

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY: DEACON MODESTO CORDERO

“Love God with your whole mind, your whole heart, and your whole soul, and love your neighbor as yourself!”

These two commandments quoted in our Gospel reading today are no more than an attitude in life than a list of things to do. We might summarize the readings for this 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time by merely stating that as Christians we are to show compassion to one another and to love one another. Of course, that is a relatively accurate summary of everything we are called to do as Christians. A wise philosopher once stated, “People do not care how much you know, until they know how much you care.” That could certainly apply to Jesus and what He calls us to do and how He calls us to live. In some ways, Jesus was as forceful and demanding as a teacher who ever lived. He has taught us that we must give total loyalty to Him and that we must be willing to “bear His cross.” Yet, in spite of these demands, He is at the center of our faith, of course. In addition, He commands us to take special care of those who may be more vulnerable in our society in the instances cited in this reading widows, orphans, and the poor in particular. How we treat those less fortunate is a true measure of our compassion and our sense of stewardship. If anyone understood the Law, Jesus, the Son of God and the Son of Man, certainly did. As a result the latest test offered to him in today’s Gospel from St. Matthew causes Him no difficulty. The desire of the questioner is to have Jesus select one commandment as more important than another. However, the Lord defines the Law based upon its core principles: love the Lord with everything you have and love your neighbor as yourself. This gospel challenges us to show that our love is more than skin deep, if we call ourselves Christians. We are reminded of the importance of loving God and loving neighbor. This is not something over and above our daily lives. It is the fabric of our lives. It is that which makes us who we are. Loving God and loving neighbor are the heart of our daily lives, the springboard of our actions, the basis of our decisions, the reason for our prayer life, the motivation of our lifestyle and the very reason why we gather every Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist as one Ohana.

Blessings!

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

Stewardship Purpose Driven Game Plan

In this catechesis, I would like to reflect on the purpose of our stewardship as a way of life. Our stewardship journey is purpose driven with intentionality. Everything we do is planned around our vision and mission. Our stewardship journey is transformative. From 2014 when we began this journey, stewardship became an instrument of transformation. Intentionally we moved from the way the parish had always been (status quo) to embracing change; from retreat to advance; from resistance to accepting change; and from disenchantment to engagement.

From 2014 to 2017 we have followed an intentional purpose driven game plan whose purpose has always focused on spiritual formation of all parishioners through the various gatherings: staff, leadership, ministries and parish-wide events. That spiritual formation is achieved through an intentional process: praying our stewardship prayer at the beginning of all our meetings; bible sharing by reading and sharing the gospel of the following Sunday. At staff and stewardship council meetings, we have an ongoing book study with each member reading before the meeting and sharing some thoughts during the meeting. Only then do we have the agenda for the meeting. At the end of the agenda, we recite together our "Mission Statement" which is currently replaced by our capital campaign prayer. That intentional process has been implemented for the purpose of transforming the parish so we may get "to the next level of stewardship as a way of life." Every year, we have a parish-wide stewardship retreat guided by a priest chosen by the Catholic Stewardship Consultants (CSC). We also have a leadership gathering in preparation for the Annual Stewardship Renewal (November 1). Then we have a lay witness weekend during which one parishioner shares his or her journey of stewardship in order to inspire other parishioners (November 4/5). The following Sunday (November 11/12), we have our parish Annual Commitment Sunday guided by the pastor at all Masses. For the last three years (2014-2016) there is observable significant change in our parish. Our ministries have increased from 51 to 61. Our parish has grown in numbers too. Between 2014 and October 2017, we added 443 households. That is why we need the One Community Center (our #1 priority in the 2015 pastoral plan.) We have become a more vibrant parish community, thanks to our dynamic liturgical celebrations each Sunday.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

The Solemnity of All Saints Feast Day—November 1

"God never abandon us. Each time we need it, one of his angels will come to lift us up again and give us comfort; 'angles,' at times with a human face and heart because God's saints are always here, hidden in our midst. This is difficult to understand and also to imagine, but saints are present in our lives."

—Pope Francis, General Audience,
June 21, 2017



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Thirty- First Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Mal. 1:14-2:2,8-10

The words of the prophet Malachi in this reading condemn and denounce the priests of Israel for leading the people astray in their teaching. This condemnation is given with a warning of punishment if they do not change their ways. The punishment includes taking away their blessings and shame before the people.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 131:1,2,3

Psalm 131 expresses sentiments of someone who is devoted to the Lord. The first verse is a self-description of humility, while in the second verse the psalmist is described as a child at peace in its mother's arms. The third verse is a call to Israel to hope in the Lord. "In you, Lord, I have found my peace."

Second Reading: 1 Thess. 2:7-9,13

The four verses in in this reading provide us with a glimpse of the gentleness with which Paul relates with the Christians of Thessalonica, as a mother nursing her children. That metaphor of a nursing mother leads to the determination Paul had in sharing the Gospel of God with these Christians, to the extent of sharing his very self. The passage ends on a note of gratitude to God for the new Christians of Thessalonica for having accepted the gospel.

Gospel: Mt. 23:1-12

There is similarity between the gospel and the first reading in that like the prophet Malachi, Jesus criticizes the scribes and Pharisees. His criticism focuses on two practices: their strict interpretation of the Law leading to so many minor prohibitions. The second criticism is the Pharisees' love of praise that led to placing verses of scripture on their foreheads, which did not correspond to their private life. The point Jesus makes is that all this is hypocrisy and prideful. "Do not follow their example."

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 30, 2017 (8 am)

Channing Fukuda (Healing)

† Carolina B. Piedad

Mandi Scott (Birthday Blessing)

Tuesday, October 31, 2017 (8 am)

† All Souls in Purgatory

† Carolina B. Piedad

Channing Fukuda

(Healing/Birthday Blessing)

Wednesday, November 1, 2017 (8 am)

Liya Lamanilao (Birthday Blessing)

† Carolina B. Piedad

† Bernardo P. Benino

Thursday, November 2, 2017 (8 am)

† All Departed Souls

Friday, November 3, 2017 (8 am)

† Feliciano Dona

† Carolina B. Piedad

Adrienne Gregory (Birthday Blessing)

Saturday, November 4, 2017

8 am † Teopista Tulang

† Carolina B. Piedad

Hiram & Zoila Romero

(30th Anniversary)

5 pm † Antonio A. Bayona

(1st Death Anniversary)

Sunday, November 5, 2017

7am † Thelma Villareal Dangao

9 am For the People

11 am † Carolina B. Piedad

6 pm Sharon Scott

(Birthday Blessing)

† Rest in Peace †

HEALING / BLESSINGS: Ben & Helen Guerrero, 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, Jack & Ellen Cleghorn and all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: 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, Marina Guerrero, Palamene Pselio, Alan Pearson, "Bestray" Sarsona and Jovita Daclan

† **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** †**Palamene Pselio (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

HELP NEEDED....

Please join the Church Cleaning Ministry every Tuesday & Friday after the 8AM Mass to help sweep and mop. The ministry is always open to more help, please come by and meet Alexis Salvador, the coordinator or contact the front office for more information. Mahalo

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE OCT 21/22

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,169.22
Children's Collection	\$ 11.50
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 318.25
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 938.00
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 3,655.00
Candle Sales	\$ 508.00
Donation - Social Ministry	\$ 110.00
Donation - Charity	\$ 184.00
Donation- Baptisms	\$ 90.00
Donation- Angel Tree	\$ 100.00
Donation- World Mission Day Sunday	\$ 150.00
Donation- All Souls	\$ 330.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 110.00

Weekend Total: \$ 18,673.97

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

ST. JOHN'S ANGEL TREE PROJECTDo 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"****SUPER SUNDAY IS HERE!**

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

**Sunday, November 5th 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!**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.*

**Respect Life Ministry NEEDS Your TALENT!!!!****Poster Design Contest 2017****Open to ALL parishioners up to
18 years old**

- Design must include the theme written:
"BE NOT AFRAID: DEFEND LIFE AT ANY AGE".
- Design must be original, represent the theme well and drawn by hand. Due to copyright concerns, no computer-generated designs will be accepted.
- Design must be drawn using colored pencils or markers. Avoid crayons. Poster size 14" X 22" provided by Respect Life or Religious Ed.
- Pick up your poster paper from the RE Office beginning October 29, 2017.**
- Participants must complete an entry form (available at the Rectory office or RE office) and taped it to back of their artwork. One entry per person. Please write your name on the entry form **ONLY**, keep your artwork anonymous.
- Submit your design after Mass beginning December 3 through December 10, 2017** at the Religious Ed office or at the parish office by **December 11, 2017 at 4:30pm. Deadline, no exceptions.**
- Winners will be notified by phone. Top three winners will receive their awards on Sunday, January 14, at the 9 AM.



PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

Stewardship Renewal Begins Today- This week, we kick off our parish Stewardship Renewal. Soon you will receive a package of beautiful materials in the mail. They explain what stewardship means at **St. John Apostle & Evangelist**. Over the next few weeks, please pray about your role in our parish. On **Nov. 11/12**, each parish family is asked to make commitments of time, talent and treasure by returning their completed commitment card.

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.

The Hui O Laulima Food Trolley will be out next weekend, **November 4th & 5th**. 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.

Daughters of St. Paul need your help!!- The **Daughters of St. Paul from the Pauline Books & Media Center** in downtown Honolulu and are in their 43rd year serving the church through the media of evangelization bringing the word of God to many and to your parish. They are turning to you for help regarding the maintenance of their building. The building has been there since 1928. The AC system is breaking down and at this time they are in dire need to replace the chiller system & components, which is located on the roof just to get the cooling going. They have people of all ages coming into the book center and many suffer from the heat, which has made this request urgent. They have received the proposal for the work and it will cost approximately \$120,000.00.

They are asking you for donation to help them with this cost; any support you give is tax deductible.

Please make donations to: Daughters of St. Paul, AC Fund
1143 Bishop St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Please know that each and everyone of the sisters will be praying for you and your loved ones and we realize all the good you do in your everyday lives. We pray God will bless you in all you do and in whatever you can do to help us. Thank you in advance!

National Vocations Awareness Week, Nov. 5-11

Did you know that in our country, compared to 50 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 130,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has continued to grow steadily. Many factors have contributed to the decline: growing secularism, a lengthened period of adolescence, attitudes about celibacy, etc. During Vocation Awareness Week, please pray that young people in today's society will hear and respond to God's call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and religious life.

Respect Life

"The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's incapacity or dependency."

Planting Seeds for the Future: How long has it been since you updated your will? Does it still express your wishes? Does it leave a gift to your church to carry on its ministry after your death?

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

THIS WEEK: October 30–November 5

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 - Catholics 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)
9 am - Hui (Rm 6)
6 pm - OLPH Prayer Group (CH)
7 pm - RCIA (Rm 4/5)
7 pm - Leadership Gathering (CH)
7:30 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

Thursday - Daily Mass (8 AM) All Souls Day

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9:30 am - Homebound Ministry (Conf. Rm)
5:30 pm - RE: CYM Meeting (Rm 4)
7 pm - All Souls Day Mass (CH)

Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8 am - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (CH)
9 am - Church Cleaning - (Group 3 & Environment)
6 pm - Girl Scouts (Troop 104) (Rm. 5)

Saturday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:30 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
3 pm - RE: "A" Schedule
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)

Life Teen: Super Sunday #2

FOR YOUR SECURITY PLEASE...

PARK SMART!

Take ALL your belongings with you.



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