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**Do I Really Know My Faith?**

“If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world on fire.” We saw those words in the last bulletin, and I would like to continue the theme of setting our faith ablaze during this Year of Faith.

While it is true that all members of our parish

consider St. John Apostle and Evangelist to be “home,” no matter where they are, that sense of belonging to our local ohana links us immediately to the diocese and the universal Church. That sense of belonging is one level of being Catholic. On another level, how would you describe your relationship with the parish community? Do you come to Mass every Sunday? Do you in addition come to the daily Mass? Do you come to Mass only sometimes or even more seriously are you a “CEO” – Christmas and Easter Only – Catholic? A far deeper question however is, do I really know my Catholic faith?

I raise this last question because some of us “born Catholics” may take our faith for granted. We may have the feeling that it is in our DNA; in our blood; it is part of our culture. As such one cannot imagine belonging to any other community but Catholic. While we may have been baptized as infants, if serious efforts have not been made to offer us Catholic faith formation, we remain in our infancy as far as our faith is concerned. The problem of not knowing our faith well enough touches also those baptized as adults if they have not taken the time to deepen what they have learnt.

Let me briefly share with you some of the experiences I have had in pre-infant Baptismal interviews with parents. Such interviews have become necessary because the Church wants to be sure that parents take their responsibility of bringing up their child in the Catholic faith. The interview starts with the question of why the parents want their child baptized. The common answer I have received is we want our child to be Catholic like the rest of the family. The next question we deal with is what baptism is in their own words. Most cradle Catholics take their faith so much for granted that they never think of these questions and how to articulate answers. Often times I get very vague answers and so I am left with the task of catechizing the parents before we can baptize their child. The interview is not an exam and so no one can fail! It is an opportunity to help parents become more interested in their own faith formation. We all need that ongoing faith formation. Our parish summer faith formation programs each year are just one among many ways of deepening one’s faith. In the next bulletin catechesis I will outline some ways of deepening our faith. So stay tuned.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

Pastor

VISION STATEMENT

*We are called to **develop a deeper relationship with Christ.** Such a relationship is fostered through active participation in: the Sacraments, the Word, Renewal programs, ministry/service, fellowship and other **Spirit-led** activities. We will dedicate our time, talent and treasure to install in our Parish community these basic building blocks of Christian living, to live out the **Lord’s commands** and to preach the **Good News** to all through our words, deeds and lives.*

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings: September 1

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Readings: Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29; Ps 68:4-5,6-7,10-11;
Heb 12:18-19,22-24; Lk 14:1, 7-14

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18,20, 28-29

This five-verse reading focuses on humility. It wisely suggests that one's humility should increase as one's status increases. The motive for our humility should be genuine; otherwise we end up with false humility to promote our own ego. The reading ends with a proverbial comparison between water and almsgiving. Just as water quenches fire, so also almsgiving atones for sin. Both water and almsgiving wipe away what is detrimental. Both images are meant to promote humility. The one who gives alms does not do that from a position of superiority or to promote his/her ego. Rather, almsgiving is an expression of serving the one we give.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 68:4-5,6-7,10-11

The verses selected from psalm 68 sketch two very different images of God. 1) God is described as protector of the vulnerable. God is the Father of orphans and defender of widows. 2) God is also the source of life for the earth. God is source of life in the guise of the storm god from whom comes fertility for the land. Both these images illustrate the power of God in history and the created world.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

The passage from Hebrews uses the image of two mountains: Mount Sinai where God reveals himself first to Israel through Moses, and transformed Mount Zion (New Jerusalem) where God continues to reveal himself and where he will completely reveal himself in the end. One comes to the mountain in order to commit oneself to God's covenant. Both mountains are metaphors for God's Old Covenant given through Moses, and the New Covenant given through the New Moses, Jesus Christ, who seals that Covenant with his blood, which is far more efficacious.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

The context of this gospel passage is that Jesus is present at a family banquet on a Sabbath. He is watched carefully by those at table, but Jesus too is watching the guests as they enter and occupy places of honor. There Jesus uses the occasion first to teach the guests and then the host. To the invited guests Jesus tells a parable about proper placement at banquets. The preoccupation with places of honor was important as it reflected one's status and degree of relationship to the host. Jesus does not criticize the practice, but instead finds fault with the arrogant attitude of those who think they are more important than they are. He admonishes the guests to take the lowest seats so that the host may see them and bring them to better seats. The teaching is that the humble are exalted while those who exalt themselves are humbled. Turning to the host, Jesus admonishes the practice of inviting those who are able to reciprocate in kind. Rather, Jesus teaches us to give to the poor and those in need; people who cannot advance one's sense of honor.

Msgr. John's Sunday homilies are available on the following updated links: Blog (text): <http://www.sundayhomily.com>

Podcast (audio): <http://streaminghomilies.podbean.com>

*On iTunes, under Podcast search for: **streaming homilies**, subscribe free to get the homilies weekly.*

Boohomily (audio): <http://audioboo.fm/jmbinda>

"If our prayer is resolutely united with that of Jesus, in trust and boldness as children, we obtain all that we ask in his name, even more than any particular thing: the Holy Spirit himself, who contains all gifts."(CCC 2742)

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Healing/Blessings: Danny Uehara, Bobby Higa, Guillermo Uytingco, Stephanie Campbell, Emily Ramiscal, Anunciacion Amod, Marsha Cha, Ben Regidor, Sharon Scott, Channing Fukuda, Ellen Cleghorn, Carolyn Drapes, Patricia Perez, Jeremiah Bright, George Makio, Clara Cole, Sally Bordfeld, Leilani Mueller, Sherri Mauck, Hilda Gomez and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

Deceased: Eufrasia P. Reyes, Eleanor Domingcil, James Broto Toledo, Gloria Spray, Arthur S. Dorado, Robert Gulliford, Mercedes B. Soliven, Ernest A. Leong III, Alejandrino Confessor Taliman, Sr. Natividad Ferraren SPC, Carlos Pesante-Bonafe, Arsenio Batang Siggayo, Rose S. Hamora, Harold Looney, Evelyn Toshiko Winninghoff, Darrell Sabihon, Indra Duarte Robinson, Viola K. Quinn, Wilfred R. Castro, Enrique Corpus Ancheta Sr., Timoteo Soriano Caseria Jr., Mary "Malia" Kaipo Malama Serrao, and Lucille Margaret Perske.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, August 26, 2013

8am Mass James B. Toledo (RIP)
James P. Valenzuela (RIP)

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

8am Mass Jean (Jeanie) Sugita (RIP)
Joseph and Puna Shorba
(Anniversary Blessings/ Thanksgiving)

Wednesday, August 28, 2013

8am Mass Ron Manabat (RIP)
Harry Ikeda (RIP)

Thursday, August 29, 2013

8am Mass Sr. Lucia Iwata, ss.cc. (RIP)
Prisco Banaga (RIP)

Friday, August 30, 2013

8am Mass Rosalinda Cayetano (RIP)
Alfred D. C. Garcia (RIP)

Saturday, August 31, 2013

8am Mass Amadeo and Adelina Cayetano (RIP)
Claude Phillips/Harry Eng (RIP)
5pm Mass Antonio Ponce (RIP)

Sunday, September 1, 2013

7am Mass Jasmin and Romulo Cayetano (RIP)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Joseph C. Domanguera (RIP)
6pm Mass Indra Duarte Robinson (RIP)

Parish News & Announcements

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins on Friday, September 6th at 8:30am and ends Saturday, September 7th at 7:30am. All parishioners are encouraged to do a Holy Hour during this time. A sign-up book is available near the main entrance of the church.

Religious Education Classes Begin in September: We welcome back the students in religious education Grades 1-8 on Schedule "A" and Confirmation Year-2 on Sunday, September 8th. Schedule "B" will start on Sunday, September 15th for students in grades Pre-K through 5, First Eucharist Grades 4-11 and Confirmation Year-1. Full class calendars are available on the website or at the Religious Education Office.

The Outreach Office will be working with Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and Elderly Affairs Division (EAD) to help Seniors in Need on 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance. Donations of personal-care supplies are being requested for homebound and needy seniors. Items may be dropped off at the Outreach Office now through September 8th on Monday-Wednesday (8:30am-1:30pm), Thursday and Friday (8:30am-10:30am); at the Parish Office on Monday (12pm-4pm) and Tuesday-Friday (8:00am-4pm); and before the weekend Masses on the Fellowship Lanai. Oral care, grooming, bath and paper items are needed. Mahalo!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...
 ▪ Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
 ▪ Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
 ▪ Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? Opportunities are available for you to learn more about our Catholic faith and to participate in the process with your questions, insights, and faith story in a warm accepting setting. Please contact Deacon Modesto Cordero at 585-3342 or mcordero@rcchawaii.org.

The Hui O Laulima Food Trolley will be out next weekend for food collection. Please kokua.

The FilAm Group will meet on Friday, September 6th at 7pm in room 6.

Invite the Lord into your marriage and let Him strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament. Sign-up today to attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on Oahu from September 27-29. Contact Jose and Mary Elizabeth Alvior at (808) 391-2045 or visit www.hawaiiwme.org for more information.

Hawaii is blessed to have two Catholic Saints who knew each other as part of its rich history. This is a time of great celebration! **You are invited to participate in a day of recollection, honoring St. Damien and St. Marianne on Saturday, September 21st from 9am-3pm** at St. Anthony Retreat Center, 3351 Kalihi St. in Kalihi Valley. Lunch will be served. A donation is requested for the day. For further information, please contact Kimberly at 845-4353.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS: Join "Community Nights" (Mondays from 6:30-8:30pm in rooms 4 and 5) and for summer day events of fun, fellowship, praise & worship, delicious food and more! **Upcoming Events: Monday, August 26th: School-related issues (i.e. Friendship, Stress, etc.); Monday, September 2nd - Labor Day Holiday: Bus Tour to North Shore (9:30am-3:00pm), includes stops at Matsumoto Shave Ice, Giovanni Shrimp Truck (plate lunch), and Swimming.** Contact Auntie Gwen and Dcn. Wally Mitsui at 623-6982 or Email: gmitsui@gmail.com and wmitsui@rcchawaii.org for more information.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lucille Margaret Perske (RIP)

Monday, August 26, 2013 at St. John Apostle & Evangelist
 9:40am-9:50am ~ Eulogy; 10:00am ~ Funeral Mass

Enrique Corpuz Ancheta, Sr. (RIP)

Monday, August 26, 2013 at Mililani Memorial Park
 6:30pm ~ Wake Service (Mauka Chapel)

Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at St. John Apostle & Evangelist
 9:00-10:15am ~ Public Visitation; 10:15-10:30am ~ Eulogy
 10:30-10:40am ~ Private Viewing
 10:40-11:40am ~ Funeral Mass

1:00pm ~ Burial at Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, Kaneohe

Viola K. Quinn (RIP)

Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at St. Pius X Church, Manoa
 8:30am ~ Visitation; 10:00am ~ Funeral Mass

Mary "Malia" Kaipo Malama Serrao (RIP)

Friday, August 30, 2013 at Borthwick Mortuary (Maunakea)
 10:00am-11:30am ~ Viewing (Maunakea Chapel)
 11:30am-12pm ~ Prayer Service; 12-2:30pm ~ Eulogy & Program

Timoteo Soriano Caseria, Jr. (RIP)

Friday, August 30, 2013 at Mililani Memorial Park
 6:00pm ~ Prayer Service (Makai Chapel)

Sunday Collection Report

Sunday Offering	Actual Amount	Weekly Goal
August 18, 2013	\$13,501.58	\$12,647.00
Building, Equipment, Maintenance and Outreach August 18, 2013	\$1,249.00	\$1,470.00
2 nd Collection: Mission Appeal (Archdiocese of Tuguegarao, Philippines) August 18, 2013.....\$ 515.00 August 11, 2013.....\$ 5,256.85 Total.....\$5,771.85		
<i>"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce." PROVERBS 3:9</i>		