisca Aquino (Blessings)

Teopista Tulang (RIP)

Daria B. Barayuga (RIP)

Saturday, November 5, 2016

8 AM: Roberto "Bob" Knott (RIP)

Romulo "Rome" Esmeralda (RIP)

5 PM: Henrietta Gonsalves (RIP)

Sunday, November 6, 2016

7 AM: Romulo "Rome" Esmeralda (RIP)

9 AM: For the People

11 AM: Lillian Freitas (RIP)

6 PM: Geraldine A. Pasco (RIP)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

The passage from *Second Book of Maccabees*, reveals the earliest clear beliefs of the afterlife in the Jewish Community about 110 B.C. The account of the mother whose seven sons are martyred one by one confessing their faith in the resurrection in defiance of the King, is evidence of these beliefs. Their faith is clear: "*the King of the world will raise us up to live again forever. It is for his laws that we are dying.*"



Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15

Psalm 17 can be classified as a psalm of lament; the confident prayer of someone in danger. It may be the prayer of the whole nation of Israel under persecution. Verse 15 may reflect some undefined hope in a life after death, but more likely refers to the collective hope of Israel in the restoration of the kingdom in its former glory.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Paul exhorts the Christian Community of Thessalonica, praying that the Lord comfort and strengthen them in their work even in the face of opponents. Paul in turn asks for their prayer so that he may continue to spread the message of the Lord, a task that is not yet completed, because not all have received the word of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

It is interesting that the question of the Sadducees to Jesus in the Gospel concerns seven brothers who die one after another! The Sadducees, who did not believe in a resurrection of the body after death, posed this question to show the absurdity of any real afterlife. Jesus, in turn, shows the absurdity of their question, mainly because life after death cannot be understood in terms of earthly life, for example marrying or not marrying. Jesus' main point is that God is the God of life and salvation.

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

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

Stewardship of Treasure - Oct. 22 / 23

Sunday Collection	\$13,378.16
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$1,515.25
Candle Sales	\$501.50
Offering - Baptism	\$50.00
Mass Intentions	\$180.00
Donation - YYA	\$30.00
Donation - Charity	\$91.00
Donation - Social Ministry	\$135.00
Building Fund (non-assessed)	\$104.50
Stewardship Development	\$104.50
B.E.M.	\$1,973.00
All Souls Day	\$95.00
World Mission Sunday	\$723.25
Weekend Total:	\$18,887.16

Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday!

Today we heard from a parishioner who shared what stewardship has meant in their life. Reflect on how *you* are involved at *St. John Apostle & Evangelist*. Do you serve in parish ministries? Do you come to parish-wide events? Are you taking steps to improve your spiritual life and further study our *Catholic Faith*?



The Commitment Card you received in the mail offers suggestions for how you can take a step forward in all these areas. Don't forget to bring your Commitment Card to Mass *November 5/6!*

Environment Ministry Leader - We are looking for someone with an artistic eye to simply decorate our sacred space for the different liturgical seasons. With a prayerful composure, you will collaboratively lead others in appropriate decor for Mass. If you are interested, please see *Nick Calzada*.

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 hours/week*. [Additional hours during solemnities, special feast days, including rehearsals/prep-time]. For more information and how to apply for this position, visit www.catholicahawaii.org/about-us/careers

Planned Giving - Good stewardship requires us to think of the future. Have your estate plan prepared now and express your good stewardship in ways that will bless your family & your church. Please remember ***St. John A & E Church*** in planning your will.



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

PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

The Hui O Laulima Food Trolley will be out next weekend. There is a need for *non-perishable, single-size serving* foods: cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, jam, and fruit, ramen, rice (5lb bags), canned goods (meats, soups, pasta, vegetables, beans, fruit), mac & cheese, spaghetti sauce, etc. Please kokua.

The Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign continues to *November 6*. You are invited to participate in prayer & fasting. A group from our parish will participate in a *Prayerful Vigil* at the *Planned Parenthood Facility* in Honolulu on Mondays. They will leave the church parking lot at 9:00 am & return at approximately 11:30 am. The sign-up sheet will be at the back of the church.

"Moved by Mercy" Poster Contest - Respect Life Ministry is *LOOKING* for youthful talent! This poster contest is open to parishioners, grades K-12. Prizes will be rewarded! To register, contact *Melissa Crisostomo* at alohamc@yahoo.com. Deadline to submit your entry is November 14th.

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on *Thurs., November 17*, 7:00-9:00 pm in classroom 6. The title of the discussion book is *The Truth of Catholicism: Ten Controversies Explored* by *George Weigel*. Open to everyone! Contact *Linda Ward* (277-1307) for more.

Year of Mercy Pilgrimage - Our parish will be hosting a pilgrimage to the *Basilica of Our Lady of Peace in Honolulu*. Sign-up at the entrance of the church & mark your calendar for **Saturday, November 19**. Please provide \$5 *donation* for collection given to the Basilica. There will be a bus leaving the parking lot at **9 AM** and will return at **2 PM**. Don't miss out! The last day to sign up is November 1st.

In the Footsteps of Sts. John & Paul! Journey on a **12-day Pilgrimage** to *Greece & Turkey* with *Msgr. John Mbinda*, Spiritual Advisor, & *Dr. Timothy Mullner*, Pilgrimage Host, from **October 5-16, 2017**. For more information, contact Jolly at 623-3332, ext. 103 or jollygt@rcchawaii.org.

Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) Collection - Next week, our parish will be participating in a collection for the AMS, USA. AMS solely relies on private donors in support of its mission, "Serving those who serve", and its ministry to provide the same pastoral care and services to Catholics serving our nation with distinction as members of the US Military. This collection will provide the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to the men & women of the US Armed Forces wherever they serve and to veterans who are in VA Medical Centers. Please prayerfully consider a generous contribution and drop your donation during offertory next weekend. Additional envelopes are at the entrance to the church or you can donate online through our parish website, "Online Giving".

World Mission Sunday Collection - Thank you for your generous response to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend. To continue answering this call, download the Missio app on your mobile device which will make it possible for you to meet and support religious Sisters & Brothers, priests, and dedicated lay leaders who provide help and hope in some of the world's poorest places.



THIS WEEK: Oct. 31-Nov. 6

Monday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

- 8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)
- 9:00 am - 40-Days for Life Campaign (PPH - Honolulu)
- 9:00 am - Preschool Halloween Parade
- 4:00 pm - Girl Scouts (Rm 6)
- 7:00 pm - Charismatic PG (CH)

Tuesday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

- 8:45 am - Rosary PG (Rectory)
- 9:00 am - Bible Study (Rm 6)
- 3:00 pm - Cenacle PG (CH)
- 6:00 pm - Children's Choir Pract. (CH)
- 6:45 pm - Combined Choir Pract. (CH)
- 7:30 pm - AA Mtg. (Rm 6)

Wednesday - ALL SOULS DAY

- 8:00 am - Mass of Remembrance (CH)
- 8:45 am - Rosary PG (Rectory Lanai)
- 9:00 am - Hui O Laulima Mtg. (Rm 6)
- 6:00 pm - OLPH PG (CH)
- 7:00 pm - Mass of Remembrance (CH)
- 7:00 pm - RCIA (Rm 4/5)
- 7:30 pm - NA Mtg. (Rm 6)

Thursday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

- 8:45 am - Rosary PG (Rectory)
- 7:00 pm - Leadership Gathering (CH)

Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

24 hour ADORATION

- 8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)
- 4:00 pm - 2-Hearts/OLF PG (CH)
- 4:00 pm - Girl Scouts (Rm 6)
- 6:00 pm - Confession (CH)

Saturday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

- 8:00 am - Rosary PG (Church)
- 9:15 am - Liturgical Movement Ministry Practice (Rm 5)
- 3:30 pm - Confession
- 5:00 pm - Mass (Saturday Vigil)

Sunday - Religious Ed: "A" Schedule

- 7 am, 9 am, 11 am, & 6 pm - Mass
- Aloha Sunday - Fil-Am (AM Masses)
- Blood Pressure Screening (Lanai - AM)
- 9:00 am - RCIA Dismissal
- 12:30 pm - Usher's Meeting (CH)
- 2:00 pm - Baptism Prep. Class (Rm 4)
- 4:00 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)
- 6:00 pm - Lifeteen Nite (Rm 4)