

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY: MONSIGNOR JOHN S. MBINDA

The kingdom - a treasure of great value - and letting go in order to possess it, are the phrases that help to capture the central message of this Sunday. This Sunday, Jesus uses three parables to help us discover how we could move from life without Christ to life in Christ by living the values of the kingdom. In other words, Jesus gives us concrete examples on personal commitment and resolve to possess the treasure of great value.

In the first two parables, Jesus uses familiar images and commercial values of his time, which are still valid today. In the first parable, Jesus shows us that once we have discovered the value of the kingdom, we should sell all we own, in order to possess it. We are challenged to give up everything we value most, in order to be part of this kingdom. Therefore, it is not so much the treasure, but our personal commitment and resolve to do all we can to live the values of the kingdom. The decisive question for us is whether we are prepared to let go of our treasure for the sake of possessing the treasure of great value - Jesus Christ - in order to live in accordance with the values of kingdom. Jesus teaches us that the kingdom of heaven is much more valuable than anything we possess. That is the treasure that Jesus reveals to us. Therefore, there is great wisdom in trying to possess it.

In the first reading from the First Book of Kings, Solomon asks for wisdom and discernment. Wisdom is much more than just possessing a lot of things or a long life. It gives someone discernment on what really matters most in life. We know what mattered most in St. Paul's life. Writing to the Philippians Paul says, "I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake, I have accepted the loss of all things, and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ." (Phil. 3:8)

Our One Community Center is like the treasure of great value in the gospel. We have found that treasure and there is no turning back! We are all challenged to go forward like the man in the parable by letting go of our treasure in order to accomplish our goal.

May God bless you all.

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

Grateful and Giving



Jesus says more about money and possessions than he does about any other subjects, including heaven and hell. Jesus knew the human heart so well. He knew the way money gets a hold of our hearts and the way at times we forget the giver of all we possess.

We give to God because He first gave us all we possess. "What do you possess that you have not received? But if you have received it, why are you boasting as if you did not receive it?" (1 Cor 4:7). We have been abundantly blessed by God. Each time we come to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, we come intentionally to express gratitude to God. Shortly before the consecration, the presider and the congregation exchange a dialogue of thanksgiving. "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God", the presider prays, and we respond, "It is right and just." The presider continues to pray, "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord."

Just as the Father sacrifices His Son on the Cross for our salvation, our thanksgiving to God needs to be sacrificial, that is giving till it hurts! One of the tensions in our discipleship lies in whether we live our life and give to God the leftovers, or whether we give to God first, and then manage the rest. During this capital campaign, let us prayerfully put down our three-year pledge to give for our One Community Center. If you have not made your pledge yet, count your blessings first, and then write down your pledge. I want to thank all parishioners for your patience and understanding during this process of our capital campaign.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

FEATURED SAINT

Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Feast day: July 31



Patron Dioceses of San Sebastian and Bilbao, Biscay & Gipuzkoa, Basque Country, Military Ordinariate of the Philippines, Society of Jesus, soldiers, Educators and Education.

Founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), Saint Ignatius of Loyola, like Saint Francis of Assisi, had a conversion experience while recuperating from a serious illness. Being a military man, the Rule of Life that Saint Ignatius wrote for his followers shows the discipline and rigor of a soldier, but a soldier of faith with the mercy and compassion of the Gospel. The method of discernment developed by Saint Ignatius is used to this day by many in the Church.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017

The Transfiguration of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

In this first reading from the prophet Isaiah, the Lord invites all to his heavenly banquet to eat and drink without paying for it. The invitation includes a caution against spending money on what is merely mundane; on things that do not satisfy. That banquet is free for all, but Isaiah is actually pointing to what people deep down hunger and thirst for, namely God. Instead of just receiving food and drink, God promises salvation, peace, freedom from sin, and life everlasting.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18

Psalm 145 is a beautiful prayer of someone who totally depends on God. Because God is full of compassion and good to all who call upon him, the psalmist deeply trusts in God who has a personal care for his people. Response: "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs."

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

In this passage, Paul is convinced that nothing will separate us from God's love expressed in Christ Jesus. His faith therefore goes beyond merely putting up with present misfortunes in hopes of getting something better later. He invites every Christian to share with him a vision that God is actively at work within the contradictions and evils of this world, not to remove them but to restore order and healing in and through them.

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

This passage begins with reference to the death of John the Baptist. In so doing, Matthew introduces a lengthy section in chapters 14-18 in which Jesus predicts his own rejection as Messiah, his suffering and death on the cross. Along with the revelation throughout this section of Jesus as crucified savior comes a reminder that his disciples too must share in his cross. The multiplication of loaves serves to present Jesus as the Messiah. He is the successor of Moses, and so he continues to nourish his people and lead them through the desert to the banquet promised by Isaiah in the first reading, now fulfilled in Jesus. The superabundance of the feeding of the crowds by Jesus foreshadows the eternal banquet.

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 31, 2017 (8 am)

Dion Kevin & Mila Cortel
(Wedding Anniversary/Blessing)
✠ Angelito Raglinao
(Birthday Memorial)

Tuesday, August 1, 2017 (8 am)

✠ Carol K. Baron
Santa Ana Family (Thanksgiving)
Rachelle Lorenzo (Healing)

Wednesday, August 2, 2017 (8 am)

Marietta Kaeo
(Healing/Birthday Blessing)
✠ Raymond Snider
(Memorial Anniversary)
✠ Fermina Tumbagon

Thursday, August 3, 2017 (8 am)

✠ Raymond Maday
✠ Paciencia Nazareth
(2nd yr Death Anniversary)
✠ Fermina Tumbagon

Friday, August 4, 2017 (8 am)

✠ Feliciano Dona
Beverly Perry (Birthday Blessing)
✠ Patrick Vea Saguibo
(1 yr Death Anniversary)

Saturday, August 5, 2017

8 am ✠ Mariano Mendoza, Sr.
✠ Fermina Tumbagon
✠ Patrick Vea Saguibo
5 pm ✠ Gaylord Houghton

Sunday, August 6, 2017

7am Liz Perry (Birthday Blessing)
9am For the People
11 am ✠ Patrick Vea Saguibo
6 pm ✠ Daria Banayaga

✠ 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

Burial: 12:30pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Conklin Leighton Kaapana (RIP)

Saturday, August 5, 2017 ~ Mililani Memorial Park (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 (Makai)

Visitation: 8:00 am

Funeral Service: 10:15 am

Burial: 11:00 am ~ Mililani Memorial Park

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE JULY 22/23

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,626.80
Children's Collection	\$ 3.00
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,959.25
Stewardship Development	\$ 95.00
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 920.50
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 10,420.50
Candle Sales	\$ 616.00
Collection - Religious Education	\$ 250.00
Donation - Social Ministry	\$ 32.00
Donation - Youth/ Young Adults	\$ 280.00
Donation - Charity	\$ 166.00
Donation - Baptism	\$ 40.00
Donation - Wedding	\$ 500.00
Donation - Peter's Pence	\$ 25.00
Donation - Seminarian Education	\$ 5,795.77
Mass Intentions	\$ 110.00

Weekend Total: \$ 34,839.82

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

LITURGICAL FOOD FOR THOUGHTFrom *Pews to Shelves*

Sometimes our homes need a little "Home Improvement". With a little rearranging, adding new furniture, new paint, etc., one can transform, organize and brighten up the space. When guests, family, and friends come to visit our home, it's always the perfect opportunity to clean up and give a hospitable place of welcome.

Just as our church is Jesus' home, we strive to keep this sacred space clean and orderly, but more importantly a place for our spiritual resting/recharging, and welcoming all who enter our doors. Sweeping, mopping, dusting, washing, floral arrangements, etc. are just a few of the maintenance that happens to keep our church feeling comfortable and looking beautiful.

It has come to our attention that the Breaking Bread hymnals have been worn out with pages bent and torn after much use and left out of its proper place. *St. John's hopes to use a better method of storing and maintaining the books:*) **We hope to use plastic covers on the books, and instead of placing the hymnals between the chairs, they will be placed on bookshelves located near the entrance of the church.** As most of our congregation utilizes the PPT screens to participate in the mass (music/words/etc.), we ask those who use the Breaking Bread hymnals to help themselves from the bookshelves as you enter the church. Then, after mass return them to the bookshelf. This may help to keep the books orderly and intact, and our church look less cluttered.

In the end we are all responsible in creating an environment that brings focus to our prayer and our Heavenly Father, and less on those things that distract us. May our visitors feel our hospitality in this small way and be encouraged and comfortable to pray with us. Let us take care of giving the best to our Lord as his faithful stewards. "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst." (Matthew 18:20)

God bless, & Aloha for now,
Nick Calzada
Director of Liturgy

**LIFE TEEN SUMMER 2017**

Life Teen is open to all high school aged youth. Life Nights are on Sundays after the 6 pm mass from 7:15pm- 8:30pm in the church.

SUMMER SCHEDULE:

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

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

August 13- King: A Life Night on Christ the King.

For more information, please contact the RE office at (808) 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.

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: The next 24 hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on **Friday, August 4th**, after the 8 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am on Saturday August 5th.

The Hui O Laulima Food Trolley will be out next weekend, **August 5th & 6th.** There is a need for non-perishable, single-sized serving foods: cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, jam, fruit, ramen, rice (5lb bags), canned goods (meats, sauces, soups, pasta, veggies, beans, fruits), mac & cheese, etc. Thank you for your continued support and kokua.

SJAE Women's Guild: Church Pilgrimage to St. Roch's, Sts. Peter & Paul, and St. Michael's! **Saturday, August 5, 2017.** Bus leaves St. John's at 9am, Lunch at Waimea Falls Park and Bus will return at 2pm. Contact SJAE Women's Guild at 224-5484 **before July 27th to reserve your seat!** \$5 for Bus, \$10 for lunch (optional) and Guests are Welcome!

SJAE Women's Guild: SJAE Women's Guild will be having their delicious bake sale after the morning masses on **August 13!** Please show your support and enjoy the goodies.

The next Catholic Book Club: meeting will be on **Thursday, August 17, 7-9 pm** in classroom 6. The title of the discussion book is Life of Christ by Bishop Fulton Sheen. Bring a snack to share. For more information, contact Melissa Crisostomo: (808) 626-2469 or alohamc@gmail.com.

Rosary Making Ministry: The next gathering in on **August 30th at 10 am** on the Church Lanai. Everyone is welcome.

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

Planting Seeds for the Future: "Later" can be too late. Don't delay having your will drawn. Make sure your estate plans are in place so that your wishes will be carried out to benefit your family. Gifts you plan for your church through your will can help your church continue to minister and serve.

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

THIS WEEK: July 31-August 6

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 - MC Meeting
7 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

Thursday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

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

Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:30 am - Adoration

Saturday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am - Marriage Validation Workshop (Rms 4/5)
10 am - DHCCS Religious Emblems Coordinator Training (Rm 6)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm - Mass (Saturday Vigil)
6 pm - Family Rosary Group (CH)

Sunday - Masses

7 am, 9 am, 11 am, & 6 pm
12:30 pm - RE Education Parent Orientation (Rms 4/5)
2 pm - Baptism Preparation Class (Rms 4/5)
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