

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY: MSGR. JOHN S. MBINDA

This Sunday, the readings touch on several themes. Here I would like to focus on hospitality which is one of the overarching themes. This is an important theme in the Old and New Testaments with many clear examples. In the first reading, we find a remarkable example of hospitality given by the Shunamite woman. Her hospitality is rewarded with favors from God. Through the intervention of the prophet Elisha she will get a baby boy, though the husband is advanced in age. The point of the story is that creating space to welcome visitors can indeed unlock God's blessings and favors. In the gospel passage Jesus underlines the importance of hospitality in the life of his disciples in saying that "whoever receives" them receive him and the Father who sent him. Those who offer such hospitality will be rewarded.

What are the practical applications of hospitality? Here at St. John's we take our Aloha Hospitality Ministry seriously, mainly because hospitality leads to a sense of belonging and ownership. When one arrives on our campus, the first thing one notices is a banner that says "Welcome to St. John's: A Place to Feel at Home!" Our Aloha Hospitality Ministry has evolved to include "Parking Lot Ministry" and "Greeters Ministry" that extend from the Lanai into the Church. We go long ways before Mass on Sundays to greet and welcome all visitors and new parishioners. We offer them leis as a sign of our welcome and hospitality. We realize that when people feel welcome they get a sense of belonging. A sense of belonging leads to being actively engaged in the life of the parish. Engagement opens the door to being equipped and formed for ministry and witness to others. In welcoming new parishioners, we prepare them for witness in their own lives, so that they may be ready to evangelize others.

May God's grace help us to be more welcoming to visitors and new members in our midst for they reflect the face of Christ and the Father who sent Him.

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. Joseph Ayinpuusa**jayinpuusa@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***Parish Secretary** (x 100)*Dominique Kekiwi**dkekiwi@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 Coordinators***Dcn. Modesto Cordero**Dcn. Romeo Ganibe***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 CORNER

Introducing Fr. Joseph A. Ayinpuusa



Fr. Joseph Anamoo Ayinpuusa was born on August 13, 1968 Bolga-Soe, a suburb of Bolgatanga, the regional capital of the Upper East region of Ghana in West Africa. He is the second of ten children (four girls and six boys).

Fr. Joseph grew up in a family that practiced African Traditional Religion. He received his formal education at the Bolga-Soe Roman Catholic Primary school in 1975. He entered Akatuuri Roman Catholic Middle school at Zaare, in Bolgatanga in 1981.

While in Middle school, he began going to church through the influence of his classmates. He then enrolled into the RCIA catechumenate program in

1981 and received the Sacrament of Baptism on August 20, 1983, together with his younger brother, Emmanuel. He was confirmed the following year on June 10, 1984.

After his Baptism in 1983, he started entertaining the idea of becoming a priest, and applied to go to St. Victor's Major Seminary, to study and be trained for the Catholic Diocese of Navrongo-Bolgatanga.

On December 17 2000, he was ordained a deacon, then on September 15, 2001, he was ordained a Catholic priest.

Fr. Joseph came to the Diocese of Honolulu in July 2015 and was assigned to St. Jude, Kapolei. St. John Apostle & Evangelist is his second assignment and looks forward to serving as parochial vicar in our parish.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

FEATURED SAINT

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal, Queen and Franciscan Tertiary



The most hated Queen of the court of the kingdom of Portugal, but loved by the people. Also known as the Queen of the poor, Elizabeth was a Spanish princess who was given in marriage to King Denis of Portugal at the age of twelve. She was very beautiful and very lovable. She was also very devout, and went to Mass every day. Elizabeth was a holy wife, but although her husband was fond of her at first, he soon began to cause her great suffering. Though good ruler, he did not imitate his wife's love of prayer and other virtues. In fact, his sins of impurity gave great scandal to the people.

Because St. Elizabeth was faithful to daily Mass, she found strength to carry her many great crosses. As a member of the Franciscan tertiary (not of the religious nuns, but lay people), she opened the wealth of the kingdom to the poor and the orphans, establish welfare services to the sick and the voiceless that has angered the social elites and created secret enemies in the court of the monarchy. She acted as peacemaker in 1336, when Alfonso IV marched his troops against King Alfonso XI of Castile. In that year, as soon as her peace keeping mission was completed, she

took to her bed with a fever from which she died on 4 July, in the castle of Estremoz. She was beatified in 1526 and canonized by Pope Urban VIII on 25 May 1625. Her feast was inserted in the General Roman Calendar for celebration on 4 July. In the year 1694 Pope Innocent II moved her feast to 8 July, so it would not conflict with the celebration of the Octave of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2017

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year

First Reading: Zachariah 8:9-10

These two verses prophesy the coming of the Messiah. The prophet proclaims the words of the Lord: "Rejoice heartily, O daughter of Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem!" The metaphor of daughter reflects an intimate relation between the people of Jerusalem and the Lord. The passage also reflects the idea of a liturgical procession in describing the approach of the king who comes as an agent of God to proclaim peace for people of all nations. This is reflected in the extent of this king's reign from sea to sea and to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145:1-2,8-9,10-11,13-14

Psalm 145 is both a hymn of praise and instruction. It opens with an acclamation associated with the revelation of God and an acknowledgement of God's name as expressed in the response: "I will praise your name forever, my king and my God."

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-14

In this passage, Paul shows a sharp contrast between living by the spirit and living by the flesh. By "Life in the flesh" (human nature) at times may leads us away from God, whereas "life in the spirit" (linked to the Spirit of God) leads us towards God. Those who live in the spirit have the Spirit of Christ living in them. Paul is clear that life in the flesh cannot please God.

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

The Gospel passage opens with an expression of thanksgiving that echoes a prayer found in the Book of Sirach 51:1, and it closes with an invitation similar to one in the same chapter of Sirach 51:23. Jesus addresses God as Father (Abba) which expresses a form of intimacy. He also shows how God has reversed the expectation of the world by revealing the hidden things of God not to the wise but to the foolish; those who are receptive. The passage closes with an invitation to the weary to submit themselves to him for their rest and place their burdens on his yoke: "for my yoke is easy, and my burden light." In handing over our burdens to Jesus our lives become lighter and lively.

Follow Msgr. John's Homilies! Blog

(text): www.sundayhomily.com

Podcast (audio): <https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda>

iTunes (audio): [Streaming Homilies](#)

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, July 3, 2017 (8 am)

Harlein Evile (Birthday Blessing)

Tsuruko Teruya (Healing)

†Donato Cadiz

Tuesday, July 4, 2017 (8 am)

Msgr. John Mbinda (Birthday Blessing)

†Adelina & Rosalinda Cayetano

†Pedro Acebo

Wednesday, July 5, 2017 (8 am)

Agreda Acebo (Thanksgiving)

Estrella Mariano (Thanksgiving)

†Richard Bustillo

Thursday, July 6, 2017 (8 am)

†Dana Barayuga

†Ciriaco Acebo

†Ross Acebo

Friday, July 7, 2017 (8 am)

†Feliciano Dona

Anne Serrao (Birthday Blessing)

Mina Lee (Healing)

Saturday, July 8, 2017

8 am Two Hearts & Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group (Thanksgiving/ Guidance)

Mina Lee (Healing)

†Charles Remington

5 pm †Rosalia Sauri

Sunday, July 9, 2017

7am Eric Adams (Healing)

9am For the People

11 am Donna Reed (Blessing)

6 pm Agnes DeJesus (Healing)

† Rest in Peace

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: 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, Dana Lee Oandasan, Mary Umoren and Charles Remington.

Thinking about the Sacraments of Initiation. Reflections on the Original Order

"The (three) sacraments of Christian initiation lay the foundations of every Christian life" *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no.1212. Indeed, the initiation sacraments can be compared to climbing up Diamond Head Crater. To do the climb, one needs to be prepared when starting out, primarily by being hydrated. Then one needs the strength to climb up the 3/4-mile path. Finally, one reaches the summit and can enjoy the magnificent view in every direction.

This corresponds to the sacraments of initiation. The hydration of Baptism starts a Christian on path. The gift of the Holy Spirit received in Confirmation gives the strength needed to make the journey. Then finally, earth is joined to heaven at the summit when one receives first Holy Communion.

Notice that what completes our membership into the Body of Christ is not Confirmation. Rather, it is receiving First Communion. The truth is that the first two sacraments (Baptism & Confirmation) are what prepares us for Eucharist. From our own experience we know that Eucharist does not prepare us for Confirmation. It is the other way around.

The sacraments that initiate us into the Christian life are first of all Baptism, then Confirmation, and finally, First Holy Communion.

Questions, Comments Suggestions?
kdeneve@rcchawaii.org or 808-203-6767 Diocese of Honolulu
Contact Kristina DeNeve, Adult Faith Formation Coordinator

POPE FRANCIS INVITES ALL YOUNG ADULTS FROM YEARS 19-29 TO RESPOND TO AN ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING THE NEXT SYNOD OF BISHOPS ON "YOUTH, FAITH, AND VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT," IN OCTOBER 2018. THE ONLINE LINK IS

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE JUNE 24/25

Sunday Collection	\$13,799.06
Children's Collection	\$9.50
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$3,895.00
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$1,134.50
Stewardship Development	\$95.00
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$8,363.00
Candle Sales	\$588.00
Collection - Peter's Pence	\$1,435.00
Donation	\$30.00
Donation - Charity	\$60.00
Mass Intentions	\$250.00
Weekend Total:	\$ 29,659.06

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



Never Confirmed in the Catholic Church?

Do you want to be baptized?

Are you or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a part of the Catholic Faith?

Let us help you with your journey in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation.

Candidates will explore the elements of the Catholic faith in weekly meetings with Catechists in preparation to receive all the Sacraments of Initiations.

There will be an Information and Introduction to the RCIA meeting at 7:30pm on Thursday July 20th in Room 5.



Life Teen Summer 2017

Life Teen is open to all high school aged youth. Life Nights are on Sunday after the 6 pm mass from 7:15 pm- 8:30 pm in rooms 4 & 5.

SUMMER SCHEDULE:

July 9: Summer Session Kickoff

July 23- BEGGAR: A Life Night on Jesus and the poor

July 30- EXCORCIST: A Life Night on Jesus as Healer

August 6- CRIMINAL: A Life Night on the Persecuted Christ

August 13- KING: Night on Christ the King

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

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!

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEAM AS A CATECHIST/ CO-LEAD, YOUTH MINISTRY CLASSROOM AIDE OR JOIN THE PARENT SUPPORT TEAM FOR OUR YOUTH MINISTRY. WE DO NOT REQUIRE YOU TO BE A PROFESSIONAL TEACHER. ALL YOU NEED IS THE DESIRE TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN ABOUT JESUS CHRIST!

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



Church Offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.

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.

Peter's Pence Collection (PPC)- Thank You for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection!! Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: The next 24 hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on **Friday, July 7, after the 8am Mass, ending at 7:30am on Saturday, July 8.**

In the Footsteps of Sts. John and Paul: Journey on a 12-day Pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey, October 5-16, 2017 with Msgr. John Mbinda, Spiritual Adviser and Dr. Timothy Mullner, Pilgrimage Host. The pilgrimage includes a 3-night cruise. Contact the parish office for more information, 623-3332 ext. 103.

Rosary Making Ministry- The next gathering is on **July 12th at 10 am on the Church Lanai.** Everyone is welcome.

Pilgrimage in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima hosted by the Rel. Ed. Dept. and Youth Ministry - Saturday, July 15, 2017: The pilgrimage begins with 8 AM Mass at St. John. The bus will depart St. John at 9 AM to visit: St. Roch, Kahuku – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Kahaluu – St. Ann, Kaneohe – Lunch at Windward Mall (Bring your lunch money.) - St. Anthony & St. John Vianney, Kailua and return to SJA&E by 5 pm. **Teens must have permission forms submitted by July 12, 2017.** Any questions, come to our RE table after the morning Masses or call (808) 623-3332 ext. 204 or 206.

Faith in ACTION: Diocesan Drama Community & Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry Invites you to "EVANGELIZATION ON THE ROAD" Evangelizing through the arts, praise and worship on **July 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the church.** "God knows us, better than we know ourselves." Guest Speaker: Dallas Carter For more information contact The Office of Worship: (808) 585-3342.

School Supply Drive: The Outreach Office is seeking donations for its annual school supply drive. **June 1st— August 31st.** Please drop donations off at the Outreach Office during office hours. If you are a family in need, looking for assistance with school supplies for your child, please call Pearl at (808) 623-3332.203 for more information.

2017 STEWARDSHIP RETREAT



Fr. Greg Palfel, Retreat Leader

July 28

Opening Session: Stewardship - the Parish's Mission at 7:00 p.m.
Closing Evening Prayer at 9:00 p.m.

July 29

Lively sessions beginning with morning Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Fellowship with breakfast following Mass
Second Session: Hospitality
Third Session: Prayer
Light and quick Lunch around Noon
Final Session: Formation and Service
Closing Commissioning at 2:00pm

Come as we grow together as disciples of OUR LORD! To RSVP or if you have any questions, call Regan at (425) 736-9204 or Mila (425) 890-8377 or email at reganmila@yahoo.com

THIS WEEK: July 3-July 9

Monday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
4 pm - Girl Scouts (Rm 6)
7 pm - Boy Scouts (Rm 6)
7 pm - Charismatic PG (CH)
7 pm - 4th Degree Knights (Rm 5)
7 pm - Family Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
7:30 pm - Family Rosary - Fellowship (RM4)

Tuesday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am - Women's Bible Study (Rm 6)
3 pm - Cenacle Prayer Group (CH)
4:30 pm - Children's Choir Practice (CCH)
7 pm - Combined Choir Practice (CH)
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)

Wednesday - Daily Mass (8AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am - Church Cleaning - Group 2
9 am - Hui Meeting (Rm 5)
6 pm - OLPH Prayer Group (CH)
7 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

Thursday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9:30 am - WG Membership Mtg (CH)
7pm - Catholics Returning Home (Preschool)

Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:30 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (CH)
6 pm - Girl Scouts (Rm 5)

Saturday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9:15am - Liturgical Movement Ministry (Rms 4/5)
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)
1 pm - Installation of KC Council (Rms 4/5)
2pm - Baptism Preparation Class (Rm 6)

Planting Seeds for the Future: Who needs estate planning? Every adult who is legally competent, who owns anything and cares about who receives it at the time of his or her disability or death.

Please remember *St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church* in planning your will.

FOR YOUR SECURITY PLEASE...

PARK SMART!

Take ALL your belongings with you.

... AND SECURE YOUR VEHICLE!
Car thieves love to window