

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

95-370 Kuahelani Ave. Mililani, Hawaii 96789 • Office: (808) 623-3332 • Fax: (808) 623-3286

Email: sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org Website: www.stjohnmililani.org



NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY: FATHER JOSEPH AYINPUUSA

The message of today's readings is about God's rejection of inauthentic religious attitudes. In the first reading the prophet Malachi speaks God's word to the Israelite priests after their return from exile. He criticizes the priests for not only being negligent and lukewarm in their liturgical services but also for failing to teach the law of God to the people. The priests have backslidden, and the flock they pastor to also backslide along with them through their unspiritual teachings. The Gospel passage of today is an even clearer indictment of the Pharisees, popularly regarded as models of religious holiness. Jesus criticizes them for their lack of personal coherence, preaching to others what they themselves would not do. He also condemns their vanity, searching for public praise and honor instead of offering genuine worship due only to God.

It is easy to read today's Scripture readings and start pointing criticizing fingers at all the official leaders we know, political, religious or otherwise, but it is important that we see how they apply to our own life. Of course we are all leaders in one way or the other. People look up to us for guidance, inspiration, and direction, either in our families, in the church or at our work places. Leaders is for service and not for honor. Today's readings, especially the Gospel, are addressed to all of us, calling for integrity and honesty, where there is no pulling of rank, no demand for respect or privilege, no double standards but a deep sense of equality and mutual respect, a desire to serve, to share what we have and are for the benefit of all.

What is difficult to tolerate is the hypocrisy which Jesus so rightly attacks and of which we are all at one time or another guilty. We are all urged to be authentic in our attitude as Christians. Also, a strong message to all of us is that if people in position of trust are not faithful to their vows, promises and the demands of their obligations to God and society, they would not have the moral authority to correct the people they lead. Leaders should also endeavor to eschew all forms of the "divide and rule" tactic in their administration.

As a way forward, Jesus in the Gospel and St. Paul, in our second reading, offer two models of leadership and authentic Christian living. First of all, leaders are urged to be like mothers feeding and looking after their children with devotion. Secondly, we must endeavor to lead the people by word an example, by practicing what we teach, and being humble. In the second reading Paul tells the Christians at Thessalonica that it was in an attitude of humble service, that he and his companions taught the Gospel to them, just like a mother caring for her children. St. Paul was eager not only to hand over the Good News to the people of Thessalonica, but also ready to hand over his life, a sign of total commitment.

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

What is Commitment Sunday?

This will be our fourth experience of stewardship commitment Sunday. This article helps to understand what Commitment Sunday is, and why it is so important. On Commitment Sunday, some parishioners will have already received a beautiful Renewal packet in the mail that contains a Ministry Catalog and a time, talent and treasure Commitment Card. What will happen next Sunday which is our parish Commitment Sunday?

Commitment cards and pens will be in the pews. If you have already received your family card by mail and you have it with you, you do not need a second one.

At the beginning of Mass, the presider will announce that it is Commitment Sunday.

The pastor will give the homily highlighting stewardship, and then he will guide parishioners as they fill out the Commitment Cards in the pews. A suitable instrumental music may be useful at this time.

Completed Commitment Cards will then be collected by Stewardship Council members and ushers. Only your Commitment Card and pen will be dropped into the basket (not your offertory). After all Commitment Cards have been collected, the ushers will then come around for the regular offertory collection, and Mass will continue as usual with the offertory procession.

After mass, the cards will be placed in a secure box and carried to the office. From the office, all Commitment cards will be sent to CSC in Georgia for analysis and preparation of a complete result. After that analysis is done, all cards are destroyed and all the parish gets is a tally of the results that help to see our performance.

If you have not yet signed a commitment card before; if you are new to our parish, take a step forward and sign one and commit yourself, your family to give to God what God has given you in time, talent and treasure.

Thank you all for your commitment to God and your parish. May God bless you abundantly.

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection - November 18/19**

Please respond to Pope Francis' call for the 1st World Day of the Poor the weekend of November 19. Please be generous in the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the US, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and help vulnerable people across our country struggling to overcome persistent poverty.

In addition, 25 % of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local projects addressing poverty. Two of the projects funded by CCHD in Hawaii involved parishioners working with the **Pu'a Foundation** which focuses on families affected by incarceration with special emphasis on Native Hawaiian women and girls and Hope Services Hawaii which works to end family homelessness on the Big Island by connecting persons to transitional and affordable housing, food, mentoring, and job opportunities.

Please prayerfully consider contributing to the CCHD Collection. Resources about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development-CCHD are available here:

http://www.officeforsocialministry.org/services/catholic_campaign_for_human_development

Please drop your donation during offertory. Envelopes are available at the church entrance or you can donate online through our parish website, "Online Giving".

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Thirty- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wis 6:12-16

We notice that immediately in the first verse Wisdom is referred to as being feminine.: “she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found those who seek her.” The love of wisdom and the search for her are evidence that one is already wise. The wise person begins the search at dawn, which means that wisdom is a priority. Those who find wisdom find peace.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 63:2,3-4,5-6,7-8

Psalm 63 presents three sentiments of confidence. It begins with expressions of longing, followed by a short hymn of praise, and concluding with words of confidence. The mention of the sanctuary suggests that this a liturgical hymn with the psalmist’s soul thirsting for God. “My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, my God.”

Second Reading: 1 Thess 4:13-18

In this passage Paul responds to some of the concerns of the Christians in Thessalonica, mainly the final coming of the Lord (*Parousia*). The point Paul is making is to help these the new Christians understand that death is not the end; that there is hope beyond death because of the resurrection of Christ. Paul teaches this mystery by showing the union between Christ and those who have died. Those joined to Christ in faith, have been delivered from the power of death. These will be taken first when Christ comes again.

Gospel: Mt 25:1-11

In this gospel, Jesus gives the parable of the ten virgins against the background of a Palestinian wedding customs, where marriage unfolds in stages, beginning with betrothal, homecoming of the bridegroom into the banquet hall. The point of the parable centers the preparedness of the bridesmaids. The gospel brings in the theme of wisdom in the first reading to help us realize how important it is to live with passion and purpose. “Therefore I say to you, stay awake.

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, November 6, 2017 (8 am)

† Carol White (Birthday Memorial)

† Carolina B. Piedad

† “Bestray” Sarsona

Tuesday, November 7, 2017 (8 am)

† Earl John Pacpaco

(Memorial Anniversary)

† Carolina B. Piedad

† Maria Ponce (Death Anniversary)

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 (8 am)

† Lenor Ortiz

† Antonio & Apoloniar Acoba

† Blas & Ernesto Perlas Senor

Thursday, November 9, 2017 (8 am)

Maria Aguirre (Birthday Blessings)

† Marcelo Espiritu

† Lenor Ortiz

Friday, November 10, 2017 (8 am)

† Lenor Ortiz

† Violet Porras

† Arturo Becerra

Saturday, November 11, 2017

8 am † Arturo Becerra

Abraham Romero

(Birthday Blessings)

Lidia Castillo (Healing)

5 pm Ushers

(Blessings & Thanksgiving)

Sunday, November 12, 2017

7am Frederico & Florida Badua

(Anniversary)

9 am For the People

11 am † Arturo Becerra

6 pm † Jovita Daclan

† 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: 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** ✠**Alan Pearson (RIP)**

Thursday, November 16, 2017 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 10:00 am

Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 1:30 pm ~ Mililani Mortuary Park

Doly Baldonado Ceon (RIP)

Tuesday, November 21, 2017 ~ Mililani Memorial Park & Mortuary

— Downtown Chapel

Visitation: 5:30 pm

Prayer Service: 6:30 pm

Wednesday, November 22, 2017 ~ SJAE

Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 12:30 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

MAHALO to all who supported St. John's Outreach in the Foodland Give Aloha Campaign. As a result of your generosity, St. John's has received a check for \$1,143.48!

*Mahalo Foodland!*

RELIGIOUS ED. REMINDER: Reconciliation Retreat for FRCE students & parents is scheduled for Saturday November 11th from 9-12 pm in the Church.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE OCT 28/29

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,976.21
Children's Collection	\$ 18.45
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 1,344.25
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 722.50
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 1,426.13
Candle Sales	\$ 546.00
Donation— Youth/ Young Adults	\$ 30.00
Donation - Social Ministry	\$ 160.00
Donation - Charity	\$ 26.00
Donation— Stewardship	\$ 95.00
Donation— All Souls Day	\$ 1,612.00
Donation— Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 20.00
Donation— World Mission Day Sunday	\$ 547.50
Mass Intentions	\$ 70.00

Weekend Total: \$ 18,594.04

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

ST. JOHN'S ANGEL TREE PROJECT*Only 7 weeks until Christmas!*

Next weekend (11-12 November), St. John's Angel Tree will be on the church lanai after all masses. This year we will be supporting Molokai, Catholic Charities, Honolulu Community Action Program, Seniors, and St. John's Local Outreach. Do be an Angel...and stop by next weekend to provide a gift for a child or senior!



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

**LIFE TEEN REMINDER: "HEART OF GOD"****SUPER SUNDAY IS TODAY!**

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

Sunday, November 5 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.

(808) 623-3332 ext. 206/204

SEE YOU THERE!

The next 24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will be held on *Friday, December 1*, immediately after the 8 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am on *Saturday, December 2*.

**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 Mass.



PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

The Parish Office will be closed on *Friday, November 10th* in observance of the Veterans Day Holiday.

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

Suicide Solution? This free event is sponsored by Hawaii Forum & the Hawaii Catholic Conference. Co-sponsored by Hawaii's Partnership for appropriate & compassionate care. Hosted by St. Ann's Adult Faith Formation Team/Committee. **Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 6:30pm- 9:00pm, St Ann's Church in Kaneohe. The speakers are former Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Dr. Craig Nakatsuka, and Deacon Walter Yoshimitsu. For more information, contact (808) 203-6704 or HCC@rcchawaii.org**

Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday- Today, we will hear from Alexis Salvador, who will share what stewardship has meant in her life. Reflect on how **you** are involved at **St. John Apostle & Evangelist...** Do you serve in parish ministries? Do you come to parish-wide events? Are you taking steps to improve your spiritual life and further study our Catholic Faith? The Commitment Card you received in the mail offers suggestions for how you can take a step forward in all these areas. Don't forget to bring your Commitment Card to Mass **November 11/12!**

Know your Body: Natural Fertility Awareness- Come, learn and be empowered in managing your reproductive health at this **free event**. Guest Speaker: Dr. Lek Lim Chan, WOOMB International. <http://www.woombinternational.org/>

Tuesday, Nov. 14 at Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC)- Parish Hall, 6:30pm- 8:30pm. If you have any questions, contact Teresa Fredericks at (808) 224-2765.

St. John Rosary Making Ministry- the next gathering will be on **Wed., Nov. 15th at 10 am** on the Church Lanai. Everyone is welcome!

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on **Thurs., Nov. 16, 7-9 pm in Rm 6**. The discussion book will be "A Catholic Perspective on the Purpose Driven Life" by Monsignor Joseph M Champlin. Open to everyone, bring a snack to share! For more, please email Melissa Crisostomo at alohamc@yahoo.com.

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.

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: November 6-November 12

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

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 - Catholics 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)
9 am - Hui (Rm 5)
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 2)
5:30 pm - RE: CYM Meeting (Rm 4)

Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

Office Closed- Veterans Day Holiday
9 am - Church Cleaning- (Environment)
4 pm - Two 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 6)
9 am - FRCE- Reconciliation Retreat (Rms 4/5)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm - Mass (Saturday Vigil)

Sunday - Masses

Stewardship Commitment Sunday
7 am, 9 am, 11 am, & 6 pm

FOR YOUR SECURITY PLEASE...

PARK SMART!

Take ALL your belongings with you.



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



Office of Worship
Diocese of Honolulu

Memorandum

TO: All Clergy, Parishes and Schools

FROM: Deacon Modesto Cordero, Director
Office of Worship

DATE: October 27, 2017

RE: Mumps Outbreak in Hawaii

Due to the current rising of the mumps outbreak in Hawaii local pastoral discretion and care should be practiced as necessary. It is *advisable* by the Office of Worship that parishes may decide to temporarily suspend the distribution of communion through the use of the communal chalice (Precious Blood) at Mass.

The recommendation is to stop the use of the chalice(s) for at least the next three weeks (incubation period for mumps) or until the outbreak settles down. Parishes in areas where a high volume of tourists attend Mass should be alerted and highly consider this temporary suspension. As Church leaders we have to be sensitive to the needs and health of our congregations.

The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) continues to investigate an increasing number of cases of mumps infection statewide. As of October 26, 2017 the number of confirmed cases of mumps for 2017 is 512; 420 alone were reported on Honolulu.

Medical experts says that the "the highest risk population are those born after 1957. A patient with mumps is most contagious 3 to 7 days before he or she gets sick. This is a bad disease in adults. This is a highly virulent RNA virus that is passed on via oral secretions and it is not killed with a short pass through wine level alcohol."

It is recommended that patients suspected or diagnosed with mumps should self-isolate and avoid going out and exposing others for 9 days after onset of *parotitis* (swelling of the salivary glands). People who have been exposed to mumps and are not vaccinated should not attend public events or be in public areas from day 12 through day 25 after exposure.

This type of situations like annual cold and flu season (or any contagious diseases) always offers us the opportunity to teach the faithful about the use of common sense in sharing the sign of peace and the chalice. For example, a smile or a bow, or simply the

words "***Peace be with you***" might seem more appropriate during the exchange of peace. It is important to remind the faithful that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from a contagious disease. It is a sign of consideration for themselves and others that those that are feeling ill should remain at home.

Within our churches, we must also use common sense and maintain good habits:

- Check and fill hand-soap dispensers in all of the restrooms of the church. You might also place a large dispenser of hand sanitizer in your church vestibule.
- Maintain clean, fresh holy water and holy water fonts.
- Sanitize with disinfectant wipes places and things in the church that are touched frequently.

Please feel free to contact me at the Office of Worship, 808-585-3342 or email at mcordero@rcchawaii.org should you have any questions.

Blessings!