

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

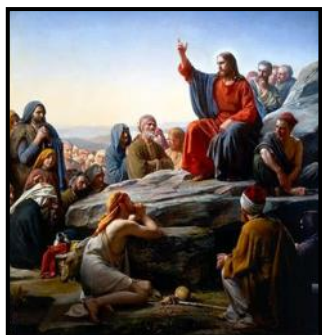
BY: DCN. MODESTO CORDERO

Who doesn't want to be blessed? Being blessed conjures up images of peace, prosperity, perfection. Jesus *"began"* to teach the Beatitudes to his disciples - the great Sermon on the Mount, which forms the core of Jesus' teaching. He is saying that discipleship must be rooted in, shaped by, arise from his own blessedness. In the Beatitudes, Jesus announces the blessings for those who live in *"the kingdom of heaven."* These blessings continue an ancient tradition reflected in the first reading from the prophet Zephaniah. God extends protection and refuge to those who *"seek justice"* and are *"humble & lowly."* Jesus went ahead and described the qualities that mark true discipleship: *poor in spirit, mourning loss, meek, seekers of justice, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers, bearers of insults and persecution.* His blessedness is marked by giving of self, emptying of self, letting go of self. For Jesus, being blessed is more than here-and-now, tangible happiness. Jesus teaches that being blessed comes from the joy of being of, in, and with him – and his followers. Our blessedness is a quality of who we are and a blueprint for how we are to be and live as followers of Jesus.

Becoming and living as followers of Jesus is not very complicated. What he taught through his words and actions is simple in nature, yet profound in its impact on each of us, on everyone with whom we interact, and on our entire world. However, when we hear the word *"blessed,"* we tend to think of holiness and discount ourselves. The Beatitudes remind us that blessedness is bestowed by God on those who faithfully follow Jesus. It points to

permanency! It leads us to heaven! The *"kingdom of heaven"* is promised to those who seek the happiness, the blessedness that comes from possessing God. We arrive at the promise of the Beatitudes – *"for they will"* – after a lifetime of faithful discipleship.

Let us seek God's mercy for the times we have not lived up to our blessedness!



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

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE**The Introductory Rites of the Mass (Part Two)****THE GLORIA**

The Glory to God (the Gloria in Latin) is a hymn of praise echoing the angels at the birth of the Lord, "*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will.*" (Luke 2:14) The text elaborates on this message of the angels, recognizing the beauty, goodness and mercy of the Lord God through his Son, Jesus Christ. This prayer dates back to the sixth century and began for use only at Masses when a bishop was the celebrant, and who used only on solemn feasts. However, the beauty of this prayer captivated the priests and faithful. Slowly, permission was granted for priests to use it, but at first only for Easter. Today, "*Glory to God*" is sung or said at all Sunday Masses, solemnities, and feasts except during the seasons of Advent and Lent. Whether sung or said, this prayer is one of praise, and our voices should be lifted in praise as we say it!

THE COLLECT OR OPENING PRAYER

A lot takes place in the first five minutes of Mass. First, we gather as a community. We acknowledge our mutual sinfulness and need of mercy, and give praise to God for His goodness and glory to all of us. How fitting that the first priestly prayer of the Mass is then called the "*Collect*"! This opening prayer takes all of our individual needs and focuses them, collects them into a common purpose for celebrating that day's Mass. While the priest is the one saying the prayer, the prayer belongs to all of us – note the introduction is "*Let us pray,*" not "*let me pray.*" After this introduction, there is a period of silence to help us to focus and recognize Christ's presence, through whom we address our needs to the Father. Listen carefully to the words of the opening prayer when you're at Mass, and pray for that common intention for which all of us are praying on that day.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

Saint of the WEEK Blaise (Fourth Century)

Feast Day: February 3 — This bishop and martyr lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time, Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution. On his feast day, the Church celebrates the blessing of the throats, recalling a miraculous cure associated with him: Blaise is remembered for saving the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. He was later arrested and imprisoned for being a Christian; in gratitude for a woman who brought him a candle to light his prison cell, the saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection. Thus, (unlit) candles are used in the traditional throat blessing in his honor. Blaise is listed among the "*Fourteen Holy Helpers,*" saints revered as healers.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

The opening words: *"thus says the Lord"* inform us that it is the Lord who speaks. The passage outlines the kind of behavior required if one is to *enjoy blessings promised through the covenant*. It lists ethical norms rather than practices. The blessings that follow such a life are described in terms of light that will *"break forth like the dawn."* The ethical norms have to do with right relationship with those in need. The blessings that follow this kind of selfless living suggest some form of deliverance.



Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 112:4-5,6-7,8-9

Psalm 112 is one of instruction rather than of praise to God. A close look reveals that the psalm belongs to the wisdom type of psalms, hence the response: *"The just man is a light in darkness to the upright."*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

In this passage, Paul continues the theme of lowliness that he started previously by applying this virtue to himself in his ministry. Thus he chose to know nothing more *"except Jesus Christ, and him crucified."* His knowledge of Jesus Christ crucified is more important than human wisdom in the proclamation of the gospel because of its seemingly weakness and foolishness.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

In this Gospel passage, Jesus has already started the Sermon on the Mountain. He uses two metaphors to characterize discipleship: salt and light. Salt is not only essential to life itself, it is also valuable for preserving, seasoning and purifying food. However, if salt loses its saltiness, it becomes useless. Similarly, disciples become ineffective and useless when they lose their ability to witness and influence the world around them. Jesus tells the disciples that they are the light of the world. Disciples are to be like a beacon on a mountain top and like a lamp on lamp stand. As such disciples are to shine forth in the darkness by their way of living. That witness will declare to the world that the reign of God is established; that the age of fulfillment is already here.

† 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 7:00 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**, in downtown Honolulu. **Visitation will begin at 4 p.m.; Funeral Mass will begin at 6pm.** 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 30, 2017 (8 am)

Tina Aguinaldo (Birthday)

† Fr. Paul Minchack, OFM Cap.

Tues., January 31, 2017 (8 am)

† Wanya Mercadante

† Sarah Ruiz

(Memorial Anniversary)

Wed., February 1, 2017 (8 am)

† Sarah Ruiz

Paul S. Sauget (Birthday)

† Fernando Acierto

Thurs., February 2, 2017 (8 am)

† Fernando Acierto

Fri., February 3, 2017 (8 am)

† Feliciano Dona

† Reggie Cabacungan

† Fernando Acierto

Saturday, February 4, 2017

8 AM: † Fernando Acierto

5 PM: † All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, February 5, 2017

7 AM: † Fernando Acierto

9 AM: For the People

11 AM: † All Souls in Purgatory

6 PM: † All Souls in Purgatory

† = Rest in Peace



HEALING / BLESSINGS: Darrlyn & Ron Bunda, Matt Farris, Mona DeCosta, John Bates, James & Elaine Kahala, Ken Enomoto, Ellen Cleghorn, baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, Ron Thames, Gregory Castillo, Elaine Utu, Kathy Beaver, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Mina DeJesus, John Basug, Alfred & Carmen Fajota, Santiago Tumpap, Bella Rillamas, Norma & Ethan Belamide, 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 Minchack, Fr. Joseph Carroll, Mitsy Manandic, Raymond J. Swider, Vicente Jamora, and Fernando Acierto.



***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.



**Mass of the
Anointing of the Sick
Monday, February 13
at 4:00 pm**

We invite families and friends to bring their loved ones who are suffering from an illness or are handicapped to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.



Investiture of Monsignor Gary L. Secor
Bishop Larry Silva invites all to a special Mass on
Thursday, February 2, 6:00 PM
at the **Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace**.

We will honor our newly named **Monsignor Gary L. Secor**, who is given the special honor of being a Chaplain to His Holiness by Pope Francis. *Validated parking is available in the Century Square Garage off Bishop Street, just Makai of Beretania Street.* There will be a bus leaving St. Johns at **4:30 pm**. Sign-up on the Lanai **this weekend (January 28/29) ONLY**. Cost: \$5/person.

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

Deacon Modesto Cordero
Saturday, February 18 ~ 5 pm Mass

A potluck dinner will follow Mass. 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. This visit is part of the 2-year Fatima Centennial U.S. Tour for Peace. The statue will be on **OAHU** for the following days and locations:

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

February 3 (7:00 am) - February 4 (7:00 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)

NEW! **February 5: 6 am—1:30 pm** at St. John the Baptist Church (Kalihi)

NEW! **February 5: 4:30 pm—9 pm** at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa (Kalihi)

For more, contact **Easter Almuena** with the Office of Worship at 585-3342 or by email ealmuena@rcchawaii.org.

Stewardship of Treasure - Jan. 21 / 22

Sunday Collection	\$13,150.18
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$2,493.75
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$1,204.00
New Building Fund - OCC (non-assessed)	\$195.75
Candle Sales	\$510.00
Mass Intentions	\$120.00
Collection - Black & Indian Mission	\$70.00
Collection - Church in Latin America	\$1,106.50
Donation - Charity	\$12.00
Donation - SJCP	\$28.50
Donation - Social Ministry	\$149.75
Donation - YYA	\$30.00
Offering - Christmas Flowers	\$1.00
Offering - Funeral	\$400.00
Stewardship Development	\$9.50

Weekend Total: \$19,575.93

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

ON THE HORIZON...

A Faith-Based Discussion on Life, Family & Religious Freedom
Sponsored by the St. John Respect Life Ministry, the Hawaii Catholic Conference, & Hawaii Family Forum.

Saturday, February 4, 2017, 8:30 - 11:00 am in the Church

Event Includes: Strategic Training on the Legislative Process, Briefing on Legislative Issues including Assisted Suicide, Fellowship & Dialogue with other Christians, and Special Guest Speakers (Dr. Craig Nakatsuka, Joy Yadao, Eva Andrade, and Walter Yoshimitsu).

For more information, Contact Mary Smart at 808-741-2358.



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



Planned Giving - Preparing an estate plan is good Christian stewardship - saying thanks to God, expressing your love for family, and showing charity towards others. Please remember **St. John A & E Church** in planning your will.

PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

The Hui O Lailima Food Trolley will be out next weekend. There is a need for *non-perishable, single-size serving* foods: *cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, jam, and fruit*, ramen, rice (5lb bags), canned goods (*meats, soups, pasta, vegetables, beans, fruit*), mac & cheese, spaghetti sauce, etc. Please kokua.

The Knights of Columbus, Council 14336, is seeking NEW Members! Stop by their table 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!

Santo Nino Novena - Join the *Fil-Am Catholic Group* as they pray a novena to the Holy Infant of Prague through **Saturday, February 4** here at the SJAE Parish. Please see the bulletin board for specific dates, location, and more.

Scout Sunday is next **Sunday, February 5th**. Scouters are encouraged to attend the 9 am Mass in UNIFORM for a special blessing. All interested boys ages 6-10 (Cub Scouts - Pack 144) and 11-17 yrs old (Boy Scouts - Troop 144) are also welcome to sign up after Mass on the Lanai. For more information, contact Myrna Daguio at mdaguio1@hawaii.rr.com.

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 donafoo1@hawaii.rr.com.

HAWAII BLOOD BANK 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.

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.

Black & Indian Mission and Church in Latin America Collections - Thank you for your generous donation toward this collection. It will enable people to come to know Jesus Christ in the *African American, Native American, Alaskan Native*, and *Latin American* communities. Spreading the Gospel couldn't happen without your support.



THIS WEEK: Jan 30 - Feb 5

Monday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)
4 pm - Girl Scout (Rm 6)
6 pm - Santo Nino Novena (CH)
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 pm - Santo Nino Novena (Chapel)
6 pm - Children's Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm - Combined Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm - Finance Council Mtg. (Rectory)
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 - Santo Nino Novena (Chapel)
7 pm - RCIA (Rm 4/5)
7 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

Thursday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)
9 am - Church Cleaning (Group 2)
6 pm - Investiture of Msgr. Gary Secor
6 pm - Santo Nino Novena (CH)
6:30 pm - RE: FRE Parent Mtg. (Rm 4)

Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)
6 pm - Girl Scouts (Rm 5)
6 pm - Santo Nino Novena (CH)

Saturday - Daily Mass (CH)

8:45 am - Rosary PG (Church)
8:30 am - Faithful Citizen Seminar (CH)
9:15 am - Liturgical Movement
Ministry Practice (Rm 6)
3 pm - Santo Nino Novena (CH)
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 & Blessing of the Scouts
2 pm - Baptism Prep. Class (Rm 4)
4 pm - 6pm Choir Practice (CH)
7:30 pm - Lifeteen Nite (Rm 4)