

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

MARY KEPT ALL THESE THINGS, REFLECTING ON THEM IN HER HEART.

Mary must remember fondly the cold journey on a donkey, the reassuring faith of Joseph, the first cry and laughter of her baby, the smell of hay in the manger, and the inspired visits. All these will live forever in her heart and sustain her through the trials she will face.

The first day of the year is a good time to keep all the good things in our hearts, like Mary --- how we quietly survived the past year, faithful friends who kept watch, and the simple blessings we received. Everything has a meaning and a purpose, even in trying and difficult experiences, if we just quietly wait, reflect and pray over them in our hearts.

Let us pause with Mary and take stock of what we have been blessed with, to serve as well as from where we can draw water in moments of dryness. Mary, Mother of God, pray for us and with us. Amen.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! -FR. RAMON FRANCISCO

Living CATHOLIC in the 808: **A Mother's Love**

By: Edwina Fujimoto (Religious Ed. Coordinator, St. Benedict Parish, Captain Cook)

(How does a parent survive the unthinkable? Breanna Fujimoto, the beautiful daughter of Edwina Fujimoto was fatally injured in an automobile accident last September. In the midst of her great sorrow, Edwina offers us her reflection on our Blessed Mother.)

"Mary, Mother of God, was told a sword will pierce her heart and I think about how she had to watch her son be scourged, ridiculed throughout the streets carrying his cross and then crucified...and I think of the pain in my heart...nothing compared to hers. That sword must have stabbed, twisted, shaken, pulled out and stabbed again.

The pain in the hearts of moms and dads when they lose a child just doesn't go away -- at least this is what other moms and dads have shared. I don't like it but I don't want to lose it either. My pain is like nothing I've ever felt before and I've lost loved ones.

God would never hurt us so deeply if for nothing. Mary hurt, but without her sorrow we would not have our salvation. I am thankful to have been blessed with Breanna for 21 years; the pain is worth it. The love and joy she filled me with is more than I can measure, even greater joy than the heart-wrenching pain I feel now."

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

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE***Solemnity of Mary Mother of God***

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of **Mary Mother of God** which falls exactly one week after Christmas, the end of the octave of Christmas. It is fitting to honor Mary as the Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ. When Catholics celebrate the *Solemnity of Mary Mother of God* we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to be the Mother of our Savior, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Calling Mary "*Mother of God*" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "*Prince of Peace*," the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honors Mary as the "*Queen of Peace*" This solemnity, falling on January 1st, is also designated the *World Day of Peace*.

The origins of a feast celebrating Mary's divine maternity are obscure, but there is some evidence of the Eastern Church in Palestine commemorating Mary's role as *theotokos* (God-bearer) beginning around 500. The push for an official feast day celebrating Mary's divine maternity started in 1751 when Pope Benedict XIV allowed the church in Portugal to celebrate Mary's divine maternity. The feast of Mary's divine maternity became a universal feast in 1931. Pope Paul VI in 1974 fixed the solemnity for January 1st. On that occasion, he explained that "*the purpose of the solemnity is to honor the role of Mary in the mystery of salvation and at the same time to sing the praises of the unique dignity thus coming to the Holy Mother...through whom we have been given the gift of the Author of life.*"

The *Christmas Octave* may be over, but the *Christmas Season* continues until January 9, the Solemnity of the Baptism of our Lord. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parishioners for the wonderful participation in the Christmas festivities and pray for God's blessing upon you and your families for the New Year 2017.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

**Saint
of the WEEK****Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774 - 1821)**

Feast Day: January 4 - Raised Episcopalian in colonial New York City, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a merchant. The couple had five children. William died in 1803 in Italy, where Elizabeth learned about Catholicism from the family who gave her hospitality. Wars had bankrupted the family's shipping business. After becoming a Catholic in New York in 1805, the now-poor Elizabeth was abandoned by old friends, but accepted the offer of a Baltimore priest to open a school for girls there. In 1809 she founded the U.S. Sisters of Charity, whose schools and orphanages grew in number. She became the first native-born U.S. saint in 1975 and is the patron of converts.



***Upcoming Baptism Ceremony Dates (Infants to Age 6):** January 22 & 29, 2017 & February 12 & 16, 2017

***Baptism Preparation Classes:** 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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017

Second Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

This passage from Isaiah is song in praise of Jerusalem. It was written during the restoration of the ruined city after the captivity in Babylon. The prophet dreams that the former glory (vv 1-4) and prosperity (vv 5-7), such as king Solomon had achieved, would again belong to the Jewish people. This dream was never fulfilled literally, but was more than fulfilled by the coming of Christ.



Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Psalm 72 looks back to the reign of King Solomon, characterized by the greatest peace, prosperity, power, and justice Israel had ever known. It also looks forward in hope to another king who would be like Solomon, but who would embrace the entire world. The response: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you" anticipates that hope.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Paul in this passage refers to the mission of the Church, the calling of all humankind into union with God, as a mystery. The reading underlines the universal nature of salvation in God's plan. Therefore God wills that all cultural barriers be broken down, and all men and women without exception come to know God's love, because the same promise has been made to them through the Gospel.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

This Gospel story about the wise men from the East in a certain sense anticipates the rejection of Jesus by the Jewish leaders as contrasted with his manifestation to and acceptance by the gentiles. The prophecy quoted in v 6 (*adapted from Micah 5:1 and 2 Sam 5:2*) points to Jesus as fulfilling the messianic hope symbolized by King David. More significantly, the entire story echoes the coming of the Queen of Sheba (Ethiopia) to King Solomon (1 Kg 10:1-13), and shows Jesus as the "new Solomon" whose wisdom draws even the wisest of the world to humble submission.



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

Podcast (audio): <https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda> iTunes (audio): [Streaming Homilies](#)



24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament -

Fri., January 6, after the 8 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am on **Sat., January 7.**



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

DECEASED: Paul S. Thames, Wanya Mercadante, Sandra T. Woodward, Hilaria Santos, Kathy Beaver, John E. Szlosek, Ethel G. Rodrigues, & Cripsin Bergantinos, Jr..

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS †

Wanya Mercadante (RIP)

Saturday, January 7, 2017 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 9:30 am

Mass: 10:30 am

Sandra Tamonte Woodard (RIP)

Friday, January 13, 2017 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 4:00 pm

Mass: 5:00 pm



Masses For The Week

Mon., January 2, 2017 (8 am)

Kim Kao Leonilla (Birthday)

† Raymond J. Swider

† Hilaria Santos

Tues., January 3, 2017 (8 am)

† James & Mildred Mizoguchi

† Lorenzo D. Rull, Jr.

† Carol O. Cashen

Wed., January 4, 2017 (8 am)

† Ann Majewski

† Lorenzo G. Rull, Sr.

† Rita Wong Rule

Thurs., January 5, 2017 (8 am)

Rosalie Tadda (Birthday)

† Ramona Rull Karson

† Loretta S. Rull

Fri., January 6, 2017 (8 am)

† Feliciano Dona

† Baltazar Mauleon

(Birthday Memorial)

† Belen Ongteco

Sat., January 7, 2017

8 AM: † Thelma Villareal Dangao

Isabel Romero (Birthday)

† Julian Castillo

5 PM: † All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, January 8, 2017

7 AM: Clyde & Elizabeth Higa

(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

9 AM: For the People

11 AM: † Richard C. Dela Cruz

6 PM: Peter Gallogly (Birthday)

† = Rest in Peace

Message from the Religious Education Office:

NO RE Classes and Lifeteen on Sunday, January 1, 2017.
Classes will resume on Sunday, January 8 on "A" Schedule.

All of our Youth RE programs will be receiving offering envelopes for Sunday Offertory beginning January 2017. The children will have the opportunity to be a part of our parish Stewardship Program. Parents, please keep a lookout for the RE Newsletter for more upcoming dates and events. It will be distributed to your child when he/she returns to class in January



SAFE ENVIRONMENT Training will begin in February 2017 through March 2017.

Please contact the RE Office if you have any further questions or inquiries at 808-623-3332, ext. 204 / 206 or sjaeRE@rcchawaii.org

Save the DATE!!

2nd Annual Winter Conference

January 13-15, 2017

at Catholic Charities Hawaii (Ke'eamoku)

With keynote Speakers:

Fr. John Farao, OFM Chaplain

Fr. Lou Cerulli

Fr. Mike Dalton, OFM Capuchin

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St. John Catholic Preschool

is still accepting applications for the current school year. Scholarships are available for the current and next school year. Based on qualifications, a portion of your child's tuition can be covered by our scholarship program. For more information, please call the Preschool Office at 808-744-9702.

Job Opening: Teacher's Aide! Seeking a competent, hard-working individual who loves working with children. This is a *Full-Time* position.

To apply for this position, visit
www.catholicchawaii.org/about-us/careers.



January 17, 2017, 9:00 am
at the Cathedral Basilica of
Our Lady of Peace

Bishop Robert Baron, founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries and auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, is keynote speaker for annual Red Mass. His topic is "The Noble Project: Law, Politics, and the Gospel."

Bishop Robert will also be offering a lecture open and free to everyone on **Monday, January 16**, 7:00 pm at the *Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa Parish*. Honor Martin Luther King Day by joining us to dig more into your faith!

For more information email kdeneve@rcchawaii.org.



Notary Public Service available by appointment only. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



Planned Giving - You can share your faith beyond your life-time by careful estate planning that includes your church in your will. During your lifetime, you will have the joy of knowing that whatever you do not use in this life will continue in ministry through your church after your passing. Please remember **St. John A & E Church** in planning your will.

Stewardship of Treasure - December 24/25

Christmas Collection	\$40,271.57
- Online Donation (WeShare)	*To be posted next weekend
Candle Sales	\$720.00
Mass Intentions	\$10.00
Offering - All Souls	\$10.00
Offering - Baptism	\$200.00
Offering - Christmas Flowers	\$353.00
Offering - Misa de Gallo (Dec. 23 & Dec. 24)	\$1,099.51
Donation - Charity	\$125.00
Donation - Social Ministry	\$210.00
Building Fund (non-assessed)	\$320.00
B.E.M.	\$1,232.00
Weekend Total:	\$44,551.08

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

PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2017, in observance of the New Year.

St. John Knights of Columbus Chicken Dinner Fundraiser! Mahalo to all who supported the Knights' fundraiser. Please don't forget to pick up your chicken plate on **January 14th, 2017, 11:30-4 pm** in the *Church Parking Lot*.

Christian Author and Pro-Life Speaker, Pastor Romel Moore will be in Hawaii to attend the 2017 March for Life Rally and minister to less fortunate people. He believes every life is precious and dedicates his time to preaching the Gospel to homeless, prisoners, elderly, juvenile facilities, and wherever God sends him. Pastor Romel will be selling his books on **Sat., Jan. 14th** (after 5 pm Mass) and **Sun., Jan. 15th** (after 9am & 11am Masses).

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on **Thurs., January 19,** 7:00-9:00 pm in classroom 6. The title of the discussion book is *The Rhythm of Life* by Matthew Kelly. Open to all! Call Linda Ward (277-1307) for more.

The March for Life Rally & Luminary Prayer Service will be held on **Friday, January 20, 3:00-8:00 pm** at the *Hawaii State Capitol Building*. This rally reminds our elected leaders and community of the unrestrained destruction of life is not only a tragedy of moral indifference, but a legacy of shame for future generations. Join pastors, religious leaders, youth, friends, and neighbors who choose to cherish life. *Free bus transportation*. Register at the entrance of the church. Space is limited. For more, contact Melissa: alohamc@yahoo.com.

"The Evangelizing Catechist" Two-Part Seminar - Sat., January 21, with facilitator Jayne Mando, at *St. Stephen Diocesan Center: Laulima Auditorium (under the chapel)*. **9 am—12:30 pm:** Part 1 (*Evangelization: The Heart of the Catechist*) **1:15 pm—2:15 pm:** Part 2 (*Q & A: Implementation of the Original Order*) Attendance is FREE! Participants will receive Track II credit. (Snacks are provided. Please bring your own lunch.) To register, contact Chad Chun: 203-6747 or cchun@rcchawaii.org.

4th Annual St. Marianne Cope Charity Walk - Saturday, January 28, 2017, 7:30 am; on-site registration begins at 7 am. A day of family fun, celebration & wellness. Leisure 3-mile walk from Magic Island to Kewalo Basin Park and back. Early bird registration (\$30/person) before Jan. 16; \$40/person after. Proceeds help support the St. Francis Healthcare System Charity Care Fund that provides financial assistance to seriously ill patients who need care but are unable to afford it. To register visit www.stfrancishawaii.org or call 547-8031, gkaahanui@stfrancishawaii.org.

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.

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THIS WEEK: January 2 – 8

Monday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

****Parish Office Closed****

8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)

6:30 pm - Boy Scouts (Rm 5)

7 pm - Charismatic PG (CH)

7 pm - K of C: 4th Degree (Rm 5)

Tuesday - Daily Mass (8AM)

8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)

9 am - Women's Bible Study (Rm 6)

3 pm - Cenacle PG (CH)

6:45 pm - Combined Choir Prac. (CH)

7:30 pm - AA Mtg. (Rm 6)

Wednesday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)

9 am - Hui O Laulima Mtg. (Rm 6)

6 pm - OLPH PG (CH)

7 pm - RCIA (Rm 4)

7 pm - MBCC Mtg (Rm 5)

7 pm - NA Mtg (Rm 6)

Thursday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)

9 am - Church Cleaning (Group 1)

7 pm - 11 am Choir Practice (CH)

Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

First Friday Adoration

8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)

Saturday - Daily Mass (CH)

8:45 am - Rosary PG (Church)

9 am - Liturgical Movement Ministry
(Rms 4 & 5)

3:30 pm - Confession

5 pm - Mass (Saturday Vigil)

Sunday - Religious Ed: "A" Schedule

7 am, 9 am, 11 am, & 6 pm - Mass

9 am - Catechumen Dismissal

9 am - Respect Life Poster Contest

Winner Announcement

2 pm - Baptism Prep. Class (Rm 4)

4 pm - 6pm Choir Practice (CH)

7:30 pm - Lifeteen Nite (Rm 4)