

# ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!**

## SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY: FR. RAMON FRANCISCO

*"There will not be left a stone upon another stone."* Jesus foretells here the destruction of the Temple. It will be total; everything will be thrown down, no stone left on another stone. This is because Jerusalem has not recognized the time of its visitation (*Lk. 19:44*) and has not welcomed its Messiah.

Our actions have consequences. Our fidelity to the Lord invites his favors. Jesus said, *"Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things (food, drink, clothing) will be given you besides"* (Mt. 6:33). Lack of fidelity to the Lord results in misery for those who are unfaithful, as the Jewish people learned from experience time and again.

Even the disciples, though, are warned by Christ that they, too, will suffer--- not from unfaithfulness. Persecution is an opportunity to show our faith, and we must not worry about what we will say, because the Father will give us wisdom and his Spirit. The Lord equivalently tells his disciples: *"Do not be afraid! Persevere! That is the way you will survive."*



Today, the Church suffers again because of the sins of her leaders and members. We must repent and reform. We suffer also because of persecution. We must not be afraid and must remain steadfast, giving testimony to Christ.

## MASS SCHEDULE

*Weekday* (Mon - Sat): 8:00 AM

*Sunday*: (Sat. Vigil) 5 PM,

(Sun) 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 6 PM

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

*Saturdays*: 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

(or by appointment)

*For the Year of Mercy*:

*Fridays*: 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM

## 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.***

**Parish Office Hours****Monday:** 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM**Tues. - Fri.:** 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM**Saturday/Sunday:** Closed**Outreach Office Hours****Monday-Wednesday:**

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM

**Thursday - Friday:**

8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE****Gratitude is Central to Stewardship***"Didn't God give you everything you have? Well, then how can you boast as if what you have were not a gift?" (1 Corinthians 4:7)*

This verse from St. Paul helps us understand that we have so much to be grateful to God for generously giving us so many gifts of life, health, time, talent and treasure. We have nothing of our own we can boast about. An attitude of gratitude changes the way we live, work and relate with each other. When you consider how abundantly blessed you are compared to so many people in the world, then your sense of gratitude is transformed into being generous with God and the people around you.

The virtue of gratitude is central to stewardship as a way of life. *"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more."* (Melody Beattie) Dynamic Catholics live in a state of gratitude. They have an overwhelming sense that their lives have been so blessed by God and their need to be generous. How generous are you?


**MOMENT OF MERCY: NOVEMBER 2016**

Death is a difficult topic to discuss for many people, but it is something we face on a regular basis. The Church celebrates the life and memory of those who have passed from this world and reminds us of God's merciful love. There are many examples of this: at the beginning of November, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls); there are vigils for the deceased, funeral liturgies, rites of committal and final commendation, and prayers for the deceased and those who are mourning. All of these prayers and services help us acknowledge our grief, celebrate the life of the one who has passed away, and find solace in the loving compassion of God.

1. Throughout this month, we should commend in prayer the bodies and souls of those who have died and who may still be in need of God's mercy in purgatory (CCC, 1020-1060). Sometimes it helps to write out a list or mention specific names of those who have died. Add some of these prayers and scripture readings to your daily prayer time.
2. In addition to praying for them, we can help those who are grieving in a tangible way. Be open to listening to someone who is grieving. You could volunteer with a bereavement ministry at your parish if it has one (this usually involves helping organize funeral liturgies and/or a small reception or luncheon afterward for the family). In these small acts of mercy, we show others that the love of God is still present in their lives and their communities even though they are grieving.

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016

### First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

This reading is about the third anointing of David, which signified his kingship over all Israel, thereby uniting as one nation the two distinct regions of Israel and Judah. Anointing was both a sign of God's authority shared with the king and an act of acceptance of this authority by the people. The first anointing, by the prophet Samuel (1 Sm 16:12-13) set David apart for his kingly role. A second anointing (2 Sm 2:14) acknowledged his rule over Judah.



### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5

Psalm 122 is a pilgrimage psalm used as pilgrims marched towards Jerusalem for the annual celebrations. The psalm expresses pride and gratitude at the privilege of being under God's orderly rule. *"I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord"*.

### Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Paul, in this passage which is like a hymn to Christ, strongly affirms the absolute lordship of Christ over all creation. The reading in all likelihood quotes a hymn commonly used in the liturgy at this time. It is like a prayer addressed to God, who has *"delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son."*

### Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

The Gospel passage from Luke centers on the paradox of the cross. Jesus here gives his basic teaching on discipleship: *"anyone who loses his life will save it."* In this Gospel, representatives of all humankind — the common people, the rulers, the soldiers, and even a criminal who shares his crucifixion — all fail to understand the mystery of the Cross. The Cross that seems to be a failure becomes a triumph for Christ in the resurrection. The penitent thief's prayer is more than an affirmation of Jesus' innocence. In an act of faith that we cannot fully comprehend, the good thief is moved to acknowledge Jesus' lordship not in spite of, but because of the cross. Because of his faith, he becomes the first to share explicitly in the glory of the kingdom, referred to here as paradise which is more than any place. It means being with the risen Lord, Jesus Christ, in His kingdom.

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

**Podcast (audio):** <http://streaminghomilies.podbean.com>

**iTunes (audio):** [Streaming Homilies](#)

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### **Monday, November 14, 2016 (8 am)**

Felicitas & Alfredo Cordial (RIP)  
Herman & Meredith Gonzalez (Blessings)  
Fr. Paul Minchak (Healing)

### **Tuesday, November 15, 2016 (8 am)**

Vicente Soriano (Memorial Anniversary)  
Henry W. Oliver (Birthday Memorial)  
Irineo Ramos (RIP)

### **Wednesday, November 16, 2016 (8 am)**

Irene S. Lanuevo (RIP)  
Agnes Mutiso (RIP)  
Herman & Meredith Gonzalez (Blessings)

### **Thursday, November 17, 2016 (8 am)**

Amelita Zablan (Birthday Memorial)  
Bill Castro (Birthday Blessings)  
Santos "Sandy" Padilla  
(Memorial Anniversary)

### **Friday, November 18, 2016 (8 am)**

James & Mildred Mizoguchi (RIP)  
Ponciano Tranilla (RIP)  
Fr. Paul Minchack (Healing)  
Geraldine A. Pasco (RIP)

### **Saturday, November 19, 2016**

**8 AM:** Brian Mayock (Birthday Blessing)  
Santos "Sandy" Padilla  
(Memorial Anniversary)

Bernie Grace (Birthday Blessing)

**5 PM:** Vallo Family (Thanksgiving)

### **Sunday, November 20, 2016**

**7 AM:** Ann Walsh (Birthday Blessing)

**9 AM:** For the People

**11 AM:** Pacita Mauleon (RIP)

**6 PM:** Agnes Mutiso (RIP)

## Prayer Requests

**HEALING / BLESSINGS:** Fritz Campbell, Elaine Snowden, Julie Smith, Kim Noveloso, Modesta Yadao, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Mina DeJesus, Chelsea Anne Ramiro, Darryn & Ron Bunda, Matt Farris, Mona DeCosta, John Bates, James Kahala, Ken Enomoto, Ellen Cleghorn, baby Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Paul & Ron Thames, Gregory Castillo, Pamela Utu, Kathy Beaver, Fr. Paul Minchak, 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, Bob & Mel Knott, Agnes Mutiso, Lorita Aguillon, Berlina Mindoro, Yoko Aki, Irene S. Lanuevo, and Peter Marling.



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

**\*Baptism Preparation Classes:** 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 Margaret of Scotland (c. 1045-1093)



**Feast Day: November 16** - Margaret may have been born in Hungary of a German mother. She was the granddaughter of an English king and was brought to England when she was a youth. After the Norman conquest of England, she took refuge in Scotland. In 1070, Margaret married Malcolm III, the king of Scotland. They had two daughters and six sons. Deeply religious, Margaret used her influence to bring the Scottish Church in line with Rome and was also noted for caring for orphans and the poor. Three of their sons became kings, one of whom was considered a saint for building up the Church in Scotland, following in his mother's footsteps. She died four days after her husband and a son were killed in battle. She was buried at Dunfermline Abbey. Margaret is the patron saint of Scotland.

### 24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



will be held on **Friday, December 2**, immediately after the 8:00 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am on **Saturday, December 3**.

### Be an Angel this Christmas



& provide a Christmas gift to a child in need. The **Angel Tree** will be on the lanai after all Masses this weekend.

Gift collection is on **Nov. 26/27** and **Dec. 3/4**.

Mahalo for being an Angel!



### Stewardship of Treasure - Nov. 5 / 6

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|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Sunday Collection</b>                            | <b>\$16,371.44</b> |
| - Online Donation (WeShare)                         | \$2,655.25         |
| <b>Candle Sales</b>                                 | <b>\$857.00</b>    |
| <b>Mass Intentions</b>                              | <b>\$150.00</b>    |
| <b>Donation - YYA</b>                               | <b>\$30.00</b>     |
| <b>Donation - Charity</b>                           | <b>\$164.00</b>    |
| <b>Donation - Angel Tree</b>                        | <b>\$305.00</b>    |
| <b>Donation - Social Ministry</b>                   | <b>\$85.00</b>     |
| <b>St. John Catholic Preschool</b>                  | <b>\$28.50</b>     |
| <b>All Souls Day</b>                                | <b>\$1,667.00</b>  |
| <b>B.E.M.</b>                                       | <b>\$1,498.25</b>  |
| <b>Augustine Ed. Fund</b>                           | <b>\$133.00</b>    |
| <b>World Mission Sunday</b>                         | <b>\$60.00</b>     |
| <b>Archdiocese for Military Services Collection</b> | <b>\$627.00</b>    |
| <b>Weekend Total:</b>                               | <b>\$24,631.44</b> |

### Religious Education Reminders

**November 13 - RCIA & Confirmation Yr. 2 Parent & Sponsor Meeting**

12:30-2:30 pm in Classrooms 4 / 5

### Mililani Holiday Parade: December 3, 2016



Please join us as we represent **St. John Apostle & Evangelist** in the 31st Annual Mililani Holiday Parade.

All participating minors must be accompanied by at least one parent or guardian.

Please be at the Mililani Town Center by 8:30 AM. The parade begins at 9:00 AM. For more information please call 623-3332, ext. 204 / 206.

### 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.catholichawaii.org/about-us/careers](http://www.catholichawaii.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



**Join the Cub Scouts!** There will be a *Registration & Parent Orientation* night on **Monday, November 14, 6:00 pm** in classroom 5. Boys, ages 6-11, are welcome and encouraged to join the fun!

**"Moved by Mercy" Poster Contest** is open to parishioners, grades K-12. Prizes will be rewarded! Deadline to submit your entry is November 14th.

**The next Catholic Book Club** meeting will be held on **Thursday, Nov. 17, 7-9 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.

**St. John Rosary Making Ministry** - The next gathering is this **Wednesday, November 16th** at 10:00 am on the Church Lanai. Everyone is welcome! For more information, email Ellen Dona at [donaf001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:donaf001@hawaii.rr.com).

**Advent Book Fair** - The Daughters of St. Paul, missioned at the Pauline Book & Media Center in downtown Honolulu, will hold a book fair next weekend, **Nov. 19/20**, after all the Masses. There will be a selection of religious books, music CDs, DVDs and religious articles for all ages. Please call the Pauline Book & Media Center at 521-2731 for all special requests.

**Remember the goodness of God** and join us at the *Mass of Thanksgiving* on **November 24** at 8:00 am. We invite you to bring 1 food item (visibly **LABELED** with your name) that will be part of your Thanksgiving celebration to be blessed at Mass.

**Little Bethlehem Christians** is a group that represents Christian Families who live in the Holy Land of Bethlehem that make their living as wood carvers. The Alsaouri Family, representing this group, will display a collection of hand-carved olive wood religious items for sale after all Masses the weekend of **December 3/4**. All profits will support Christianity in the land of Christ.

**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, contact Jolly at 623-3332, ext. 103 or [jollygt@rcchawaii.org](mailto:jollygt@rcchawaii.org).

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection** - Next weekend our parish will be participating in CCHD Collection. CCHD was founded to break the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves and continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Please drop your generous donation during offertory. Additional envelopes are available at the church entrance or you can donate online through our parish website, "*Online Giving*".

**Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) Collection** - On behalf of the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, AMS Archbishop, his Auxiliary Bishops, and staff, a heartfelt thanks to those who participated in the AMS Collection. Your prayers and generosity will support the unique ministry to the US Armed Services.

### THIS WEEK: Nov. 14-20

#### Monday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)  
9 am - Preschool DIR Mtg. (Rm 4/5)  
4 pm - Girl Scouts (Rm 6)  
6 pm - Catholic Youth Ministry (Rm 4)  
7 pm - Boy Scouts (Rm 6)  
7 pm - Liturgy Planning Mtg. (Rectory)  
7 pm - Charismatic PG (CH)

#### Tuesday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

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

#### Wednesday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary PG (Rectory Lanai)  
6 pm - OLPH PG (CH)  
6 pm - Respect Life Poster Judging (Rm 4)  
7 pm - RCIA (Rm 4)  
7 pm - Catholic Scouting Mtg (Rm 5)  
7:30 pm - NA Mtg. (Rm 6)

#### Thursday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary PG (Rectory)  
8:30 am - Church Cleaning (Grp. 3)  
7 pm - 11 am Choir Practice (CH)  
7 pm - Catholic Book Club (Rm 6)

#### Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)  
4 pm - Two-Hearts/OLF PG (CH)  
4 pm - Girl Scouts (Rm 5)  
6 pm - Confession (CH)

#### Saturday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8 am - Rosary PG (Church)  
9 am - Basilica Pilgrimage  
3:30 pm - Confession  
5 pm - Mass (Saturday Vigil)

#### Sunday - Religious Ed: "A" Schedule

**7 am, 9 am, 11 am, & 6 pm - Mass**  
*St. Pauline Book & Media Fair*  
9 am - RCIA Dismissal  
12:30 pm - Baptism Ceremony (CH)  
4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)  
6 pm - Lifeteen Nite (Rm 4)