

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY: DCN. ROMEO GANIBE

The *Epiphany of the Lord* is a great day of celebration for all Catholics. Today we celebrate Jesus, the Manifestation of our Lord, to the whole world. The Epiphany is a high point in the Christmas season—affirming universal salvation through Christ.

The beautiful star placed on top of the Nativity scene (and Christmas tree) is significant in the story of Jesus' birth. As the star shown brightly in Bethlehem, the birth of baby Jesus was revealed to the shepherds nearby and people far away. The Magi that saw the star from a distance began a journey to find the newborn King. Similarly, the star shines upon us—leading us from our *Baptism, through our faith journey, and ultimately towards Christ*.

Amidst the hardest times in life, the star shines brightly. Bereavement, crime, addiction, abuse, illness, and all struggles we may encounter make the star seem far, but our support for each other and faith in God will help to endure the journey to Christ. Enjoy the graces on the journey too. *The birth of a child, becoming a parent (grandparent), falling in love, job success* — let them reenergize you and remind you to continue following the bright star of God.

When the Magi completed the journey led by the bright star, they found the baby Jesus. The Magi presented Him with gifts and knelt in adoration to Him. The shining star — our Faith — is always guiding us towards Christ.



In celebration of the *Epiphany*, I challenge you to find a Nativity scene and marvel it. Find the Magi, who followed the star and traveled long and far. Look at Joseph and Mary; parents to the newborn king. The baby Jesus, savior to the world, laying in a manger. Adore him.

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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PASTOR'S MESSAGE**The Epiphany of the Lord**

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The Feast of the Epiphany is one of the oldest Christian feasts, though, throughout the centuries, it has celebrated a variety of events. *Epiphany* comes from the Greek noun Ἐπιφάνεια - *Epiphaneia*, literary meaning manifestation or revelation. All of the various events celebrated by the feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to God's people.



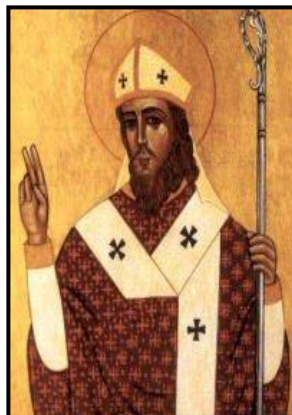
Epiphany was first celebrated in the East in the second century AD on January 6. Originally it celebrated four different events: 1) the Baptism of the Lord; 2) Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; 3) the Nativity of Christ; and 4) the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi. Each of these reveal a certain truth on Christ. At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles and all the nations.

Eventually, the celebration of the Nativity was separated out, in the West, into Christmas; and shortly thereafter, Western Christians adopted the Eastern feast of the Epiphany, while still celebrating the Baptism, the first miracle, and the visit of the Magi. Thus, Epiphany came to mark the end of Christmastide—the Twelve Days of Christmas, which began with the revelation of Christ to Israel in His Birth and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles at Epiphany.

I wish you all a Happy and Blessed New Year 2017!

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

Saint of the WEEK Hilary of Poitiers (315 - 368)



Feast Day: January 13 - This bishop and theologian, a highly cultivated pagan who became a Christian, was elected bishop of his native Poitiers, in France, at age 35, while his wife was still living. For his unswerving opposition to Arianism, the heresy that Jesus Christ was in some way subordinate to God, he was banished to Asia Minor in 356 by an Arian emperor. But he continued to study Greek theology and oppose Arianism, and was sent back to France for being a "mischief-maker." He left extensive writings and was named a doctor of the church in 1851.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

This passage from Isaiah reflects the call of Israel as a servant of God. Israel's role is not merely to announce, but also to bring the good news of God's salvation to the ends of the Earth. A nation that had once been humiliated and enslaved is now restored and especially chosen for this holy mission.



Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

Originally this was a psalm of thanksgiving for one who had been rescued from the danger of death. Here, the psalm expresses the readiness to do God's will, hence the response: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." The psalmist is also prepared to praise God by proclaiming God's power and mercy.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

At the beginning of his First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul affirms the foundation of the solution to the many problems the Christians in Corinth encounter: awareness that they are sanctified in Christ and called to be in one body in Christ. If they truly realize their dignity in their relationship with Christ, they must act accordingly.

Gospel: John 1:29-34

The gospel passage is John's account of Jesus at the river Jordan. However, unlike the other three Gospels, John's does not record the event of Jesus' baptism, he only alludes to it in the words of John the Baptist. It is said that John the Evangelist did not want to say anything that might seem to subordinate Jesus to John the Baptist. For that reason, the Evangelist portrays John the Baptist's role as one of giving witness to Jesus. The reason why John was baptizing in the Jordan is given in that light, "that he might be made known to Israel." The sign by which John recognized Jesus became the key point of John's testimony: the descent of the Spirit in the form of a dove upon Jesus.



The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, sculpted by Jose Thedim in 1947, will be in Hawaii from **January 29 to February 4.**

This visit is part of the two-year Fatima Centennial U.S. Tour for Peace in celebration of Our Lady of Fatima's appearance to the three children of Fatima, Portugal in 1917. The **OAHU** schedule is as follows:

February 2: 6:30 pm - 8 pm at St. George Church (Waimanalo)

February 3 (7 am) - February 4 (7 am) at Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace

February 4: 3 pm - 9 pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church (Pearl City)

For more information and/or to volunteer individually or as a group, contact the event coordinator **Easter Almuena** with the Office of Worship at **585-3342** or by email **ealmuena@rcchawaii.org**.



HEALING / BLESSINGS: Julie Smith, Kim Noveloso, Modesta Yadao, 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, 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., and Reggie Cabacungan.

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS †

Sandra Tamonte Woodard (RIP)

Friday, January 13, 2017 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 4:00 pm

Mass: 5:00 pm

Follow Msgr. John's Homilies!

Blog (text):

www.sundayhomily.com

Podcast (audio):

<https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda>

iTunes (audio):

[Streaming Homilies](#)

24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Friday, February 3, after the 8 am

Mass, ending at 7:30 am on

Saturday, February 4.



Masses For The Week

Mon., January 9, 2017 (8 am)

† M/M R. Robinson & Brenda
Earl Sauget & Family
(Blessings / Thanksgiving)

† Amelia Gabriel

Tues., January 10, 2017 (8 am)

† Luz V. Vargas

† Romeo Castillio

Wed., January 11, 2017 (8 am)

Daniel Cortel (Birthday)

Thurs., January 12, 2017 (8 am)

Ernesta Tolentino (Birthday)

Joey Pablo (Birthday)

Clyde Sauget & Family

(Blessings / Thanksgiving)

Fri., January 13, 2017 (8 am)

† Felisa Dicsen (Birthday Memorial)

Sat., January 14, 2017

8 AM: † All Souls in Purgatory

5 PM: † Frank Glover, Sr.

Sunday, January 15, 2017

7 AM: † Richard C. Dela Cruz

9 AM: For the People

11 AM: † All Souls in Purgatory

6 PM: † All Souls in Purgatory

† = Rest in Peace



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

***Baptism Preparation Classes:** February 5, April 2, May 7. *(To sign up, contact the Parish office)*

**** 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.

Save the DATE!!

2nd Annual Winter Conference

January 13-15, 2017

at Catholic Charities Hawaii (Keeaumoku)

With keynote Speakers:

Fr. John Farao, OFM Chaplain

Fr. Lou Cerulli

Fr. Mike Dalton, OFM Capuchin

Sponsored by:

Hawaii Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services

For more info and to register, visit:

www.hccrs.net, call 781-9254, or

email: chariscenter.hccrs@gmail.com



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

Bishop Robert Barron, 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 celebrating Mass on **Sunday, January 15, 10:30 am** at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa Parish and is offering a free lecture open to everyone on **Monday, January 16, 7:00 pm** at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa Parish.

For more information email kdeneve@rcchawaii.org.



Notary Public Service available
by appointment only.

Call the Parish Office for more information.

Stewardship of Treasure - Dec. 31 / Jan. 1

Sunday Collection	\$20,117.87
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$3,695.50
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$893.00
New Building Fund - OCC (non-assessed)	\$267.00
Candle Sales	\$713.00
Mass Intentions	\$860.00
Donation - Charity	\$46.00
Donation - SJCP	\$57.00
Donation - Social Ministry	\$1,470.00
Donation - YYA	\$30.00
Offering - Christmas	\$636.00
Stewardship Development	\$9.50
Collection - Augustine Education Fund	\$479.75
Weekend Total:	\$29,274.62

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

Investiture of Monsignor Gary L. Secor

Bishop Larry Silva invites all to a special Mass on Thursday, **February 2, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace**. In addition to celebrating the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple (Candlemas Day), we will honor our newly named **Monsignor, Gary L. Secor**, who was given the special honor of being a Chaplain to His Holiness by Pope Francis. His Investiture will take place at the beginning of the Mass. The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is also the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Persons, so we invite all our Religious Sisters, Brothers, Fathers, Consecrated Virgins Living in the World, and Hermits to attend for a special blessing after the homily. Validated parking is available in the Century Square Garage off Bishop Street, just Makai of Beretania Street.



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 info, 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.catholichawaii.org/about-us/careers.



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.

PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

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 Mandoy, 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.

Black & Indian Mission & Church in Latin America Collections - The weekend of **January 21/22**, our parish will be participating in two separate collections; **the Black & Indian Mission** and **Church in Latin America**. Your generosity is invaluable to the future of the faith in the African American, Native American, Alaskan Native, and Latin American communities. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. You may drop your donation during offertory or make a donation online by visiting our parish website, clicking "Online Giving". Please be generous.



THIS WEEK: January 9 – 15

Monday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)
4 pm - Girl Scouts (Rm 6)
6:30 pm - Boy Scouts (Rm 5)
7 pm - Charismatic PG (CH)

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 pm - Knights of Columbus Mtg. (Rm 5)
7:30 pm - AA Mtg. (Rm 6)

Wednesday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)
6 pm - OLPH PG (CH)
7 pm - RCIA (Rm 4/5)
7 pm - NA Mtg (Rm 6)

Thursday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)
9 am - Church Cleaning (Group 3)
7 pm - 11 am Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm - PPBC Mtg. (Rectory)

Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)
4 pm - 2 Hearts PG (CH)

Saturday - Daily Mass (CH)

8:45 am - Rosary PG (Church)
8:30 am - Aloha Hospitality Mtg. (Rm 6)
11 am - Knights of Columbus Fundraiser (Parking Lot / Breezeway / Rm 3)
12 pm - Catholic Scouting: Religious Emblem Training (Rm 5)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm - Mass (Saturday Vigil)

Sunday - Religious Ed: "B" Schedule

7 am, 9 am, 11 am, & 6 pm - Mass
9 am - Catechumen Dismissal
12 pm - FRE Parent Meeting (CH)
4 pm - 6pm Choir Practice (CH)
7:30 pm - Lifeteen Nite (Rm 4)