

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY: FATHER JOSEPH AYINPUUSA

Our God is loving and kind by generously providing for our needs. Our readings today compare the Kingdom of heaven to a wedding banquet. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah describes the mountain of God, the Holy City as a grand banquet hall full of life and good things. On God's mountain he has prepared a banquet of rich food and choice wine. Mourning and death cease, and every tear is wiped away. Shame is dispelled; hunger is forgotten. Thus Isaiah recalls the rich and succulent image of that same banquet of which the psalmist, sang, with food prepared in abundance, cups running over, and heads anointed with oil.

God's banquet is meant for all, saints and sinners alike, and he invites all to participate. Are we ready and committed to the invitation to participate in this banquet? A young couple had invited many guests to their daughter's birthday dinner. At the table, the hostess turned to her six-year-old daughter and asked, "Would you like to say the prayer?" "I don't know what to say," the girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mama say," the mother answered. The little girl bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these many people to dinner?" Today's gospel speaks about an invitation too, but the host in the parable was not regretting that so many came but rather nobody came. In Jesus' parable, the king (God) had made elaborate preparations for a wedding banquet and then invited guests, but they all begged off for more "important" matters: One went to his estate, another to his business. Jesus refers to the wedding banquet as God's kingdom (heaven).

Christ's parable is a thinly veiled accusation against the Jewish people of the day who had been invited by God to be his Chosen People, but they contemptuously refused. Today the parable serves as a warning for us Christians as the new Chosen People who are invited. The Church is that banquet hall full of life and good things, to which everyone, both good and bad are invited.

The good news is that those of us here in Church, have not ignored God's invitation; otherwise we would not be baptized Christians and would not be fulfilling our Sunday obligations. However, the Lord requires that we accept his invitation whole heartedly by wearing a wedding garment. The Lord loves us so much that he provides us with the wedding garment. We received the wedding garment of sanctifying grace in Baptism, and we receive additional graces to retain it through the other Sacraments. Jesus nourishes us in the Church through the proclamation of God's word and through his own body and blood in the Holy Communion.

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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-4:30 PM
Tues. - Fri.: 8:00 AM-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

Religious Ed Office Hours

Tues. - Thurs.: 12 pm - 8:00 pm
Fri.: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sun: 7:00 am - 1:00pm
Saturday: 2:00—5:00 pm
Monday: Closed

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Confirmation Makes us Stewards of the Gospel

The Sacrament of Confirmation prepares the baptized to take on the role of missionary disciples – stewards of the gospel. With the reception of this sacrament, we are as it were commissioned to take up active ministry in the life of the Church. Confirmation should therefore prepare the candidates to encounter Jesus Christ profoundly so that they become more dynamic witnesses of the good news of Jesus Christ. Part of that good news is God's incredible mercy and compassion which is greater than the total sum of our sins. The journey of stewards of the gospel has never been easy as St. Paul reminds us. "Let no one look down on you because of your youth, but be a continuing example of love, faith and purity to believers." I Timothy 4:12

St. John Paul II had very inspiring words for the youth at the 1993 Denver World Young Gathering. "Young pilgrims, Christ needs you to enlighten the world and *to show it the "path to life" (Ps 16,11)...* Place your intelligence, your talents, your enthusiasm, your compassion and your fortitude at the service of life! Have no fear. The outcome of the battle for Life is already decided, even though the struggle goes on against great odds and with much suffering." The pope went on to say, "Do not be afraid to go out on the streets and into public places, like the first Apostles who preached Christ and the Good News of salvation in the squares of cities, towns and villages. This is no time to be ashamed of the Gospel (cfr. *Rm 1,16*). It is the time to preach it from the rooftops (cfr. *Mt 10,27*). Do not be afraid to break out of comfortable and routine modes of living, in order to take up the challenge of making Christ known in the modern "metropolis". It is you who must "go out into the byroads" (*Mt 22,9*) and invite everyone you meet to the banquet which God has prepared for his people. The Gospel must not be kept hidden because of fear or indifference. It was never meant to be hidden away in private. It has to be put on a stand so that people may see its light and give praise to our heavenly Father" (John Paul II, Address, World Youth Day, Denver, August 15, 1993).

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

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We need to keep wearing the wedding garment of holiness and righteousness, the state of grace, all the time. We need to participate in the Eucharistic banquet with proper preparation by repenting of our sins and by actively participating in the prayers and singing during the Holy Mass. We are still on our way to the great banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem. Participating in Holy Mass is the best preparation and source of power for our future participation in this Heavenly banquet.

Finally, we need to be grateful to Christ for freely and gratuitously inviting us to the Heavenly banquet and providing us with the wedding garment of sanctifying grace. Instead of remaining marginal members of our parish community, we have to be good stewards of god's gifts by bearing visible witness to our faith.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 2017

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6

This passage is like a royal decree. It is a formal statement wherein God addresses the king of Persia authorizing him to allow the Israelites to return from captivity to Israel. In this passage king Cyrus is called "God's anointed", a title ascribed to kings. Thus a pagan king becomes an instrument of God's saving power.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96:1,3,4-5,7-8,9-10

Psalm 96 calls for praise of God for the wonderful deeds God has performed. First the song used is to be new song, which calls for transformation. The Second feature is that the song is directed to all the earth (the natural world and human society). Once the nations have seen the wonders of God, they too are called to praise God.

Second Reading Thessalonians 1:1-5

In this passage, Paul writes in his own name and in the name of two missionary companions: Silvanus and Timothy. The three of them founded the Church in Thessalonica. Now Paul writes exhorting the new converts reminding them of their baptism through which they are living in God and in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

Jesus is once again in battle with the religious leaders who intend to trap him. The background is that there are three parties: the Pharisees who did not approve being ruled by the Romans who are Gentile (hence pagan); the Herodians who were loyal to the Romans and the Zealots who vehemently opposed the occupation. So we have the Pharisees who sent their disciples with the Herodians. First there is flattery and then the tricky question: "Is it lawful to pay tax to Caesar or not?" Regardless of how Jesus answers the question, he is bound to alienate some of the hearers. Jesus responds by shaming his questioners by calling them hypocrites. They are carrying coins that had the image of Caesar in their pockets. His response is therefore correct. "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

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, October 16, 2017 (8 am)

† Charlie Remington

Josephine Dona Howcumfu (Birthday)
Two Hearts & Our Lady of Fatima
(Blessing/Guidance)

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 (8 am)

† Edna Heth

† Charlie Remington
Two Hearts & Our Lady of Fatima
(Blessing/Guidance)

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 (8 am)

† Violet Porras

† Nick Chua

Two Hearts & Our Lady of Fatima
(Blessing/Guidance)

Thursday, October 19, 2017 (8 am)

† Santiago Aquino

† Amelita Zablan

Two Hearts & Our Lady of Fatima
(Blessing/Guidance)

Friday, October 20, 2017 (8 am)

† James & Mildred Mizoguchi

† Ronald Dabalang

Vicky A. (Special Intentions)

Saturday, October 21, 2017

8 am † Fe Guadalupe Villareal

† Evangeline Lopez

Vicky A. (Special Intentions)

5 pm Ida Badua (Birthday Blessings)

Sunday, October 22, 2017

7 am † Demetria Manandic

9 am For the People

11 am Evelyn & Charles Quinata

6 pm Vicky A. (Special Intentions)

† Rest in Peace †

HEALING / BLESSINGS: 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, Darling & Ron Bunda 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 Lanas & Wendell Serrao.

**The next 24-hr Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**

will be held on *Fri., November 3*, immediately
after the 8 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am on
Sat., November 4.



**LIFE TEEN REMINDER:
"HEART OF GOD"**

All are invited to share in our youth ministry
theme for the year.

Heart Of God logo t-shirts and other apparel
is available for purchase!

Find something for everyone.

Last day to purchase shirts is October 16!



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

November 12 & 19, December 10 & 17...

***Baptism Preparation Classes:** November 5 & December 3....

****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.

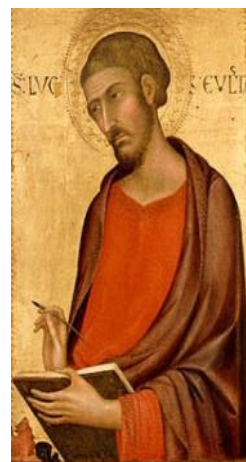
Feast of Luke

**Mass of the Anointing
of the Sick**

**Wednesday, October 18
at 4 PM.**

**St. Luke, the Apostle &
Evangelist, is the
patron saint of Doctors
& Nurses.**

**We invite all, especially
those who work in the
medical field to attend
and offer their
petitions to St. Luke.**



**Remember that the Sacrament of the
Anointing of the Sick is for already
baptized Catholics who are:**

- *Terminally ill**
- *Elderly (who are homebound)**
- *Those going into surgery soon**

**If you, or someone you know, would
like to receive the Sacrament of
Anointing of the Sick, please call the
parish office (808) 623-3332 ext 100
or**

email at sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

OCT 7/ 8

Sunday Collection

\$ 15,596.09

Children's Collection

\$ 2.50

Online Donation (WeShare)

\$ 3,586.25

Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)

\$ 2,271.00

One Community Center

Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)

\$ 1,441.88

Candle Sales

\$ 408.00

Donation— Youth/ Young Adults

\$ 30.00

Donation - Social Ministry

\$ 48.00

Donation - Charity

\$ 46.00

Donation— Baptisms

\$ 20.00

Donation— Hurricane Relief

\$ 95.00

Mass Intentions

\$ 160.00

Weekend Total:

\$ 23,704.72

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



Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 6-9pm

Pre-sale tickets: \$25.00 per person includes:

Food, 2 drinks (beer or wine), party favors, lucky #

Menu: Bratwursts (2), German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut,
Grilled Onions, Mustard (Spicy & Plain)

Tickets will be sold during the event!

Ala Carte items sold on site: Pretzels, Bratwursts ,
beer & wine by the glass.

Fun for all! Children are welcome!

Child care are provided by Youth Ministry.

This fundraiser will benefit our Youth Ministry Program.



PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

World Mission Sunday Collection: "Propagation of the Faith" is celebrated next weekend. Pope Francis invites the entire church to support young mission dioceses where priests, religious, and lay leaders serve some of the poorest of the poor. Please keep these Missions in your prayers and be generous in your donation during offertory. Envelopes are available at the back of the church or you may also give online through our parish website, click "**Online Giving**".

St. John Rosary Making Ministry - The next gathering is on **Wednesday, October 18 at 10 am on the Church Lanai**. Everyone is welcome!

SJAE Women's Guild will have their general membership meeting on **Saturday 21st in the church at 9 am**. New business will include our holiday budget and the slate of officers for next year.

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 inquires, email: Bonnie De Los Santos: bdelossantos2@twc.com and Elaine Gibson: egibbi2441@yahoo.com

All Souls Day Masses, commemorating all those who have gone before us, will be on **November 2, at 8:00 am & 7:00 pm**. All Souls Offering envelopes are available at the main entrance of the church. Please submit your offering no later than November 1. We hope to see you as we gather in prayer for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

FRCE Parent Meeting on Reconciliation has been rescheduled to **Sunday October 22nd from 12:30 to 2:00 PM. in Rms. 4-5.**

Respect Life

"We must listen to God, who speaks to us. Having a well-informed conscience doesn't mean we have all the answers to the complex problems in the world, but it does mean that we are sensitive to the needs and struggles of other people."

Planting Seeds for the Future: When your attorney prepares your estate planning documents, you can include your church as the final beneficiary to receive remaining benefits after other beneficiaries are remembered.

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

THIS WEEK: October 16 – October 22

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 (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 - Catholic Returning Home (Preschool)
 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)
 10 am - Rosary making (Church Lanai)
 4 pm - St. Luke Healing Mass (CH)
 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)
 9 am - Church Cleaning (Group 5)
 5:30 pm - RE: CYM Meeting (Rm 4)
 7 pm - Catholic Book Club (Rm 6)

Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group
 9 am - Church Cleaning - Environment
 5 pm - 2 Hearts (CH)
 6 pm - Girl Scouts (Troop 104) (Rm. 5)
 6:30 pm - Six Dates for Catholic Couples (CH)

Saturday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:30 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
 9 am - Liturgical Movement (Rm 4)
 9 am - Women's Guild Mtg. (CH)
 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)
 RE: Sunday "B" Schedule, EDGE-B

FOR YOUR SECURITY PLEASE...

PARK SMART!

Take ALL your belongings with you.



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