

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Father Joseph Ayinpuusa

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B “A branch cannot bear fruit by itself...”

When a branch is freshly cut from a tree, you will see a kind of liquid, like water, that is the sap, coming out. As long as the branch remains attached to the tree, that sap will feed it and keep it alive. But when it is cut off and thrown away, it withers; it dries up.

Jesus says the same thing can happen to us. He tells us that he is the vine, and we are the branches. “Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – it withers”. Our life as Christians is God’s life in us, a life we received at our Baptism. This life is nourished by a special union with God and Jesus, when we continuously draw the sap from Jesus. That is why Jesus tells us: “Make your home in me as I make mine in you.” We make our home in Jesus and draw the life sustaining sap from Him by having daily personal interactions with the Lord; when we pray together in our families, when we gather every Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist, every time we receive the sacraments, every time we read the Bible.

If we live in union with Jesus, we will remain alive, and more still, we will bear fruit in plenty, for Jesus assures us: “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will, and you shall get it.” To bear fruit John, the apostle, tells us in the second reading the kind of life that God wants - a life where there is “love... not just words of mere talk but something real and active.” Jesus lived His life doing good to people, in the same way, if we live in Him, and He in us. He continues doing good to people through us; the love of God passes through us and goes out to others in need of Him. In our first reading (Acts 9:26-31), Barnabas shows a Christian love that is not just words or mere talk but something real and active when the Church in Jerusalem doubted the genuineness of Paul’s conversion and Barnabas introduced Paul to them assuring them of his conversion. We all know what a difference Paul made to the Church. And it was Barnabas who prepared the way for Paul. So what a difference it makes to the whole Church when we bear fruit and love with a Christian love that is real and active and not just words or mere talk. Do I really live in Jesus and Jesus in me? In other words: Do I share with Jesus all that I live from day to day? “Make your home in me as I make Mine in you”.

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

Original Order: Background History

As the Solemnity of Pentecost approaches (May 19/20), all parishioners need to be aware of the Original Order being implemented by the Diocese of Honolulu on that weekend. This article briefly outlines the background history of the Restored Order of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

In the early Church the sacraments of initiation were three: Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist. They were celebrated together in a single rite, with a bishop as presider. This was the practice of the Roman Rite up until the 5th or 6th century when bishops could no longer be present at all baptisms, leading to a time of separation between baptism and confirmation. At first the time of separation was short, but as time went on, the delay for the bishop to arrive grew. Still the Church celebrated the sacraments in the order of Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist until this century.

In 1910 Pope Pius X ordered that children be allowed to come to the table of the Eucharist as soon as they could distinguish the Eucharist from ordinary bread. The age was then lowered to around seven. Confirmation then came after First Eucharist. The reforms of Vatican Council II called the Church to restore the original order of sacraments. This is not without challenge and difficulties. Such a change presumes a deep commitment on the part of the family to nurture the life of the young. Such a commitment means that parents have a need to understand the reasons for change & the ways in which they can help their children.

The main reason for restoring the order of the sacraments (i.e. putting Confirmation before First Holy Communion) is to emphasize that Eucharist (Communion) is THE sacrament, which celebrates our FULL membership in the Body of Christ. Receiving Confirmation at the same Mass where the First Holy Communion is also received, makes clear that the order of the Sacraments is: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion, the sacrament of ongoing growth and unity. Holy Communion therefore nourishes us for ministry. After Pentecost, there will be post-confirmation catechesis or mystagogy to accompany the newly confirmed.

So stay tuned.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

This passage is a brief summary of all of chapter ten. Peter's visit to Cornelius and his subsequent conversion marks a turning point in the attitude of the early Christian community. God himself demonstrates that salvation is for all Jews and Gentiles. By God's gift of the Spirit independent of the decision of the apostles, God forces them to recognize in act (rather than merely in theory) the basic equality of all peoples in the face of God's love and call.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

Psalm 98 reinforces the message of the first reading, that God's love is universal, and that he chose a particular people in order to make possible his salvation for all peoples. Response: "The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power."

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

God's love is not something we can earn or deserve. God's love for us is the starting point. God has loved us first overwhelmingly. Thus our motive for loving one another is not done in order to gain God's favor. We love because God has already loved us without our meriting it and without preconditions.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

The Gospel passage continues the theme of union with Christ begun two Sundays ago. Here Jesus draws out the implications of "living in him". The most profound spiritual activity is love, which seeks full union with the beloved. And if love is true, the lover becomes transformed into the beloved in a way that in some sense they are no longer two but one. The test of love is obedience (faithfulness). To keep God's commandments is to show clearly that a person loves Christ. Love leads a person to sacrifice a personal point of view and put oneself confidently into the will of the other without any pre-conditions. Jesus himself has done this by conforming himself to the will of the Father; and by becoming a human being like us in all things except sin. He has died on the cross for us and rose to show us how much he loves us. Jesus now commands that we too love one another in a genuine manner.

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, April 30, 2018

(8 am) †Theodoro Melegrito

†Gregorio Castillo

Suzanne Foster (Healing/Blessings)

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

(8 am) †Zaida Kawarai

†Robert Chock

Lyvette Aaloma

(Birthday Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

(8 am) †Thomas & Claudia Borowitz

†Theodoro Melegrito

†Gregorio Castillo

Thursday, May 3, 2018

(8 am) †Gregorio Castillo

†Joy Miranda

†M/M Bob Knott

Friday, May 4, 2018

(8 am) †Feliciano Dona

†Gregorio Castillo

Suzanne Foster (Blessings/Healing)

Saturday, May 5, 2018

(8 am) †M/M Peter Kaeo

†Theodoro Melegrito

†Gregorio Castillo

5pm †Floriano Castaneda

Sunday, May 6, 2018

7am †Gregorio Castillo

9 am For the People

11 am †Theodoro Melegrito

6 pm †William Edward Souza Jr.

†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 Mairenui 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: 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, Jinri M. Shinsato, Luisa Ancho, Jesus C. Lucas, Theodoro Melegrito, William Edward Souza Jr., Floriano Castaneda & Benjamin P. Espanto.

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:

Don't forget Life Night immediately after the 6pm Mass in rooms 4-5. The new theme is **Vital, "Before Death."** All high school teens are welcome.

Bring a friend!

SEE YOU THERE!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE APRIL 21/22

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,204. 58
Children's Collection	\$ 6. 00
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,142. 60
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 1,722. 56
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 14, 101. 00
Candle Sales	\$ 579. 00
Donation- Mother's Day	\$ 310. 00
Donation- Funerals	\$ 300. 00
Donation- Stewardship	\$ 95. 00
Donation- Baptisms	\$ 170. 00
Donation- Holy Thurs. (Oper. Rice Bowl)	\$ 17. 75
Donation- Charity	\$ 68. 00
Donation- Mass Intentions	\$ 220. 00

Weekend Total: \$ 32, 936. 49

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

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS †

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

Benjamin P. Espanto (RIP)

Monday, June 11, 2018 ~ Mililani Memorial Makai

Visitation: 5:30 pm

Prayer Service: 6:30 pm

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 10:00 am

Mass: 11:00 am

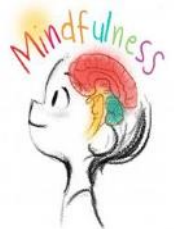
Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

HEALTHY TIPS from our Parish Health Ministry:

Practice mindfulness.

Be a positive thinker. Focus on the positive things in life.

Whether you are walking, sitting, and eating, enjoy the pleasant experience of meditation and use this to generate a deep sense of gratitude for the kindness of others. Appreciation from what other people do, strengthens our feeling of cherishing love for them.



Pope Francis: A Man of His Word in theaters on Friday, May 18, 2018. "The film masterfully shares the tenderness, humanity, & revolutionary thinking of Pope Francis, & shows that he is a man who practices what he preaches." Hope is a Universal Message. For more information visit www.PopeFrancisTickets.com or call (800) 585-1892.

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.

Planting Seeds for the Future: Your gifts to your church are a testimony to your faith and the confidence you have in your church. Both lifetime gifts and testamentary (those that are given through your will) express our feelings in a meaningful way. Please remember *St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church* in planning your will.



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.

The Hui O Laulima Food Trolley will be out next weekend. There is a need for non-perishable, single-sized serving foods: cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, jam, fruit, ramen, rice (5 lb bags), canned goods (meats, sauces, soups, pasta, veggies, beans, fruit), mac & cheese, etc. Thank you for your continued support and Kokua.

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. Please join *the Knights of Columbus in prayer for the Feast of the Unborn Child* at the monument on May 13, 2018 after the 11 am mass. Join us in refreshments following the prayer."

2018 Annual Diocesan Priests' Convocation: Msgr. John & Fr. Joseph will be away on Convocation the week of May 14-18. There will be 8:00 am Daily Mass on Mon., May 14th and Communion Services from May 15-18.

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.

Food Pantry- If you or someone you know needs food assistance, we can help! Come see us on **Tuesday, May 29, 2018 from 10am-12 noon** at St. John's parking lot.

Religious Education Announcements

Class	Rehearsal w/ Sponsors	Confirmation Date/ Time
First Reconciliation, Confirmation, Eucharist (FRCE) Students ONLY	Wednesday, May 2 & 9 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM	
Grades 3-5	Saturday, May 5 9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Sunday, May 20 9:00 MASS
Edge & Life Teen	Saturday, May 12 9:00 AM -12:00 PM	Sunday, May 20 11:00 AM MASS
First Reconciliation, Confirmation, Eucharist (FRCE) Students	Wednesday, May 16 6:00 PM-8:00 PM	Saturday, May 19 5:00 PM MASS

THIS WEEK: April 30 - May 6

Monday - 7:30 am- Rosary
8 am- *Daily Mass*
8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
4 pm- Girl Scouts (Troop 611) (Rm 6)
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)
3 pm - Cenacle Prayer Group (CH)
4:30 pm- Children's Choir Practice (CH)
6:30 pm- Environmental Ministry Gathering (CH Lanai)
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)
9 am- Hui (Rm 5)
9:30 am- SJAE Preschool Rehearsal (CH)
6 pm - OLPH Prayer Group (CH)
6:30 pm- RE: FRCE Students- Practice (CH)
7 pm- RCIA (Rms 4/5)
7:30 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

Thursday -7:30 am- Rosary
8 am- *Daily Mass*
8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)

Friday - 7:30 am- Rosary
8 am- *Daily Mass*
8:30 am- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
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- Liturgical Movement (Rm 4)
9 am- RE: Gr. 3-5 & Sponsor- CH
3 pm- RE: "A" Schedule
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)

Sunday - Masses:
7 am, 9 am, & 11 am

RE: "A" Schedule

4 pm- 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm- Life Teen- Vital: Life in the Vine (Rms 4/5)