

# ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!**

## SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

**BY: FATHER JOSEPH AYINPUUSA**

The Hebrew people had a deep conviction of the importance of names. Changing a name in midlife signified a new purpose in life given to that person. In today's Gospel Jesus changes Simon's name to Peter – Petros in Greek, meaning a rock because Peter has just been selected to be the foundation stone upon which the Church is to be built (cf Mat 16:18).

It is, however, amazing that Christ picked Peter to be the leader of his Church. Peter was everything but rock-like. At times he was very brave. At other times he was very cowardly. The reason why Christ still chose Peter lies in what St. Paul teaches us in our second Reading of today. Paul bows before the authority of God, whose ways are inscrutable and unsearchable but full of wisdom. Christ did so because he obviously saw potential in that weak and fragile Peter. Jesus saw in Peter a person of stable and unshakable faith. Despite all his failures and weaknesses, Peter never gave up. Christ saw in Peter one who was humble and open to God. Jesus proclaims that this man who is blessed by God will become the foundation stone of a new community of believers.

Hence, Christ dealt with Peter patiently and helped him grow into the man who was ready to lay down his life for him, and who eventually did. Christ involved him in his work; praised him when he did well; corrected or rebuke him when he was wrong. He understood that when Peter denied him, he did not so much out of evil as out of weakness. He allowed him the space to learn from his failure. He forgave him and gave him the chance to begin again.

The thread which runs right through their relationship is this: Peter knew that Christ believed in him and loved him. Love is the climate in which people can grow. This was the rock in Peter's life. It was only when Peter regained his faith and reasserted his love that he was put in charge of the flock.

Like Peter, we are all called to play our part in building Christ's church. As St. Paul says "Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5). Christ himself is the builder. Our role is to allow Christ to use us. In a way Peter's story is our story too. We are so much like him. We too blow hot and cold in our loyalty to Christ. Sometimes we are strong, and sometimes we are like a reed shaking in the wind. But we should not be afraid to look at ourselves to see if we are growing as Christians; to see if we are becoming more attached to Christ. Without a warm relationship with Christ, such as Peter had, we are only on the fringes of Christianity. We can learn so much from Peter for our own relationship with Christ.

## 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

### What is the Sacrament of Baptism?

Since the earliest times of the Church, the sacrament of baptism has been the rite of initiation into the Church. It is often referred to as the "door into the Church," or the gate which gives access to the other sacraments. Without baptism, one cannot receive the other sacraments. It is important for parents to understand the sacrament of baptism before bringing their child for baptism.

In baptism, we are forgiven of all sins including the original sin which we inherited from Adam and Eve. More importantly, we are initiated and welcomed into the family of faith – the Church. This initiation takes place through a number of symbols that we shall elaborate in part 4 on "what happens at baptism?"

The Church teaches that baptism frees us from the original sin, and puts an indelible mark in us as reborn children of God. In baptism, the "one Spirit" makes us members of the Body of Christ and of one another (cf *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1267). In the one baptism of Christ all members share "a common dignity" so that "no inequality arising from race or nationality, social condition or sex" exists, for all are one in Christ (Second Vatican Council Document, *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* – *Lumen Gentium*, #32).

*Msgr. John S. Mbinda*

Our Lady of Good Counsel brings you

# Steve Angrisano

## In Concert

Friday, September 8  
7:00pm | OLG Church  
1525 Waimano Home Road

# &

## Workshop

Saturday, September 9  
9:00am - 1:00pm | OLG Pastoral Center  
Light refreshments starting from 8am

Please RSVP to Bob Mariano at 808-388-1581  
or Sharie Quibilan at olgcyouthchoir@gmail.com  
Donations welcome. Carpooling recommended. Seating is limited.



Steve Angrisano is undoubtedly one of the most effective and versatile ministry leaders in the Church today. Young and old alike embrace the passionate message of faith, hope and love woven throughout his music and storytelling. Always rooted in a spirit of humility and faithfulness, Steve's honest style of ministry is born from who he is: a committed witness to the life and love of Jesus Christ. Steve's unique blend of humor, song, story and interaction engage audiences of all ages. This makes him both a natural and popular choice for parish missions, youth conferences, and diocesan, national and world-wide events.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017****Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7-9

This reading is one of the six personal laments or confessions of Jeremiah. All these laments provide an intimate insight into the personal and spiritual struggles that Jeremiah experienced as a result of his call to the prophetic ministry. Because of his message of destruction and violence, Jeremiah becomes a laughingstock, a source of public ridicule. He was scorned and mocked by the people as well as by the religious leaders of Judah. Today's reading (the fifth lament) reflects Jeremiah's struggle with God and expresses his feelings that God has betrayed him and left alone to face humiliation and shame.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 63

The love of God is so enticing that one cannot consciously reject it. Every human being thirsts and longs for God. "My soul is thirsting for you, o Lord my God". Thirst or love for God is like a burning fire and at times it can be painful, but only He and He alone can quench our thirst.

Second Reading: Romans 12: 1-2

Paul has been describing at length God's great love for human beings shown in His sending His Son Jesus Christ (Rom 1-11). Now he starts explaining Christian ethics as a response to that love. A life of love, a life pleasing the beloved (God), implies denial of self. "Do not conform yourselves to this age", i.e., the values advocated by a corrupt society and not compatible with the values of God!

Gospel: Mathew 16: 21-27

In today's Gospel Jesus proclaims clearly that his mission as the Messiah includes suffering and death. Authentic discipleship stewardship involves taking on the cross and 'denying one-self' – disowning ourselves as the center of our existence and realizing that God is the object and purpose of our lives. Love of God requires denial of self and by nature it is sometimes painful, as was the experience of Jeremiah. In denying ourselves we discover the life and love of God. A life of lasting commitment to Christ and to his message of reconciliation that includes renouncing selfish (life centered on our own needs and wants) is a challenge..

**Follow Msgr. John's Homilies! Blog**  
(text): [www.sundayhomily.com](http://www.sundayhomily.com)

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

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

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Monday, August 28, (8 am)**

† Nora D. Domingo  
† Gloria Olegario  
† Barbara Kierdal

**Tuesday, August 29, 2017 (8 am)**

† Roldolfo Taglinao  
(Birthday Memorial)  
† Nora D. Domingo  
† Maria Kowalska

**Wednesday, August 30, 2017 (8 am)**

† Harold Jones Sr. & Jr.  
(Birthday Memorial)  
† Nora D. Domingo  
† Lorenzo Rull, Jr. (Birthday Memorial)

**Thursday, August 31, 2017 (8 am)**

Wendell Perry (Birthday Blessing)  
† Nora D. Domingo  
† Robert Cleghorn

**Friday, September 1, 2017 (8 am)**

† Feliciano Dona  
† Thelma Villareal Danguo  
† Nora D. Domingo

**Saturday, September 2, 2017**

**8 am** † Eulalio Tulang  
(Memorial Anniversary)  
† Gloria Olegario  
† Maria Crisostomo  
**5 pm** Marisela Sosa

**Sunday, September 3, 2017**

**7am** † Mary C. Abad  
**9am** For the People  
**11 am** † Julian Rilveria  
**6 pm** Milagros & Guillermo Uytingco  
(Anniversary)  
† 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, Deacon Modesto Cordero and all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

**DECEASED:** 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, Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo & Marietta Kaeo.

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

September 10 &amp; 24, October 8 &amp; 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.

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

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*.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AUG 19/20**

|                                                   |                     |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Sunday Collection</b>                          | <b>\$ 13,189.02</b> |
| Children's Collection                             | \$ 15.56            |
| Online Donation (WeShare)                         | \$ 4,156.25         |
| <b>Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)</b> | <b>\$ 1,022.31</b>  |
| One Community Center                              |                     |
| Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)                   | \$ 1,153.88         |
| Candle Sales                                      | \$ 970.00           |
| Donation - Social Ministry                        | \$ 105.00           |
| Donation- Charity                                 | \$ 93.00            |
| Donation - Baptisms                               | \$ 25.00            |
| Donation- Marriage                                | \$ 600.00           |
| Donation - Catholic Charities HI                  | \$ 142.00           |
| Donation- Seminarian Ed.                          | \$ 5.00             |
| Donation- Stewardship                             | \$ 95.00            |
| Mass Intentions                                   | \$ 250.00           |

**Weekend Total:** **\$ 21,867.02**

"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+ or older?**

**Do you consider yourself an active Catholic?**

**This special adult Confirmation program maybe for you!**

**Classes: Wednesday, 7:30- 8:30 pm**

**You need to attend ad complete ONE track!**

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| <b>Track #1</b> | <b>Sept 6th</b> | <b>Sept 13th</b> | <b>Sept 27th</b> |
| <b>Track #2</b> | <b>Oct 11th</b> | <b>Oct 25th</b>  | <b>Nov 8th</b>   |

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

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**mcordero@rcchawaii.org**

**or**

**Dcn. Romeo Ganibe at**  
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Message from the

**Religious Education Office**

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- ❖ **SCHEDULE "B" AND LIFE TEEN NIGHT WILL BEGIN ON *SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH***
- ❖ **KICK-OFF OPENING YEAR MASS ON *SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH AT 6 PM***

**\*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.

**\*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](mailto: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 this 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 is on *August 30th at 10 am* on the Church Lanai. Everyone is welcome.

**The Hui O Lualima Food Trolley** will be out next weekend, *September 2nd & 3rd*. 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.

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*.



**Blood Drive**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Sunday, September 10th from 8am– 1pm at all morning Masses. Please visit the Knight's table on the lanai for more information and to register after all Masses. For additional information, contact Steve Hurling at 808-927-2845.

**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 9am– 10:30am 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](mailto: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...

Follow a Heart-Healthy Diet

- ❖ Eat more fruits and veggies.
- ❖ Choose whole grains. Try brown rice instead of white. Switch to whole wheat pasta.
- ❖ Choose lean proteins like poultry, fish, beans, and legumes.
- ❖ Cut down on processed foods, sugar, salt, and saturated fat.



**Planting Seeds for the Future:** Preparing an estate plan is a good Christian stewardship- saying thanks to God, expressing your love for family, and showing charity towards others.

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



## THIS WEEK: August 28-September 3

### 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 (8AM)

- 8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
- 10am - Rosary Making (Church Lanai)
- 6 pm - OLPH Prayer Group (CH)
- 7pm - RCIA (Rms 4/5)
- 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)
- 7pm - Music Ministry (CH)

### Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Saturday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

- 8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
- 3:30 pm - Confession

### Sunday - Masses

- 7 am, 9 am, 11 am, & 6 pm 4 pm
- 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)

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FOR YOUR SECURITY PLEASE...

**PARK SMART!**

Take ALL your belongings with you.



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