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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY: MICHAEL SUH NIBA

The first theme that unites all the readings of our Mass is that God saves all – Christian, Jew, Gentile and Pagan and Atheist alike. In answer to a question that I think we have all asked ourselves at some time and which has been asked all through the history of Christianity – *Who Can Be Saved?*– Avery Cardinal Dulles writes:

Adherents of other religions... Even Atheists can be saved if they worship God under some other name and place their lives at the service of truth and justice. God's saving grace, channeled through Christ the one Mediator, leaves no one unassisted. But that same grace brings obligations to all who receive it.

One thing that is common to those who recognize God in any way, is that God is a God who provides; who answers prayers. This is the second theme. The Gospel reading of today brings together these two themes – The God who saves both Pagan and Christian alike is a God who answers the prayer of Pagan and Christian alike – on one condition. That the person who asks, does so with faith; with persistence. Jesus' conversation with the woman gives the impression that Jesus was not willing to answer her request because she was a Canaanite. But she was not one to give up easily. In the end, Jesus recognizes and rewards her faith.

The woman has the last word. Beggars may not have choices. But some beggars who perceive that their dignity might be abused give up. Not this woman. Her faith must have helped her realize that Jesus' reference to her as a dog bore no abuse, no racist undertones. So she bears him no resentment or anger. Both need and faith give her a sharpness of tongue that surprise Jesus. Bottom line, this woman tells Jesus, those who eat from the table and those who pick up the scraps eat exactly the same thing. When it comes to you, she seems to be telling Jesus, beggars have rights, because you allow them to eat what the children eat. In the person of Jesus, distinctions according to race, lose all meaning. The Jesus of this woman's faith has no favorites. Bottom line, all animals are animals and even if some fool themselves, they are more equal than others, the Lord of all animals knows differently. Jesus is that Lord. In short this woman tells Jesus, even if I am a dog, I'd prefer to be your dog for I know you'll treat me kindly. I know you'll give me more than scraps. You'll let me feed from the table. She does not change her request. In not changing her request, she demands no more, no less than what she knew he was capable of and had done for the Jews. She does not repeat her request but she is telling him: "Cure my daughter as you cured the leper after you came down from the mountain (Matthew 8:1-4); as you cured the Centurion's servant (8:5-13); as you cured Peter's Mother-in-Law (8:14-17); as you cured the Gadarene Demoniacs (8:28-34); as you cured the paralytic (9:1-8). If the same person, using the same powers over the same reality of sickness with the same results does not speak of equality, nothing else will. This woman's faith has a lot of common sense to it.

How I wish, I could approach Jesus with the same faith when I am confronted with the challenges that life throws at me.

Avery Cardinal Dulles SJ., *Who can be saved?* <https://www.firstthings.com/article/2008/02/001-who-can-be-saved-8>. Accessed on Monday 14th August 2017 at 11 am.

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)

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Part 2: The Sacraments of Initiation

Baptism (from the Greek noun βάπτισμα *baptisma*, meaning immersion) is the sacrament in which, by water and the power of the Holy Spirit, a person is cleansed of all sin, including the original sin, and is reborn into the new life of Christ. We also say that a person becomes a new member of the Body of Christ. The action by which Baptism takes place is twofold:

The pouring of water or immersion;

The words: "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (cf. Matthew 28:19)

Confirmation (from the Latin verb *confirmare*, meaning to make secure, firm or strengthen) is the sacrament in which the baptized members are strengthened by the Holy Spirit in order to bear witness to Christ throughout their lives by taking on the role of a disciple and steward of Jesus Christ. The Sacrament of Confirmation is conferred by a bishop or priest with the following action and words:

Laying of Hands and anointing with Holy Chrism The words
"Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." (cf. Acts 8:14-17)

Eucharist (from the Greek ευχαριστία *efcharistia*, which is a translation of the Hebrew word *berekah* both meaning thanksgiving or praise for the wonderful works of God.) is the sacrament in which the true Body and Blood of Christ, who is truly present under the appearance of bread and wine, is received in Holy Communion. The materials and the words by which the true Body and Blood of Christ is made present at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass are the following:

- ❖ Bread and wine
- ❖ The words of institution by the priest: "This is my body....this is my blood. (cf. Luke 22:19, originally from 1 Corinthians 11:24)

In the next article, we will start a mini journey through the sacrament of Baptism.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda



Be Inspired and transformed! The largest Catholic Convention on our islands is coming October 20—22 at the Hawaii Convention Center. This conference will feature local, national, and International speakers including Cardinal Mafi and Sr. Helen Prejean. You can also expect uplifting musical performances by Paul, Kim, Jackie, Angel, and a medley of local Catholic music ministries! There will be Mass, Confessions, Adoration, and even a Chapel and Arts Display room! You can register for the conference, find a full listing of speakers and the conference schedule at our website dmcchawaii.org.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Shebna is scribe to King Hezekiah. When the Assyrians were threatening to invade Jerusalem, Shebna advised the king to enter into a conspiracy of agreements with the Egyptians, despite God's promise to protect his people. Isaiah is angry prophesies that Shebna will be replaced by Eliakim, Hezekiah's royal chamberlain. The keys given to him are a symbol of his vicarious power, of his authority. The tradition concerning the keys of the kingdom entrusted to Peter by Jesus, as we have in today's Gospel, refers to this oracle of Isaiah.

Responsorial Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

Psalm 138, most probably composed by David, is one of thanksgiving and praise. The psalmist thanks God with all his heart and sings his praise because his kindness and love endure for all eternity: "Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands."

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

After trying his best to describe the boundless love of God, made visible in Jesus Christ, Savior of Jews and Gentiles alike, Paul prays in sudden emotion and gratitude: "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!" God, in his own unsearchable way, from the beginning of time has planned a future for each one of us, and in our best moments (kairos), when we meditate on the greatness, love and wisdom of God, we too are filled with awe and gratitude, and feel as Paul did.

Gospel: Mathew 16:13-20

Peter's confession of faith in Jesus is a turning point in Jesus' ministry. Jesus first asks what others say he is to what they say he is. Many believed that Jesus is the reincarnation of John the Baptizer or the long-awaited return of the prophet Elijah or Jeremiah (Malachi 4, 5-6). Simon Peter, however, has been given the gift of faith and unequivocally states that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus blesses Simon with the new name of "rock" (Kephain Aramaic, Petros in Greek), the foundation for Jesus' new Church. Peter is entrusted with the keys of the kingdom of heaven (an image drawn from Isaiah 22: 15-25, today's first reading) and the mission to bring sins to consciousness and to proclaim to sinners the love and forgiveness of God.

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

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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 21, (8 am)

Sherwin Aquino (Birthday Blessing)

† Manny DeCosta

Jocelyn Taaca (Healing)

Tuesday, August 22, 2017 (8 am)

† Demetria Manadic

† Carlos Tamonte, Sr.

(Death Anniversary)

† Jerry Tamonte (Death Anniversary)

Wednesday, August 23, 2017 (8 am)

† James & Mildred Mizoguchi

† Maria Crisostomo

† Nora D. Domingo

Thursday, August 24, 2017 (8 am)

† Jesse Pangelinan

(Memorial Anniversary)

† Bill & Myra Holmes

(Blessing/Healing)

† Nora D. Domingo

Friday, August 25, 2017 (8 am)

† Ernest Grace (Birthday Memorial)

Justin Tano (Birthday Blessing)

Kristine Calzada (Birthday Blessing)

Saturday, August 26, 2017

8 am † Abraham Miram

(Birthday Memorial)

† Teresita Mercado

(1st Death Anniversary)

† Nora D. Domingo

5 pm † Roque Bernardo

Sunday, August 27, 2017

7am † Clara Gomes

9am For the People

11 am † Nora D. Domingo

(Memorial Anniversary)

6 pm † Rene Antonio Cuenca

† 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: 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, Julian Rilveria, Fermina Tumbagon, Marie Chan Hin, Maria Crisostomo, Encarnacion Agpalza, Denise Mirafuentes & Violet Porras.

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS †

Nora Dichoso Domingo (RIP)

Wednesday, August 23, 2017 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 10 am

Mass: 11 am

Burial: 12:30pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

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

August 27, September 10 & 24, October 8 & 22...

*Baptism Preparation Classes: September 3, October 1....

**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.

The next 24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on *Fri., September 1*, immediately after the 8 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am on *Sat., September 2*.



St. John's participating in *Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program*. From September 1-30, Customers are invited to make donations of up to \$249 (per person) at checkout. Donations are accepted by Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farm checkout. At checkout, present your Maika'i card (or provide number) and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to:

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Outreach, code #77455

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AUG 12/13

Sunday Collection	\$ 13,291.05
Children's Collection	\$ 3.50
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,883.25
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 765.50
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 29,668.75
Candle Sales	\$ 425.00
Donation - Social Ministry	\$35.00
Donation - Charity	\$49.00
Donation - Catholic Charities HI	\$15.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 270.00
Weekend Total:	\$ 47,406.05

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

SJAE ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Did you receive your Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion?

Are you 18+ year or older?

Do you consider yourself an active Catholic?

This special adult Confirmation program maybe is for you!

Classes:

Wednesday, 7:30 — 8:30 pm.

Track #1	Sept 6th	Sept 13th	Sept 27th
Track #2	Oct 11th	Oct 25th	Nov 8th

You need to attend and complete ONE track!

For more information, contact the office of Religious Education at:

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Message from the

Religious Education Office

IMPORTANT DATES:

Schedule "A" and Edge (6-8) will begin on *Sunday, August 20th*

No Life Teen Night on *Sunday, August 20th*

Kick-Off Opening Year Mass on *Sunday, August 27th at 6 pm*

Schedule "B" and Life Teen (9-12) will begin on *Sunday, August 27th*

***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!

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.

Catholic Charities Hawaii (CCH): Our parish will be participating in a special collection next weekend, *August 26/27*, for CCH. Your participation will help fulfill the mission to serve the most vulnerable brothers & sisters. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please drop your donation during offertory or you may also donate online through our parish "Online Giving". Please be generous.

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

Spice up your marriage with Faith, Fellowship and Fun as this exciting enrichment series "**Six Dates for Catholic Couples**" is coming to SJAE! *Save the dates: September 8, 15, 22, 29, October 13, 20 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm.* Contact Duane & Wanya Ogata at 625-8863 for more info.

Do you need an Estate Plan? No matter the size of your estate, estate planning done right can help to preserve your assets for you and your loved ones. Proper planning can also help provide you with peace of mind now, so you can enjoy the present day with the ones you care about, encourage family harmony, and ensure a strong foundation that is well prepared to weather difficult times. **St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church & Estate Planning Group**, cordially invite you to the NUTS & BOLTS OF ESTATE PLANNING seminar covering all you need to know about estate planning. You will learn about what estate planning entails and common pitfalls that lead to family fighting. This free seminar will take place on *Saturday, September 9th at 9:30am – 11 am in the church.*

Don't fall into fall! Play it safe and come to a free workshop, "Making Life Safer Around the Home: Fall Prevention and Physical Therapy," on *Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. in the church.* Mary Lau-Miki, Director of Mililani Physical Therapy, will provide useful tips on making our homes safe. After the presentation, Parish Health Ministry, in coordination with *Long's Drugs*, will be providing free flu shots from **10:30 until 12 noon.** Come on out – take some time to think about safety, enjoy door prizes and snacks, and get your free flu shot all in one Saturday morning! (Presentation sponsored by St. John's Disability Team, Senior Team, & Parish Health Ministry.)

The next Catholic Book Club: meeting will be on *Thursday, September 21, 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.



JOIN Cub Scouts! Our Cub Scouts Pack 144 will be doing their annual popcorn fundraiser on *Sunday, September 25th* after all morning masses.

Health Tips from the Parish Health Ministry...

Advances in Non-Surgical Treatments for restoring pain-free mobility



Medical centers are on the cutting edge of treatment to relieve joint pain, inflammation and restore your active lifestyle. Harvard Medical School reports that in some cases, such as torn knee cartilage, a customized physical therapy works just as well as surgery.

It is clinically proven to strengthen muscles and tendons that support joints. As a result, there is less inflammation, stiffness and pain as well as increased range of motion and flexibility.

Planting Seeds for the Future: How long has it been since you updated your will? Does it still express your wishes? Does it leave a gift to your church to carry on its ministry after your death?

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



THIS WEEK: August 21-August 27

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)
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)

Wednesday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (Conf. Rm)
9 am - SMC Meeting (Rm 5)
6 pm - OLPH Prayer Group (CH)
7 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)
7 pm - RCIA (Rectory Lanai)

Thursday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)

Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

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

Saturday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am - Church Cleaning - Group 4
9 am - Liturgical Movements Ministry (Rm 4)
10 am - Health Ministry Mtg. (Rm 6)
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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