

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

Transforming people one at a time is at the heart of God's plan for the world. The readings of this Sunday focus our attention to God's call to radical conversion and our response. In the first reading, the prophet Ezekiel tells the Jews in exile that a virtuous person must remain obedient and faithful always. Likewise, a wicked person always has the opportunity to turn back and receive God's forgiveness. If the righteous person sins he or she will be punished and if the wicked person repents will be rewarded. In today's Second Reading, we have one of the most beautiful passages about the mystery of God's love through Christ in the entire Bible. St. Paul exhorts us to embrace radical obedience to God after the example of Christ, who though was God, became a human being and a slave for our salvation. Such radical obedience to God leads to becoming like Christ – genuine Christians, who talk the talk and walk the walk.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks to the Chief priests and Elders. In his address to them, he uses a very clear example in the parable of the two sons. The central point of the story is to invite us to radical conversion. Jesus challenges us to be transformed like the second son who says "no" and then undergoes conversion of heart that leads him to say "yes." We know that faithfulness to Christ and to his message can only be expressed through a radical change of heart that leads to living out faith fully. The chief priests and the elders who listen to Jesus spoke much about God and the observance of the Law, but only paid lip service. They could see the spirit of love, compassion, caring and forgiveness of Jesus, but that never led to any change of heart. Jesus tells the chief priests and elders point blank: "Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of heaven before you." Tax collectors and prostitutes had said "no" to God's invitation. Upon meeting Jesus, they experienced a radical conversion in their lives. They listened and responded positively. The chief priests and the elders on the other hand only paid lip-service to God's invitation.

We are called to be faithful disciples and stewards of Jesus, by embracing a radical way of life. We are invited to share Christ's vision, mission and purpose. If we are to be filled with that same spirit that Jesus had we would have no fear of radical transformation. That is the point of Jesus' message. Let us open our hearts so that we may be transformed into saying "yes", to being faithful to Jesus Christ, to his Church, to our family vocation and above all our baptismal promises.

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

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PASTOR'S CORNER

First Holy Communion

"Let the little children come to me." (Mt. 19:14) In the bulletin of last Sunday, we gave a brief overview of the Sacrament of the Eucharist. That leads to the present article on First Holy Communion. As Catholics, we know that the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. The Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pope Francis has called it the "Sacrament of Love":

"The Eucharist is at the heart of 'Christian initiation', together with Baptism and Confirmation, and it constitutes the source of the Church's life itself. From this Sacrament of love, in fact, flows every authentic journey of faith, of communion, and of witness." (Pope Francis, General Audience, February 5, 2014)

In the revised order of the Sacraments of Initiation, children who have reached the age of reason (7 years) will be prepared to receive their First Holy Communion at the same Mass they receive their Confirmation. Obviously, this will be preceded by preparation for their First Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession. Apart from the catechesis for these sacraments, much administrative work by the RE Team is implied.

What makes the First Holy Communion so special the first time is the same thing that makes it special every time! Jesus comes to us in a unique way in the Holy Eucharist. When He comes, we receive Him into our body and our soul. This is very beautiful, personal, and intimate. We should not take it for granted! This is why the first time a family member makes their Holy Communion, it is an exciting event for the whole family. The boy or girl preparing for this sacrament is going to be profoundly united with Jesus in a way that they never have before!

We should also make it special for our children. It is usually a tradition that children receiving First Holy Communion wear special garments. The girls often wear white dress and veils, and boys wear white shirts with ties. The color white symbolically points to the white garment they wore on the day of their baptism. It is also a sign of purity as the children come forward to receive, for the first time, the Body and Blood of Christ.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah poetically tells of a song about a friend who had a vineyard. Isaiah uses this poetic imagination to capture the attention of listeners concerning the friend's love and care for his piece of land. But then comes disappointment. At harvest time the owner discovers only wild grapes. At the end of the song, God becomes the owner of the vineyard and the listeners are now the vineyard and are identified with the house of Israel. The point of this poetic language in Isaiah is to contrast the tender care, which God lavishes upon his people with their ingratitude and negative response.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80:9, 12, 113-14, 15-16, 19-20

Psalm 80 extends the image of the vine to signify God's people, and asks God to care for it once again. Response: "The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel."

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Paul's final words to the Philippians are beautifully expressed. These words are not just a pious bit of farewell advice. There is a deep sense of urgency in his parting exhortations. The catalogue of virtues outlined here should underlie a faithful Christian life. These virtues are intended to help Christians to be a sign of God's love before other people.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

In the Gospel passage, Jesus tells the parable of the tenants to the chief priests and elders. Foreign absentee landlords controlled much of the land in Judea and Galilee in the time of Jesus. The tenant farmers, who rented these lands, naturally resented these rich and powerful landowners. Killing the heir of the property might be a way of getting possession of it. By law, in the absence of an heir, ownership would fall to the first occupant. The workers forget that the owner, upon return, could give his land to others. In the parable, the chief priests and elders realize that Jesus was referring to the Jewish people who have rejected Christ, and are therefore unfaithful to their "chosen" status. The kingdom itself would therefore be taken away from them and given to the Gentiles. The parable also becomes an explanation of Jesus' eventual cruel death.

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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, October 2, 2017 (8 am)

† John & Francis Clarke

† Daria Barayuga
(Memorial)

† Marietta Kaeo

Tuesday, October 3, 2017 (8 am)

Jolly Guerrero– Tano
(Birthday Blessing)

† Daria Barayuga
(Memorial)

† Marietta Kaeo

Wednesday, October 4, 2017 (8 am)

† Daria Barayuga
(Memorial)

† Marietta Kaeo

Thursday, October 5, 2017 (8 am)

Dorothy Isaac (Birthday Blessings)
Kendyl Grace (Birthday Blessings)

† Lorenzo Rull, Sr.

Friday, October 6, 2017 (8 am)

† Feliciano Dona
Rita Galicinao

(Birthday Blessing/Thanksgiving)
† Daria Barayuga

(1st Death Anniversary)

Saturday, October 7, 2017

8 am † Francisca Aquino

Ben & Helen Guerrero
(Birthday Blessings)

† Marietta Kaeo

5 pm † Violet Porras

Sunday, October 8, 2017

7am Maya Serrao
(Birthday Blessings)

9 am For the People

11 am † Col. & Mrs. Sabas DeGuzman

6 pm † Scott Stapleton

† Rest in Peace †

HEALING / BLESSINGS: Ellen Cleghorn, baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-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, Shirley Del Rosario, Carol Towne and all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

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

† **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

Lucy Lantias (RIP)

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 9:30 am; Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 1:00 pm ~ Hawaii State Veteran's Cemetery

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)

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

Funeral Service: 6:30 pm ~ Makai Chapel

Thursday, October 5, 2017 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 9:30 am; Mass: 11 am

Burial: 12:30pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

**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!

Track #2	Oct. 11	Oct. 25	Nov. 8
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For more information, contact the Office of Religious Education at
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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE SEPT 23/24

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,005.15
Children's Collection	\$ 12.00
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,403.50
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 1,316.25
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 1,173.63
Candle Sales	\$ 379.00
Donation - Social Ministry	\$ 10.00
Donation - Charity	\$ 58.00
Donation- Stewardship	\$ 95.00
Donation - Catholic Charities HI	\$ 100.00
Donation- Hurricane Relief	\$ 7,331.83
Mass Intentions	\$ 70.00
Weekend Total:	\$ 24,954.36

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

**Life Teen REMINDER:**

OUR FIRST SUPER SUNDAY IS HERE!

All High School students planning to receive the sacrament of Confirmation must attend the monthly Super Sunday preparation sessions.

**Sunday, October 1 from 1:30-5:30 pm
in rooms 4-5.**

Students must be registered with Life Teen Youth Ministry. The CORE team will be available before and after Super Sunday, today if you have any questions, or you can call the RE office.

SEE YOU THERE!



All around the world, we commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. Here at St John's all are invited to the church to pray the rosary on Friday Oct. 13th at 3:00PM. An opportunity for Confessions will follow the Rosary until 4:00PM. Also, Plenary Indulgences will begin next weekend and more information to follow.

We celebrate the Feast of St. Luke the Apostle & Evangelist with a special Mass of the Anointing of the Sick on Wednesday, Oct. 18th at 4:00 PM. Please invite any friends or family who are homebound, going into surgery, or terminally ill to receive this sacrament. We also invite those doctors and nurses to attend the Mass and pray for the intercession of St. Luke, the patron saint of Doctors and Nurses.



**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 *Sat., October 7*.



**CATHOLICS
RETURNING
HOME**

A six week program welcoming our non-practicing Catholics back to church. Our faith community misses you and is incomplete without you. No matter how long you have been away, or for whatever reason.

We invite you to consider renewing your relationship with Christ and the Catholic Church...

Next Session Starts on Tuesday, October 10, 2017
6:30 – 8:00pm, SJAE Preschool

Register on EventBrite at: <https://returnhome.eventbrite.com>



PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

OCC Capital Campaign Pledge Redemption

Thank you to all the families and individuals who have made a pledge to the **One Community Center Capital Campaign**. The Pledge Redemption will begin in October and a statement will be mailed to all donors. If you have not made a pledge, please join us in achieving our goal of giving the parish a facility that allows us to Connect, Engage, Witness, and Evangelize and make a pledge. Pledge cards are available at the back of the church. Mahalo.

Annual Holiday Food Drive Collection Dates: **Oct. 1st – Nov. 8th**

The Outreach Office will be collecting the following for holiday food baskets (all non-perishable food please): Canned Items (vegetables, fruits, yams, cream, canned pumpkin, etc.) Potato Buds, Rice (5 lb. bags), Pie Crust Mix, Toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, laundry soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc.) For more information, please contact Pearl Bates at 623-3332 ext. 203 or email pebates@rcchawaii.org

Harvest Festival Celebration: *Saturday, October 14, 10 am - 2 pm, on campus.* Join us for food, games, arts & crafts, entertainment, and more! Bring your family & friends, everyone is invited! Harvest Festival will be benefiting our Youth Programs. We welcome all youth in Mililani to join us. **For more, contact the RE Office: 623-3332, ext. 204/206. sjaeRE@rcchawaii.org.**

Parish Health Ministry: Cancer Awareness & Prevention Workshop on *Saturday, October 28th, 9:30 am — 12 noon at the Church.* Guest Speaker: Dr. Melvin Palaylay, Oncologist. Goals of the Presentation: 1) Review Hawaii's cancer related statistics 2) Review Signs & Symptoms of Common Cancers 3) Strategies to Screen & Reduce Risk for Cancer. After the presentation there will be Massage Therapy Sessions by Angeline Walsh, LMT. For inquiries, email: Bonnie De Los Santos: bdelossantos2@twc.com and Elaine Gibson: egibbi2441@yahoo.com

Oktoberfest: *Saturday, October 28, 2017, 6 pm — 9 pm on campus.* **Pre Sale Tickets are being sold now.** Fun for all!! Children are welcome! Childcare will be provided by Youth Ministry. This fundraiser benefits our Youth Ministry Programs.

Life Teen: *Please pray for our Teens as they starts their confirmation prep.*

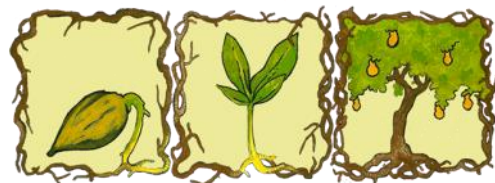
RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT: *The weekend of October 13-15, 2017,* Rachel's Vineyard is for anyone who has experienced emotional/spiritual pain after an abortion... women and men of all faiths are invited to begin the healing process. Contact Lisa Shorba at (808) 349-5071 or email: rvinhawaii@gmail.com. More info at: www.rachelsvineyard.org. Suggested donation: \$150/person (covers room/meals/ materials). Confidential/safe place to connect with others and process your experience. Space is limited. Need-based scholarships are available. A Ministry of the Respect Life Office of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hawaii.

Respect Life

"Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. 'Behold, I am with you always, until the end of age' (Matthew 28:20)

Planting Seeds for the Future: Grandpa didn't have a will, but Grandma does. She had to settle Grandpa's estate without one, and she now knows how important a will really is. Do you have a will??

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



THIS WEEK: October 2 – October 8

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 pm - 4th Degree Knights (Rm 5)
7:30 pm - Family Rosary- Fellowship (RM 4)

Tuesday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am - Women's Bible Study (Rm 6)
9 am - Church Cleaning- Environment (CH)
3 pm - Cenacle Prayer Group (CH)
4:30 pm - Children's Choir Practice (CCH)
6:30 pm - PPC (Rm 4)
7 pm - Combined Choir Practice (CH)
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)

Wednesday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am - Church Cleaning- (Group 2)
9 am - Hui (Rm 5)
6 pm - OLPH Prayer Group (CH)
7 pm - RCIA (Rms 4/5)
7:30 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

Thursday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
5:30 pm - RE: CYM Meeting (Rm 4)

Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (CH)
9 am - Church Cleaning-Environment

Saturday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:30 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am - Liturgical Movement (Rm 4)
9:30 am - Healthy Heart Family Series (Rm 6)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm - Mass (Saturday Vigil)
6 pm - Family Rosary Prayer Group (CH)

Sunday - Masses

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

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Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

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PARK SMART!

Take ALL your belongings with you.



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