

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY: FR. JOSEPH AYINPUUSA

Sometimes, life can be very burdensome. People experience all kinds of burdens—worry, bitterness, guilt, illness, disappointments, unemployment, difficult relationships, addictions etc. Sometimes we even meet stumbling blocks as we strive in our efforts to be faithful to our Christian calling. How can we deal with these burdens that sometimes crush us to the ground?

The Readings of today's liturgy offer us a way out from our burdens. They make it clear to us that our God is a liberating God. In the first reading, the prophet Zechariah consoles the Jews who were living under the oppression of Greek rule, promising them a "meek" Messianic King, who will give them rest and liberty. In the Gospel we see Jesus as this liberator who offers rest to those "who labor and are burdened" if they will accept his "easy yoke and light burden."

At Jesus' time a yoke was a wooden crossbeam that joined two oxen at the neck, enabling the oxen to pull a plough or other farm implements. The yoke was carved and made to fit so well that it would not rub sores on the ox's shoulders. It also allowed the two animals to pull together, to work as a team.

So when Jesus tells us to take upon his yoke for his yoke he wants us to be "yoked" to him. Actually, the yoke belongs to Christ and He invites us to team up with Him. To take the yoke of Christ is to associate and identify ourselves with Him: our destiny with His destiny, our vision with His vision and our mission with His mission. It is to know that we are not pulling the yoke alone and by our power but we are bearing the yoke together with Christ and by the strength that comes from Him.

So Jesus is asking us to cast away our heavy burdens and take on his yoke. St. Paul talks about two yokes, namely, the "flesh" and the "Spirit," and he challenges us to reject the heavy and fatal yoke of the flesh and accept the light yoke of the Spirit of Jesus. Christian spirituality, according to St. Paul, proceeds from the initiative of the Holy Spirit and means living in the realm of the "Spirit" as opposed to the "flesh." To take the yoke of Christ, therefore, is to put ourselves in a relationship with Christ as his servants and subjects, and to conduct ourselves accordingly.

Christ invites us to put away our yokes of pride and selfishness and allow him to place on our shoulders the light burdens of humility and his commandment of love and service. The fact is that much as we are yoked to Christ, we are also bound together by our common baptism, which makes us members of the Body of Christ and sharers in a life of faith. Hence, We are stewards of God's love to one another, to help make the burdens of our brothers and sisters lighter.

May we have the strength of conviction in our faith to be yoked to Christ in great joy, for his burden is indeed light; and may he help us to be true stewards of God's love, mercy, forgiveness and encouragement to each other.

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

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PASTOR'S CORNER

We Welcome Fr. Michael Suh Niba



We welcome Fr. Michael Sul Niba, who will be in our parish during July-September.

Fr. Michael was born on January 24, 1962 in Mambu – Bafut, Mezam, North West Region, Cameroon. On April 6 1988, he was ordained a Diocesan Priest of the Archdiocese of Bamenda in Anglophone Cameroon. He is 29 years a priest. Except for the first two years of his ministry when he worked in the Parish, he has been in a school set up full time.

In his academic life, Fr. Michel did his studies at the Pontifical Urbaniana University in Rome, Italy, where he earned his BA in theology (1984) as well as MA (1992) and Ph.D. (1994) in philosophy. Between 1994 and 2016 he was a formator in the local Major Seminary. From 2010 to 2016 he worked as Vice Chancellor of Catholic University of Cameroon (CATUC), Bamenda.

In his professional work, Fr. Michael has published academic articles in various publications, and presented major lectures in the field of philosophy

Since November last year Fr. Michel has been on sabbatical. He dedicated the first year to rest and some pastoral experience. That's why he has come from so far away to St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church, Mililani.

Fr. Michael looks forward to sharing in our faith experience and having a great time in our midst. Hopefully, he will have a year of academic experience after Mililani before returning to Cameroon.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

2017 STEWARDSHIP RETREAT



Fr. Greg Paffel, 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 RSYP or if you have any questions, call Regan at (425) 736-9204 or Mila (425) 890-8377 or email at reganmila@yahoo.com

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

These two verses develop a metaphor on the natural world that becomes a vehicle for teaching about the effectiveness of God's word. In brief, the rain and the snow make the earth fertile and they return to the heavens after accomplishing their purpose, so too the Word of God comes down from God and effects in us the purpose for which God sends it.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14

The responsorial psalm picks up the theme of nature from the first reading. The psalm praises God for the natural wonders that make the world fertile, the source of nourishment for living things. Thus, "The seed that falls on the ground will yield a fruitful harvest."

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

In this passage, Paul speaks about what is to be expected in the life after. According to him, the entire created world is swept up with humankind into a newness of life. Thus just as created world was corrupted by sin, so too it will be transformed along with humankind.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

The gospel passage is about the parable of the sower which could be understood as the parable of the soil. The sower only throws seeds as he walks along a path. The focus of the parable is not on the seed either. The parable is about the various types of the soil. There are three sections in the passage: the parable itself; the reason for speaking in parables; and the explanation of the parable. The word sown into our hearts produces various percentages of produce. It may seem disappointing that some seeds are wasted on the way side with no produce; others take root only to wither away; yet others land on fertile soil. The point of the parable is to help us to see how God's word will in the end produce remarkable yield in us even in the midst of all types of obstacles in our secular world.

Follow Msgr. John's Homilies! Blog
(text): www.sundayhomily.com

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

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 10, 2017 (8 am)

† Frank Tadda (1st Death Anniversary)
Mina Lee (Healing)
Women's Guild (Blessing/Thanksgiving)

Tuesday, July 11, 2017 (8 am)

Wynne Gallogly (Birthday Blessing)
John Bates (Birthday Blessing)
† Diane Clayton

Wednesday, July 12, 2017 (8 am)

† Emmanuel Dela Cruz
Mina Lee (Healing)
Knights of Columbus
(Blessing/Thanksgiving)

Thursday, July 13, 2017 (8 am)

Mina Lee (Healing)
Ernest Perriera (Healing)
† Charles Remington

Friday, July 14, 2017 (8 am)

Dion Kevin Cortel (Birthday Blessing)
Mina Lee (Healing)
Lisa Ortiz (Birthday)

Saturday, July 15, 2017

8 am Demitrio & Rita Galicinao
(50th Anniversary Blessing)
† All Souls in Purgatory
Mariah Henson (Personal Blessing)
5 pm † Richard Hart

Sunday, July 16, 2017

7am Richard Amaral (Birthday)
9am For the People
11 am † Julian Rilveria
6 pm † All Souls in Purgatory

† 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, Richard Charlie Dela Cruz, Gerry Ichiyama and Charles Remington.

Baptism, Confirmation & then First Communion—Reflections on the Original Order.

The sacraments that initiate us into the Christian life are Baptism and Confirmation. Baptism and Confirmation go hand in hand, like a certificate given its official seal. In Baptism, Christians share in the death and resurrection of Jesus. In Confirmation, the Holy Spirit comes down upon us as it did on the Apostles on the day of Pentecost. Baptism and Confirmation are as inseparable as Easter and Pentecost Sundays, the first and last days of the Easter Season.

Jesus himself was baptized and then confirmed by his Father with the gift of the Spirit: "After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold the heavens were open for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:16-17)

In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the sacraments are received in the proper theological order, usually at the Easter vigil—Baptism, Confirmation, and then first Holy Communion. This takes place for anyone 7 years of age and older. Soon, our children baptized as infants will also be confirmed prior to First Communion.

Questions, Comments Suggestions?
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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 YOUTH.SYNOD2018.VA

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE JULY 1/2

Sunday Collection	\$16,186.14
Children's Collection	\$7.50
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$3,182.50
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$1,746.25
Stewardship Development	\$95.00
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$6,470.63
Candle Sales	\$460.15
Collection - Peter's Pence	\$125.00
Donation - Social Ministry	\$15.00
Donation - Charity	\$95.00
Donation - Funeral	\$300.00
Mass Intentions	\$140.00
Weekend Total:	\$ 28,728.17
<i>"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce." – Proverbs</i>	



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



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

The Family Rosary Prayer Group: "the NEW MINISTRY: How many saints can you name? The Family Rosary Prayer Group gathers every Monday night at 7 pm in the Chapel to pray the Rosary with beautifully sang Marian hymns. The group prayer is followed by a potluck and reflection on lives of the Saints in Room 4. In addition to weekly prayers and reflection, the Family Rosary Prayer Group promotes First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary immediately after the 5 pm Mass every first Saturday night of the month. We are currently looking for families or individuals who are willing to lead a decade of the Rosary once a month. For questions about our Association of the Faithful, visit www.shway.org or email: info@shway.org."

A BIG MAHALO to St. John's parish for their generosity in providing food backpacks to Kipapa Elementary students who were attending summer school. Your support provided 100 food backpacks for 3 weekends to students. The backpack provided 2 breakfast, 2 lunches, and 2 snacks and were greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who donated, stuffed and delivered!



Planting Seeds for the Future: Grandpa didn't have a will, but Grandma does. She had to settle Grandpa's estate without one and now she knows how important a will is. Do you have a will??

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

THIS WEEK: July 3-July 9

Monday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
4 pm - Girl Scouts (Rm 6)
6:30 pm— Marriage & Family Life (Rm 6)
7 pm - Boy Scouts (Rm 5)
7 pm - Charismatic PG (CH)
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 pm— Faith in Action on the Road (CH)
7 pm— K of C (Rm5)
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)

Wednesday - Daily Mass (8AM)

8:45 am— Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
10 am— Rosary Making (Church Lanai)
6 pm - OLPH Prayer Group (CH)
7 pm— EMHC Training (CH)
7 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

Thursday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am— Church Cleaning (Group 3)
7pm— Catholics Returning Home (Preschool)
7 pm— Music Ministry—(CH)

Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:30 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
4 pm— 2 Hearts (CH)

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)

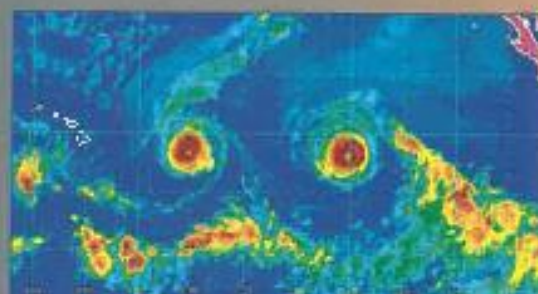
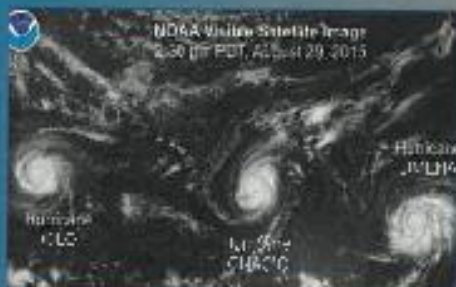
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Join us for this free event and learn what you can do to prepare your family and residence for the risk of hurricanes in terms of emergency supplies, evacuation planning, insurance, and home retrofits.

**Friday, July 21st, 2017
7:00 PM**

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For more information, please contact the parish office at:
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If you need an ASL Interpreter, materials in an alternate format, or other auxiliary aid support, please contact us 5 days before the event.



LITURGICAL FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A QUESTION OF NEITHER RIGHT NOR WRONG

A few weeks ago a parishioner asked, "Why are some pronouns when referring to God not capitalized in the responsorial psalm responses that we sing?"

It would seem natural to capitalize pronouns that refer to God as a way of reverence for His name. However, in the rules of proper English grammar/syntax/style, you would not capitalize when referring to God or deity.

Example:

Psalm 63: "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Psalm 18: "I love you, Lord, my strength." etc.

I personally did not know the answer to this question, so I contacted one of St. John's parish mission retreat priests, Fr. Felix Just (He is currently taking part with a team of priests working on a new translation of the American Bible)

"Capitalizing pronouns if they refer to God (or Jesus, Holy Spirit, etc.) has never been required by the Church, but is only a pious tradition. Such pronouns are usually *not* capitalized in the official liturgical books (Roman Missal, Lectionary, etc.); but for other books, it's up to the individual publisher. Most contemporary publishers don't, while only a few do. Whether individuals do or don't in their own writings depend on personal preference, or what they were taught by parents or teachers. Most university professors discourage over-capitalization, but some priests or more traditional groups encourage it."

It may be worthy of discussion or not, but nonetheless here at St. John's we will be taking our source directly from the current edition of the Catholic Lectionary for the USA. Will the use of capitalization change? Maybe. As times progress, it is expected, and so our Roman Missal is in its re-translation of a 3rd edition.

For now, let us trust in the Holy Spirit's guidance of the church and never fail to notice how He speaks to us at this very moment. Let us say "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God." May God's word be ever on our lips and ever in our hearts.

God bless, & Aloha for now,

Nick Calzada

Director of Liturgy