

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY: DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

This Sunday, the gospel reading is about the parable of the *sower* and the *soil*. God is the sower and we are the soil - the ground on which the seeds of God's message fall upon.

In this parable, the sower challenges us to see how deeply the word of God has taken root in our lives, how central God is to the very fabric of our day-to-day existence.

Christ invites us to embrace the faith of the sower: to trust and believe that our simplest acts of kindness and forgiveness, our humblest offer of help to anyone in need, our giving of only a few minutes to listen to the plight of another soul may be the seeds that fall "on good soil" and yields an abundant harvest.

Jesus also challenges us to be both sower and seed: to sow seeds of encouragement, joy and reconciliation regardless of the "ground" on which it is scattered, and to imitate the seed's total giving of self that becomes the harvest of Gospel justice and mercy.

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

Hospitality Leads to Sense of Belonging

In the last two years, we have taken our Aloha Hospitality Ministry more seriously, mainly because hospitality leads to a great sense of belonging and a vibrant parish community. When one arrives on our campus, the first thing one notices is a banner that says "Welcome to St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church: A Place to Feel at Home." Our Aloha Hospitality Ministry has evolved to include "Parking Lot Ministry" and "Greeters Ministry" that extends from the Lanai into the Church.

This year we have gone to a new level of hospitality and welcome by including all volunteers and clergy in the greeters ministry before Mass. On Sundays before Mass, we greet and welcome all visitors and new parishioners. We offer them leis as a sign of our welcome and hospitality. 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, and engagement opens the door to being equipped and formed for ministry and witness in the community in terms of evangelization. In welcoming new parishioners, we prepare them for witness in their own lives, so that they may be ready to evangelize others.

Have we achieved the target goals we set for ourselves in our 2015 Pastoral Plan? I believe we have. The results have been amazing. From 2015-2016 our parish added 267 new registered households. However, the best measure is not the number of new parishioners, but engagement of volunteers in ministries. Our ministries have grown and so has the number of volunteers serving in these ministries. Just look at the lanai on any given Sunday and you notice volunteers engaged in ministry mainly to serve others. Our daily Mass attendance has increased. We have become a more vibrant parish community particularly because of our vibrant weekend liturgies that engage parishioners to participate and so be better nourished.

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 23, 2017

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

This passage from the Book of Wisdom deals with questions of faith on God raised by some Jews living in the Greek world. They wondered why God does not show his mighty power by stopping evil in the world. They also wanted to know why God deals with leniency on those who disobey, but instead leads them to repentance. The author of the Book of Wisdom responds that God does not need to "prove" himself. His almighty power is shown most perfectly in his forgiveness of sin. By showing forth his power in his loving kindness and forgiveness, God inspires us to do likewise. By his patience, God encourages us to have the patience to forgive, to be reconciled.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Even in deep distress, the psalmist recognizes that no one has greater power and mercy than the Lord, and this thought restores his confidence. Response: "Lord, you are good and forgiving."

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Paul in this brief passage reminds us that the Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. When left to ourselves, we are tempted to pray according to the flesh by trying to manipulate God to serve our own ends. The Spirit of Christ ensures our submission to the Father in union with Christ. Our true prayer arises only out of this submission.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

In the shorter Gospel passage, Jesus in the parable of the wheat and the darnel teaches about the growth of his kingdom. In spite of appearances to the contrary, the parable responds to the Apostles' apprehensions over the enmity of the Pharisees and the defection of some disciples. Jesus underlines the fact that his followers in the kingdom must remain fully in the human arena, and that patient efforts in imitation of God's patience will bring about its fulfillment. The growth of the wheat and weeds together in the field addresses the obvious fact of the presence of wicked people even within God's kingdom on earth. The early Church came to recognize unfaithful members in its midst, and questioned how this could be possible in the kingdom of God. The answer, derived from these words of Jesus, is to await God's final judgment in patience. The longer version of the Gospel has two more parables. The parable of the mustard seed alludes to the persistent growth of the kingdom, and the contrast between seemingly insignificant beginnings and the final outcome. The image of the yeast portrays the growing power of the kingdom as both hidden and irresistible.

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 17, 2017 (8 am)

† Clara Gomes

† Richard Charlie Dela Cruz
(First Death Anniversary)

† Charles Remington

Tuesday, July 18, 2017 (8 am)

† Charles Remington

† Richard Charlie Dela Cruz

Wednesday, July 19, 2017 (8 am)

† James & Mildred Mizoguchi

† Santiago Aquino

† Richard Charlie Dela Cruz

Thursday, July 20, 2017 (8 am)

† Emerson Masa

† Richard Charlie Dela Cruz

† Charles Remington

Friday, July 21, 2017 (8 am)

† Jose Luis Cuerva

(Birthday Memorial)

† Isidora B. Barayuga

† Richard Charlie Dela Cruz

Saturday, July 22, 2017

8 am Henry W. Oliver

(Memorial Anniversary)

† Demetria Manandic

† Isidoro Baraguga

5 pm † Susan Galicia

Sunday, July 23, 2017

7am Raymond Swider

(Birthday Memorial)

9am For the People

11 am † Concepcion Corpuz

6 pm † Isidora Barayuga

† 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: 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, Charles Remington, Bobby Ascuncion, Elizabeth Cawley, Manuel DeCosta, Gloria Olegario, Conklin Kaapana, Demenciano Macaibay and Julian Rilveria.

Living Catholic in the 808: Confirmation is Not a Passage into Adulthood

Many Catholic Christians see Confirmation as a rite of passage into adulthood. Yet Confirmation is a sacrament of beginning, of initiation. It is not a sacrament of transition, of becoming an adult.

The Catechism states, "Although Confirmation is sometimes called the 'sacrament of Christian maturity,' one must not confuse adult faith with the adult age of natural growth. . . . Age of body does not determine age of soul. Even in childhood one can attain spiritual maturity." (no. 1308)

In the Eastern Catholic Churches, infants are routinely confirmed ("Chrismation" in the eastern traditions). In the Roman Catholic Church, young children in danger of death are confirmed. At the other end of the age spectrum, if an elderly person is baptized, then he or she is immediately confirmed. The fact that infants, children, teenagers, young adults and the elderly can all be confirmed shows that Confirmation is not about becoming an adult. It is about being sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Soon, seven year-olds who were baptized as infants will complete their sacraments of initiation in this original order. (When this will happen depends on your parish plan.) Specifically, children will be confirmed prior to receiving First Communion. They will not "transition" into adulthood. They will be fully initiated into our faith.

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 YOUTH.SYNOD2018.VA

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE JULY 8/9

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,324.48
Children's Collection	\$ 10.50
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,847.50
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 950.75
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 3,654.13
Candle Sales	\$ 356.00
Collection - Christmas	\$ 10.00
Collection- Seminarian Education	\$ 145.00
Donation - Social Ministry	\$ 1,668.00
Donation - Charity	\$ 71.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 100.00
Weekend Total:	\$ 23,137.36

"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 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.

Natural Hazard Preparedness Event: Join us for this free event and learn what you can do to prepare your family for the risks of hurricanes in terms of emergency supplies, evacuation planning, insurance and etc. This event will be held on **July 21st** at **7 pm** in the church. Sponsored by Marriage and Family Life Ministry. For more information, please call the parish office.

Seminary Education Fund: Our parish will be taking up a Second Collection, after communion on **July 22nd – 23rd**. Please prayerfully consider making a gift for the future priests of the Diocese of Honolulu. We are blessed to have approximately twelve seminarians studying for our diocese each year, and the costs associated with their education remain challenging. Tuition, books, room and board alone per each seminarian total over \$320,000 over the course of four years of undergraduate studies in philosophy, four years of graduate studies in theology, and one year of pastoral formation in a parish community. While the diocese subsidizes some costs for college seminarians, the diocese pays 100% of the cost of educating out pre-theology and theology students. You may also donate online by visiting our parish website, clicking "Online Giving." Please prayerfully consider contributing to the annual appeal. May God bless you.

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 x203 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.

Health Tips for July from Parish Health Ministry

Dental Hygiene

Brush your teeth twice a day.

Floss twice a day.

Visit the dentist every 6 months.

Rinse your mouth with mouthwash.

Oral Hygiene- Research have shown the following practices lower the risk of heart disease like hypertension and heart attack; gum disease and tooth decay.

1. Brushing teeth twice a day
2. Dental flossing twice a day
3. Regular dental examinations
4. Dental cleanings every six months or as indicated

Always remember above practices. Be consistent for effectiveness and good outcome. From the American Dental Association

Planting Seeds for the Future: Have circumstances changed since you last updated your estate plan? Do your current estate planning documents carry out your commitments to your church?

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



THIS WEEK: July 17-July 23

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)
7:30 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 - EMHC Training (CH)
7 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

Thursday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
7pm - RCIA Info Night (Rm 5)
7pm - Catholics Returning Home (PSCH)
7 pm - Catholic Book Club (Rm 6)

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)
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)

FOR YOUR SECURITY PLEASE...

PARK SMART!

Take ALL your belongings with you.



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