

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Deacon Modesto Cordero

Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness

This past 4th of July celebration marked our nation's 242th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The most famous sentence in this declaration is, ***"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."*** Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness ARE unalienable rights from God. And the order in which they are mentioned are critically important.

However for some people the pursuit of happiness can become a debauched value that can be more important than the values of life and liberty. And we see this play out in our experience and in our readings this weekend. The first reading from the prophet Ezekiel, who is a man of God, show us that his values are in proper order. God had given him the gifts of life and liberty. And he defined his happiness by doing the will of God, which meant being sent to proclaim the word of God to the "hard of face" and "obstinate of heart". If we define our pursuit of happiness like Ezekiel as doing the will of God in whatever difficult circumstance we find ourselves in, we may have the grace to persevere through difficult situations, and over time be surprised that we are happier people for it.

The second reading of St. Paul is from a letter to the Corinthians who were an early Church community that were famous for fighting with each other. Paul speaks about ***"a thorn in the flesh"*** that keeps him from being elated. What was that "thorn"? I think it is safe to say, every person in Corinth and every one of us has something that qualifies as Paul's thorn in the flesh that keeps us humble. We can be successful at so many things in life but there is that one thing in our life that is like a brick wall. A profligate pursuit of happiness might contribute to the pain of this thorn in the flesh. But not for St. Paul who despite his trials his happiness was rooted in Christ rather than his ego.

The Gospel reading shows us that even the Son of God isn't let off the hook. Like Ezekiel and Paul, Jesus encounters a town filled with hard faces and obstinate hearts.

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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.: 9:00 AM-4:30 PM
Saturday/Sunday: Closed

Outreach Office Hours

Tuesday: 9 AM to 12 PM
Friday: 9 AM to 11 AM
FOOD PANTRY Hours
Mon.—Thurs: 9 AM to 11 AM
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: Closed
Sun: 7:00 am - 1:00pm

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ONGOING FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Come and be nourished!

Starting this fall, October 2018 to September 2019, plan to start a new Adult Ongoing Formation Program focusing on Scripture and Catechesis (foundations of our faith). The program will be conducted by Fr. Joseph who will give the Scripture part and I, Msgr. John giving the Catechesis part. The two parts will run parallel to each other at the same time in two different rooms either in the Church or at the parish center. The program will be once a month one evening for 1 hour 30 minutes. We estimate about 40 meetings (units) and as such I will explore the possibility of issuing a certificate for those who finish the 40 units. One may not change from one program to another during the year. However, after one year, the same course will be given again for new participants.

Catechesis study with me will explore the foundations and roots of our Catholic faith from the time of the apostle using PowerPoint to help learn better. Some of the topics will be: the Church during the apostles, the creeds and how they came to be written, beginnings of the papacy, timeline of the Catholic Church (historical), the Mass and its development. I will be preparing outlines, summaries and notes. Scripture study with Fr. Joseph will first give an introduction to the Bible and then delve the New Testament Books month by month. We will give more details. Stay Tuned.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

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It is hard to believe that the most resistance Jesus would receive outside of Jerusalem would be in his own home town of Nazareth with the folks he grew up with. This brings a new reality to the phrase: "**No man is a prophet in his own land.**"

Sadly the last people to allow us to grow and change are those closest to us. Jealousy drives all of us to prevent others from doing better than us. Worst of all is our own personal refusal to grow and to change. The Nazarenes stood up in the path of Jesus' ability to preach and do mighty deeds. Sometimes we also can get in God's way. Many times we find ourselves capable to hamper the power of God. As we leave behind this past week celebrations on another 4th of July, we can ask ourselves, "What is our faith made of?" As we contemplate our rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness in our families and in our community, how does God fit into the picture? Would it make a difference in how we treat our family members? Would it make a difference in how we treat our coworkers? Would it make a difference in how we treat our classmates, our most vulnerable in society, if God was ever more grounded in our understanding of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? The Good news is: God wants to give us even more than life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. In Christ, God offers us the gifts of eternal life, spiritual liberty and therefore real happiness. **Peace!**

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

The passage sums up the dialogue between prophet Amos and Amaziah the pagan priest at Bethel showing two different perspectives on the two people. Amos is sent by God to prophesy to the people of Israel (v. 15). Amaziah, on the other hand, is a pagan priest at Bethel the royal shrine (v. 13). That is why Amaziah calls Amos a seer rather than a prophet because he recognized Amos' special gifts. The challenge by prophet Amos the true prophet indicates that Amaziah's prophesying at Bethel depends on the good will of the king, while Amos is sent by God to prophesy to the people of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

The verses in Psalm 85 presume a worshipping community waiting for God's word, a prophetic oracle that will announce peace (v.9). There is no direct appeal to God here. The verses depict the people awaiting a reply to a plea they must have made. The people's confidence that God will respond rests in their conviction that they are God's own people; they are faithful to God and trust that God will respond in kindness. "Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

This passage opens with a beautiful benediction that blesses God who has blessed us with "every spiritual blessing." These blessings of God come to us through Christ. They are uniquely of a spiritual, even cosmic nature. First is the election in Christ. The theme of election has its origins in Jewish religious tradition (Exodus 19:5-6; Deut 14:2). But here interestingly we find the idea of primordial predestination, the act whereby God's love from all eternity determines salvation in Christ. The point being made here is that salvation in Christ is not an afterthought, but in God's plan from the beginning. As we were destined for adoption through Christ, so we have been redeemed by his blood so that God's plan might be fulfilled in Christ.

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

This passage is about the first mission by the twelve apostles. Jesus gives them explicit directions on what to take with them on their journey and how to act. Although they are given the power to drive out unclean spirits, it is clear that they can only do this through the authority of Jesus. They are now commissioned to participate in the ministry of Jesus with every power of Jesus. Jesus prepares the apostles for possible rejection and failure, a theme we saw last Sunday. There is no guarantee they will be received or that their message will be heeded. If rejected, they should rid themselves of any trace of obstinate people. To shake the dust of a place from their sandals was the symbolic act the Israelites used when returning from a foreign land. If they used this symbolic act before Jewish people, they easily understood the seriousness of the judgment upon them. The content of their mission was repentance, driving out demons and healing.

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, July 9, 2018

(8 am) † Clyde Cumberland

Rufus Cumberland (Healing)

Bridget & Rod Kimura (Healing)

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

(8 am) † Phil Hodapp

† Monica Villar Orden

† Romeo B. Giron

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

(8 am) John Bates (Blessing)

Joshua Nakata (Birthday Blessing)

† Frank Tadda (Death Anniversary)

Thursday, July 12, 2018

(8 am) † Emmanuel Dela Cruz

† Eric Umetsu

† Gerry Ichiyama

Friday, July 13, 2018

(8 am) † Sterling Kaahaaina

† Antonio U. & Maria C. Ponce

Kathy Lee (Healing)

Saturday, July 14, 2018

(8 am) Dion Kevin Cortel

(Birthday Blessing)

† Felisa Rapisura

† Tina Aguinaldo

(5 pm) † Sterling Kaahaaina

Sunday, July 15, 2018

(7 am) † Sterling Kaahaaina

9 am For the People

11 am † Tina Aguinaldo

6 pm † Felisa Rapisura

† Rest in Peace †

HEALING / BLESSINGS: Clyde Sauget, Linda Osdieck, David Hall, Shirley Del Rosario, Carol Towne, Darrlyn & Ron Bunda, baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, Jack & Ellen Cleghorn, Ernesta Tolentino, Lester Wilson, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Jim Vangrinsven, Dollie McGarry, Suzanne Foster, Linda Eguchi, Mario Pichon, Leora Hernandez, Alan Cadiux, Rahul Chattergy, Deacon Modesto Cordero, Stephen DeCosta, Rose McNorton, Fr. Ed Turner & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: 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, Hading Aranaydo, Nelson Pulmano, Jackie Revillo, Jerry Dela Cruz, Felisa Rapisura, Tina Aguinaldo & Sterling Kaahaaina.

The next 24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will be held on *Friday, July 6*, immediately after the 8 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am on *Saturday, July 7*.



You're Invited

Saturday, July 14th
Stewardship Summer
Retreat

Guest Speaker:
Rev. Herman Gomes
"Spirituality of Stewardship"

Agenda:

8 am Mass
8:30am - 8:45am Continental Breakfast
9:00am - 10:15am Session 1
10:15am - 10:30am- Break
10:30am - 11:15am Session 2
11:15am - 12:30pm Final Session 3

See Stewardship Council table for sign up sheet after Mass. For more information: contact **Rodney Kekina** at (808) 625-7117 or (808) 675-6141 or email: kekinas002@hawaii.rr.com



Help Wanted:

We are currently seeking substitute teachers and substitute teacher aides for the 2018-2019 school year. Familiarity with ECE and flexible schedule preferred.

Call (808) 744-9358 for more information.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	6/30— 7/01
Sunday Collection	\$ 13,688.75
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 422.75
Children's Collection	\$ 7.00
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 1,312.00
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 10,250.00
Candle Sales	\$ 615.00
Donation— Youth & Young Adults	\$ 60.00
Donation— Blessings	\$ 40.00
Donation— Social Ministry	\$ 110.00
Donation— Charity	\$ 22.00
Donation- Mass Intentions	\$ 120.00
Donation— Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ 1,195.00

Weekend Total: \$ 27,842.50

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

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS †

Felisa G. Rapisura (RIP)

Sunday July 15, 2018 ~ Mililani Memorial Park
Mauka Chapel

Visitation: 5:00 pm

Prayer Service: 6:30 pm

Monday, July 16, 2018 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 9:15 am

Mass: 11 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Martina C. Aguinaldo (RIP)

Sunday, August 5, 2018 ~ Mililani Memorial Park
Mauka Chapel

Visitation: 5:00 pm

Prayer Service: 6:30 pm

Monday, August 6, 2018 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 9:00 am

Mass: 11 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

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

Anointing of the Sick

Baptisms (Upcoming ceremony dates)

July 15 & 22, Aug 19, Sept 16 & 30, Oct 21, 28 .

Baptism Preparation Classes: July 1, Aug 5, Sept 2 & Oct 7.

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

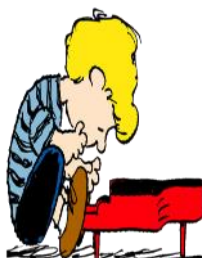
Funerals

Homebound Communion

Marriages (at least 6 months before wedding date)

Job Opening: Part-time Choir Director/ Piano Accompanist Position

Responsibilities include planning weekend liturgical music, formation/supervision of music ministers, developing/directing adult/youth voice and enabling active participation of assembly. Pastoral experience, choral directing/people skills and team work. Proficiency in music software, Microsoft Suite and social media required. Salary range outlined in accordance with the Diocese of Honolulu Human Resources Guidelines.



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PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected \$1,195.00. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Please be generous. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or you may also make a donation online by visiting our parish website, clicking "Online Giving." To learn more, [visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

Next week, the Parish Health Ministry will be on the lanai after the 5 pm Mass on Saturday and all morning Masses on Sunday to provide free blood pressure screening.

Annual School Supply Drive, June 10—August 17, 2018. This year, we are supporting several schools: **Kipapa, Molokai, and other local schools.** You can drop off your donations at all Masses on July 21-22 and July 28-29. For **Kipapa Elementary**, we are providing: facial tissue (Lg box), paper towels, liquid hand soap, Clorox wipes, and Ziploc bags. All school supplies are welcome. A complete list of requested supplies is available in the Parish Office for question. **Thank you for your support!**

The SJAE Disability Team invites all parishioners who are "differently abled" (disabled) to a fun craft event on **Saturday, August 11, from 11 am until 1 pm in classrooms #1 and #2 (first floor).** Come and make a bead & bangle bracelet or necklace and enjoy fellowship & refreshments. Please sign up in advance for the event at all masses on July 28- 29 or contact Deb Zedalis at (808) 348-2973 or email: dzedalis@hawaii.rr.com. The Disability Team looks forward to seeing you there!

Boy Scouts Pack 144 & Troop 144 needs qualified Adult Volunteers to serve. Come to our Information Meeting on **August 19 at 3pm in SJAE Classrooms 4 & 5.** Contact sjaescoutcor@rcchawaii.org for more info.

Cannot Marry in the Catholic Church due to a Prior Marriage?

Pope Francis recently streamlined the process to petition for a declaration of nullity to make the process shorter. He also eliminated the mandatory fee. If a person is able to prove this process, that their prior marital bond was invalid for some reason, then he or she can marry in the Catholic Church or validate a current civil marriage. For assistance in petitioning, you can contact Dcn. Romeo Ganibe at (808) 260-0501 or rganibe@rcchawaii.org, or Dcn. Modesto Cordero at (808) 585-3342 or mcordero@rcchawaii.org, either of whom can assist you as an advocate.



HEALTH TIP from our Parish Health Ministry

What is Gout?

Gout is a form of arthritis that develops in some people who have high levels of uric acid in the blood. Gout may appear in lower-body joint, such as the toes, ankle or knee. Gout usually affects one joint at a time. Gout is associated with other serious health risks such as high blood pressure, diabetes, chronic kidney disease and cardiovascular disease.

St. John's Health Ministry provides FREE blood pressure checks the 2nd Sat/Sun after mass.

Planting Seeds for the Future: Who needs estate planning? Every adult who is legally competent, who owns anything and cares about who receives it at the time of his or her disability or death.

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

THIS WEEK: July 9 – July 15

Monday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– Daily Mass
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
7 pm - Charismatic PG (CH)
7 pm– Family Rosary Prayer Group (Chapel)

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)
7 pm– 9 am Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm– K of C (Rm 2)
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)
6:30 pm– Parish Leadership Mtg. (Rm 2)
7:30 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

Thursday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– Daily Mass
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am– Church Cleaning– Group 2 (CH)
6:30 pm– 11 am Choir Practice (CH)

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)

Saturday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– Daily Mass
8 am- Stewardship Retreat (CH & Rms 1-3)
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)
5 pm- Blood Pressure Screening (CH Lanai)

Sunday– Masses

7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm
Blood Pressure Screening (CH Lanai)

NO Religious Ed. Classes

12:30 pm– Baptism Ceremony (CH)
4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)

FOR YOUR SECURITY PLEASE...

... AND SECURE YOUR VEHICLE!

PARK SMART!

Take ALL your belongings with you.



Our thieves love to window shop!