

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY: FR. MICHAEL SUH NIBA

A story is told of an old woman who prayed to the Lord in this fashion: "Lord, please weed out all bad people from society". Her daughter-in-law overheard her and remarked: "Will she be spared?" None of us will be spared. "Who is well?" Nobody is spared the daily assaults and defeats of the devil.

There is no doubt that the forces and reality of evil can be so overwhelming sometimes that we are forced to ask: Where is God in all this? As someone has asked: "Where is God, when bad things happen to good people?" No one can doubt that such questions can cry out of real life situations of our personal moral failures and sinfulness and of pain, anguish, endless forms of senseless and innocent suffering and death in and around us. To accuse anyone of faithlessness or cynicism when sometimes faced with what I call the existential mystery of evil, can be naïve and insensitive. There are no easy answers to the problems that evil in all its forms raises.

But if we are not to fall into despair, discouragement and disillusionment, we must turn to God who speaks to us in the first reading. God is in charge. He has the power to punish the perpetrators of injustice. But he wouldn't. "Who is well?" Wishing that he rain every possible misfortune on the wicked, would include us. Just as making a perpetrator hear from our attorney can be a subtle and civilized way of seeking revenge. Those are not the prayers of the Spirit. But his power is so great that he can also show mercy, "clemency", as we heard. This gives us hope, hope that with time, we, the world, can change, change for the better. The important thing is not when the weeds in our lives and in the world are defeated. The important thing is that they be defeated. The certainty is that they have been defeated by Jesus. As the author of the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us: "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood." Heb. 12:4. In so far as we still have life we also still have a lot of fight out there and in us. Giving up and giving in to defeat are not an option "And if God is on our side, who can be against us?" Rom. 8:31. And so we should consider our sinfulness and failures, the injustices and other ills in our society only as lost battles in a drawn out war. Those losses should therefore take nothing away from our commitment, from our war effort, from our courage.

Dear friends, we do win lots of times. And even if evil were to win most of the battles in our lives, with in and through Jesus we are more than full-blown optimists. We win. We win the war. For he assures us: I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! *I have overcome the world*" Jn. 16:33.

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 Ayinpusa**jayinpusa@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

Engaging and Equipping New Parishioners

In follow up to the article on hospitality, I wanted us to reflect on what more we can do after welcoming our new parishioners before the Sunday Mass. Greeting them with a lei before Mass is meaningful, but what happens next? The first thing our hospitality ministers need to do is meet them after Mass and give them a registration form as they do not know where to find them. This past Sunday I met one new parishioner who was walking away with a lei and I asked her where she came from and said she had just moved to Mililani from Waipio. She wanted to register, and so I gave her the registration form which she completed and gave to me. We have to make an effort to encounter them before they leave the campus.

The first step the pastor takes after receiving a registration form is to send a letter of welcome to the new parishioner. I believe we can do more. We need to introduce our parish to new parishioners and therefore there is need to create an occasion to meet with newly registered parishioners. This would be an occasion to host a light meal on the rectory lanai in a more relaxed atmosphere and simply talk story with one another in order to get to know the pastor, the parochial vicar and the hospitality ministers. The Aloha Hospitality Ministry plans to create a welcome package that would be given to all new parishioners on the occasion of meeting them as a way of introducing the life of the parish to them.

Part of engaging new parishioners is perhaps to lead them to share what talents and gift they bring along to the parish. In that process, we help them to identify what their contribution to the life of the parish would be in terms of ministry. Then we should begin a process of equipping and forming new parishioners for witness in their lives.

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 30, 2017

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

From its beginnings, Solomon's reign from 961 to 922 B.C. was the peaceful organization and development of a settled people. In this passage, the young king, recognizing his major responsibility, seeks the Lord's wisdom, for he knows that the people he governs are the Lord's. Therefore, Solomon humbly asks the Lord for understanding and the practical judgment needed to govern the people well.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

Psalm 119 is the longest psalm in the Book of Psalms. The verses selected here underline the value of keeping the Law of God as the source of wisdom. Response: "Lord, I love your commands."

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Paul, in this passage, outlines the Christian vocation as designed by God. In his divine plan of salvation, God does not create anybody for the purpose of damnation. He has given us all an eternal destiny with him. This is God's initiative, not ours. Yet, God leaves us free to choose him or to reject him. All we need to do is to open ourselves to God's work in us.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

The Gospel passage contains three short parables that are closely related in their message about the kingdom, yet each has a distinct point to contribute. In the first parable, the kingdom is a treasure, and the person is a seeker. Upon recognizing the value of the treasure, he decides to risk selling all his property to buy the field where the treasure is. In the second parable the image of the "merchant" has two meanings here. On the vertical level it is God who finds our response to him so valuable that he gives up all (divinity "humiliated" in the Incarnation and Paschal mystery of his Son) to purchase us, the pearl of great value. On the horizontal level it is the faithful disciple who finds the pearl of great price and sells all he or she has in order to possess the kingdom. The third parable contains its own interpretation. It compares Judgment Day to a net thrown into the sea, which, when hauled ashore contains all kinds of fish. The good are used; the bad are thrown away.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 24, 2017 (8 am)

Sunny Cabello (Birthday Blessing)

† Isidoro Barayuga

† Lorenzo Rull

Tuesday, July 25, 2017 (8 am)

† Sonny Aquino (Birthday Memorial)

† Isidoro Barayuga

† Cornelius Wills

Wednesday, July 26, 2017 (8 am)

† Isidoro Barayuga

† Eugene Biely

† Catalina Ridella

Thursday, July 27, 2017 (8 am)

† Isidoro Barayuga

Demitrio & Rita Galicinao

(Anniversary Blessing)

Myrna De Vega & Family (Blessing)

Friday, July 28, 2017 (8 am)

† Isidoro Barayuga

Beatriz Ebuén (Birthday Blessing)

Zaedyon Santiago (Birthday Blessing)

Saturday, July 29, 2017

8 am Landon Nakagawa

(Birthday Blessing)

† Isidoro Barayuga

† Josefino B. Solano

5 pm Tutu Jean McGarry

(Birthday Blessing)

Sunday, July 30, 2017

7 am † Mamie B. Perry

(Birthday/Memorial Anniversary)

9 am For the People

11 am † Visitation P. Corpuz

6 pm † Adelina A. Niino

† 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, Carrie Becky, Marietta Kaeo, Deacon Modesto Cordero and all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: 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 Jr., Gloria Olegario, Conklin Kaapana, Demenciano Macaibay, and Julian Rilveria.

† **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** †**Bobby Gabriel Asuncion (RIP)**

Wednesday, August 2, 2017 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 9:30 am

Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Manuel George De Costa, Jr. (RIP)

Tuesday, August 1, 2017 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 9:30 am

Mass: 10 am

Burial: 1 pm ~ Punchbowl

Nora Dichoso Domingo (RIP)

Wednesday, August 23, 2017 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 10 am

Mass: 11 am

Conklin Leighton Kaapana (RIP)

Saturday, August 5, 2017 ~ Mililani Memorial Park Mortuary (Mauka)

Visitation: 5 pm

Memorial Service: 6:30 pm

Burial: Monday, August 7, 2017 ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Julian Rilveria (RIP)

Saturday, August 19, 2017 ~ Mililani Memorial Park Mortuary (Makai)

Visitation: 8:00 am

Funeral Service: 10:15 am

Burial: 11:00 am ~ Mililani Memorial Park

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE JULY 15/16

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,768.46
Children's Collection	\$ 13.50
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 1,353.75
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 880.25
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 3,858.88
Candle Sales	\$ 508.00
Collection - Thanksgiving	\$ 20.00
Donation - Youth/ Young Adults	\$ 30.00
Donation - Charity	\$ 33.00
Donation- Funeral	\$ 300.00
Donation- Wedding	\$ 300.00
Donation- Global Outreach	\$ 2,500.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 284.00
Weekend Total:	\$ 21,849.84

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

Living Catholic in the 808: Confirmation is Us Confirming Our Faith.

Sometimes Catholics approach Confirmation like a graduation, saying, "I made my Confirmation," as if it is something that they earned after completing X number of service hours or attending Y percentage of Confirmation classes. But, that is not what Confirmation means.

We the baptized do not "confirm" our faith in the sacrament of Confirmation. Rather, it is God who confirms us in the free gift of our faith: "He has put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee" Ephesians 1:13, 4:30

Pope Francis addressed this point in his general audience of Jan. 29, 2014: "Confirmation, like every sacrament, is not the work of men but of God, who cares for our lives in such a manner as to mold us in the image of his Son, to make us capable of loving like him. God does it by infusing in us his Holy Spirit, whose action pervades the whole person and his/her entire life."

Soon, seven year-olds who were baptized as infants will be confirmed prior to receiving First Communion. (When this will happen depends on your parish plan.) God will perfect in them the grace received at Baptism, perfect in them the common priesthood of all the faithful (Catechism of the Catholic Church, Nos. 1305 and 1316).

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

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

July 23, August 13 & 27, September 10...

***Baptism Preparation Classes:** August 6....

****Please contact the Parish Office to make all arrangements in advance 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.



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.

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 sung 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.

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!



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 the Church.

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

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 24-July 30

Monday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
4 pm - Girl Scouts (Rm 6)
6:30 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 - Knights of Columbus (Rm 5)
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)

Wednesday - Daily Mass (8AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
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 am - Church Cleaning- Group 5 (CH)
9 am - Bereavement Ministry Mtg. (Conf rm)
7pm - RCIA Info Night (Rm 5)
7pm - Catholics Returning Home (PSCH)

Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:30 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
4 pm - 2 Hearts (CH)
6:30 pm - Preschool Parent Orientation (Rm 4/5)
7pm - Parish Stewardship Retreat Part 1 (CH)

Saturday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:30 am - Stewardship Retreat Part 2 (CH)
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

ONE COMMUNITY CENTER

CONNECT · ENGAGE · WITNESS · EVANGELIZE

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is there such an immediate need for this campaign and this project?

This was not an easily-reached decision or a commitment taken lightly by parish leadership. St. John Apostle & Evangelist has continued to grow at a fast pace and our current facilities can no longer handle the needs of our parish. We cannot ignore the need for this new facility and the other planned improvements. In the past two years, we have added almost 300 new families. When we made the decision to move forward with this project, we were proud of our 52 ministries; today, we have 62 ministries, and those numbers will no doubt continue to increase.

Why is it so important to make a pledge now?

It is critical that we secure total commitments of \$3 million within the next few weeks. That will keep us on schedule and allow us to submit building permits within the next month — a deadline that must be met to ensure the building will be completed within our timeline. We are currently working with a bank on a loan and mortgages, but again, we must demonstrate our own ability to address that loan in the future.

What does the One Community Center accomplish for our parish family?

The sense of community here at St. John A & E is almost tangible. We experience it at every Mass and every parish event. Watch how people relate to one another and how they go out of their way to meet and greet and connect to one another. To keep this sense of togetherness and to expand it in the future, we need a new facility that will allow us to gather as a community outside of the church setting. That, too, is important for the health and strength of the parish. It allows us to continue to be the hospitable and community-oriented parish that we already are.

Why is it important for everyone to make a pledge, and why for three years?

We are deeply grateful for the commitments we have already received from more than 200 households. However, for us to complete this project, it is something we must do together as a parish family, and that requires everyone to step up and participate. A commitment made over three years allows a family to make a greater contribution and it enables us to plan more effectively and accomplish our goals for the project. We appreciate all gifts, regardless of size. The complete participation of all is the most essential element in a successful campaign.



What if our financial situation changes after we make a pledge?

Life happens! Each family and individual's situation is different. If something changes in your life that could impact your ability to fulfill your original pledge, let us know and we will work with you. A commitment to the campaign is not legally binding in any way, even with a signed pledge card. Remember: we are asking each family to make an equal sacrifice, not an equal gift amount.

Is it still the plan to relocate the parish pre-school?

Our school is an important part of our parish community and we are continuing to work actively with the Diocese and a real estate agent on locating a property for an off-campus site that will enable it to continue its valuable ministry. Through careful analysis, we have determined the additional space we will gain in the space currently used by the school is great, but it is not nearly enough for our growing parish and its ministries. Building the One Community Center will ensure we have enough space both for now and in the future.

In addition to the need for more space, are there other significant reasons for the parish to undertake this project?

We could cite many reasons that this is beneficial to our parish. For starters, service is at the heart of stewardship, and the One Community Center will allow us to better serve one another and the community. It provides a space where we can meet both formally and informally. It gives us a space where we can meet and become closer in a variety of ways. It also assists us in our efforts to reach out to the community. Finally, this is something we need to do for God – to help build His Kingdom right here in Mililani. This helps us to educate, proclaim the Gospel as we are called to do, and to present opportunities for adult education. As a parish community we have a mission – one to which God is calling us as individuals as well as a faith family.

Are there some specifics about the One Community Center of which we should be aware?

Of course, we will have space for meetings and events we have never had previously. The entire building will be handicapped-accessible. It will include new and improved bathroom facilities. The kitchen, although not a full kitchen initially, will have the room and potential to be developed into a full kitchen, and even at this time, it will have double sinks and refrigerators.

Note:

The public phase of this campaign is coming to a close. To those who have not made a pledge, on behalf of the entire parish leadership, please make a three-year pledge today. Your pledge can begin next month and be paid out on a monthly basis, but we are also very flexible and can work with you based on your own circumstances.

