

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Father Pat McCormick

“I am the Good Shepherd”

For three weeks of Easter we have been reviewing from the Gospels the apparitions or sightings of Jesus after He rose from the dead. But today, the fourth Sunday of the Easter Season, we turn and ask “where will we find the Risen Lord today”, in our own lives? And the first answer is in the relationship between ourselves and one who leads us safely through the wiles of this life into the Kingdom of His Father. And not only does He lead us, but unlike normal shepherds who protect their sheep in order that, some day, they will “take the lives of the sheep” for their own benefit, the Good Shepherd protects his flock in order to “give us His life” in its Risen fullness and forever. In fact, the Good Shepherd has already poured out His own life that He might give it to us now beginning in this life in the regenerating waters of Baptism and share it fully with us on the last day when we too shall rise from the dead and share body and soul in the glory of our God in our own humanity.

And so the first place we find the Risen Lord today is in the One who guides, protects, heals, forgives, picks up, renews, and loves His flock, each one of us as if I were the only person He ever created. When we find and experience the Good Shepherd in our lives, we find anew the One Risen from the Dead.

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****Monday:** Closed**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**PARISH CLERGY & STAFF****Pastor** (ext. 111)*Msgr. John Mbinda**jmbinda@rcchawaii.org***Parochial Vicar** (x 104)*Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa**jayinpuusa@rcchawaii.org**Fr. Pat McCormick* (x 108)*(In Residence)***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***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

Good Shepherd Sunday: Vocations Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday because on this Sunday we hear the Gospel of St. John in which Jesus tell us that he is the Good Shepherd. Jesus as our Good Shepherd cares for us, nourishes us and keeps us in good spiritual health. He has appointed bishops and priests to serve on his behalf as shepherds. For that reason, on this Sunday the whole Church prays for good vocations. Here in the Diocese of Honolulu we certainly need more priests.

Two weeks ago, I was speaking to our young confirmation students and one of them asked me how I realize I had a vocation to be a priest. Vocation to the priesthood can begin with an attraction to serve God following the example of good priests. That was my starting point. I saw the kindness of the Irish priest who was the principal of my school as well as the pastor who was so caring. The priests did not ask me if I wanted to become a priest. I came to that conclusion myself perhaps with God's Grace. Other times the seed of vocation can be planted by parents in their children. Priests too can plant that seed in young men and help them to discern as they grow.

Here at St. John's we say the Diocesan Prayer for vocations at the end of Mass during weekdays. This prayer is our continuous response to Jesus who asks us to "Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers to the vineyard." Parents can respond to this prayer by encouraging their sons to think of being priests in the future. Thanks to those parents who are already open to encourage their sons to think of vocation to the priesthood even in their young years. May God bless such parents. May He bless parents of priests, seminarians and future seminarian more particularly for their sacrifice so that their sons may be good shepherds of Christ's flock.



Be generous and you will be prosperous; help others and you will be helped." (Good News Translation) - Prov 11:25

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

This passage is about Saul's acceptance by the early Jerusalem community of Christians after his conversion. It also exposes the internal problems that were beginning to beset the infant Church. Fearful protectionism would eventually lead to factions, especially between Jewish and Gentile Christians. These factions would create serious problems for Paul later. However, despite such problems the unity and the growth in faith of the Jerusalem community helped the Church to spread throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

Psalm 22 expresses both the humiliation and the vindication of God's righteous servant, a reference to Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection. One who has experienced God's saving works cannot keep silent, but is impelled to proclaim God's praises to all. Response: "I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people."

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

In this passage, John raises two key questions. 1) How can we be sure that our faith is true? 2) How can we tell if we are really pleasing God and living in his presence? All the ways of discernment boil down to one criterion: keeping the commandment of loving one another. Conscience is not merely a good feeling or an opinion about what is right. Conscience is the measure of our own attitudes and acts against the criterion of mutual love. Faith in God and love of one another are inseparable.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

The Hebrew Scriptures frequently speak of the people of Israel as a vine or as God's vineyard, often producing sour grapes because of their infidelity (see Ps 80; Is 5; Jer 2:21; 12:10-11; Ez 15: 17; 19). When Jesus applies that image in this passage, he affirms that he is faithful in bearing the fruit of God's work, in contrast to the infidelity of the Israelites. God, at last, finds true fidelity in Jesus, the true vine, a fidelity shown by obedience all the way to the cross. True followers of Jesus are attached to him just as branches to the vine. They share his life and they accomplish his work (bearing fruit). Both elements of the Christian life are essential: work depends on life, and life must overflow into action. Inactivity is a sign that there is no life, and such a branch that does not produce fruit is cut away (v 6). This is a reference to our being purified from the traces of sin and from our deadly egotism, so that we may bear better and more abundant fruit.

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Podcast (audio): <https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda>
iTunes (audio): [Streaming Homilies](#)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 23, 2018

(8 am) †Theodoro Melegrito

Fely Bula (Healing)

Suzanne Foster (Healing/Blessings)

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

(8 am) †Abraham Miram

Stephanie Jamile

(Special Intentions)

† Eric Umetsu

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

(8 am) † Luisa Ancho

† Theodoro Melegrito

Andrea & Ernesto Perlas, Jr.

(Healing/Blessing/ Thanksgiving)

Thursday, April 26, 2018

(8 am) †Theodoro Melegrito

†Charlotte Hodapp

Mary Liza Caspillo

(Birthday Blessings)

Friday, April 27, 2018

(8 am) †Theodoro Melegrito

Mario M. Pichon

(Healing/Special Intention)

Suzanne Foster (Blessings/Healing)

Saturday, April 28, 2018

(8 am) †Gregorio Castillo

Jayten Rivera (Birthday Blessings)

† Liberato Obado

5pm Shirley De Long

Sunday, April 29, 2018

7am † Barbara Silva

9 am For the People

11 am Knights of Columbus (Blessings)

6 pm † Janie L. Andrews

† Rest in Peace †

HEALING / BLESSINGS: Carrie Becky, Deacon Modesto Cordero, Cheryl Solomon, Clyde Sauget, Felisa Rapisura, Linda Osdieck, David Hall, Evelyn Quinata, Shirley Del Rosario, Carol Towne, Darrlyn & Ron Bunda, baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, David Torres, Jack & Ellen Cleghorn, Ernesta Tolentino, Lester Wilson, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Jim Vangrinsven, Dollie McGarry, Suzanne Foster, Linda Eguchi, Mario M. Pichon, Leora Hernandez, Alan Cadiux & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Praxedes Salmorin, Milagros Gueco, Bella Rillamas, Phillip D. Meek, Sr., William Brilhante, Barbara Silva, Theresa M. Robles, Alveria Maldonado, Teresa Yamamoto, Jose R. Burgos, Debra K. Badis, George Dorado, Janie Andrews, Lourdes S. Malig, Jinny M. Shinsato, Luisa Ancho, Jesus C. Lucas, Floriano Castaneda, Theodoro Melegrito & William Edward Souza, Jr.

The next 24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will be held on *Friday, May 4*, immediately after the 8 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am on *Saturday, May 5*.



Please contact the parish office to set up an appointment & coordination for the following:

Anointing of the Sick

Baptisms (Upcoming ceremony dates)

May 13 & 27, June 17 & 24, July 15 & 22

Baptism Preparation Classes: May 6, June 3, & July 1

Blessings (home, auto, religious items, etc...)

Funerals

Homebound Communion

Marriages (at least 6 months before wedding date)



LIFE TEEN REMINDER:

NO Life Night– Sunday, April 22 (Life Teen Retreat)

Life Night will resume Sunday, April 29 "Vital, Before Death."

SEE YOU THERE!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE APRIL 14/15

Sunday Collection	\$ 13,871.32
Children's Collection	\$ 19.00
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 1,632.10
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 722.50
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 3,315.75
Candle Sales	\$ 476.00
Donation-	\$ 40.00
Donation– Mother's Day	\$ 168.00
Donation– Funerals	\$ 300.00
Donation- Marriage	\$ 200.00
Donation– Baptisms	\$ 75.00
Donation– Youth/ Young Adults	\$ 30.00
Donation– Social Ministry	\$ 105.00
Donation– Holy Thurs. (Oper. Rice Bowl)	\$ 86.87
Donation– Charity	\$ 95.00
Donation– Mass Intentions	\$ 350.00

Weekend Total: \$ 21,486.54

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

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS †

Luisa Ancho (RIP)

Monday, April 26, 2018 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 10:00 am

Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: in the Philippines

Samuel Tomontong (RIP)

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 ~ Mililani Memorial Mauka

Visitation: 5:30 pm

Memorial Service: 6:30 pm

Jesus C. Lucas (RIP)

Wednesday, May 9, 2018 ~ Mililani Memorial Makai

Visitation: 5:30 pm

Prayer Service: 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 10, 2018 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 10:00 am

Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 12 :30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Lourdes S. Malig (RIP)

Monday, May 21, 2018 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 9:00 am

Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

HEALTHY TIPS from our Parish Health Ministry: **Interact with other people.**



Be a people person. Talking with other people sharpens your brain, whether at work, at home or out in the community. Studies has shown that social activities improve your mind. So, volunteer, visit or call a friend, colleague, and or relative.

Job Opening: **General Maintenance Worker (Part-Time)**

Description: Responsible for the maintenance, cleanliness, and repair of parish facilities. Performs a variety of facility and equipment maintenance and preventative maintenance duties. Oversees assigned staff and any maintenance activities provided by contractors as assigned by the Pastor.



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PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

Are you 62 years or older and in need of assistance? Help may be available. For further information, please contact Pearl Bates at 623-3332 ext. 203.

Food Pantry– If you or someone you know needs food assistance, we can help! Come see us on **Tuesday, April 24, 2018 from 10am–12 noon** at St. John's parking lot.

Rosary Making Ministry: Meeting date changed. The next gathering is on **Saturday, April 28 at 10 am on the breezeway.** Everyone is Welcome!

Honor your mother, living or deceased, this **Mother's Day, May 13th**, by making a Mass offering. All the names will be published as an insert in the May 5/6 bulletin. **Please PRINT LEGIBLY.** Envelopes are available at the back of the church. **The deadline to submit your mother's name for publication is Sunday, April 29.**

Celebrate our Blessed Mother Mary on Saturday, May 5, 2018 after the 5:00 pm Mass. Please join us in praying the Holy Rosary and the coronation of the statue of Mary. Bring a local dish to share for the potluck dinner to follow. This event is sponsored by the Women's Guild.

Health & Wellness Fair, sponsored by the Parish Health Ministry, will be held on **Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.** The fair will include a featured speaker Dr. Marel Vea, "Elderly Falls Prevention." Free community event featuring medical testing (Glaucoma & Blood Pressure), exercise (Senior Tai Chi), Health information booths, Project Vision (Free Eye Testing for Keiki's & Seniors) and MORE!!! Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Bonnie (310) 293-3432 & Elaine 497-8366.

Join us in the Ordination to the Diaconate of Romple Emwalu on Friday, May 25 at 6 pm at St. John's. Bishop Larry Silva will be the celebrant. A reception will follow after Mass.

50th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Italy, including Rome, Assisi & Siena with Msgr. John Mbinda, Spiritual Director, from December 2-12, 2018. Registration Deposit Due: May 10, 2018. **Please register online:** <https://goo.gl/Cf1T8r>. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 623-3332 ext. 100.

Religious Education Announcements

April 28	First Reconciliation Students, Parents & Sponsor	Retreat (meeting on the Church Lanai) 9am–2 pm
May 2 & 9	First Reconciliation Students Only	Practice (meeting on the Church Lanai) 6 - 8 pm
May 5	RE Students in Gr. 3-5 & Sponsor	Practice & Meeting 9 am - 12 pm
May 12	Edge and Life Teen Students & Sponsors	Practice & Meeting 9 am - 12 pm
May 16	FRCE Students & Sponsor	Practice (meeting on the Church Lanai) 6–8 pm

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 knows now how important a will really is. Do you have a will?

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

THIS WEEK: April 23 – April 29

Monday – 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
4 pm– Girl Scouts (Troop 611) (Rm 6)
6 pm – Boy Scouts (Rms 4-5)
7 pm – Charismatic PG (CH)
7 pm– Family Rosary Prayer Group Fellowship (Rm 4)

Tuesday –7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am–Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am–Church Cleaning–Environment (CH).
9 am– Women's Bible Study (Rm 6)
9 am– Food Pantry (Parking Lot)
3 pm – Cenacle Prayer Group (CH)
4:30 pm– Children's Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm– Combined Chorus Practice (CH)
7:30 pm – AA Meeting (Rm 6)

Wednesday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
6 pm – OLPH Prayer Group (CH)
7 pm– RCIA (Rms 4/5)
7 pm– EMHC Training (CH)
7:30 pm – NA Meeting (Rm 6)

Thursday –7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
7 pm– Cub scouts 144– Committee Mtg. (Rm 6)

Friday – 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am– Church Cleaning (Environment)
4 pm– 2 Hearts (CH)
6 pm– Girl Scouts (Troop 104) (Rm 5)

Saturday – 7:30am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am– RE: FRCE Retreat (CH)
10 am– Parish Health Ministry (Rm 6)
10 am– Rosary Making (Breezeway)
3 pm– RE: "B" Schedule
3:30 pm – Confession
5 pm– Mass (Saturday Vigil)

Sunday - Masses:

7 am, 9 am, & 11 am
RE: "B" Schedule
8 am– Blood Bank (Parking Lot)
8 am– Knights of Columbus: Fish Fry
4 pm– 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm– Life Teen– Vital: Before death (Rms 4/5)