

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

Over the next 3 Sundays, the readings will focus our attention on the final days marked by the second coming of Christ. This Sunday the readings underline the importance of preparedness to meet the Lord at all times. In the first reading, wisdom is described as the spirit which enables us to anticipate the unforeseen and to be prepared. We hear that “Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim”. It is the fuel or the oil that keeps our lamps lit, in order to give witness wherever we are. Wisdom is used in contrast to foolishness which makes us sloppy and negligent in our Christian life. Wisdom on the other hand gives us a kind of a sixth sense in our faith and hope, in order to be alert and prepared. In the second reading, Paul deals with the question raised by the Christian Community in Thessalonika on what happens to those who die before the “second coming”. Paul assures them that because of Christ’s death and resurrection, all who die in Christ “God will bring them with him...Then we who are alive...will be caught up with them” on the last day. The alleluia verse before the Gospel continues the same theme of being prepared. “Stay awake and stand, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming”.

The parable of the ten bridesmaids is used as a concrete expression of wisdom that enables us to stay awake, vigilant and prepared. There is a sharp contrast between the five wise bridesmaids, who take extra oil with them for their lamps, and the foolish ones, who only take their lamps, completely unaware of a possible delay. It can be quite easy for young bridesmaids to slip into foolishness as in the Gospel story. The main point of the parable is that through our baptism, we have received an invitation to the heavenly wedding banquet, but the arrival time of the bridegroom is hidden from us. But why the stress on oil? Some scripture scholars tell us that the oil stands for our good deeds that shine out like light for others to see. The Master of the house locks out those foolish bridesmaids because Jesus has already warned his disciples saying, “Not everyone who says to me, Lord’ will enter...but only the one who does the will of my Father” (Matt 7:21). The parable is one of Jesus’ teaching about good and bad servants, and the two groups are people that we probably know too well. It is an invitation to conversion. Wisen up! Being wise in terms of Jesus means being vigilant for He will surely return and so we need to be ready. It is not a waste of time, but a time of patient waiting in prayer and good works..

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

My Personal Journey of Stewardship

“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?” (Psalm 116:12). This past Sunday we listened to a most engaging testimony by Alexis Salvador on her stewardship journey. Alexis’ journey reminded me of my own journey too, especially how my own mom influenced my stewardship journey that I want to share with you this Sunday as we go through our fourth Stewardship Commitment Sunday.

My family had more property than any family in the village. When my dad died, my mom gave one part of the adjacent property to the Catholic Church and the other part to the Protestant church. She saw that both churches needed the land and she simply gave. For me this was the first lesson of stewardship from my mom. She told us that God had given our family so much and she wanted to share with the village what God had given us.

As I grew up, every Sunday mom would remain at the church the whole afternoon for various meetings. She was the treasurer of the church and attended many meetings. The first time I heard the word “tithing” was from mom. She would never miss giving the first fruits after the harvest to the church as part of her tithing. Mom would always give us coins for the Sunday offertory collection.

During my seminary years, stewardship never featured in my life. Since my ordination in 1968, I was convinced that as a priest I have given my entire life to the Church and therefore there was no need to give more to the parish. I was wrong. My conversion experience started in 2013 when I decided to register as a parishioner. Next, I signed up on WeShare, our parish online giving web site and now give my life more consciously as a steward. Stewardship has made me a better priest: setting time to pray for the needs of parishioners and more time to deepen my faith in order to nourish you better. I have become more generous with the treasure God gives me, by giving more than 10% of my gross income to the parish offertory. What really transformed my life was a stewardship conference in Wichita, KS, February 2014. Speaker after speaker led me to realize that as pastor of my parish I had to live stewardship before I could give homilies about it.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Andrew Dũng-Lac and Companions Memorial—November 24



Andrew Dũng-Lac was among the 117 martyrs of Vietnam killed by government officials during persecutions to suppress European ideals and religious values in the 18th and 19th centuries. The group consisted of 96 Vietnamese and 21 foreign missionaries (11 Spanish and 10 French); the martyrs were bishops, priests, and laypeople, including a woman. They endured horrible tortures in prison before being beheaded, crucified, quartered, or burned alive for refusing to deny their faith. Andrew, a Vietnamese educated in Catholicism, became a catechist and priest. He was arrested and imprisoned with his companion, St. Peter Thi; they were beheaded in 1839. St. John Paul II canonized the martyrs as a group in 1988.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Thirty- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

The prophet Malachi spoke to a people struggling to rebuild their fortunes and nationhood after return from exile (about 455 BC). Malachi saw in this the seeds of further destruction and therefore prophesied a day when all that is evil will be destroyed in order to restore Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9

Psalm 98 is a hymn of praise recognizing God's lordship over all people and things. Response: "The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice." In the Jewish Scriptures military victory and successful political rule were often seen as images of God's power and dominion.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Paul continues to discuss the second coming of Christ. Although Paul mistakenly assumes that this final coming would occur within his own lifetime, he is equally emphatic that it would not occur immediately, and should not provide an excuse for idle behavior.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

These words of Jesus about the destruction of Jerusalem (and the end of the world) need to be read in the light of the whole attitude toward the things of this world. All things are passing, and must yield to the full reality of God's Kingdom. Therefore, the followers of Jesus are urged to be focused on what is beyond the temporal — pleasure, suffering, persecution, and failure. Just as we are not to put our hearts into wealth and power, so we should not fear trial and pain. If we look to the ultimate reality, no passing turmoil or trial can harm us in the long run. Our endurance will save our lives in the end.

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, November 13, 2017 (8 am)

† Claudio Genetiano

Tessie Aquino (Special Intentions)

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 (8 am)

† Alfredo & Felicitas Cordial

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 (8 am)

† Paul S. Thames

† Sister Ann Marie Tamanaha

Thursday, November 16, 2017 (8 am)

† Amelita Zablan

(Birthday Memorial)

Friday, November 17, 2017 (8 am)

William Castro (Birthday Blessings)

Santos (Sandy) Padilla

(Memorial Mass)

Saturday, November 18, 2017

8 am † Ponce Tranilla

(Birthday Memorial)

Brigido & Anastacia Torres

(Anniversary Memorial)

5 pm Joshua Burnett

(Birthday Blessings)

Sunday, November 19, 2017

7 am Bernadette Grace

(Birthday Blessings/Thanksgiving)

9 am For the People

11 am † James & Mildred Mizoguchi

6 pm † Santiago Aquino

† 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 Lania, Wendell Serrao, Marina Guerrero, Palamene Paselio, Alan Pearson, "Bestray" Sarsona, Jovita Daclan and Doly B. Ceon.

✠ 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

Gently Used Purse Drive

Take your hand bag out of the closet and donate it for a great cause!

Former women inmates would definitely appreciate your "gently used" bags when they come home!

Women's Guild will be collecting purses after all masses the weekend of November 18-19.

Please kokua and contribute one or two.

This is a St. John Women's Guild community service project with the Pu'a Foundation.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	NOV 4/5
Sunday Collection	\$ 14,792.45
Children's Collection	\$ 2.50
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,633.75
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 1,475.00
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 1,873.88
Candle Sales	\$ 673.00
Donation— Youth/ Young Adults	\$ 30.00
Donation - Social Ministry	\$ 208.00
Donation - Charity	\$ 48.00
Donation— Funerals	\$ 200.00
Donation— All Souls Day	\$ 1,344.00
Donation— Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 5.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 190.00
Weekend Total:	\$ 25,619.06
"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce." - Proverbs 3:9	

ST. JOHN'S ANGEL TREE PROJECT

Only 6 weeks until Christmas!

This weekend (November 11-12), 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 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 starts a new four week series tonight!

Ex Tenebris Lux

A Life night series on Sacred Scripture

Sunday, November 12 in rooms 4-5.

Join us as we unpack Sacred Scripture, learning how God continues to make Himself known to us today. Sunday Evenings from 7:15pm—8:30pm.

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.**
- 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.**
- 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

Today is Commitment Sunday

Today all parish families are asked to bring their Commitment Card to Mass. During Mass, as a parish community, we offer God our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Our goal is to be a Stewardship Parish—a community who is noticeably committed to prayer, parish ministry, and generous financial support. All three are equally important. May God bless you as you make your commitments.

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.

The Knights of Columbus will be having a chicken plate fundraiser (**tickets go on sale Nov 26th, pick up Jan 13th 2018**) in support of rebuilding the Christian city of Karamles, Iraq. Efforts will be in support of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus' initiative to rebuild and return displaced Christian families to this devastated city.

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".

Planting Seeds for the Future: Good stewardship requires us to think of the future. Have your estate plan prepared now and express your good stewardship in ways that will bless your family and your church.

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

THIS WEEK: November 13–November 19

Monday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
4 pm - Girl Scouts (Troop 611) (Rm 6)
6 pm - Cub Scouts (Rms 4-5)
7 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)
8 pm - Marriage & Family Life (Rm 6)

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)
10 am - Environment Ministry Meeting (Conf Rm)
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 pm - Knight of Columbus (Rm 5)
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)

Wednesday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
10 am - Rosary Making (CH Lanai)
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)
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 (CH)
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)
2 pm - RE: "B" Schedule
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm - Mass (Saturday Vigil)
6 pm - Rosary Prayer Group - CH
7 pm - Rosary Prayer Group Fellowship

Sunday - Masses

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

RE: LIFE Night - Ex Tenebris Lux:
Carry the Fire

FOR YOUR SECURITY PLEASE...

PARK SMART!

Take ALL your belongings with you.



... AND SECURE YOUR VEHICLE!

Car thieves love to window shop!