

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 as Jesus continues his Sermon on the Mountain in the Gospel, *he focuses our attention on forgiveness*, challenging us further to go beyond the law of love and revenge. The Gospel challenges us to do the impossible by turning the other cheek by loving our enemies and praying for those who persecute us. In other words, we are called to use the secret weapon of kindness to disarm them.

In a world so marked by a culture of violence and revenge, Christians are called to be compassionate and forgiving. As followers of Christ, we must never revenge. Instead, Jesus tells us, *"When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well."*

What does Jesus mean by *"turning the other cheek"*? At the time of Jesus in Palestine, the law forbade anyone in authority from striking anybody with the back of the right hand, or with the left hand. Therefore, if you *turned the other cheek*, the enemy would first be surprised and stop to think! That technique of Jesus may be called disarming the enemy because it is a game changer. It transforms behavior and defuses a situation that would have otherwise ended in violence or revenge.



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 Three)****The Creed (Profession of Faith)**

After the Homily on most Sundays and Holy Days, we stand and recite the Creed which originated in Jerusalem as a profession of faith before baptism. It was then formalized in 325 at the Council of Nicea and further developed at the Council of Constantinople in 381.

A creed is a statement or summary of belief. The structure of the Creed reinforces our belief in the Holy Trinity, first addressing the Father, then the Son, and then the Holy Spirit, stressing that the three persons are one God. At the heart of our faith is our belief that God became one of us at the birth of Christ. To highlight our belief in this truth, we are asked to bow at the words "*By the power of the Holy Spirit, he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*" The Creed is a very important prayer. When we pray the Creed together, be sure to join in the prayer.

The Prayers of the Faithful

The Prayers of the Faithful, also known as the General Intercessions or the Universal Prayers, take place at the conclusion of the Liturgy of the Word, and serve like a hinge connecting the Liturgy of the Word to the Liturgy of the Eucharist (the next part of the Mass). The structure of the prayers of the faithful is generally the same: a short introduction by the priest, followed by 5-7 intercessions proclaimed by the deacon or lector, with a short concluding prayer led by the priest. At the end of each petition, we respond "Lord, hear our prayer." These prayers follow a general order: for the needs of the Church; for public authorities and the salvation of the world; for those burdened with any kind of difficulty; for the local community.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

FACT OF FAITH: BLESSED JUSTO TAKAYAMA UKON

Born in Haibara-cho, Nara, Japan, the Confessor of Christ, Justus Takayama Ukon (1552-1615), a Catholic layman of heroic virtue who was considered a pillar of the early Church of Japan, died in *Intramuros, Manila* on February 3, 1615 – only 44 days after he was exiled and deported to the Philippines (Manila) for refusing to abjure his Catholic faith.

He became the *daimyo* (feudal governor) of Takatsuki at the age of 21, and later Akashi. He was an able ruler, a great general, an ingenious strategist, a master of the tea ceremony, a harmonious personality, and above all, an exemplary and saintly Christian. He preached the Gospel better than any of the missionaries. With his amiable, attractive personality and his blameless life, Ukon Takayama attracted numerous souls to the fold of the *Good Shepherd*. Not only did he convert his vassals and subjects to the Catholic Faith, but a number of the greatest personalities of his era were also won over by his entreaties and example to the cause of Christ. At the age of 35, rather than renounce his Christian faith, he willingly gave up his Akashi domain and never ruled another fief again. He then



"My sword for the Holy Cross"
- Bl. Justo Takayama Ukon

lived the life of a samurai under the protection of other *Christian daimyo*, then became a retainer of the Maeda clan in Kanazawa for over two decades, until he was exiled and deported to Manila where he died as a result of hardships endured on the voyage.

His cause was revived at the Vatican in 1963. Takayama's process was crowned with *Beatification* in Osaka on February 7, 2017; One step away from *full Sainthood*. Among Japan's 42 Saints and 394 Blessed, the cause of Blessed Takayama Ukon was the only one that was processed individually; *first in Japanese Church history*. All other Japanese Saints & Blessed were group martyrs, processed by the Vatican in four batches.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

This two verse passage is an exchange between the nation of Israel and God. The first verse is a lament, while the second verse is a word of comfort. The metaphors used: mother, infant, child and womb are striking to the tender love God has for his people. The imagery is striking for two reasons. 1) It exemplifies the intimate bond that unites God and his people. Not only is the child at the mother's breast, suggesting nourishment for survival, but the child comes forth from the mother's womb. 2) The most surprising feature of the metaphor for some would be the feminine nature. The love God has for the people is characterized as the love of a woman for the baby of her womb.



Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Psalm 62 is an expression of trust in God. The first four verses speak about the profound calm the psalmist has found in God. God alone is the only true refuge. God is described as a rock and a stronghold, a place of salvation. The response affirms this attitude: "Rest in God alone, my soul."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Paul in this passage identifies as "servants of Christ" those who assist in the work of Christ, which is the proclamation of the gospel. These servants are "stewards of the mysteries of God." The second part of the passage deals with the question of the expectations of being steward. Paul says that it is required that be accountable and trustworthy. As for himself, he claims that he is committed wholeheartedly to the proclamation of the gospel, to the distribution of the mysteries of God. It is only God can judge him.

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

The gospel starts with a statement on absolute loyalty. Jesus states that "No one can serve two masters." He then speaks about wealth. The Greek word used (mamōnás) appears in the New Testament only from Jesus (cf. Lk 16:9-13), and he uses it to contrast earthly goods with heavenly realities. Jesus does not condemn possessions in themselves, but the unbalanced attachment to their materialistic character. He is talking about setting one's priorities right and trusting in the generosity and providence of God, who cares for all He has created ensuring their provision. Jesus ends by appealing to his disciples to "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness..." God will provide everything else.

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon., February 20, 2017 (8 am)

† Yoko Aki

† Alice Orona

† Jane Alukoni

Tues., February 21, 2017 (8 am)

† Rosalinda Aglano

† Isidoro Loquere

† Sandra Tamonte Woodard

Wed., February 22, 2017 (8 am)

† George Perry

Thurs., February 23, 2017 (8 am)

Robert Garnsey (Birthday)

Fri., February 24, 2017 (8 am)

Fr. Khanh Hoang

(Blessings / Thanksgiving)

Knights of Columbus

(Blessings / Thanksgiving)

Women's Guild

(Blessings / Thanksgiving)

Saturday, February 25, 2017

8 AM: † Eulalia DeJesus

5 PM: Jim Walsh (Birthday)

Sunday, February 26, 2017

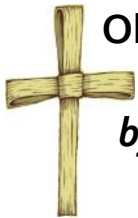
7 AM: † All Souls in Purgatory

9 AM: For the People

11 AM: † All Souls in Purgatory

6 PM: † All Souls in Purgatory

† = Rest in Peace



Old Blessed Palms NEEDED For Ash Wednesday!

Please drop off your old palms,
by Monday, February 27th, in the box provided at
the *Entrance of the Church*.



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, Fernando Acierto, and Alice Mirafior.

SAVE THE DATES!

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule: March 1
8:00 am, 5:00 pm, and 7:00 pm.

Stations of the Cross: 7:00 pm (Fridays)
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7

REMEMBER THIS LENT:

***FASTING:** In the United States dioceses, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday (**March 1**) and Good Friday (**April 14**). To **fast** means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meal (excepting water and medicine) is not permitted on fast days.

***ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT:** Catholics (aged 14 and up) are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday. To **abstain** means *refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least*, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of *fish and shellfish* is permitted, through the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

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

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

(Sign up with 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.

Messages from the Religious Education Office:

RE Offices Hours: Tuesday to Thursday: 12 pm - 8:30 pm
Fri.: 10 am - 6 pm — Sun: 7 am - 3:30 pm — Sat. & Mon.: Closed

⇒ **RE OFFICE** will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, February 20 & 21.

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

Check-in will begin at 5:15 pm on Friday, February 24 in the upstairs Classrooms 4/5. Bus will depart at 5:45 pm.

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

Stewardship of Treasure - Feb. 11/12

Sunday Collection	\$14,466.46
- Children's Collection	\$35.00
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$1,909.50
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$1,277.00
New Building Fund - OCC (non-assessed)	\$310.75
Candle Sales	\$502.00
Collection - Augustine Edu. Foundation	\$1,670.00
Donation - Catholic Comm. Campaign	\$20.00
Donation - Charity	\$121.00
Donation - Seminarian Ed. Fund	\$100.00
Donation - Social Ministry	\$120.00
Mass Intentions	\$300.00
Offering - Blessings	\$80.00
Stewardship Development	\$9.50
Weekend Total:	\$20,921.21

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

**MALASADA Fundraiser!**

Sponsored by: St. John Aloha Hospitality Ministry and the Waipahu High School's Culinary Arts Academy and Swim/Water Polo Teams.

Sunday, February 26, 2017

8:00 am to 12:30 pm on the Lanai

All proceeds will benefit both St. John Aloha Hospitality Ministry and the Waipahu High School's Culinary Arts Academy and Swim/Water Polo Teams.

**ENCOUNTER LENT!**

Join our faith community — and nearly 14,000 Catholic Communities across the U.S.A — in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the back of the church after Mass next weekend, February 25/26. Don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.



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

Planned Giving - Your gifts to your church are a testimony to your faith and the confidence you have in your church. Both lifetime gifts and testamentary (those that are given through your will) express your feelings in a meaningful way. Please remember **St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church** in planning your will.





PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 20 in observance of the President's Day Holiday.

Housing the Houseless Lecture - This special Mackey Marianist Lecture: Catholicism in Prophetic Dialogue on March 12, 2017, 4 pm at the Mystical Rose Oratory, the on-campus chapel. Free and open to the public. The lecture is proudly sponsored by St. Louis School, Chaminade University of Hawaii, and the Marianist Center of Hawaii. For more information, contact Brother Dennis Schmitz, SM, at 808-232-6691 or baldschmitz@aol.com.

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.

Environment Ministry - The Church is our sacred space that helps us to pray and focus on the sacrifice of Mass. If you are interested in joining our Environment Ministry, assisting in the preparation and decoration of our sacred space, see Nick Calzada after Mass or contact him at ncalzada@rcchawaii.org or 623-3332, ext 100.

NEW! St. John's 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 14663, 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.

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 now accepting applications for **2017-2018 school year**, as well as the current school year. *Scholarships are available!* Based on qualifications, your child's tuition can be covered through scholarship programs. For more, call the Preschool Office: 744-9702.

Augustine Educational Foundation (AEF) - Mahalo for your support of the AEF: Gifts from the Heart - Give the Gift of Education campaign. You made a difference! For more, visit their website at www.augustinefoundation.org.



THIS WEEK: February 20 - 26

Monday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

****Parish Office Closed****

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
7 pm - Boy Scouts (Rm 6)
7 pm - Charismatic PG (CH)

Tuesday - Daily Mass (8AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am - Women's Bible Study (Rm 6)
3 pm - Cenacle Prayer Group (CH)
6 pm - Children's Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm - Combined Choir Practice (CH)
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)

Wednesday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
6 pm - OLPH Prayer Group (CH)
6:30 pm - Preschool Board Meeting (Rectory)
7 pm - RCIA (Rm 4/5)
7 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

Thursday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am - Church Cleaning (Group 1)
7 pm - Stewardship Council Meeting (Rectory)

Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
4 pm - Two-Hearts PG (CH)
5:15 pm - RE: LifeTeen / Conf.
Retreat Check-in (Rm 4/5)
6 pm - Girl Scouts (Rm 6)

Saturday - Daily Mass (CH)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm - Mass (Saturday Vigil)

Sunday - Religious Ed: "B" Schedule

7 am, 9 am, 11 am, & 6 pm - Mass
7 am - Malasada Fundraiser (Parking Lot)
9 am - Catechumen Dismissal
12:30 pm - Baptism Ceremony (CH)
2 pm - Baptism Preparation Class (Rm 4)
4 pm - 6pm Choir Practice (CH)