

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY: MSGR. JOHN MBINDA

This Sunday, we are at the very beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In both the first reading and the psalm, Jesus is seen as the "Servant of the Lord" who comes to do God's will. In the Gospel, John the Baptist points out Jesus to his disciples, saying, "*Behold the Lamb of God.*" What does that phrase mean?

When John the Baptist describes Jesus as "*the Lamb of God*", he draws the phrase from an Old Testament tradition of the "lamb of God" symbolism. The blood of the paschal lamb of the Old Testament protects and saves the Israelites in Exodus 12. This link is made explicit in *1 Cor 5:7*. For Paul, we are saved by Christ as our true Paschal Lamb of God. Therefore, John the Baptist in the Gospel draws our attention to the identity of Jesus and all he would have to undergo in order to save us.

The Prophet Isaiah prophesied graphically the fate of the "*Suffering Servant*" of the Lord. He was pierced for our offences; crushed for our sins; upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole; by his stripes we were healed. The Lord laid upon him the guilt of us all. He was harshly treated; He submitted and never opened his mouth; like a lamb led to the slaughter... He was wounded for our sins, bruised for our iniquities. (*Isaiah 53:2-3*). We use the phrase "*Lamb of God*" at Mass three times in order to reflect on what Jesus did for our salvation and also to humbly seek his mercy and compassion before we receive him in the Holy Eucharist.



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**What is the Ordinary Time of the Year?**

Welcome to our visitors, new parishioners and regular parishioners! The ordinary time of the year, which has just begun, is the longest liturgical season in the Catholic Church. It consists of 34 weeks each year

and is divided into two periods. The first period runs from the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord until the Tuesday evening before Ash Wednesday. The Second period of Ordinary Time runs from the Monday after Pentecost until the night before Advent begins. This includes Christ the King Sunday, the final Sunday of Ordinary Time.

The vestments are green, the color of hope and growth. During this season, the Church counts the thirty-four Sundays of Ordinary Time, inviting all of us to meditate upon the whole mystery of Christ – his life, miracles and teachings – in the light of his Resurrection.

The term "Ordinary" is derived from the Latin "*ordinalis*," meaning "showing order, denoting an order of succession." Hence, Ordinary Time is the standard, orderly, counted time outside of the other liturgical seasons. Ordinary Time is not "ordinary" but a season during which we reflect on the mystery of Christ encountering us in so many different ways by his life, teaching and miracles, leading us deeper into his life of grace. May the life of Christ in us be instrumental in proclaiming his Kingdom by our life and example. God bless you and all your families.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

Saint of the WEEK Sebastian (died c. 288)

Feast Day: January 20 - According to the many legends surrounding Sebastian, he was born in Gaul and raised in Milan. Though a Christian, he joined the imperial army in Rome about 283. He made converts of officials and jailers, effected cures, and urged Christian prisoners to stay strong in their faith. He was named captain of the praetorian guards, but the emperor, upon finding out that he was a Christian,

ordered his execution. Shot with arrows and left for dead, Sebastian survived and was nursed back to life. Later, he denounced the emperor for his cruelty to Christians, and the emperor had him beaten to death. A favorite subject of Renaissance artists, Sebastian is the patron saint of archers, soldiers, and athletes.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

The context of this prophecy relates to a significant event promising a new era after a disastrous period of misery resulting from war or a foreign invasion. Tradition has always related the prophecy to the coming of the Messiah, who comes as a great light for a people who had been walking in darkness. The Messiah reverses the situation of gloom and distress into one of abundant joy and great rejoicing.



Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

These verses of psalm 27 offer further poetic reflections on the theme of light. The psalmist hopes and trusts that the Lord, who is the light and salvation, will bring rescue and protection from all enemies. To be in the presence of the Lord in his goodness is a proof of his love as well as the reward of fidelity.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

There is no doubt that there were serious divisions within the Corinthian congregation. In this passage, Paul addresses these factions by calling on all who are quarrelling to remember that they belong to Christ, not to any particular apostle who may have baptized them. It is the death and resurrection of Christ, symbolized in their baptism, which brings them together and is the secret of their salvation.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

The relationship between the ministry of John the Baptist and that of Jesus is the focus of this reading. At first, Jesus preached a message quite similar to that of John the Baptist: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." The difference was that in Jesus, this gospel was to be fulfilled. The calling of his first disciples, four ordinary fishermen from Galilee, was the beginning of this fulfillment - the creation of a community of those who would follow him. His healing ministry was also a sign that the reign of God had already begun.



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**.

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon., January 16, 2017 (8 am)

† John Gibson

(Memorial Anniversary)

† Wanya Mercadante

† James Nohara

Tues., January 17, 2017 (8 am)

† Carmelo I. Solomon

(Birthday Memorial)

† Myrna Gampong Solomon

Medard & Marites Aczon

(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Wed., January 18, 2017 (8 am)

† Fr. Cletus Mooya

† Wanya Mercadante

Thurs., January 19, 2017 (8 am)

† All Souls in Purgatory

Fri., January 20, 2017 (8 am)

† Pacita Mauleon

(Birthday Memorial)

Reece Grace (Birthday)

Sat., January 21, 2017

8 AM: † Gregoria Taglinao

† Siong Sy

5 PM: † Margaret Gallogly

Sunday, January 22, 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



Prayer Requests HEALING / BLESSINGS: 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, John Basug, Alfred & Carmen Fajota, Santiago Tumpap, 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., Reggie Cabacungan, and Sheila M. Gutierrez



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

***Baptism Preparation Classes:** February 5, February 26, April 2... *(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.



Tuesday, January 17

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 offer a free lecture, open to everyone, on **Monday, January 16, 7:00 pm** at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa Parish.



Notary Public Service available by appointment only.

Call the Parish Office for more information.

Stewardship of Treasure - January 7 / 8

Sunday Collection	\$14,532.63
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$2,826.25
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$1,190.00
New Building Fund - OCC (non-assessed)	\$460.75
Candle Sales	\$586.00
Mass Intentions	\$280.00
Donation - Charity	\$53.00
Donation - SJCP	\$313.50
Donation - Social Ministry	\$881.00
Offering - Christmas	\$20.00
Stewardship Development	\$9.50
Weekend Total:	\$21,512.63

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

Christians in the Public Square

The 2017 legislative session will address issues that directly affect how we live our Christian faith. We have obligations as "faithful citizens" to engage the community to ensure that we have the right to live our values at home, at church, at the office and in the public square. Come hear the Hawaii Family Forum and Hawaii Catholic Conference advise on engaging our legislators and giving testimony and information about particular bills that could impact our faith life.

The session will occur on **February 4, 2017**, from **8:30 - 11:00 am** in the Church (refreshments will be provided after the 8 am Mass on the Lanai). Contact Mary Smart, 741-2358 if you have questions.

Investiture of Monsignor Gary L. Secor

Bishop Larry Silva invites all to a special Mass on **Thurs., February 2, 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.catholicahawaii.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

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, January 16**, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be held this **Thurs., January 19**, 7-9 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 **Fri., January 20, 3:00-8:00 pm** at the *Hawaii State Capitol Building*. Free bus transportation! Contact Melissa: alohamc@yahoo.com to register for transportation. Participating parishioners riding the bus, MUST check in at the church by no later than 3:15 pm. The bus will promptly leave the church at 3:30 pm.

St. John Women's Guild Membership Meeting will be held on **Sat., January 21**, at 10 am in the Church. All ladies with interest in the Guild are invited and welcome to attend. For more information on membership, contact Erlinda Nishimura at 286-1071.

"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 - Sat., January 28, 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. Registration: \$40/person. 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 call 547-8031, gkaahanui@stfrancishawaii.org.

St. John Rosary Making Ministry - The next gathering is this **Wednesday, February 15th** at 10:00 am on the Church Lanai. Everyone is welcome! For more information, email Ellen Dona at donaf001@hawaii.rr.com.

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 - Next weekend, **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 16 – 22

Monday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

****Parish Office Closed****

8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)
6:30 pm - Boy Scouts (Rm 5)
6:30 pm - Marriage & Family Life Meeting (Rm 6)
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)
6:30 pm - RE Catechist Certification (Rm 4)
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)
6 pm - OLPH PG (CH)
6:30 pm - Preschool Board (Rectorry)
7 pm - RCIA (Rm 4/5)
7 pm - NA Mtg (Rm 6)

Thursday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)
7 pm - 11 am Choir Practice (CH)

Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)
4 pm - 2 Hearts PG (CH)
6 pm - Girl Scouts (Rm 5)

Saturday - Daily Mass (CH)

8:45 am - Rosary PG (Church)
8 am - Engaged Encounter (Rms 4-6)
9 am - Church Cleaning (Group 4)
10 am - Women's Guild Mtg (CH)
9:15 am Liturgical Movement Ministry (Rm 3)
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
12:30 pm - Baptism Ceremony (CH)
4 pm - 6pm Choir Practice (CH)
7:30 pm - Lifeteen Nite (Rm 4)