

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY: MSGR. JOHN MBINDA

The readings this Sunday draw our attention to two central themes that are closely related: *Christ revealed as the light of the world* and *Christ in whose name we are baptized and united*. Both themes are interwoven. *The first reading* gives an example of the kingdom established by David, which was torn apart by divisions soon after Solomon's death. Consequently, foreigners invaded the Northern Kingdom in 733-32 BC and occupied it, and further threatened the Southern Kingdom of Judah. Centuries thereafter, darkness reigned all over Israel. However, today's first reading prophesies a great light in time to come. Great joy and happiness would be restored. A king of peace would come to establish freedom and unify Israel forever. *The second reading* gives another example of divisions in the Christian community of Corinth. Paul reminds the Christians there that they belong to Christ and not to any particular apostle who may have baptized them. It is the *death and resurrection* of Christ that is the symbol in their baptism, which binds them together as a Christian community.

The Gospel from Matthew uses a passage from the *first reading* to show that Jesus is the fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy. "*The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.*" Jesus Christ is therefore our light and source of unity in a world that is very much in need of enlightenment and unity in the midst of fragmentation. Ideological differences, regional and civil wars, ethnic conflicts and Christian divisions continue to cast a deep shadow over the world. Our Christian faith and hope, however, tell us that someday a great light will indeed shine and unity will be restored. The source of that light and unity is Jesus Christ. As Jesus begins His ministry by proclaiming a message of repentance, "*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*" That message is a wakeup call for all disciples of Christ to be

transformed into God's authentic witnesses in a world overshadowed by the darkness of disunity due to human pride, greed and selfishness. Our witness will only be effective if we are first transformed into the light of Christ and signs of the unity; if we shed off our pride in realizing how much we need to be enriched by Jesus Christ, and by one another's gifts. If we are credible witnesses, others will want to become Christian.



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 Introductory Rites of the Mass: Part One***

The introductory rites of the Mass include the entrance procession, the sign of the cross and greeting, the act of penitence, the Glory to God, and finally the opening prayer also known as the Collect.

Gathering Hymn and Procession

The Mass begins with the gathering hymn and procession. This serves a very practical purpose. It presumes that we are already gathered in the church, not running in at the last minute! When the priest, deacon, and servers reach the sanctuary steps, they reverence the altar with a genuflection or profound bow. The priests and deacons present then venerate the altar with a kiss. To kiss an object is a sign of respect and greeting, and dates to the 4th century.

The Sign of the Cross and Greeting

This ancient sign and prayer demonstrates that we believe in God and are gathered in the presence of the Holy Trinity. Immediately after the sign of the cross, the priest greets the assembly using one of three options. In the most common option the priest says, "*The Lord be with you,*" to which the people respond, "*And with your spirit.*" This greeting is not an ordinary greeting that we give to a friend on the street. It is a shortened version of the greeting given by Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians: "*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all*" (2 Cor. 13:14). The greeting helps to recognize Christ's presence in the priest and in the gathered assembly, and expresses our faith in the Holy Trinity.

The Penitential Act

We prepare for the celebration of the Holy Mass by reflecting on our sins and asking one another and the entire assembly to pray for God's forgiveness. At the end of the act of penitence, the priest says, "*May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life,*" and the assembly respond, "*Amen.*" Part 2 will continue with the Gloria and the Collect. So stay tuned.


**Saint of the WEEK** Francis de Sales (1567-1622)

Feast Day: January 29 - Born in the Duchy of Savoy (now France), Francis studied at Annecy, Paris, and Padua and was ordained in 1593. He spent four years reconverting Catholics who had become Calvinists, writing many tracts to explain basic tenets of the faith. In 1602, he became bishop of the Diocese of Geneva, which he reorganized and reformed. He also famously preached in Paris and wrote two devotional books that are still widely read: *An Introduction to the Devout Life* and *A Treatise on the Love of God*. A 20-year friendship with St. Jane Frances de Chantal led to their founding the Order of the Visitation. Canonized in 1665 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1877, Francis is the *patron saint of journalists, authors, and the deaf*.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

The prophet Zephaniah wrote after Isaiah but before the Babylonian captivity. He foresaw the coming of destruction, but his prophecy also foretells that spiritual strength would enable some to survive.

While the self-sufficient proud would not be able to withstand the impending destruction, those who are spiritually "poor" who rely on God, would be the saved remnant. These would in turn be instruments of salvation for others.



Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Psalm 146 is a hymn of someone who has learned that the merciful God alone is the source of strength. It underlines once more the faithfulness and protection of God for those who trust in him, the spiritually poor, hence the response: "Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Paul reminds the Corinthians that the "wisdom" of the proud causes divisions among the people of God who are called to unity in Christ. For Paul, the power to preserve that unity lies in the "foolishness of the world" that God chooses to shame the wise. The self-sacrificing attitude of Jesus who gives himself in love on the cross may seem foolish and ineffective to the world, but that is how God's power and wisdom triumphs in the end.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

The passage from Matthew presents the familiar Sermon on the Mount. These Beatitudes summarize the basic Christian attitudes intended to guide the followers of Jesus. One characteristic feature of the Beatitudes is their paradoxical quality. They seem to contradict the normal expectations of ordinary people and their reactions to human experience. The people Matthew identifies are not supposed to be happy - the poor, the mourners, the persecuted. However, these Beatitudes are an affirmation that such people are on the right track and truly a part of the kingdom.

† Reverend Paul Minchack, OFM Cap.

Fr. Paul Minchak, OFM Cap., passed away on *Sunday, January 15, 2017*. He served as Pastor of *Resurrection of the Lord Church, Waipio*. Other Hawaii parishes that Fr. Paul served at include *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Ewa Beach, Sacred Heart Church, Punahou, and St. Anthony of Padua, Kailua*. Funeral services will be held in New York. A **Memorial Mass** will be held at **Resurrection of the Lord Church, Waipio**, on **Tuesday, January 31, at 7 p.m.** Condolences can be sent to his brother, *Eugene Minchak, 53 Hunt Avenue, Pearl River, New York 10965*.

† Reverend Joseph Carroll

Fr. Joseph Carroll was a priest of the Diocese of Honolulu, born in Oklahoma on October 28, 1926, who passed away on January 11, 2017. Funeral Services will be held on **Wednesday, February 8**, at the **Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace**, downtown Honolulu. **Visitation will begin at 4 p.m.; Funeral Mass will begin at 6 pm.** Refreshments will be provided at the Kamiano Center following the Mass. Burial is set for **Thursday, February 9, 10 am at Hawaii Memorial Park (Kaneohe)**.

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 23, 2017 (8 am)

† Margarita Bulan

† Elaine Marunaka-Rillamas

† Patricia Dore Smith-Rillamas

Tues., January 24, 2017 (8 am)

† All Souls in Purgatory

Wed., January 25, 2017 (8 am)

† All Souls in Purgatory

Thurs., January 26, 2017 (8 am)

† All Souls in Purgatory

Fri., January 27, 2017 (8 am)

† Tadashi Furuta

† Jarrett B. Bolosan

(Memorial Anniversary)

Saturday, January 28, 2017

8 AM: Sonny & Tessie Aquino

(Wedding Anniversary)

Leah Cabauatan (Birthday)

5 PM: Sheila & Fermin Prestosa

(Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, January 29, 2017

7 AM: † Richard C. Dela Cruz

9 AM: For the People

11 AM: † Jarrett B. Bolosan

6 PM: Gene Ishikawa (Blessing)



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, baby Liberty Seminara-Marrone, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Mina DeJesus, John Basug, Alfred & Carmen Fajota, Santiago Tumpap, Bella Rillamas, 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, Sheila M. Gutierrez, Fr. Paul Minchak, and Fr. Joseph Carroll.



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

***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.

Investiture of Monsignor Gary L. Secor

Bishop Larry Silva invites all to a special Mass on **Thurs., February 2, 6:00 PM** 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.

Mahalo Nui Loa

for everyone's support during our **Chicken Plate Fundraiser**.

Your kindness multiplies our ability to accomplish great things for *Our Parish* and the *Community*.

**Knights of Columbus
Council 14663**

24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Fri., February 3, after the 8 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am on **Sat., February 4**.

Stewardship of Treasure - Jan. 14 / 15

Sunday Collection	\$14,499.79
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$2,664.75
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$935.00
New Building Fund - OCC (non-assessed)	\$315.75
Candle Sales	\$569.00
Mass Intentions	\$110.00
Collection - Black & Indian Mission	\$24.00
Collection - Church in Latin America	\$20.00
Donation - Charity	\$181.02
Donation - SJCP	\$76.00
Donation - Social Ministry	\$120.00
Donation - YYA	\$60.00
Offering - Christmas	\$40.88
Offering - Funeral	\$200.00
Stewardship Development	\$9.50

Weekend Total: \$19,825.69

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

SANTO NIÑO Novena

Join the *Fil-Am Catholic Group* as they pray a novena to the Holy Infant of Prague beginning on **Friday, January 27** through **Saturday, February 4** here at the SJAE Parish. Please see the bulletin board for specific dates and location. Please note that on the last day, February 4, rosary will start at 3 pm followed by the 5 pm Mass and continue with fellowship on the breezeway lanai. For more, please call Marcie Wong: 375-6752



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.



Free Notary Public Service available by appointment only. Please call 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.

One Community Center (OCC) Update

January 2017



Actions taken since October 8, 2016 Town Hall Meeting:

1. Line-of-Credit application submitted to Catholic Diocese of Honolulu.
 - a. Favorable credit rate.
 - b. Diocesan requirement - cash-on-hand or Capital Campaign pledges to equal 50% of requested line-of-credit.
 - c. Diocese kept informed of OCC status since inception.
 - d. \$317,000 in design/planning expenses due by July, 2017.
2. Capital Campaign Committee organized and moving forward.
 - a. Eric Westmoreland is the Chair of the Capital Campaign Committee.
 - b. Action items include pulpit announcements, bulletin inserts and information from Catholic Stewardship Commission (CSC) in the monthly newsletter.
3. OCC Construction:
 - a. 100% design to be completed by July, 2017.
 - b. Construction to begin in early June, 2018 (coincides with the completion of the 2017-2018 St. John Apostle & Evangelist Preschool school year).
 - c. Construction expected to take 12 - 18 months
4. Preschool:
 - a. Preschool will be operational on site until June 2018.
 - b. Diocesan Catholic School Department is participating in activities and events concerning the relocation of the school.
 - c. Preschool will be moved to an off-campus location.
 - d. A number of locations are being vetted and final selection will be made in the best interest of the Preschool and the Parish

Join us as we celebrate the
10th Anniversary of Deacon Ordination of

Deacon Modesto Cordero

Saturday, February 18, 2017

5:00 pm Mass

A potluck dinner will follow Mass on the lanai.

Please bring a dish to share.

*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 2-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
the
Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace
(Downtown Honolulu)**

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

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

Stewardship Day

with Bishop Larry Silva

Saturday, January 28, 2017 ~ 8 am - 2 pm

Mary, Star of the Sea Church

4470 Aliikoa Street, Honolulu, HI 96821

8:00 AM - Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM - Opening Prayer & Remarks by Bishop Larry

Keynote Presentation by Fr. Andrew Kemberling, Chairman of the Board, International
Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC)

**Followed by a variety of workshops presented by national and
local experts to include:**

Mary Ann Otto, Chair of the ICSC Parish Stewardship Education
Committee

Mila Glodava, Co-author of Making Stewardship A Way of Life

Fr. Mark Gantley, on Stewardship & the Sacraments of Initiation

Jim Walsh, on Stewardship & Pastoral Planning @ Your Parish

Jeff Neibling, Esq., on Stewardship & Estate Planning

Mike DiCosola, on The Language of Stewardship

Lunch @ 12 noon along with workshops by:

Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) - Parish Data Systems (PDS)

Vanco (online giving) - Catholic Charities

This is a FREE event. To register, contact Mark Clark
at **mclark@rcchawaii.org** or (808) 203-6723.

This year's Stewardship Day is sponsored by *Our Sunday Visitor*.

PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

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.

The Knights of Columbus, Council 14336, is seeking NEW Members! Stop by their table next weekend, **January 28/29** after all Masses, and learn about their family activities, charitable works in the parish and community, as well as AAA-rated member benefits like life insurance, annuities, disability income, long-term care, and mutual fund investment opportunities!

Celebrating World Marriage Day on February 11 / 12. A special blessing will be dedicated to married couples at all Masses. Also, calling all married couples from our parish Ohana to submit a photo of their wedding day to display on our bulletin board. Please email a scanned copy with **your names and wedding date** to ogataohana@msn.com or you may drop off your photo at the parish office. *Deadline to submit photos, Feb. 5.*

St. John Rosary Making Ministry - The next gathering is on **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.

RED CROSS Blood Drive, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on **Sunday, February 19th** at all morning Masses. Please visit the Knight's table on the lanai for more information and to register after all Masses the weekends of: January 28/29 and February 4 /5. For additional information, contact Steve Hurling at 808-927-2845.

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 - This weekend our parish is 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.



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,
call the Preschool Office at 808-744-9702.



THIS WEEK: January 23 - 29

Monday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)
4 pm - Girl Scout (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)
6:30 pm - RE Catechist Mid-Year Meeting (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)
9 am - Church Cleaning (Group 5)
12 pm - Social Ministry Mtg (Rm 6)

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)
8:30 am - RE Catechist Mid-Year Meeting (Rm 4-5)
9:30 am - Social Ministry: Disability Team Meeting (Rm 6)
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 & KofC Corporate Communion
12:30 pm - Baptism Ceremony (CH)
1 pm - KofC Corporate Communion Potluck (Rms 4/5)
4 pm - 6pm Choir Practice (CH)
7:30 pm - Lifeteen Nite (Rm 4)