

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY: FR. NORLITO CONCEPCION

On the 5th Sunday in ordinary time, Jesus invites and challenges us true Christians of the *One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church* to be the salt and the light of the world. In a world that is reigned by the darkness of fear, selfishness, personal convenience, and indifference towards the gospel, those who live by the gospel must reach out to those who are enslaved by this world and be free to walk on the light of truth without hesitation or guilt, to be among the people enlighten by the supreme truth, to witness the beauty of faith, and to feel the goodness of the God that rescues people from the danger of sin.

Charity and corporal works of mercy show the light of faith unlike selfish philanthropy. Charity demands loyalty to God, for a person who practices charity does it, not according to the human spirit that makes people push both the endurance of the psyche and the body to achieve a goal, but by the spirit of humanity that comes from sympathy and empathy. Christian Charity compels a loyal heart to act in Goodness for the sake of God, to continue and participate in God's plan to free people or give remedy from forces that are convinced to take away or prevent the realization of God given dignity. Philanthropy is a show of personal ability, power and personally acquired wealth and status. It seeks satisfaction and admiration of those who are deprived of such standards.

The charity of Jesus on the cross lifted and glorified those who believed in Him, He has become the light of their city, the heavenly city that will endure forever. As citizens of the city of God, each of us carry the light from the heavenly city. We are sent as disciples of the light in the world to bring those who live in the city of man towards the light. If our light is not as bright, how can we bring those in the dark towards the light, or how can we survive the darkness that waits to entrap us outside?



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 Liturgy of the Word (PART ONE)***

After the collect, the Mass continues with the Liturgy of the Word. The Liturgy of the Word is so important that it requires three short reflections. In part one we reflect only on the structure, importance of silence and the vocabulary we use. *Part two* will continue with the first reading up to the Gospel; and *Part Three* will deal with the homily and the Creed.

The structure of readings for Sunday Mass consists of a first reading, a responsorial psalm, a second reading, a Gospel acclamation, and a Gospel. Why do we proclaim the Word of God at Mass? The parish community is like a family and every family has its story —how your parents met, or how we are related to other families. When we gather for the Mass, we hear our story in God's story of His love for us — through Sacred Scripture. We tell these stories whenever we gather for the Mass because these scriptures reinforce our faith and our relationship with God.

To listen, we need an engaged mind that is focused on the Word of God. We need time to process what we have heard. For this reason, it's important to make good use of the silences in between the readings. Most Catholics are scared of silence. If we take time throughout the Liturgy of the Word to reflect, we are more open to that Word as we listen to the Gospel and the homily.

The Word of God is always proclaimed from the *ambo*, a term which comes from a Greek word meaning "to ascend." The *ambo* is only used for either the proclamation of the Word of God or for its explanation in the homily. It is never used for announcements! The first and second readings at Mass are proclaimed by a lector, while the responsorial psalm is proclaimed by a cantor with response by the whole assembly that includes the music ministers. The Gospel is always proclaimed by a priest or deacon.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

Saint of the WEEK

**Our Lady of Lourdes (19th Century)**

Feast Day: February 11 — This feast recalls the 18 appearances of the Blessed Virgin Mary to a young French girl, Bernadette Soubirous, from February 11 to July 16, 1858, near a grotto at Lourdes, France. Bernadette did not know the identity of "the beautiful lady in white" and asked who she was. Mary said, "I am the Immaculate Conception," the title Pope Pius IX had defined as dogma four years earlier. In 1890, Pope Leo XIII allowed the local Diocese of Tarbes to celebrate this feast; Pope Pius X made it a universal feast in 1907. Lourdes is perhaps the most famous Marian shrine in Western Europe, where many go to invoke God's healing grace through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

The Book of Sirach is a collection of proverbial teachings. Its teachings are based on a spirituality of wisdom and right living that bring happiness and blessings, while foolishness and depraved living result in misfortune and punishment. This passage addresses human freedom and human choice. The choices mentioned are paired into two extremes: *fire and water, life and death, good and evil*. The passage deals with the realities that are life-giving and those that are death-dealing in the context of human freedom and human choices. Those who fear the Lord choose life, the good and thus remain faithful.



Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119:1-2,4-5,17-8,33-34

Psalm 112 is both instructional and a prayer. The response comes from the opening verse in the form of beatitude: "*Blessed are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.*" The teaching is that the way of blamelessness is adherence to the law of the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

In this passage, Paul reflects a Jewish perspective on revelation that had been kept hidden from the rulers of this age waiting to be revealed (*Greek= ἀποκάλυψις, 'apokalupsis*). Paul teaches that God's revelation does not come through some mystery rite of the pagan Greek Corinthians. Rather, revelation comes from God's wisdom which He "*predetermined before the ages for our glory,*" and which "*God has prepared those who love Him.*"

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

The Gospel reading is a continuation of the Sermon on the Mountain. We note the gravity of Jesus' words from the introduction of his teaching: "*Amen, I say to you,*" which stresses the truth of what he is teaching. The contrast Jesus sets up is not between himself and the Law, but between his interpretation of the Law and that of the Scribes and the Pharisees. Jesus also uses the formula: You have heard it said....but I say to you. Thus his interpretation is radical. He demands much more than mere external conformity to the Law. The Law forbids murder, but Jesus now forbids anger and even insult. The Law forbids adultery, but now Jesus forbids lustful desires. All four examples in the passage indicate the radical nature of Jesus' reinterpretation of the Law.



Masses For The Week

Monday, February 6, 2017 (8 am)

Cindy Abernathy (Birthday)

† Fernando Acierto

Tina Aguinaldo (Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 (8 am)

† John Albert Potier

† Fernando Acierto

Marie Valenzuela (Special Intentions)

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 (8 am)

M/M Henry DeCosta, Jr.

(Wedding Anniversary)

† Bienvenida B. Millan

† Fernando Acierto

Thursday, February 9, 2017 (8 am)

Allen Baytes (Birthday)

† Fernando Acierto

† Guillermo Uyttingco

Friday, February 10, 2017 (8 am)

† James & Mildred Mizoguchi

Brooke Galicinao (Birthday)

† Fernando Acierto

Saturday, February 11, 2017

8 AM: † Demetria Manandic

5 PM: † All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, February 12, 2017

7 AM: Modesta Yadao (Birthday)

9 AM: For the People

11 AM: † Demetria Manandic

6 PM: Suzanna Foster (Blessings)

† = Rest in Peace

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, March 3, after the 8 am

Mass, ending at 7:30 am on

Saturday, March 4.

† 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)**.



Prayer Requests

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 Minchak, Fr. Joseph Carroll, Demetria Manandic, Vicente Jamora, and Fernando Acierto.



***Upcoming Baptism Ceremony Dates (Infants to Age 6): February 12 & 26**

***Baptism Preparation Classes:** February 26, April 2, May 7, June 4... *(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.

FOR YOUR SECURITY PLEASE...

PARK SMART!

Take ALL your belongings with you.

Car thieves like to window shop!



... AND SECURE YOUR VEHICLE!

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.

Stewardship of Treasure - Jan. 28 / 29

Sunday Collection	\$14,246.33
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$1,562.75
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$1,511.00
New Building Fund - OCC (non-assessed)	\$305.75
Candle Sales	\$672.00
Mass Intentions	\$300.00
Collection - Church in Latin America	\$95.00
Donation - Charity	\$64.00
Donation - SJCP	\$28.50
Donation - Social Ministry	\$129.75
Donation - YYA	\$30.00
Offering - All Souls	\$4.00
Stewardship Development	\$104.50
Weekend Total:	\$19,053.58

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



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

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

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.

Let us celebrate God's love in the *Sacrament of Matrimony* this **World Marriage Day** with your St. John Ohana!

Next weekend, **February 11 and 12**, all couples who have received the *Sacrament of Matrimony* will be given a special blessing at all Masses.

Bishop Larry Silva will be presiding at the **5 pm Mass** with a *Marriage Convalidation Ceremony*.



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.

Message from the Religious Education Office:

SAFE ENVIRONMENT Training has begun for ALL RE Classes!

Important Dates/Events & Activities to Remember:

⇒ **Sunday, Feb. 12, 5 pm @ OLGC:** Amanda Vernon Mass & Youth Concert for Youth in Lifeteen & Confirmation Classes.

⇒ **Saturday, Feb. 18, 9 am @ Parish Center/Church:** First Reconciliation Parent & Student Retreat. This retreat is mandatory for all FRE Students.

⇒ **Friday-Sunday, Feb. 24 to 26 @ St. Stephen's Diocesan Center:** Lifeteen & Confirmation Retreat.

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



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

NEW! St. John's Outreach Disability Team. The Team will initially focus on ensuring our parish facilities and services are accessible and helpful to the disabled/handicapped in our parish family. This ministry is an outreach to the disabled and handicapped in our parish. If you or a family member are disabled or handicapped, we want to talk with you! Please contact Deb Zedalis: 808-348-2973 or dzedalis@hawaii.rr.com. Thank you for your help!

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!

Interested in joining the Scouts? All interested boys ages 6-10 (*Cub Scouts - Pack 144*) and 11-17 yrs old (*Boy Scouts - Troop 144*) are welcome to sign up with Myrna Daguio at mdaguio1@hawaii.rr.com.

You're Invited! for a *Day of Reflection and Grace* at Resurrection of the Lord, Waipio, on **Sat., February 11** from 8:30 am - 3 pm (*Light lunch provided*). Learn *Prayers of Transformation, Spiritual Awakening and Healing*. Contact Vicky Arakawa: 676-2866 or warakawa@gmail.com to RSVP.

St. John Rosary Making Ministry - The next gathering is on **Wednesday, February 15th** at 10:00 am on the Church Lanai. Everyone is welcome!

HAWAII BLOOD BANK Drive, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on **Sunday, February 19th** at all morning Masses. Visit the Knight's table to register & for more information after all Masses this weekend, February 4/5. For additional info, contact Steve Hurling at 927-2845.

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on **Thurs., March 16**, 7:00-9:00 pm in classroom 6. The title of the discussion book is *The City of Joy* by *Dominique Lapierre*. Open to all! Call *Linda Ward* (277-1307) for more.

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, call the Preschool Office: 744-9702.

Augustine Educational Foundation (AEF) - Our parish will participate in the annual AEF collection next weekend, **February 11/12**. We kindly ask for your assistance in making *Catholic Education* more affordable for Hawaii families. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Drop your donation during offertory or donate online through their website: www.augustinefoundation.org. Thank you for your continued support in making a difference.



THIS WEEK: Feb 6 - 12

Monday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)
4 pm - Girl Scout (Rm 6)
6:30 pm - Boy Scouts (Rm 6)
7 pm - Charismatic PG (CH)
7 pm - KofC 4th Degree Mtg. (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 pm - Children's Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm - Combined Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm - RCIA Meeting (Rectory)
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (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 Meeting (Rm 6)

Thursday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary PG (CH)
6:30 pm - Marriage Validation Rehearsal (CH)

Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

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

Saturday - Daily Mass (CH)

8:30 am - K of C Meeting (Rm 5)
8:45 am - Rosary PG (Church)
9 am - Church Cleaning (Group 4)
9:15 am - Liturgical Movement Ministry Practice (Rm 4/5)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm - Mass (Saturday Vigil)
Marriage Validation Ceremony with Bishop Larry Silva

Sunday - Religious Ed: "B" Schedule

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