

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's gospel, the parable of the 'unforgiving servant' is intended to be a moral address for the Church on the need for forgiveness. To Peter's question: "How often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? Seven times?" In the Bible, seven indicates completeness (perfection); and yet Jesus goes far beyond by replying: "Not seven but seventy times seven!" Implying that there is no limit to forgiveness because God's love is a forgiving love. The position of the servant in Jesus' parable story is absolutely hopeless. He owes the king so much money that even if he worked forever, he would not be able to repay him. This is the strong point of the story. All he can do is plea for forgiveness.

Our situation before God is similar to that of the servant. We can't win God's forgiveness. All we can do is plead for it. But God is generous with his forgiveness. We then must be willing to extend to others the forgiveness God has extended to us. To refuse to forgive those who have sinned against us would be to exclude ourselves from receiving God's forgiveness for our own sins.

Forgiveness is never easy, it is difficult but not impossible. Resentment and bitterness are dangerous things and we can't be healed of them unless we forgive. To forgive is, first and foremost a duty we owe to ourselves. We forgive for the sake of our well being. *We forgive to cleanse ourselves and to receive God's forgiveness and become instruments of His peace for others.* Forgiveness is one of the highest and most beautiful forms of love. It is a holy task and only God can help us to accomplish it fully.

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

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

The Second Vatican Council Document on the Church, describes the Holy Eucharist as "the source and summit of the Christian life" (*Lumen gentium*, # 11; cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1324). This means that the Eucharist is central to Catholic faith and practice. The Holy Eucharist is the sacrament, instituted by Christ, who is really present in the Holy Eucharist, even when not being received. It is therefore to be honored and adored. The whole Christ is present in either kind and is received by the communicant. We believe that the substance of bread and wine are truly changed into the flesh and blood of Christ by the priest in the words of consecration, so that only the appearance of bread and wine remains. The sacrament effects union with Christ; it nourishes us and increases grace in us.

The Eucharist is the greatest sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to the Father. The Liturgy of the Eucharist ends on a high note of dialogue when the presider says or chants the Doxology "prayer of praise" to signify that the whole sacrifice is offered "Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit" and that all glory and honor is to the God the Father. We then begin preparation for receiving the Holy Eucharist as we say or sing the "Our Father", which leads to the exchange of peace, signifying our reconciliation with God and with one another before we are invited to receive Holy Communion. The presider then begins an important dialogue saying, "Behold the lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the banquet of the Lamb," and we respond, "Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." We then go in all humility to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. As we come forward, the priest says, "the Body of Christ." And we respond "Amen" which means I believe. The moment we receive the Holy Eucharist is a deep experience as we received the Son of God; God himself!



SAINT OF THE WEEK

ANDREW KIM TAE-GO~ N 1821-1846 Feast Day—September 20

Andrew was among the 103 Korean Martyrs—92 Koreans and 11 Europeans—killed during a persecution in 1839-66. Born to parents who were Catholic converts, Andrew completed seminary studies in Macao and in 1845 was the first native Korean to become a Catholic priest with his ordination in Shanghai. After returning to Korea, he tried to smuggle more missionaries into the country but was arrested in 1846. He spent three months in prison, then was beheaded. His father also was among the Korean martyrs canonized in 1984.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

In this passage, the prophet Isaiah helps us to understand the total giftedness of God's love revealed throughout salvation history. Every one of us has reason to turn to God confidently seeking forgiveness, because God is not limited by our narrow ideas of justice and retribution. God's ways are not like our ways since we tend to operate on the profit motive and on merit. God operates out of his infinite loving kindness and mercy towards all.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

The words of psalm 145 echo those of Isaiah in the first reading. Even though the Lord created the universe in its splendor, the greatest of his works is his compassion. Response: "The Lord is near to all who call him."

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

This Sunday we begin using Paul's Letter to the Philippians as our second reading. It is a friendly letter written from prison at Ephesus around 58 A.D. In this passage, Paul thanks the Philippians for sending him aid. He is not discouraged over his imprisonment; he says that it does not matter where he is, alive or dead, as long as he serves the Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Most likely, Matthew wrote this parable about the laborers in the vineyard in the context of his Church community in which there were many Jewish Christians. They were "first," so they thought that they should always have the place of honor and prestige - the important posts in the Church. The parable reminds everyone that we are equal in God's eyes; God is generous to all; those who come last will enjoy the same joy as those who enter first; no one can claim a special place from God.

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(text): www.sundayhomily.com

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

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 18, 2017 (8 am)

Gwen Kelly

(Birthday Blessing)

Julie Quiroz- Zamora

(Birthday Blessing)

Shirley Guerrero (Birthday Blessing)

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 (8 am)

† Santiago Aquino

† Anthony Scarpelli

(Death Anniversary)

† Marietta Kao

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 (8 am)

Deacon Modesto Cordero

(Birthday Blessing)

† Pacita Mauleon

(Memorial Anniversary)

Kirah Evile (Birthday Blessing)

Thursday, September 21, 2017 (8 am)

† Mr. & Mrs. R. Roberson & Brenda

† Mr. & Mrs. Pacifico Ongcangco

† Violet Porras

Friday, September 22, 2017 (8 am)

† Demetria Manadic

† Loretta Rull Novenares

(Death Anniversary)

† Marietta Kao

Saturday, September 23, 2017

8 am Mark Bates

(Birthday Blessing)

† Marietta Kao

† Richard Chang

5 pm Georgia Sosa

(Birthday Blessing)

Sunday, September 24, 2017

7 am Eli Cabello (Birthday Blessing)

9 am For the People

11 am † Jose Luis Cuerva

(Memorial Anniversary)

6 pm † Robert Sawtell

† Rest in Peace †

HEALING / BLESSINGS: James & Elaine Kahala, Ellen Cleghorn, baby Mairenuí Taotaha-Amo, Ron Thames, Elaine Utu, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Agnes 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, Cheryl Solomon, Clyde Sauget, Felisa Rapisura, Linda Osdieck, David Hall, Evelyn Quinata, Kang Moreno and all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Conklin Kaapana, Demenciano Macaibay, Julian Rilveria, Fermina Tumbagon, Marie Chan Hin, Maria Crisostomo, Encarnacion Agpalza, Denise Mirafuentes, Violet Porras, Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo, Marietta Kao, Rudolfo "Rudy" Rapisura, Mina Lee, Masashi Kamiya, Violet Y. Chun, Antonia Peralta Galicinao & Florentino Tamondong, Sr.

† **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** †**Encarnacion Villanueva Agpalza (RIP)**

Friday, October 6, 2017 ~ Mililani Memorial Park Mortuary (Makai)

Wake Service: 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 7, 2017 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 10 am; Mass: 11 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Masashi Kamiya (RIP)

Friday, September 22, 2017 ~ Mililani Memorial Park Mortuary (Makai)

Visitation: 9:30 am ~ Mass: 10 am

Burial: 10:30 am ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Denise Catherine Mirafuentes (RIP)

Friday, September 29, 2017 ~ Mililani Memorial Park Mortuary (Mauka)

Visitation: 9 am; Funeral Service: 11:30 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Ruldolfo Ronnie Rapisura (RIP)

Tuesday, October 4, 2017 ~ Mililani Memorial Park Mortuary (Mauka)

Visitation: 6:30 pm ~ Makai Chapel

Thursday, October 5, 2017 ~ SJAE

Visitation: n 9:30 am; Mass: 11 am

Burial: 12:30pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Hurricane Harvey Emergency Second Collection:

Our hearts & prayers go out to the families that have lost loved ones & to all who have lost homes & businesses along with their sense of peace and normalcy. Our prayerful and financial support is urgently needed. There will be a second collection after Communion at all Masses on **Sept. 23 & 24**. This emergency collection will be used both to support the humanitarian & recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA & to provide pastoral & rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB. You may also donate online through our parish website, "Online Giving" Please be generous. Please make checks payable to **St. John**.

Note in memo "Hurricane Harvey."

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE SEPT 9/10

Sunday Collection	\$ 13,484.89
Children's Collection	\$ 10.75
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 1,619.75
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 1,144.47
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 1,591.88
Candle Sales	\$ 358.00
Donation - Social Ministry	\$ 110.00
Donation- Charity	\$ 40.00
Donation - Funeral	\$ 4,000.00
Donation- Marriage	\$ 200.00
Donation- Youth & Young Adult	\$ 30.00
Donation - Catholic Charities HI	\$ 2.00
Donation- Hurricane Relief	\$ 10.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 200.00
Weekend Total:	\$ 22,801.74

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

LITURGICAL FOOD FOR THOUGHT**Welcoming the stranger & those with disabilities.**

As Christians, we are responsible for one another in sharing the love of Christ to all. Maybe its time to "break the ice" and meet and greet those who we see each weekend and put a name to a familiar face. Maybe we can share a bit of our journey of faith. In another way, we might notice someone new and introduce ourselves before mass begins. There is nothing better than to recognize the face of Christ in all we meet and develop a desire to actually greet and pray as one community.

We hope to extend our hospitality by the end of this month of September. To be even more welcoming and provide easy accessibility, we will have areas of the church for our disabled Ohana and their care-takers. One should not feel obligated to sit in these areas. We hope that all feel more welcomed and better served in a space that allows full participation as one Ohana within the Mass.

Maybe this is the weekend to sit next to someone new, learn a new name(s) and befriend your fellow brother or sister in Christ.

God bless you all, Ohana.

Nick Calzada

Director of Liturgy

The next 24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will be held on *Fri., October 6*, immediately after the 8 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am on

**San Lorenzo Ruiz Novena**

The Fil-Am Catholic Group is hosting a novena to San Lorenzo Ruiz from **September 21st to September 30th.**

Thurs., Sept. 21	6:30 -7:30 pm	Chapel
Friday, Sept 22	6:30 - 7:30 pm	Preschool Lanai
Sat., Sept 23	3:00 - 4:00 pm	Church
Sunday, Sept 24	3:00 - 4:00 pm	Church
Mon., Sept 25	6:30 -7:30 pm	Preschool Lanai
Tues., Sept 26	6:30- 7:30 pm	Chapel
Wed., Sept 27	6:30-7:30 pm	Church
Thurs., Sept 28	6:30-7:30 pm	Church
Fri., Sept 29	6:30 -7:30 pm	Rms. 4 & 5
Sat., Sept 30	3:00- 4:00 pm	Church

On *Saturday, Sept. 30th*, everyone is invited for fellowship and a potluck following the 5:00 pm Mass. Please contact Marcie Wong (808) 375- 6752



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.

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.

Rosary Making Ministry: The next gathering is on *Saturday, September 23rd at 10 am* on the breezeway. Everyone is welcome.



JOIN Cub Scouts! Our Cub Scouts Pack 144 will be doing their annual popcorn fundraiser on *Sunday, September 25th & October 1st* after all morning masses.

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 and Foodland will double your donation!

In the first 4 days of September, we received \$69 in donations.

2017 Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program: *The Hawaii Foodbank* will be distributing a limited number of Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program voucher booklets worth \$50 at partner locations around the island. Vouchers are redeemable with certified vendors at various Farmer's Market *until Sept. 30th*. For additional information, please contact the Outreach Office at (808) 623-3332 ext 203.

SJAE Adult Confirmation Program: Did you receive your sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion? Are you 18+ years old? Did you consider yourself an active Catholic? This special adult Confirmation program maybe is for you! Classes has started and you will need to complete only ONE track! For more information, contact the *Office of Religious Education* at (808) 623-3332 ext. 204 or email: *Deacon Modesto Cordero* at mcordero@rcchawaii.org or *Deacon Romeo Ganibe* at rganibe@rcchawaii.org

Track #2	Oct. 11	Oct. 25	Nov. 8
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Health Tips from the St. John's Parish Health Ministry:

PREVENT A FALL

Check your blood pressure. *St. John's Health Ministry provides FREE blood pressure checks the 2nd Sat/Sun after mass.*

Get up slowly when getting out of bed or chair.

Review your prescription and over-the-counter medications with a pharmacist or your doctor. Medications may make you feel dizzy or sleepy.

Get your eyes checked for cataracts, glaucoma, or need for new prescription glasses.

Consider using an aid (i.e. cane or walker) when walking instead of using nearby items, furniture, and walls to balance.

Use footwear with non-skid soles when walking



Planting Seeds for the Future: Proper estate planning can reduce administrative time, expense and inconvenience. Careful estate planning can also be one of the best gifts you give your family.

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



THIS WEEK: September 18 -September 24

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- RE: Catechist Meeting (Rm 4)
7 pm - Combined Choir Practice (CH)
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)

Wednesday - Daily Mass (8AM)

8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
6 pm - OLPH Prayer Group (CH)
7pm- RCIA (Rms 4/5)
7:30 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

Thursday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
8:45 am- Women's Guild Workshop (Rm 5)
9 am- Church Cleaning- Group 3 (CH)
6:30 pm- RE: YM Meeting (Rm 4)
6:30 pm- Fil-AM San Lorenzo Novena (CH)
7pm- Catholic Book Club (Rm 6)

Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
5 pm- 2 Hearts (CH)
6:30 pm- Six Dates for Catholic People (CH)
6:30 pm- Fil- Am San Lorenzo Novena (Preschool Lanai)

Saturday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:30 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
8:45 am- Women's Guild Workshop (Rm 5)
9 am- Liturgical Movement Ministry (Rm 4)
9:30 am- Healthy Heart Family Series (Rm 6)
10 am- Rosary Making Ministry (Breezeway)
1 pm- Respect Life Mtg (Rm 6)
3 pm- Fil. Am San Lorenzo Novena (CH)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)

Sunday - Masses

7 am, 9 am, 11 am, & 6 pm

3 pm- Fil Am San Lorenzo Novena (CH)

RE: Schedule "A" and Life Teen Night

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