



September 14, 1969, First Parish Mass • May 17, 1970 Ground-breaking • August 15, 1971, Dedication of the church

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DAILY MASS: Monday-Saturday: 8:00am

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm

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

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

or by appointment

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 12:00pm-4:00pm

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Saturday & Sunday – Closed

Msgr. John Mbinda, Pastor, Ext.105

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Participation in Parish Life and Mission

As we conclude these reflections on ways of deepening our faith, I wish to offer a brief overview on participation in various aspects of our parish life and mission. The Year of Faith cannot only be about study and reflection. The solid grounding of the Scriptures, the Council and the Catechism must translate into action. The parish is a great place to start, and each person's gifts help build up the community. All parishioners are welcome as ministers of hospitality (ushers), liturgical musicians, lectors, catechists and in other roles in parish life.

Helping those in need. The Vatican urges Catholics to donate to charity and volunteer to help the poor during the Year of Faith. This means to personally encounter Christ in the poor of the poorest, the marginalized and vulnerable in society. Helping others brings us face-to-face with Christ and creates an example for the world around us to see.

Inviting a friend to Mass. The Year of Faith may be global in its scope, focusing on a renewal of faith and evangelization for the whole Church, but real change occurs at the local level. A personal invitation can make all the difference to someone who has drifted from the faith or feels alienated from the Church. Everyone knows people like this, so everyone can extend a loving welcome.

Living the Beatitudes in daily life. The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12) provide a rich blueprint for Christian living. Their wisdom can help all to be more humble, patient, just, transparent, loving, forgiving and free. It's precisely the example of lived faith needed to draw people to the Church in the year ahead.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

Pastor

VISION STATEMENT

*We are called to **develop a deeper relationship with Christ.** Such a relationship is fostered through*

active participation in: the

Sacraments, the Word,

Renewal programs,

ministry/service,

fellowship and

*other **Spirit-led** activities.*

We will dedicate our time,

talent and treasure

to install in our

Parish community

these basic building

blocks of Christian living,

to live out the Lord's commands

and to preach the Good News to all

through our words, deeds and lives.

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings: September 15

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Readings: Ex 32:7-11,13-14; Ps 51:3-4,12-13,17,19;
1Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-31

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

In this passage, Moses is at prayer before God who tells him that the Israelites are guilty of turning away from God's law. Moses pleads with God to spare the people asking him to remember the Covenant he made with the forefathers. In the end we hear that God relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict upon the people.

Psalm: Ps 51:3-4,12-13,17,19

Psalm 51 is the most beautiful Penitential Psalm. The response consists of plea for mercy, a prayer for transformation. The seriousness of the offenses acknowledged requires a thorough conversion (transformation, change of heart, *metanoia*). The psalmist therefore pleads to God for this transformation: "a clean heart create in me, O God."

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

This six verse reading is a bold statement about God's mercy toward sinners. Paul begins this teaching with an expression of gratitude for God's goodness towards him, and for this Paul moves into a personal testimony that shows the extent of God's goodness. Paul states that he is grateful Christ strengthened him and found him worthy to proclaim the Gospel. In other words, Paul is admitting his transformation by the grace of God's goodness to what he is now. He was the foremost of sinners, but was mercifully treated. Christ too will transform those who come to believe.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-31

In the opening verses of this Gospel, the lines are drawn between the scribes and the Pharisees, who are considered righteous leaders, and tax collectors and sinners, who are social outcasts. To share a meal with the latter group was to share life with them. Thus Luke in this passage sets the stage for a real confrontation. That is the context for the accusation of the religious leaders that "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Typically, Jesus does not deny their accusation but seizes the opportunity to teach about God's unfathomable mercy and compassion using three parables of the lost and found." The best known of these parables is that of the prodigal son. While the parable is clearly about the mercy God shows to the repentant sinner, it also contrasts God's openness with the closed-mindedness of those who consider themselves faithful. Often times we tend to behave like the elder son whose attitude and language is sharply contrasted to that of his forgiving father. The feasting and the joy of forgiveness are worthy meditating upon as consequence of deeply experiencing God's mercy.

*Msgr. John's Sunday homilies are available on the following updated links: **Blog (text):** <http://www.sundayhomily.com>*

***Podcast (audio):** <http://streaminghomilies.podbean.com>*

*On iTunes, under Podcast search for: **streaming homilies**, subscribe free to get the homilies weekly.*

***Boohomily (audio):** <http://audioboo.fm/jmbinda>*

"If our prayer is resolutely united with that of Jesus, in trust and boldness as children, we obtain all that we ask in his name, even more than any particular thing: the Holy Spirit himself, who contains all gifts."(CCC 2742)

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Healing/Blessings: Stephanie Campbell, Emily Ramiscal, Anunciacion Amod, Marsha Cha, Ben Regidor, Sharon Scott, Channing Fukuda, Ellen Cleghorn, Carolyn Drapes, Patricia Perez, Jeremiah Bright, George Makio, Clara Cole, Sally Bordfeld, Leilani Mueller, Sherri Mauck, Hilda Gomez and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

Deceased: Eleanor Domingcil, James Broto Toledo, Gloria Spray, Arthur S. Dorado, Robert Gulliford, Mercedes B. Soliven, Ernest A. Leong III, Alejandrino Confessor Taliman, Sr. Natividad Ferraren SPC, Carlos Pesante-Bonafe, Arsenio Batang Siggayo, Rose S. Hamora, Harold Looney, Evelyn Toshiko Winninghoff, Darrell Sabihon, Indra Duarte Robinson, Viola K. Quinn, Wilfred R. Castro, Enrique Corpus Ancheta Sr., Timoteo Soriano Caseria Jr., Mary "Malia" Kaipo Malama Serrao, Lucille Margaret Perske, and Kay Kimie Nishimura.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, September 9, 2013

8am Mass Dwayne Wise (RIP)
Regina Bulac (RIP)

Tuesday, September 10, 2013

8am Mass Carlina Costillo
(Thanksgiving/Birthday Blessings)
Luzviminda Otico (Healing)

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

8am Mass Michael Beauchemin
(Birthday Blessings)
Patrick Stamp (RIP)

Thursday, September 12, 2013

8am Mass Jordan Tano (Birthday Blessings)
Leonicio Cole (RIP)

Friday, September 13, 2013

8am Mass Elizabeth and William Castro, Sr. (RIP)
Harold Looney (RIP)
Glenn James Galman (Healing/Guidance)

Saturday, September 14, 2013

8am Mass Bobbie Jean Asuncion
(Birthday Blessings)
Harvey Buenconsejo (RIP)
5pm Mass Claude Phillips (RIP)

Sunday, September 15, 2013

7am Mass Marcial Taglinao (RIP)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Joseph C. Domanguera (RIP)
6pm Mass Joseph Trinidad and Mary Jean Acoba
(Birthday Blessings)

Parish News & Announcements

There will be a Healing Mass with Anointing on Monday, September 9th. Praise and Worship begins at 7:30pm followed by Mass. All are welcome!

Religious Education Classes Begin in September: We welcome back the students in religious education Grades 1-8 on Schedule "A" and Confirmation Year-2 on Sunday, September 8th. Schedule "B" will start on Sunday, September 15th for students in grades Pre-K through 5, First Eucharist Grades 4-11 and Confirmation Year-1. Full class calendars are available on the website or at the Religious Education Office.

There are 6 spaces left on the 13-day (May 24-June 5, 2014) Marian Shrines Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, France, and Rome with Msgr. John S. Mbinda as spiritual director. For information, please contact Jolly at 623-3332, ext. 111 or email: info@stjohnmililani.org.

Join us in Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church with the following presentations from 7-8:30pm in the church: Wednesday, September 11th: "The Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus" and Friday, September 27th: "Prayer: Finding God in Our Lives." The celebration continues on Saturday, September 28th with a Video Presentation on "The Church: Community of New Life in the Spirit," Holy Mass, and Commissioning of Catechists. Contact Sr. Alma Esmero at 623-3332 ext. 205 or Deacon Modesto Cordero at 585-3342 for more information.

Rose Pacheco, RN of St. Francis Healthcare, will conduct a CPR and AED Certification Training on September 14, 2013 from 9:00am – 3:00pm in rooms 4 & 5. This training is open to all. The cost is \$20 per person. Please call Beth Fukuda at 623-3054 or Elaine Gibson at 497-8366 to RSVP. A sign-up sheet is also available at the back of the church.

New Altar Server Training will be held on Sunday, Sept 22nd from 12:30-3:00pm in the church. Minimum requirements: at least 7 years old, have received First Eucharist and willing to serve at least two times per month. We are in particular need of children and adults to serve at the 11:00 am mass. Please email Margaret Higa at sjaserver@hawaii.rr.com to RSVP for the training or for more information. Thank you!

**Hawaii
Catholic
Charismatic
Renewal
Service**



The Hawaii Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services (HCCRS) is sponsoring *A Holy Spirit Gathering* on Friday, Sept. 27, 2013 at 7:00pm at Holy Family Church, (Near the Airport). Fr. Sebastian Chacko, is

the speaker. Any questions, please call Flo Andrade, Center Director, 455-3224. www.HCCRS.net.

Youth and Young Adult FaithLife Ministry (for high-school and college-aged students): join us for fun, fellowship, Scripture sharing, praise & worship and refreshments on Thursdays from 6:30pm-8:30pm in rooms 4 and 5. **Upcoming Events:** **Thursday, September 12: Youth Mass at 6:30pm; Thursday, September 19: Getting to Know You & Welcome to St. John's Family; Thursday, September 26: The Light of Christ in You and Me.** Contact Auntie Gwen and Deacon Wally Mitsui at 623-6982 or email: gmitsui@gmail.com and wmitsui@rcchawaii.org for more information.

The Catholic Book Club's next book is entitled, Conceived Without Sin, by Bud Macfarlane. Borrow or buy the book, read it and plan to join the discussion on **Thursday, October 17th from 7– 9pm in classroom 6.** Contact Melissa Crisostomo at 626-2469 or email her at alohamc@yahoo.com for more information.

Do you know anyone hurting after an abortion? Rachel's Vineyard invites women and men to a weekend retreat to begin the healing. *"If the emotional and spiritual wounds of a past abortion have been sapping faith, love and joy from your life, I can promise, that if you enter this process for healing, your life will begin to change. A journey into Rachel's Vineyard is a gift only you can open your heart to receive... A new chapter of your life awaits you. You are not alone. Take courage, God is calling you towards peace, love, hope, and freedom."* ~ Dr. Theresa Burke, Founder of Rachel's Vineyard Ministries. **The next Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat on Oahu is scheduled for: October 25-27, 2013.** Please call Lisa Shorba for registration information at (808) 349-5071 or email: rvinhawaii@gmail.com. Visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Kay Kimie Nishimura (RIP)

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Mililani Memorial Park Mortuary – Mauka Chapel

8:00-9:00am ~ Public Viewing; 9:00-10:00am ~ Family Program

10:00-10:45am ~ Prayer Service; 11:00am ~ Burial

Sunday Collection Report

Sunday Offering September 1, 2013	Actual Amount	Weekly Goal
	\$14,123.60	\$12,647.00
Building, Equipment, Maintenance and Outreach September 1, 2013	\$ 1,892.00	\$ 1,470.00

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce." PROVERBS 3:9