

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY: FATHER JOSEPH AYINPUUSA

In our second reading of today, St. Paul reminds us, that we do not know when Christ will come again. It happens as stealthily as a thief in the night, or as quickly as labor pains. God does not threaten, but rather invites us to be ready to walk in the Lord's ways as expressed in our responsorial psalm. This week's Gospel is a story about what we must do while we await the return of the Lord. We are called to examine ourselves in light of the behaviors of the three servants. Christians don't just sit around waiting for Jesus to come back. Rather, we are called to invest our talents in the world.

What Jesus is asking us to do is to put our Christian Faith into action. But today Christ focuses us on a particular element of faith: **RISK**. As Christ sees it, risk is no less essential to the life of faith than it is to successful investment. An investor always risks what he presently enjoys for a share in a better, but unrealized, future; the believer, likewise, exchanges his present security for a share in the divine promises – a share that he now possess only “in hope.” *“Faith is the substance of things hoped for”* (Hb 11:1).

Seen in this light, the question that this startling parable poses to us becomes quite simple. Am I a stakeholder in the truth of Christ's promise? Or do I secretly seek indemnities against Him? St. Paul was clear about what stake he thought we *ought* to hold in the soundness of Christ's enterprise: *“If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied”* (1Cor 15:19). Paul expects that true Christians will have such a big stake in Christ's promises that they will seem “pitiable” to those who don't believe.

So the perspective of investment that we are called to make is fundamentally different from that of any kind of worldly business investment. Rather than seeking the greatest return for oneself, a Christian understands that everything he has is gift from the Creator, which he has been given to further the growth of God's Kingdom, and the development of humankind. We could also, out of the hope in Christ's promises, take risks in investing in commitments we consider costly such as remaining faithful to a marriage that, for one reason or another, now demands great sacrifices. An even greater stake will the Christian have who, in order to keep himself from sin, denies himself even innocent pleasures in order to sharpen his hunger for God.

Happily, there is no reason for us to fear “going all in.” Since Christ is Truth itself he will keep his promises. The parable does not even consider the case of a servant who trades with his master's capital and loses it. Ironically, it is those who fear losing anything who will lose everything; and those who risk everything who will receive the greatest share.

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**Saturday:** 2:00—5:00 pm**Sun:** 7:00 am - 1:00pm**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

Gratitude for God's Many Gifts

As I said in my homily last Sunday, I strongly believe that stewardship is living each day with passion and purpose. We do so by being grateful to God for the many gifts God continues to pour out into our lives. In gratitude we offer to God our time, talent and treasure, because God first gave us our life and all we possess. "What do you possess that you have not received? But if you have received it, why are you boasting as if you did not receive it?" (1 Cor 4:7).

Stewardship is returning a portion of what God in his superabundance has given us each day, each month and each year. The gifts we return are our time, our talent and our treasure. We return these gifts not because God or our Church needs them but because we feel an overwhelming need to show our love and gratitude to God. Our deep awareness of how generous God is towards us moves us to respond by giving back to God in time, talent and treasure. We cannot outdo God in our gratitude for all we have in the first place come from God.

Our annual stewardship commitment is an opportunity for each family to express their gratitude to God for the many blessing of the past year, and to re-commit themselves for another year to give to God of their time, talent and treasure out of gratitude. This is what inspires me in my own stewardship. God has given me so much that I cannot but give back to God a portion of what God gives me. If you commit your family to giving to God of your time, talent and treasure, I can assure you that God will bless you and your family in many ways.

I take the opportunity to thank all who have already returned their completed cards. I thank the clergy, staff, volunteers, ushers and other liturgical ministers for their help over the last weekend. If you have not yet done so, please do send it in the mail or bring it to Mass and place it in the offertory basket. We will continue to remind you as this is very important that we all sign the commitment card.



Our Stewardship Prayer

Glory and praise to You, O Lord. In humble gratitude for the enduring faith of St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church, we turn to You for guidance. Grant us the wisdom to understand Your mission for us, and the courage to joyfully bring it to completion.

Transform our minds by Your truth, our hearts by Your love, and our actions for Your service. Abounding in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continually strive to become a stewardship, Spirit-led parish in accordance to your will.

Amen.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17

In this reading, the prophet Ezekiel uses the image of a shepherd to underline how much God loves and cares for his people with compassion and tenderness. Thus, God assumes the role of shepherd for his sheep, finding the lost, gathering the scattered, healing the wounded and caring for all.

Psalm: Ps 23:1-2,2-3,5-8

Psalm 23 is one of the most loved psalms. It opens with a metaphor that sets the tone of the entire song, depicting the responsibility of the shepherd as one of finding pastures and abundant water for the entire flock; securing them and giving them rest. "The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want."

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26

Paul in this reading portrays Jesus Christ as a powerful and awesome Lord and King. Yet we know that Jesus is the "King of Hearts" not the "King of Clubs". "In him shall all be brought to life." Christ is presented as ruler to whom all power and authority must eventually give way; the one who eventually subdues his enemies. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Gospel: Mt 25:31-46

The Gospel passage from Matthew 25 explains how our entire salvation in the end hinges on caring or not caring for the less fortunate. We are told how when Jesus Christ is King will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. The sheep will be placed at His right and the goats at His left, which indicates the separation of the good and from the bad. That separation is done in a way that surprises all. They discover how they did or did not recognize Jesus in their brothers and sisters. They have a greater surprise when Jesus invites them into the kingdom or rejects them right at the door, for just as you did or did not do it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did or did not do it to me. The truth is that Jesus identifies with every person created in God's image and likeness.

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(text): www.sundayhomily.com

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

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

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 20, 2017 (8 am)

Ann Walsh (Birthday Blessings)

Hank Cashen

Lorraine Cashen (Thanksgiving)

Tuesday, November 21, 2017 (8 am)

†Ellison Robinson

Erlinda Redoble

(Thanksgiving/Birthday Blessings)

†Rodney di Girolamo

Wednesday, November 22, 2017 (8 am)

†Filomena Baptisa

†Mary C. Abad (Birthday Memorial)

Damien Calzada (Birthday Blessings)

Thursday, November 23, 2017 (8 am)

Sheryl Aquino

Guerrero Family

(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

†Mildred & Tadashi Furuta

Friday, November 24, 2017 (8 am)

Bryant DeCosta (Birthday Blessings)

†Demetria Manadic

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Amaral

(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Saturday, November 25, 2017

8 am Torres Ohana (Blessings)

Couch Ohana (Blessings)

Fowler Ohana (Blessings)

5 pm †All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, November 26, 2017

7am †Ana Maria Aguirre

9 am For the People

11 am Ana Maria Escamilla

(Birthday Blessings)

6 pm †Nemesia Reyes

†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, Jack & Ellen Cleghorn and all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: 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, Jovita Daclan, Doly B. Ceon, James M. Hunkele, Larry Butcher & Teresita Aquino.

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS †

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

Larry Butcher (RIP)

Thursday, December 7, 2017 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 9:30 am

Mass: 11:00 am

Teresita Aquino (RIP)

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 ~ Mililani Mauka Chapel

Wake Service: 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 20, 2017 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 9:30 am

Mass: 10:00 am

Burial: 1 pm ~ Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery



Mililani Hometown Holiday Parade

December 2, 2017

9:00 am - 10:30 am

Show your St. John SPIRIT-LED Christmas Spirit and join the parish at the parade. Report to

Mililani High School Stadium at 7:30am.

Bring a canned food item to donate to Hawaii Food Bank.

Wear comfy walking shoes and a red shirt!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

NOV 11/12

Sunday Collection

\$ 14,118.77

Children's Collection

\$ 19.50

Online Donation (WeShare)

\$1,681.50

Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)

\$ 1,137.50

One Community Center

Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)

\$ 2,518.13

Candle Sales

\$ 438.29

Donation - Social Ministry

\$ 10.00

Donation - Charity

\$ 103.00

Donation— Baptisms

\$ 60.00

Donation— All Souls Day

\$ 72.00

Donation— Angel Tree Network

\$ 105.00

Mass Intentions

\$ 350.00

Weekend Total: \$ 20,613.69

ST. JOHN'S ANGEL TREE PROJECT

Only 5 weeks until Christmas!

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! Please be sure to return your gift with the tag attached on either of the following dates. November 25/26 ~ December 2/3.

For questions, please call Deb Zedalis at (808) 348-2973 or

email: dzedalis@hawaii.rr.com

Thanks for all your help and support!!



LIFE TEEN REMINDER:

November 19: Life Night "Carry the Fire"

November 26: NO LIFE NIGHT

December 3: **SUPER SUNDAY!**

All confirmation candidates MUST ATTEND.

If you have any questions, feel free to 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



1. Design must include the theme written:

"BE NOT AFRAID: DEFEND LIFE AT ANY AGE".

2. Design must be original, represent the theme well and drawn by hand. Due to copyright concerns, no computer-generated designs will be accepted.

3. Design must be drawn using colored pencils or markers. Avoid crayons. Poster size 14" X 22" provided by Respect Life or Religious Ed.

4. Pick up your poster paper from the RE Office.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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

Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card

We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card, you can still mail it to the parish. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of **St. John Apostle & Evangelist**. Please take this opportunity to express your support for our parish with your time, talent, and treasure!

Parish offices will be closed on November 23-24 in observance of Thanksgiving.

We give thanks to our Lord for all his blessings! Join us in gratitude at the 8 AM Thanksgiving Day Mass! There will be a special blessing for your Thanksgiving table: Bring a meal item (labeled with your name) before sharing it with your family & friends. (i.e. apple cider, dinner rolls, fruit, etc.) Our Liturgical Environment Ministry will place the item on the sanctuary with you. Mahalo for you Kokua and participation in our Thanksgiving Day Mass! ~ Nick Calzada, Liturgy Director

The Church will be closed after the **8 am mass on Friday, November 24th** for the annual steam cleaning of the chairs.

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.

The RE office will be closed on **November 23-26**. No Religious Ed Classes on **November 25-26**. Classes will resume on December 2nd with B Schedule.

2018 Calendars will be distributed after all masses next weekend.

Little Bethlehem Christians (LBC) is a group that represents Christian Families who live in the Holy Land of Bethlehem that make their living as wood carvers. The Alsaouri Family, representing this group, will display a collection of hand-carved olive wood religious items for sale on **December 2nd & 3rd after all masses**. All profits will support Christianity in the land of Christ.

Health Tip from the St. John's Parish Health Ministry:

A Happier - Healthier Life Found at Your Local Parish. It's no real secret: active church goers live happier and healthier lives. Studies have shown that religious people are more resilient to mental health issues such as depression, have significantly lower rates of alcoholism and substance abuse, and are happier as they age compared to their non-church going contemporaries. Bottom line: go to church and participate in Stewardship at your Parish! We are in our renewal season, so please eat an apple and turn in those Commitment Cards!

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: November 20–November 26

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 (Chapel)
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 pm - Children's Choir (Rms 4/5)
4:30 pm - Children's Choir Practice (CCH)
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)
6 pm - OLPH Prayer Group (CH)
7 pm - NO RCIA
7:30 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

Thursday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

Church Offices Closed!
Happy Thanksgiving!
8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)

Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

Church Offices is Closed!
8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
6 pm - Girl Scouts (Troop 104) (Rm. 5)

Saturday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

No RE Classes
8:30 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am - Liturgical Movement (Rm 6)
9 am - Church Cleaning - Group 4
10 am - Health Ministry Mtg. (Rm 6)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm - Mass (Saturday Vigil)
6 pm - Rosary Prayer Group - CH
7 pm - Rosary Prayer Group Fellowship (Rm 4)

Sunday - Masses

7 am, 9 am, 11 am, & 6 pm

No RE Classes

4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)

FOR YOUR SECURITY PLEASE...
... AND SECURE YOUR VEHICLE!

PARK SMART!

Take ALL your belongings with you.



Car thieves love to window shop!