

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY: MONSIGNOR JOHN S. MBNINDA

The readings of this Sunday touch on the delicate relationship between Church and state; between Christian commitment to God and loyalty to one's country. A good example of this is what we hear in the first reading from the prophet Isaiah. The context is that the Jews are in exile in Babylon. The Lord then speaks through Isaiah to Cyrus, King of Persia (modern Iran), who conquered Babylon in 539 B.C. The King then allowed the Jews to return to their homeland in 537 B.C. He also gave state money from the royal treasury for the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem. The Jews quickly hailed King Cyrus II as the "anointed" in terms of being used by God to conquer the Babylonians. The first reading therefore reveals that at times, God may even use civil initiative to accomplish his own purpose. Isaiah uses the example of King Cyrus to illustrate this point. Isaiah shows that the king was ultimately subject to the hand of God in delivering Israel from the bondage of exile in Babylon, and restoring them to their homeland.

In the Gospel, Jesus is in the Temple. The Pharisees have plotted to trick him into saying something that would be treason against the Romans. So they send some spies, the Herodians, who had maintained loyalty to king Herod, and therefore supported the payment of taxes to the Roman Emperor. The question is carefully crafted to solicit a positive or negative answer. Jesus knows the malice and hypocrisy of his questioners. In fact they are carrying coins bearing Caesar's name and image. Jesus' reply leads his opponents to entrap themselves. "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" "Caesar's", they replied. Then comes Jesus' punch line. "Then, repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God." The response of Jesus has many implications for the Church today. Jesus does not commit himself to either side. Similarly, the Church must never take sides, but has the stewardship role of guiding the faithful through formation, to know their rights, in order to fulfill their civic duties as informed loyal citizens, who are committed to God alone. So what message do we take home this Sunday? Jesus in the gospel reminds us that our obligations to the state are different from our obligations to God. Our faith commitment is to God alone. As Christians we must never be afraid of standing for the truth of the gospel of life. The readings challenge us to be good stewards by giving to God what belongs to God because all our being and all we have is from God.

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**PARISH CLERGY & STAFF****Pastor** (ext. 111)*Msgr. John Mbinda**jmbinda@rcchawaii.org***Parochial Vicar** (x 104)*Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa**jayinpuusa@rcchawaii.org***Deacon** Modesto Cordero*mcordero@rcchawaii.org***Deacon** Romeo Ganibe*rganibe@rcchawaii.org***Parish Office Administrator** (x 103)*Jolly Guerrero-Tano**jollygt@rcchawaii.org***Parish Secretary** (x 100)*Dominique Kekiwi**dkekiwi@rcchawaii.org***Director of Liturgy***Nicholas Calzada**ncalzada@rcchawaii.org***Grounds & Maintenance***Robert Garnsey**rgarnsey@rcchawaii.org***Outreach Department** (x 203)*Pearl Bates**pebates@rcchawaii.org***RCIA Coordinators***Dcn. Modesto Cordero**Dcn. Romeo Ganibe***Religious Ed. Director** (x 206)*Julie Quiroz-Zamora**jquiroz@rcchawaii.org***Religious Ed. Secretary** (x 204)*Dominique Kekiwi**dkekiwi@rcchawaii.org***Preschool Director** (744-9538)*Catherine Awong**cawong@rcchawaii.org*

PASTOR'S CORNER

Our Parish Vision and Mission

Welcome to our new parishioners, visitors and all regular parishioners. In the coming Sundays, our catechesis will focus attention of stewardship as a way of life. We begin by affirming our vision that describes and affirms who we are: "We are a Catholic Christian community striving to get to the next level of stewardship as a way of life." A clear vision-mission driven timeline with purpose and intentionality is necessary to guide us on every step on the way. As we strive to get to that level of stewardship, we will continually be driven by our parish vision and mission. In other words, stewardship as a way of life fuels our parish activities daily. To get to the next level of stewardship, we need a strategy, that is, a clear mission statement.

A mission statement responds to a deeper question. How do we get from where we are as a stewardship parish to the next level? What is our game plan? Our game plan is found in our mission statement that we publish every week on the front page of our bulletin. As part of our game plan, very intentionally we have devised a process for all parish meetings: a) we begin with our stewardship prayer; b) followed by scripture sharing (using the gospel reading of the following Sunday); c) the agenda; and d) conclude with our parish mission statement or currently our prayer for the Capital Campaign. Our mission statement becomes part of what we do in our parish. I encourage all parishioners to read our parish mission statement again in order to discover its richness and the very intentional purpose for being here in Mililani as a parish community. The very purpose of our being here is to share our faith in Jesus Christ with those who do not know him, and to bring back those who have known him but fallen astray. Now that is evangelization, the fourth sign of a dynamic Catholic. Be bold, be Catholic and be a dynamic Catholic who is not afraid to reach out to share the faith with others in the community.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

SAINT OF THE WEEK:

John of Capistrano

1386-1456 Feast Day—October 23

This Italian "soldier saint" studied law in Perugia, where he married the daughter of a leading family and became governor of the city in 1412. Imprisoned during a civil war, he had a vision of St. Francis, followed by a spiritual conversion. Dispensed from his marriage vows, John joined the Friars Minor in 1416 and was ordained four years later. Going barefoot and wearing a hair shirt, he became a great preacher, worked diligently to reform the Franciscan orders, served as the friars' vicar general, and was named papal legate in a number of places in Europe and Palestine. He also led a wing of the Christian army in a victory against the Turks who besieged Belgrade in 1456, a battle in which he died. John is the patron of jurists and military chaplains.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time****First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26**

The First Reading from Exodus focuses on the practice of the Law regarding relationship with those who are less fortunate. The passage shows that God gave the Law for the protection of the poor, the widow, the orphan and the stranger. We hear that God always hears the cry of such persons and treats them with compassion. The text shows that God also punishes with harshness anyone who mistreats them.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

Psalm 18 is a prayer of praise to God for his compassion shown in victory and deliverance. Response: "I love you, Lord, my strength."

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

In this passage, Paul reminds the Thessalonians that the Church grows by the power of the Holy Spirit. However, the pattern of growth is by imitation. Imitation of God is fundamental to both the Old and the New Testaments. We can imitate one another, as well, insofar as we are signs of God to one another. Imitation of Jesus is basic to the spread of Christianity, but here Paul speaks of the Thessalonians imitating him, and in turn becoming the best versions of themselves and role models for others.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

In the Gospels we find three accounts of the great commandment. Each of them has its own characteristic. Here in Matthew, the question is put to Jesus in bad faith as a test. The two great commandments as Jesus gives them in this passage are from Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Leviticus 19:18. The concluding verse (v 40) is found only in Matthew. "The law and the prophets" refers to the entire structure of Jewish faith and life. Thus, these two commandments support the whole structure, which crumbles if either one is neglected. This is a pointed allusion to the Pharisees who preferred to discuss the finer points of the law, while ignoring the actual obligation to love God and others.

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

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

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

Mass for the Intentions *for the Week*

Monday, October 23, 2017 (8 am)

Jim & Ann Walsh

(Anniversary Blessings)

Vicky A. (Special Intentions)

† Wendell Serrano

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 (8 am)

Vicky A. (Special Intentions)

† Encarnacion Agpalza

† Dennis Murphy

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 (8 am)

Vicky A. (Special Intentions)

† Yoko Aki (Death Anniversary)

† Violet Porras

Thursday, October 26, 2017 (8 am)

† Rita Rull (Death Anniversary)

Vicky A. (Special Intentions)

† Evaristo Racoma

(Birthday Memorial)

Friday, October 27, 2017 (8 am)

† Vicky A. (Special Intentions)

† Yoko Aki (Death Anniversary)

† Petre Becu

Saturday, October 28, 2017

8 am Vicky A. (Special Intentions)

† Yoko Aki (Death Anniversary)

Channing Fukuda (Healing)

5 pm † Rudy Rapisura

Sunday, October 29, 2017

7 am † Yoko Aki

(Death Anniversary)

9 am For the People

11 am † Carolina B. Piedad

6 pm Lawrence Scott

(20th Death Anniversary)

† Rest in Peace †

HEALING / BLESSINGS: Ben & Helen Guerrero, 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, baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, David Torres & Tessie Aquino and all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: 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, Flor-entino Tamondong, Sr., Kang Moreno, Lucy Lancias, Wendell Serrano, Marina Guerrero, Palamene Pselio & Alan Pearson.

† **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** †**Palamene Paselio (RIP)**

Thursday, November 2, 2017 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 9:45 am

Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 1:30 pm ~ Mililani Mortuary Park

Alan Pearson (RIP)

Thursday, November 16, 2017 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 10:00 am

Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 1:30 pm ~ Mililani Mortuary Park

Marina Yalao Guerrero (RIP)

Monday, November 27, 2017 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 9:30 am

Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Mortuary Park

Our Growing Music Ministry!

Starting November 2017, we welcome
a new group to our music ministry.

We are blessed and
thankful for God's gifts & talents
shared here at St. John's.

**ST. JOHN'S ANGEL TREE PROJECT**Do you believe it will soon be **CHRISTMAS?**

Yes... it is just around the
corner and St. John's will again
be providing Christmas gifts to
children and seniors in our
community. If you would like
to volunteer to help with the
St. John's Angel Tree Project,

**please call Deb Zedalis at****(808) 348-2973 or****email: dzedalis@hawaii.rr.com**

Thanks for all your help and support!!

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

Last chance.....

All are invited to share in our youth
ministry theme of the year. Heart of
God logo t-shirts & other apparels are
available for purchase!

Find something for everyone.

Last day to purchase shirts is October 23.

<https://www.customink.com/g/bxd0-00b4-bzd8>**The next 24-hr Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**

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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE OCT 14/15**

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,327.45
Children's Collection	\$ 19.50
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,709.75
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 1,598.00
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 1,597.50
Candle Sales	\$ 558.00
Donation— Youth/ Young Adults	\$ 30.00
Donation - Social Ministry	\$ 200.00
Donation - Charity	\$ 40.00
Donation— Funerals	\$ 300.00
Donation— Hurricane Fund Drive	\$ 100.00
Donation— Thanksgiving	\$ 20.00
Donation— All Souls	\$ 64.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 385.00

Weekend Total: \$ 20,949.20

"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 will be 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 this 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**".

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.

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

1 in every 8 woman will be diagnosed with breast cancer during their lifetime.
1% of men will develop breast cancer.

These are some things you can do to monitor and decrease your risk of breast cancer:

Screening: Early diagnosis is important so have a screening mammogram every one to two years. Do your monthly breast exam and report any changes to your doctor. See your doctor yearly for a clinical breast exam.

Lack of Physical Activity: A lifestyle with little physical activity can increase your risk for breast cancer.

Diet: A diet high in saturated fat and lacking fruits and vegetables can increase your risk for breast cancer.

Overweight or Obese: Being overweight or obese can increase your risk for breast cancer. Your risk is increased if you have already gone through menopause.

Drinking Alcohol: Frequent drinking of alcohol can increase your risk for breast cancer. The more alcohol you drink, the greater the risk.

Combined Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT): Taking combined hormone replacement therapy, as prescribed for menopause, can increase your risk for breast cancer and increases the risk that the cancer will be detected at a more advanced stage.



Respect Life

"If someone shared with you she was pregnant and hadn't ruled out having an abortion, would you know how to respond.... In a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby? Consider the four steps of the L.O.V.E. Approach. Listen and Learn, Open Options, Vision, Value, and Extend and Empower."

Planting Seeds for the Future: Your gifts to your church are a testimony to your faith & the confidence you have in your church. Both lifetime gifts & testamentary (those that are given through your will) express your feelings in a meaningful way. Please remember *St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church* in planning your will.

THIS WEEK: October 23 –October 29

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 (8AM)

8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
6 pm - OLPH Prayer Group (CH)
7 pm- RCIA (Rm 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 1)
9:30 am- Homebound Ministry (Conf. Rm)
5:30 pm- RE: CYM Meeting (Rm 4)

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)

Saturday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:30 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am- Liturgical Movement (Rm 4)
9:30 am- Breast Cancer Awareness (CH)
1 pm- Respect Life (CH Lanai)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)
6 pm- Family Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
6 pm- Oktoberfest

Sunday - Masses

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

Life Teen: Café Night

FOR YOUR SECURITY PLEASE...

PARK SMART!

Take ALL your belongings with you.



... AND SECURE YOUR VEHICLE!

Car thieves love to window