

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY: DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate Christ's kingship. The notion of "*king*" can call to mind images of power, wealth and self-serving rule, but here we have a *King* who has no power and wealth; his throne is a **cross** and his rule is suffering and death.

Would we be like the thief crucified with Jesus who wishes Jesus to abuse his power to save himself and them? Or would we be like the thief who recognizes his own sinfulness and Jesus' goodness? Jesus demonstrates his kingship not by saving himself but by saving others. The reign of God is not in power but in **mercy**.

The cross is where we least expect a king to be. Yet this is how God's kingdom is established and where our discipleship begins. Jesus demonstrates his kingship not by power but by loving reassurance that Paradise awaits us all as faithful disciples.



May we strive to live in such a way that we hear Jesus say, "*Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.*"

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)

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

Saturday/Sunday: Closed**PARISH CLERGY & STAFF*****Pastor* (x 111)**

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The 4th priority in our pastoral planning of 2015 was *"Evangelization/Welcome & Inviting."* In this pastoral priority, we outlined the following objectives as our target goals:

- ♦ By *February 27, 2016*, the Evangelization and Stewardship teams would recruit and train individuals and or families to become members of the hospitality ministry.
- ♦ By *November 30, 2016*, have programs in place geared to: 1) Increase the number of active parishioners. 2) Increase the number of new parishioners; and 3) increase parishioner participation in Mass and Church activities.

Since we deliberately planned and implemented *hospitality as a way of life*, with exception of a welcome package for new parishioners, we have met all the areas we set out to address and reached our target goals. The results of are astounding. In **2015** we gained **146 new registered parishioners**, and in **2016** we have gained **121 newly registered parishioners** before November 30. This is the good news we need to share with great joy.

All parishioners and visitors need to feel that they are welcome and belong. This leads to a greater sense of ownership and a vibrant parish community. We have also been implementing the vision of Pope Francis for the Church. In a homily that he gave in Paraguay in 2015, he said. *"The Church is the home of hospitality."* (Homily at Nu Guazu, Paraguay, July 13, 2015)


FACT OF FAITH: ANTONIO VIVALDI

BY: FR. LARRY RICE, CSP, Director of the University Catholic Center at Univ. of Texas at Austin.



Anyone even remotely familiar with the music of the Baroque period can immediately recognize the lilting, intricate music of **Antonio Vivaldi**. Like most composers of his time, he wrote both sacred and secular music, but what many people may not know about Vivaldi, is that he was also a *Catholic priest*.

Born in 1678 in the Republic of Venice, Vivaldi was taught the violin at an early age by his father, Giovanni Battista. Despite a childhood complicated by medical problems—likely asthma—Vivaldi participated in the music school at St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, studying under early Baroque composer Giovanni Legrenzi.

At the age of 15, Vivaldi began his studies for the priesthood. At the age of 25 he was ordained a priest, but within a year was dispensed from his clerical duties because of his continuing ill health. In late 1706, he left the active ministry all together, but during this time he became the violin teacher at an orphanage called the *Pio Ospedale della Pieta (Devout Hospital of Mercy)* in Venice. This orphanage and girls' school took in abandoned and destitute children; the most talented became part of the Ospedale's famous choir and orchestra. It was for this group that Vivaldi composed much of his music.

Although Vivaldi's health and career eventually led him away from active priesthood, his classical and theological education, as well as his desire to serve the poor opened a path to use his gift of music. Before his death in 1741, Antonio Vivaldi composed hundreds of pieces of music: a lasting legacy of art formed by faith.



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

***Baptism Preparation Classes:** December 4, January 8, 2017, February 5, 2017, March 5, 2017

**** 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 St. Cecilia (Third Century)



Feast Day: November 22 - Cecilia has been honored as a martyr since about 545. According to a written legend, *The Passion of St. Cecilia*, she was a Roman Christian of the patrician class betrothed to the pagan Valerian. The *Cecilia Passion* has her singing to God in her heart on her wedding day. Cecilia tells Valerian she has made a vow of virginity and persuades him to convert to Christianity and enter into a celibate marriage. His brother, Tiburtius, also becomes a Christian. The brothers are later martyred. When Cecilia refuses to perform an idolatrous act, she too is martyred. Cecilia is the patron of musicians.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you, Lord. Accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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*.

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS †

Yoko T. Aki (RIP)

Monday, Nov. 21— Mass: 10:15 am (SJAE)
Burial: 3:00 pm ~ Valley of the Temples (Kaneohe)

Helen B. Prestosa (RIP)

Saturday, Nov. 26— Mass: 9:30 am (SJAE)
Burial: 11:30 am ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Paul S. Thames (RIP)

Tuesday, Dec. 6 — Mass: 10:30 am (SJAE)
Burial: 2:00 pm ~ NMCP (Punchbowl)

Antonio A. Bayona (RIP)

Sunday, Dec. 11 — Wake: 6:30 pm (Mililani Mem. Park)
Saturday, Dec. 12 — Mass: 11:00 am (SJAE)
Burial: 1:00 pm (HI State Veteran's Cemetery)

Mass Intentions for the Week

† = Rest in Peace

Mon., November 21, 2016 (8 am)

† Melida Knott
† Sigrid Just

Fri., November 25, 2016 (8 am)

† Patsy Canales
† Irene S. Lanuevo
† Bob & Mel Knott

Tues., November 22, 2016 (8 am)

† Filomena Baptista
† Mary C. Abad
† Neil Siebenbruner

Wed., November 23, 2016 (8 am)

Sheryl Aquino (Birthday)
† Albert W. Sieben, Jr.
† Henry Lancaster

Thurs., November 24, 2016 (8 am)

Guerrero Family (Thanksgiving)
Bryant DeCosta (Birthday)
† Tadashi & Mildred Furuta

Sat., November 26, 2016

8 AM: † Augusto Dicsen
All SJAE Parish Prayer Groups
(Blessings / Thanksgiving)
Anna Maria Escamia (Birthday)

5 PM: † Mary Grace A. Ramos

Sunday, November 27, 2016

7 AM: † Benedict J. Balthazar
9 AM: *For the People*
11 AM: Milagros Cortel (Birthday)
6 PM: Milagros Uytingco (Birthday)

Prayer Requests

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

DECEASED: 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, Peter Marling, and Paul Thames.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2016

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The prophet Isaiah sees a vision of the future when the Lord will gather all the nations on the Lord's mountain (symbolically Jerusalem). Here the nations will come to worship before the Lord so that the Lord may teach them his ways and form them into his kingdom. The Lord will have authority over the nations and lead them to peace, so that no nation will wage war against another.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Psalm 122 is a pilgrim's prayer for Jerusalem sung as they went to worship in Jerusalem. The response: "I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord" is an expression of joy in anticipation of the procession into the city. (v.1)

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

The message of Paul in this passage is urgent. "It is the hour now to awake from sleep." Paul challenges Christians to wake up because our salvation is near. Night clothes are no longer proper in the light of day, especially since day is a time of battle with the forces of evil. The vices of v 13 are the clothing of night. That is why Paul urges us to "throw off the works of darkness" and put on Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

The Gospel from Matthew calls for watchfulness in preparation for the Lord's coming. The one thing that is certain about this coming is the impossibility of predicting the time — even from signs, all of which are easily subject to many different interpretations (v 36). Therefore there is need to stay awake and to be ready for the Lord's coming, like someone guarding his house full of treasure (our faith and God's grace). In brief, no one knows the day or the hour. That is why Jesus urges us to be vigilant at the end of the passage. Behind this vigilance is our hope and joyful expectation to receive the Lord when he comes.



<i>Stewardship of Treasure - Nov. 12/ 13</i>	
Sunday Collection	\$13,111.16
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$1,887.92
Candle Sales	\$510.00
Offering - Baptism	\$100.00
Mass Intentions	\$720.00
Donation - YYA	\$30.00
Donation - Charity	\$126.00
Donation - Angel Tree	\$295.00
Donation - Social Ministry	\$300.00
St. John Catholic Preschool	\$152.04
Building Fund (non-assessed)	\$20,220.00
All Souls Day	\$10.00
Stewardship Development	\$9.62
B.E.M.	\$1,369.40
Archdiocese for Military Services Collection	\$67.37
Weekend Total:	\$38,908.51
<i>"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce." - Proverbs 3:9</i>	



Follow Msgr. John's Homilies!

Blog (text): <http://www.sundayhomily.com>

Podcast (audio): <https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda>

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

Mililani Holiday Parade: December 3, 2016

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



All participants are requested to bring 1 canned food item as a donation to the Hawaii Food Bank. *All participating minors must be accompanied by at least one parent or guardian.*

Please be at the **Mililani High School Stadium** by 8:15 AM. The parade begins at 9 AM. For more info 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 & liturgical ministries during Mass. This **Part-Time** position holds an average of 10 hours/week. [Additional hours during solemnities, special feast days, and rehearsals/prep-time]. For more information on this listing and how to apply, visit 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.



PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

The Parish Office will be closed this Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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.



St. John Knights of Columbus Chicken Dinner Fundraiser! The Knights will be pre-selling tickets for a **chicken dinner plate** for \$10.00 starting next Sunday, Nov 26/27, through New Years. The plate includes 1/2 huli-huli chicken, 2 scoop rice, and choice of either potato-mac or green salad. Tickets will be redeemed on **January 14th**, from **12:00-4:00pm** in the *Church Parking Lot*. All the proceeds will assist the Knights in their charitable works for the parish and community. For more information on chicken tickets, visit their table after Mass, ask a Knight you know, or contact Mike Hanson at 626-1335.

Reminder to all Christmas Angels!

Gift collection will be held on the weekends of **November 26/27** and **December 3/4**.

For more information, contact Deb Zedalis at 348-2973 or dzedalis@hawaii.rr.com



Christmas Nativity Play - We are inviting children, teens, parents and parishioners to join us in making this year's Nativity Play great! Come and behold, share your talents or be in the audience. We are looking for participants as a character role, scene/set builder, costume dressers, refreshment servers, or hospitality. All those who are interested in serving, please sign up at the RE table after Mass. We encourage you to invite your neighbors, co-workers, family, and friends to this enjoyable evening on **December 16th** at 7:00 pm in the Church. Call the Religious Education Department for more, 808-623-3332, ext. 204 / 206.

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.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection - This weekend we will be participating in the CCHD collection. The CCHD grants improve education, support economic development and create affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and build communities of solidarity. Please drop your donation during offertory. Additional envelopes are available at the church entrance or you can donate online through our parish website, "*Online Giving*".



THIS WEEK: Nov. 21-27

- Monday - Daily Mass (8 AM)**
 8:45 am - Rosary PG (Rector)
 4 pm - Girl Scouts (Rm 6)
 6 pm - Catholic Youth Ministry (Rm 4)
 6:30 pm - Boy Scouts (Rm 5)
 6:30 pm - Marriage & Family Life (Rm 6)
 7 pm - Charismatic PG (CH)
- Tuesday - Daily Mass (8 AM)**
 8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)
 9 am - Women's Bible Study (Rm 6)
 3 pm - Cenacle PG (CH)
 6 pm - Religious Ed. Mtg (Rm 4/5)
 6 pm - Children's Choir Pract. (CH)
 6:45 pm - Combined Choir Pract. (CH)
 7 pm - Finance Council Mtg. (Rector)
 7:30 pm - AA Mtg. (Rm 6)
- Wednesday - Daily Mass (8 AM)**
 8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)
 6 pm - OLPH PG (CH)
 6 pm - Combined Music Ministry Practice for Midnight Mass (CH)
NO RCIA
 7:30 pm - NA Mtg. (Rm 6)
- Thursday - Daily Mass (8 AM)**
 8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)
Parish Office CLOSED
- Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)**
 8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)
 9 am - Annual Steam Cleaning (CH)
Parish Office CLOSED
- Saturday - Daily Mass (8 AM)**
 8 am - Rosary PG (Church)
 3:30 pm - Confession
 5 pm - Mass (Saturday Vigil)
- Sunday - NO RE & Lifeteen Classes**
7 am, 9 am, 11 am, & 6 pm - Mass
Angel Tree Collection (Breezeway)
KofC Chicken Plate Ticket Sales
 9 am - RCIA Dismissal
 4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)