

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY: FR. NORLITO CONCEPCION

The fifth Sunday of lent leads us to the reflection of Christ's role in our existence, as the *"source of our life and resurrection"*. The death of Lazarus makes us reflect on the many forms of *"death"* that afflict mankind and which make us shed tears of sorrow and compassion. It is not just the physical death that we must mourn but that of the death of the sanctity of our souls caused by sin and unbelief.

Jesus' calling Lazarus back to life portrays Him as the conqueror of death, foreshadowing his own resurrection which is to come, and justification of the righteous who put faith in Him day and night. The event of Lazarus' resuscitation is also a symbol of so many spiritual and moral *"resurrections"* brought about by Jesus.

As branches on one vine, and Jesus himself is the vine, we can do nothing unless we are fully and truly united with Him who gives us the nourishment to make our good works as fruits, worthy of God. Grateful to Him for the gifts we received, we ask Him to lead us and drive us to work, united with him and not separate from Him. We entrust to him, ourselves and the people who are emotionally or affectively or spiritually "dead."



May we all share in the fullness of his life, especially through the celebration of the Eucharist that gives us life in the spirit and always keep us in the mantle of goodness which is the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

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 Rectory Hours**Monday:** 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM**Tues. - Fri.:** 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM**Saturday/Sunday:** Closed**Outreach Office Hours****Monday - Wednesday:** 9 AM to 2 PM**Thursday - Friday:** 9 AM to 11 AM**Saturday/Sunday:** Closed**FOOD PANTRY Hours****Monday - Wednesday:** 9 AM to 12 PM**Thursday - Friday:** 9 AM to 11 AM**Saturday/Sunday:** Closed**Religious Ed Office Hours****Tuesday - Thursday:** 12 pm - 8:30 pm**Fri.:** 10am - 6pm ~ **Sun:** 7am - 3:30pm**Saturday & Monday:** Closed**PARISH CLERGY & STAFF****Pastor (ext. 111)**

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE**Capital Campaign Prayer***"Unless the LORD build the house, they labor in vain who build."*

(Psalm 127:1)

One of the most important components of a parish capital campaign is not only seeking God's help that a campaign be successful, but also that the Lord be in partnership with those who build. That is why the psalmist reminded the Israelites that if the Lord is not with them in their building of their cities, they would be laboring in vain.

As we begin our journey into the capital campaign for the One Community Center, we are reminded of asking the Lord to accompany us with His grace and blessings. We read in Ephesians 3:20-21: "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations. For ever and ever! Amen." God's grace is God's free gift and blessing. Everything we have has been given to us by God. He has given us our families, our jobs, our friends, as well as our time, talent and treasure. Consider for a moment all the blessings you have received because of God's love for you.

For St. John's to continue to glorify God through our many ministries, we need you. We need the participation of all parishioners. We are all members of one parish community, each with his/her own role within the parish. What is your role? We ask for your prayers and support. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help further God's mission of preaching the good news of Jesus Christ in Mililani and beyond. The One Community Center will be a place to gather, engage, equip and send out parishioners to evangelize. May God bless your support. Above all, please pray for the capital campaign and be part of the journey.

*Msgr. John S. Mbinda***Saint of the WEEK****Isidore of Seville** (c. 565-636)

Feast Day: April 4 — This bishop's extensive writings influenced church thinking for a millennium. As bishop of Seville, Spain, from about 600 until his death, he presided over two councils, promoted acceptance of the "filioque" clause of the Creed, and battled the Arian heresy. He wrote a history of the barbarian invasions of Spain and compiled in *The Etymologiae* all that was known in his time. Nearing death, he gave away everything he had, confessed his faults to his people in church, and received Communion. Pope John XXIII admired his ideas about the ideal bishop, notably that "Every bishop should be distinguished as much by his humility as by his authority." A Doctor of the Church, Isidore is the patron saint of computer users.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

This brief passage expresses firm confidence in God in the face of great suffering. Here the "Suffering Servant" represents the whole nation of Israel, a sole individual representing the community. The Servant speaks of his ability to endure pain and insults in his mission because of his trust in God's help and protection.



Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Psalm 22 is a prayer of an oppressed person who feels abandoned by everyone. Here the prayer anticipates the words of Jesus in his final moments before death. The second part of the psalm expresses confidence and praise that God does hear those who call upon him. Response: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul quotes a hymn, professing faith in the lordship of Jesus, that was probably already familiar to his readers. He gives the passion of Jesus as the pattern for Christians to follow. Jesus emptied himself, but God raised him up, and enthroned him as Lord. In other words, we look at the sufferings of Christ in the light of the resurrection. Thus the reading gives meaning to Passion Sunday and Good Friday. The passion makes sense only as a passage to new life.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

In this long passion narrative of Jesus' suffering and death on the Cross, Matthew has two characteristics peculiar to his Gospel to watch out for: (1) *he is more attentive to details than the other Gospels*, and (2) *the details are presented specifically as fulfilling the Hebrew Scripture*. Writing for Jewish Christians, Matthew is always careful to present Jesus as the fulfillment of God's revelation in Jewish history. That is why the passion is read in the light of the resurrection, prefigured in the triumphal entry into Jerusalem (the procession with palms).



Masses For The Week

† = Rest in Peace

Monday, April 3, 2017 (8 am)

Damien Nakagawa (Birthday)

† Baltazar Mauleon (Anniversary)

Rilynn Perez (Birthday)

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 (8 am)

† Luz Abanes

† Luther Fernandez

† Santiago "Sonny" Aquino

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 (8 am)

† Luz Abanes

† Evaristo & Ignacia Racoma

† Santiago "Sonny" Aquino

Thursday, April 6, 2017 (8 am)

† Celestina Dela Cruz (Birthday)

† Luz Abanez

† Daria Barayuga

Friday, April 7, 2017 (8 am)

† Feliciano Dona

† Luz Abanes

† Santiago "Sonny" Aquino

Saturday, April 8, 2017

8 AM: † Luz Abanes

† Santiago "Sonny" Aquino

Two-Hearts & Our Lady of Fatima
Prayer Group (Protection / Guidance)

5 PM: † Rudy, Gil & Josie Balmozena

Sunday, April 9, 2017

7 AM: † Luz Abanes

9 AM: For the People

11 AM: † Santiago "Sonny" Aquino

6 PM: † Oro & Remy Lapitan

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, April 7, after the

8 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am on

Saturday, April 8.

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Andrea T. Asuncion (RIP)

Wednesday, April 19 – St. John A&E

Visit.: 9:30 am – Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial
Park



Prayer Requests HEALING / BLESSINGS: Darrlyn & Ron Bunda, Matt Faris, Ramona DeCosta, John Bates, James & Elaine Kahala, Ken Enomoto, Ellen Cleghorn, baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, Ron Thames, Gregory Castillo, Elaine Utu, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Mina DeJesus, John Basug, Alfred & Carmen Fajota, Santiago Tumpap, Bella Rillamas, Norma & Ethan Belamide, Jane Alukonis, Rosalie Tadda, Rowena, Eric, & Ryan Asuncion, and all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Fr. Paul Minchak, Fr. Joseph Carroll, Demetria Manandic, Juan Vicente Jamora, Fernando Acierto, Alice Miraflor, Santiago Q. Aquino, Kathy Beaver, Marciana Eugenio, Fulvia Perry, Andrea T. Asuncion, Richard McNally, and Exequiel Malicay.

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

April 23 & 30.

***Baptism Preparation Classes:** May 14, June 4, July 9...

**** Please contact the Parish Office to make all arrangements in advance and for more information. ****

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.

ENCOUNTER RESILIENCE!

We encounter Dita in Ethiopia, and see how her newfound entrepreneurial skills are providing three meals a day for her children - even during a devastating drought. What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God's kingdom. Visit csrcricebowl.org for more information.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - MARCH 25 / 26**

Sunday Collection	\$13,296.49
- Children's Collection	\$41.50
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$1,396.50
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$863.00
One Community Center Capital Campaign (non-assessed)	\$38,592.00
Candle Sales	\$572.00
Collection - Catholic Relief Services	\$1,383.50
Collection - Operation Rice Bowl (Holy Thurs.)	\$77.56
Catholic Relief Services - Frugal Meal	\$92.00
Donation - Charity	\$16.00
Donation - YYA	\$30.00
Mass Intentions	\$180.00
Offering - Baptism	\$50.00
Stewardship Development	\$104.50
Weekend Total:	\$56,695.05

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

Planned Giving: Preparing an estate plan is good Christian stewardship. Give thanks to God by expressing your love for family, and showing charity towards others. Please remember **St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church** in planning your will.

**Lent Schedule:**

Stations of the Cross: 7:00 pm (Fridays)

April 7

Palm Sunday: April 9

Holy Triduum

Holy Thursday: April 13, (No Daily Mass)

8:00 am Morning Prayer

7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday: April 14 (No Daily Mass)

****Parish Office Closed****

8:00 am Morning Prayer

3:00 pm - Passion & Death of our Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Saturday: April 15 (No Daily Mass)

8:00 am Morning Prayer — No 3:30 pm Confessions

7:00 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: April 16

7 am & 9 am Masses will be held at our Parish Church

11 am Mass will be at Kipapa Park with Bishop Larry

**** No 6 pm Mass ****

Message from the

Religious Education Office:**Early Registration for SY 17-18**

begins Sunday, April 2nd!!

Stop by the RE table and pick up a registration form for your family; all children **grades Pre-K to grade 12**. Feel free to visit with the Religious Ed Team. We do expect an increase in enrollment as all students, **grades 2 to 12**, will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of the school year. Registration forms are also available on our parish website: download, complete and submit the form. You may either return to us in person, via email or US postal service. We encourage **EARLY** registration and look forward to a very full year of instruction on the Sacraments and the Holy Spirit.

BECOME A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FOR A STUDENT!

With the increase in registration, and the Sacrament of Confirmation being given to *200-300 students*, the RE Department is seeking approximately 50-60 Sponsors to walk beside our Youth as they make their Sacramental Journey of Confirmation. If you are willing to assist our Youth, have the desire, and time, please stop by the Sponsor table for more information on how to sign up.

For more information, please contact the RE Office:
623-3332, ext. 204/206 or sjaeRE@rcchawaii.org



PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

Easter Flower Offering envelopes are available at the back of the church or you may also donate online by visiting our parish website, clicking "Online Giving".

The Spring 2017 40 Days for Life Campaign: A group from our parish will pray in front of the *Planned Parenthood Facility* on *S. King Street: 4/3*. Sign-up at the back of the church. The carpool will depart at 9:00 am & return before noon. Participate online: www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu.

Attention all LADIES of our Parish! The next St. John Women's Guild meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 12**, at 10 a.m. in the Church. All current, new and interested members are encouraged to attend! **New WG Officers** will be installed & discussions of **special events** are on the agenda. Come for the fellowship & share your God given talents with us!

Easter Egg Hunt and Mass with Bishop Larry Silva! Bring your Easter Egg Baskets and join us on **Sunday, April 16th, 10:00 am** at Kipapa Neighborhood Park for our Parish Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Religious Education Department. A special Mass with Bishop Larry will begin at **11:00 am**, following the Egg Hunt at the park. Bring your family, friends and neighbors for this very joyful event!

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on **Thurs., April 20**, 7:00 - 9:00 pm in classroom 6. The title of the discussion book is *Angels and Saints: A Biblical Guide to Friendship with God's Holy Ones* by *Scott Hahn*. Open to everyone! For more info, call *Linda Ward (277-1307)* or email *Melissa Crisostomo (alohamc@yahoo.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**. **Reservation deposits are due!** Contact Jolly: 623-3332, ext. 103, jollygt@rcchawaii.org.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection: Thank you for your generous support of the CRS Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed this collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link.

FOR YOUR SECURITY PLEASE...

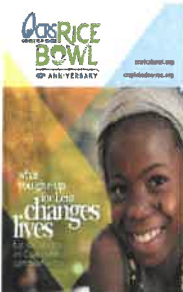
PARK SMART!

Take ALL your belongings with you.



... AND SECURE YOUR VEHICLE!

Car thieves like to window shop!



CRS Operation Rice Bowl:

Don't forget to turn in your Rice Bowl either after Mass or to the *Outreach Office* by **Thursday, April 13th!** Our Community will change lives this Lent! God bless each and every one of you!



THIS WEEK: April 3 - 9

Monday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
4 pm - Girl Scouts (Rm 5)
7 pm - Boy Scouts (Rm 5)

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)
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)
7 pm - RCIA (Rm 4/5)
7 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)
7 pm - Our Lady of Good Council
Penance Service (Pearl City)

Thursday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am - Church Cleaning (Group 5)

Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
5 pm - Two-Hearts Prayer Group (CH)
6 pm - Girl Scouts (Rm 5)
7 pm - Stations of the Cross
(Frugal Meal Sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus)

Saturday - Daily Mass (CH)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9:15 am - Liturgical Movement
Ministry (Rm 4/5)

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
2 pm - Baptism Prep. Class (Rm 4)
4 pm - 6pm Choir Practice (CH)
6 pm - LifeTeen Night

PROCLAIMING CHRIST

Meditations for the Season of Lent

"Where is God, if evil is present in our world, if there are men and women who are hungry and thirsty, homeless, exiles and refugees? Where is God, when innocent persons die as a result of violence, terrorism and war?... These are questions that humanly speaking have no answer. We can only look to Jesus and ask him. And Jesus' answer is this: 'God is in them.' Jesus is in them; he suffers in them and deeply identifies with each of them."

— POPE FRANCIS, WAY OF THE CROSS AT WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016

When Bad Things Happen

John 11:1-45

In today's Gospel a friend of Jesus is dying, and Jesus purposely waits before going to him in Bethany. By the time Jesus arrives, Lazarus has died, and his two sisters are distraught. If Jesus had come at once, he could have healed their brother!

Both women profess their faith in Jesus as Lord and their belief that they will be reunited with their brother in eternity, but they are grieving deeply. The painful question that hangs in the balance is: Why did Jesus allow this bad thing to happen to Lazarus? Jesus answers this question earlier in the passage when he said this was all part of a plan to reveal God's glory.

The story of Lazarus is a precursor to what will happen next week when God allows Jesus to die on the cross and then raises Jesus from the dead. What seems to be a

FOR REFLECTION

- › Do you believe that God will give you the strength you need to get through all things?
- › Can you recall something bad that happened in your life that ultimately resulted in something good?
- › In what ways have you grown stronger because of the trials in your life?

terrible tragedy will be transformed into the greatest miracle of all time. As people of faith, we understand that even in the darkest moments of our lives there is a promise of new life, new hope, new energy, and new possibilities.

LENT TRIVIA ?

1. How many times does Jesus fall in the Stations of the Cross?
2. Who helped Jesus carry his cross?
3. When does Lent officially end?

Answers on reverse.



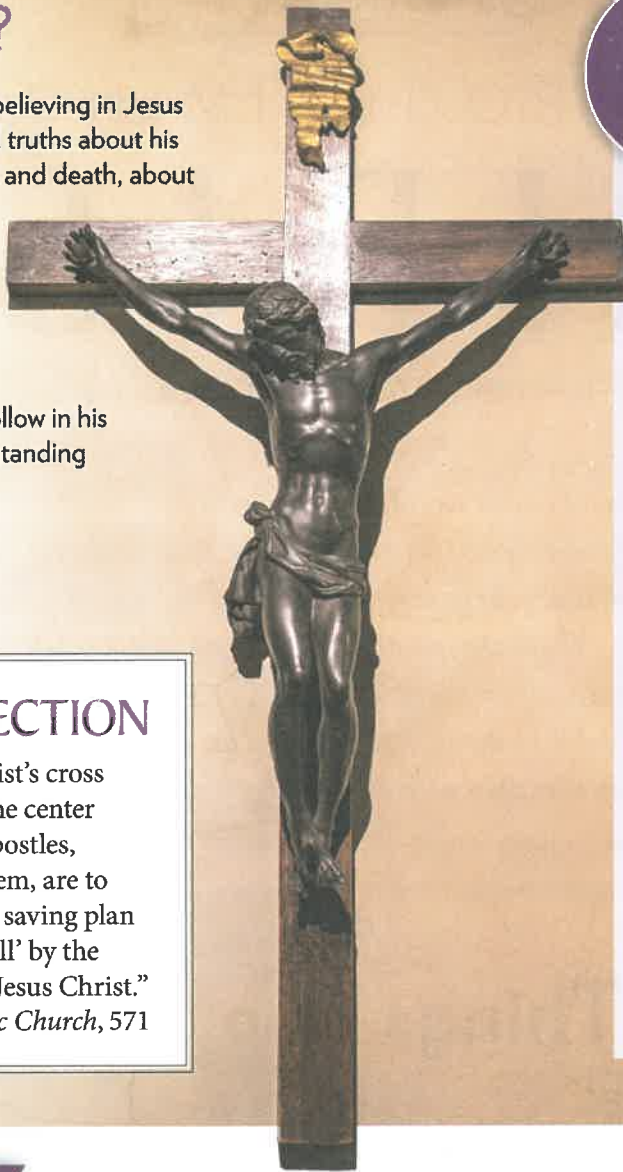
What Is Faith?

As Catholics, the essence of faith is believing in Jesus Christ, the son of God, who revealed truths about his loving and merciful Father, about life and death, about our relationships with other people, about the power of the Holy Spirit, and about eternity. But faith is more than just believing. Faith is a lifelong process of growing in our relationship with Jesus Christ, making a personal commitment to follow in his footsteps, and deepening our understanding of what it means to be his disciple.

CatechismCONNECTION

“The Paschal mystery of Christ’s cross and Resurrection stands at the center of the Good News that the apostles, and the Church following them, are to proclaim to the world. God’s saving plan was accomplished ‘once for all’ by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ.”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 571



Family Focus

It is not easy to explain to children why bad things happen. Start by acknowledging that everyone has difficulties in life but we know that God will help us. Explain that Jesus died on a cross but three days later God brought him back to life on Easter Sunday. That’s why we believe that even though something bad happens, God can make something good come from it.



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Lenten Prayer

This week’s prayer, by St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, asks for help in difficult times:

“O Lord, we ask for a boundless confidence and trust in your divine mercy and the courage to accept the crosses and sufferings which bring immense goodness to our souls and that of your Church. Help us to love you with a pure and contrite heart, and to humble ourselves beneath your cross, as we climb the mountain of holiness, carrying our cross that leads to heavenly glory. Amen.”

Comforting the Sorrowful



The word “bereaved” has roots meaning “to be torn apart.” When someone dies, bereaved people experience a deep emotional wound. It is no surprise that comforting the sorrowful is a work of mercy. One of the best ways to comfort someone who is grieving is to listen. Don’t try to change the way the person is feeling. Just listen. And while you are listening, pray for the person who is grieving.

Answers: 1. Jesus falls three times. 2. Simon of Cyrene helped Jesus carry the cross. 3. Lent officially ends at sundown on Holy Thursday.