

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY: DEACON MODESTO CORDERO

"Love" is a funny, simple, but precious word. "Love" is challenging. So, it is the message Jesus is giving to us this weekend. The Apostle John is taking us back to those last words of Jesus' farewell talk to His disciples during the last supper. Jesus begins this discourse with: "If you love me..." Of course we love Jesus! But there is more to what Jesus is saying than meets the eye. Jesus says to keep his commandments as a sign of our love for him, he is not only speaking about simple laws or commands. When Jesus says to keep his commandments as a sign of our love for him, he is not speaking only about the Ten Commandments. He is saying that if we love him, we will believe as he believed, live as he lived. If we love, we obey the commands and wishes of our beloved Jesus. That applies to our relations with other people and with us and God. If we do indeed love Jesus, if we do believe in him with all our heart, how can we not love our neighbor as ourselves?

God's love causes Jesus to promise to give us another "Advocate." He said "another" because he himself was an advocate, but he would soon no longer be with his followers physically and this other advocate would continue Jesus' work. For us Christians, the "Advocate" – the Holy Spirit - is the Spirit that embraces us with compassion and love. He provides us with the strength we need to move on during difficult times. The Holy Spirit stands beside us when we ask and speaks in our behalf when we're in need. It is the gift that fulfills Jesus' promise to never leave us as we pursue our journey as Christian stewards. How are we to show that the abundance of life which the Holy Spirit gives has truly come to us? We still have a responsibility to bring God in Christ to our world today. We do this by being ever ready to reply. We need to speak on behalf of the Gospel. God chooses to allow His word to be spoken by those whose hearts are open to receive the outpouring, in love, of His Spirit. Our world needs the discipline of love and the life of the Spirit as much as the disciples to whom Jesus spoke, the Samaritans Philip met, and the converts to whom Peter wrote. In the face of a contrary world that wants us to take the easy way of keeping quiet and making no waves, we need the Spirit for ourselves as well, because we, too, have "been there." So let's not be faint-hearted in receiving the Spirit and in communicating Him to others by the witness of our lives. Peace!

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.***

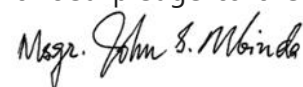
Parish Rectory Hours**Monday:** 12:00 PM to 4:30 PM**Tues. - Fri.:** 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM**Saturday/Sunday:** Closed**Outreach Office Hours****Mon. - Wed.:** 9 AM to 2 PM**Thurs. - Friday:** 9 AM to 11 AM**Saturday/Sunday:** Closed**FOOD PANTRY Hours****Mon. - Wed.:** 9 AM to 12 PM**Thurs. - Friday:** 9 AM to 11 AM**Saturday/Sunday:** Closed**Religious Ed Office Hours****Tues. - Thurs.:** 12 pm - 8:30 pm**Fri.:** 10:00 am - 6:00 pm**Sun:** 7:00 am - 3:30pm**Saturday & Monday:** Closed**PARISH CLERGY & STAFF****Pastor** (ext. 111)*Msgr. John Mbinda**jmbinda@rcchawaii.org***Parochial Vicar** (x 104)*Fr. Norlito Concepcion, OSA**nconcepcion@rcchawaii.org***Deacon** Modesto Cordero*mcordero@rcchawaii.org***Deacon** Romeo Ganibe*rganibe@rcchawaii.org***Parish Office Administrator** (x 103)*Jolly Guerrero-Tano**jollygt@rcchawaii.org***Director of Liturgy***Nicholas Calzada**ncalzada@rcchawaii.org***Grounds & Maintenance***Robert Garnsey**rgarnsey@rcchawaii.org***Outreach Department** (x 203)*Pearl Bates**pebates@rcchawaii.org***RCIA Coordinator***Dcn. Modesto Cordero***Religious Ed. Director** (x 206)*Julie Quiroz-Zamora**jquiroz@rcchawaii.org***Religious Ed. Secretary** (x 204)*Dominique Kekiwi**dkekiwi@rcchawaii.org***Preschool Director** (744-9538)*Catherine Awong**cawong@rcchawaii.org*

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

COMMITTED TO GROWING POSSIBILITIES

The OCC Capital Campaign continues because we are growing. Since our parish embraced stewardship as a way of life in 2014, you may not be aware that we have been growing in numbers. Between 2015 and end of 2016, our parish grew in the number of households. In 2015, we gained 146 new registered parishioners and in 2016 we got another 122 new parishioners. All together we gained 268 new parishioners and we are still growing. These are exciting times in our parish community. Imagine the possibilities in our evangelization efforts in our Mililani community. The seed planted grows unnoticed. These are great signs of commitment to growing our parish in ways that we never imagined. But think for a moment. Why the growth?

Sometimes we forget that we cannot grow a parish with our own efforts. The Holy Spirit who has kept our faith and hope alive in our parish continues to inspire and give us the creativity to live the joy of the Gospel and to discover new possibilities of evangelization in our parish community. In the Gospel of this Sunday, Jesus promises his disciples and us in our parish that He will never abandon us. The sign of that continued presence is that we belong to a parish community that cares and nourishes the faith of our children; a parish that is committed to growing possibilities in the future. Thank you for your continued pledge to the capital campaign.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Rita of Cascia

1381-1457

FEAST DAY—MAY 22

Born near Spoleto, Italy, Rita wanted to be a nun but married in deference to her parents. For nearly twenty years, she endured her profligate husband's mistreatment. Following his violent death, she was admitted after three refusals to an Augustinian convent at Cascia, where she spent the next forty years. She is remembered for her devoted care of sick nuns and for a deep forehead wound that lasted fifteen years, caused she said by a thorn from Christ's crown of thorns. She has a large, popular following and is invoked during difficult or impossible situations.



Fact of **FAITH**

THE ASCENSION

By Fr. Larry Rice



On the Feast of the Ascension, the church celebrates the return of Christ to the Father, his physical body leaving the earth behind. In John's Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that his return to the Father is necessary so that the Holy Spirit can be given to his disciples. For many years, this feast was celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation on the Thursday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter. The precise date moved from year to year, as the date of Easter moved based on the lunar calendar. Not long ago, most of the dioceses in the United States moved the celebration of the Ascension to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The ecclesiastical provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, and the State of Nebraska have maintained the celebration on the Thursday after the sixth Sunday of Easter. Why is the Ascension important or necessary? Why couldn't the risen Christ have simply stayed with us, guiding the Church on Earth for all time? imagine what the world would look like today if Christ has not ascended. If Christ were still walking the earth, what would faith be? Where would our free will be? My own opinion is that it was neces-

sary for Christ to ascend and send the Holy Spirit so that our faith would matter, and our free will remain intact. God is still with us, and present to us, but in ways that allow us to freely choose to accept or reject his grace. Christ is present in the Eucharist, in the Word of God proclaimed, and in his Body the Church. The Holy Spirit is present to us, dwelling within us, received at our Baptism and sealed at our Confirmation. But these ways of remaining with us are not so concrete that our free will is collapsed. He have the ability to choose the Good, and to choose to accept God's grace, and he's never going to do anything that makes that choice less meaningful. So the feast of the Ascension is important to us, not because it's a big "good-bye" to Jesus, but because it ushers in a new era in which Christ continues to be present to us, and in which the Holy Spirit dwells in the hearts of all believers. Fr. Rice is vocations director for the Paulist Fathers.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 22, 2017 (8 am)

Asuncion Cortel (Special Intentions)

† Gregoria Tagliano (Memorial Anniversary)

Tuesday, May 23, 2017 (8 am)

Gwen Mitsui (Birthday Blessings)

† Eufania Jimenez

† Greg Castillo

Wednesday, May 24, 2017 (8 am)

† Marcela "Marcy" Sagon

† Ellison Robinson

† Greg Castillo

Thursday, May 25, 2017 (8 am)

† Kenneth S. Flores (Baptism Memorial)

† Ellison Robinson

† Greg Castillo

Friday, May 26, 2017 (8 am)

† Greg Castillo

† Ellison Robinson

† Vera Ponzer

Saturday, May 27, 2017 (8 am)

† Jullian Castillo

Isis & Hiram Romero (Birthday Blessings)

5 pm † Greg Castillo

6 pm Rodriguez - Castillo (Blessings)

Sunday, May 28, 2017 (7 am)

Wendall & Liz Perry (Wedding Anniversary)

9 am For the People

11 am † Greg Castillo

6 pm † Carlos Buccat, Jr. (Death Anniversary)

† REST IN PEACE

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS †

Gregorio D. Castillo (RIP)

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

St. John A&E

Visit: 10 am ~ Mass 11 am

Burial: 1:30 pm

Mililani Memorial Park

Dana Lee Oandasan (RIP)

Friday, June 16, 2017

Mililani Memorial Park Mortuary

Visit: 5 pm ~ Memorial 6:30 pm

Urn Burial: Saturday, June 17, 2017

Mililani Memorial Park



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

DECEASED: Fernando Acierto, Alice Mirafior, Santiago Q. Aquino, Kathy Beaver, Marciana Eugenio, Fulvia Perry, Andrea T. Asuncion, Richard McNally, Exequiel Malicay, Francisca Baniagam, Petra Villegas, Marie Kelly Frank, Ellison Robinson, Robert Hunter, Greg Castillo, and Dana Lee Oandasan.

****Upcoming Baptism Ceremony Dates (Infants to Age 6):** May 28, June 11 & 25, July 16 & 23, August 13 & 27...

***Baptism Preparation Classes:** June 4, July 9, August 6...

**** 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.

In the Footsteps of Sts. John Paul!

Journey on a 12-day Pilgrimage to Greece & Turkey

October 5-16, 2017

with Msgr. John Mbinda, Spiritual Adviser, and

Dr. Timothy Mullner, Pilgrimage Host.

Registration deadline is **June 1st**.

Contact the Parish Office for more: 623-3332, ext.103.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE MAY 13 / 14

Sunday Collection	\$15,039.19
Children's Collection	\$19.50
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$2,968.75
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$2,712.25
One Community Center Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$8,282.88
Retirement Fund for Religious Collection	\$20.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$95.00
Candle Sales	\$509.00
Donation – Social Ministry	\$120.00
Donation – Funerals	\$200.00
Donation	\$31.00
Donation – Charity	\$100.44
Donation - YYA	\$30.00
Mass Intentions	\$130.00
Mass Intensions – Mother's Day	\$65.00

Weekend Total: **\$30,323.01**

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

MARRIAGE INFORMATION

♥Are you engaged and thinking of planning your wedding in the Catholic Church? (At least 6 months prior to proposed date.)

♥Are you a Catholic who exchanged your marriage vows in the presence of an authorized civic official or minister from another religious tradition?

♥Are you seeking to have your civil marriage blessed in the Catholic Church? (Convalidation of a Marriage)

Email the Parish Office, sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org for more information. Our Parish Clergy will respond to your request.



OAHU--FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE 2017--JUNE 16-17

Friday Breakout Sessions 1-3pm; 3:30-5:30pm; 6:30-8:30pm

Saturday 8:00 Mass with Rev. Msgr. Gary Secor, Vicar General

Saturday Breakout Sessions 10:00-Noon; 1-3pm

St. Theresa Co-Cathedral and School, 712 N School Street, Honolulu

Session topics include:

- Happy Parents, Happy Kids
 - Invoking the Power of the Name of Jesus
 - Prayer and the Spiritual Life
- How to Understand Ancient Texts Using Digital Archaeology
Register at www.catholicahawaii.org/oahufaithconference

Message from the

Religious Education Office

***OPEN Registration for RE Year 2017-2018 ***

Visit the RE Office to register your children in **grades Pre-K to 12**. We are preparing for an increase in enrollment as all baptized candidates, in **grades 2-12**, will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of the RE year. We encourage EARLY registration!

Become a Confirmation Sponsor for a Student!

The RE Department is seeking approximately 50-60 Sponsors to walk beside our Youth as they make their Sacramental Journey of Confirmation. If you have the desire and time to be a responsible role model of faith, please stop by the RE Office for more info and sign up!

For more, please contact the RE Office:

623-3332, ext. 204/206 or sjaeRE@rcchawaii.org



PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

One Community Center Capital Campaign: Completed Capital Campaign pledge card may be placed in the drop box at the back of the church. You may also drop them at the parish front office or into our locked mail box. If you have any questions please call the parish office.

Help Homeless Veterans: Do you know of a one bedroom apartment for rent? St. John's Social Ministry Commission is working with ALEA Bridge (local non-profit) to find housing in local area for two homeless veterans with rental vouchers. If you know of any one bedroom apartments or studios, please contact Phil Acosta, ALEA Bridge 391-3571.

Baccalaureate Mass for all 2017 Graduates: Bishop Silva will celebrate the *first annual Baccalaureate Mass* for all graduates in the diocese on **Thursday, May 25, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.** at the *Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace*. All who are graduating from *elementary school, middle school, high school, or college - including home schoolers* - are welcome to attend with their family & friends. A reception will follow in the Kamiano Center.

Catholic Communication Campaign: Our parish will be participating by taking up a collection on the weekend of **May 27/28**. This campaign supports diverse projects such as television, radio, social media, printed media, and more to effectively spread the Gospel with the use of technology & media. Envelopes will be available at the back of the church. You may drop your donation during offertory or donate online using our "Online Giving". Please be generous.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: The next 24 hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on Friday, June 2 after the 8 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am in Saturday, June 3, 2017.

Father's Day Mass Remembrance & Blessing: Honor your father, living or deceased, this Father's Day, June 18th, by making an offering. All submissions will be published in the June 10/11 bulletin. Please PRINT LEGIBLY. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. The deadline to submit offering envelopes is Sunday, June 4th.

Catholics Returning Home: Join Us! If you are a non-practicing Catholic who has been away from the Church for awhile, this invitation is for you. Thursday, June 15, 6:30-8 pm in the preschool. For more information call 623-3332 ext. 100. Or you can email sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.com.

The next Catholic Book Club: meeting will be on **Thurs., June 15, 7-9 pm** in classroom 6. The title of the discussion book is *Catherine of Siena: A Passionate Life* by Don Brophy. Open to All! For more information, contact Melissa Crisostomo: 808-626-2469 or alohamc@yahoo.com.



Planting Seeds for the Future: At the death of a special friend or relative you might like to remember that person through a memorial gift to your church. This will show your appreciation for this treasured relationship and help others through the church. An acknowledgment card will be sent to the surviving family, letting them know of your gift, without disclosing the amount.



THIS WEEK: May 22-28

Monday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
4 pm - Girl Scouts (Rm 6)
7 pm - Boy Scouts (Rm 5)
7 pm - Charismatic PG (CH)

Tuesday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

9 am - Women's Bible Study (Rm 6)
3 pm - Cenacle Prayer Group (CH)
5 pm - Homebound Ministry (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)
7 pm - RCIA (Rm 4)
7 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

Thursday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am - Church Cleaning (Group 1)

Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
6 pm - Two-Hearts / Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group (CH)
6 pm - Girl Scouts (Rm 5)

Saturday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
10:00 am - Parish Health Ministry (Rm 6)

3:30 pm - Confession

5 pm - Mass (Saturday Vigil)

Sunday - Masses

7 am, 9 am, 11 am, & 6 pm
4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm - Life Teen Nite (Rms 4&5)

FOR YOUR SECURITY PLEASE...

PARK SMART!

Take ALL your belongings with you.



... AND SECURE YOUR VEHICLE!

Car thieves love to window shop!