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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Father Joseph Ayinpuusa

Leadership after the example of Christ

Leadership is very important in every human society, and good leaders are those who truly have the welfare of the people at heart.

In the first reading today, we heard about God's disappointment with the shepherd-leaders of his flock. Jeremiah has some harsh words for the leaders of Israel, both religious and political: In Jeremiah's time the kings were often called shepherds because they had a pastoral duty to look after their people in God's place. Jeremiah has some harsh words for the leaders of Israel, both religious and political: "*Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered.*" This is because the leaders were not up to their calling and as a result had scattered the sheep committed to their care by God.

But God will not leave the flock unattended. The responsorial psalm, speaks of God as shepherd, who will act as guide for the faithful who walk in the darkness. And at the end of the first reading, we hear God promising that he, himself, would raise up a wise and honest king to rule them in justice and truth. That prophetic promise was, of course, realized in Jesus the great shepherd-king, whom the Father sent to be the wise and honest Leader of his people.

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus fulfilling this role as shepherd of the people. Jesus and his apostles are portrayed as being so taken up with ministering to the crowds that they had no time even to eat. Jesus sees that there is need of rest from such turmoil. But the crowds anticipate him and come to his place of rest even before He and the apostles arrive. Then the gospel pictures Jesus as a compassionate shepherd. When he got out of the boat and encounters **their need (their thirst and hunger for God)**, he shows enormous pity and love for them, because "They were like sheep without a shepherd," and **he begins to teach them**. By choosing the texts from Jeremiah and from Psalm 22 to precede the mention of "shepherd" and "sheep" in the gospel, the liturgy deliberately evokes the entire tradition of the "shepherd" in the history of God's people. Jesus is thus implicitly presented as the definitive Good Shepherd. And how does Jesus come to the aid of His sheep? **By teaching them.**

So, Jesus teaches us, what it is to be a true leader – a true leader is one who has true compassion for the people he has accepted to lead. The compassion that Jesus felt for his people was much more than just a mere human feeling or emotion. It impelled him to do everything possible to relieve their suffering by totally committing himself to them and to their needs.

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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****Tues.—Fri.:** 9 AM to 11 AM**Religious Ed Office Hours****Monday:** Closed**Tues.—Fri.:** 12 pm - 6:30 pm**Saturday:** Closed**Sun:** 7:00 am - 1:00pm**PARISH CLERGY &
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PASTOR'S CORNER

Good News on Anonymous Donation

Dear Parishioners,

Sunday after Sunday we have said the prayer for our Capital Campaign with deep faith commitment. We sometimes wonder if God is listening to our prayers. Today I have good news for our One Community Center which we need to be thankful.

An anonymous donor has been moved by the efforts we have made so far and pledged \$ 1 million donation for the construction of the OCC. The donor gives us a challenge with several terms to fulfill:

- 1) That we complete Phase II of the capital campaign by raising the remaining \$900k in order to reach the expected parish goal of \$ 2.5 million by July 31.
- 2) That the parish prepare a budget that supports the financing of at least \$2M construction loan at the close of the project.
- 3) That the parish Religious Education Programs are maintained and expanded to reach out to the families in the community.

My dear parishioners, we are challenged to do our part and I believe we can do it. Thank you so much to all who have made their pledge. If you have not yet made your pledge, we kindly urge you to make the 3-year pledge so we can complete phase II of the campaign and benefit from the anonymous donation. You have already received pledge cards at home. Please fill them and bring them next Sunday.

Some parishioners who made their pledge in phase I have increased their pledge. If you are able to increase your pledge you may do so by completing another card or by calling the parish office to adjust your 3-year pledge. Next Sunday we have in-pew campaign drive with pledge cards for those who have not yet made their pledge.

Next Sunday will be CHALLENGE SUNDAY when there will be pledge card in envelopes for everyone, in order to give an opportunity to take a pledge card and fill them out. This will help the parish reach the \$900,000 by end of July. May God bless our anonymous donor.

*God bless you all,**Msgr. John S. Mbinda*

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So the heart of a true shepherd and a good leader is also what God expects of all those called to lead by example: civil and ecclesiastical (church) leaders, above all bishops (the successors of the apostles), priests, deacons, religious, but also of all of us, the people of God. We think especially of teachers and parents, those who hold ministry in the Church – parish councilors, Eucharistic ministers, lectors and catechists etc. etc.; all of us who are in any way are called to help build up the Body of Christ, the Church.

One of the great deficiencies of our contemporary Catholic world is the great ignorance of so many Catholics of their faith. The Church and the world urgently need informed Catholics who are able to witness to God's plan of unity for the world in the person of Jesus Christ (Ephesians). On the one hand, the faithful need to express their thirst and hunger for God. On the other hand, to be true leaders after the example of Christ, we the leaders also need to have time to regularly sit at Jesus's feet and allow him to instruct us so that we can truly be relevant to those we are called to lead.

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 29, 2018

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

In these three verses, the prophet Elisha, the “man of God”, asks a man to give his 20 barley loaves from the first fruits to 100 people, which is unusual. Commentators say that it must have been during a severe famine that would warrant such an action of eating what is meant to be offered to God. When the man hesitates, Elisha tells him, “For thus says the Lord, ‘They shall eat and there shall be some left over.’” Indeed there were some left over, which is a miracle.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18

Psalm 145 is a psalm in praise of the greatness of God. The psalmist invites all of the Lord’s works to give thanks. The works of the Lord include everything God has made as well as everything God has done and accomplished. But the God before whom the psalmist stands in awe is also a savior who has performed marvelous deeds for the people, including providing their food in due season.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-6

These verses in Ephesians 4 are one of the most central themes of Saint Paul exhorting the Ephesians and us of today to unity. Paul indeed urges the Ephesians to live this teaching. He then outlines a list of virtues that characterize Christian life of communion: humility, gentleness, patience, preserving the unity of the spirit through a bond of peace. Such unity is founded on the one body and one Spirit. They were all called to the one hope: one Lord, one baptism, one God and Father of all.

Gospel: John 6:1-15

This passage in John 6 offers a contrast between Elisha (first reading) fed 100 people with only 20 loaves and Jesus who feeds 5,000 with 5 barley loaves and 2 fish! Jesus sees a large crowd coming and simply asks where they can get enough food for them. Several points are developed here: 1) Jesus is not just a prophet. His tremendous power to perform such a miracle leaves the people amazed, but leaves the people still wondering who he is. He is more than just a wonder-worker. 2) The action of taking of bread, giving thanks and distributing them through the disciples clearly has allusions to the Eucharist. 3) The crowds following Jesus, who satisfies their hunger continues the theme of his care and compassion that we saw last Sunday.

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 23, 2018

(8 am) †Concepcion Corpuz

†Carlos Tamonte, Sr.

†Ray Swider

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

(8 am) †Isidoro Barayuga

†Diane Simmons

One Community Center

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

(8 am) †Isidoro Barayuga

†William Brilhante

Julius Soria (Birthday Blessing)

Thursday, July 26, 2018

(8 am) †Isidoro Barayuga

Anabel Hermosura

(Birthday Blessing)

Dan Teske (Healing)

Friday, July 27, 2018

(8 am) †Isidora Barayuga

†William Brilhante

†Tina Aguinaldo

Saturday, July 28, 2018

(8 am) †Isidoro Barayuga

†Felisa Rapisura

†Tina Aguinaldo

(5 pm) Rosalie Tadda (Healing)

Sunday, July 29, 2018

(7 am) †Isidoro Barayuga

9 am For the People

11 am Josefino B. Solano, Sr.

6 pm One Community Center

†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, Rosalie Tadda & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: 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 Aranydo, Nelson Pulmano, Jackie Revillo, Felisa Rapisura, Tina Aguinaldo, Sterling Kaahaaina & George Sullivan.

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

Anointing of the Sick

Baptisms (Upcoming ceremony dates)

Aug 19, Sept 16 & 30, Oct 21 & 28, Nov 18 & 25.

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

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

Funerals, Homebound Communion

Marriages (at least 6 months before wedding date)

The next 24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will be held on *Friday, August 3*, immediately after the 8 am Mass, ending at 7:30am on *Saturday, August 4*.



† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS †

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

George E. Sullivan III (RIP)

Tuesday, August 21, 2018 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 10 am

Mass: 11 am

Burial: 1 pm ~ Schofield

RE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RE Registration will continue through the summer.

- **Classes will begin on August 19- A Schedule and August 26- B Schedule.**
- **Parent Orientation Meeting-** Sunday, August 5 at 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm.
- **FRCE & Confirmation Parent & Sponsor Meeting-** Wednesday, August 8 at 6:30pm- 7:30pm.
- **Catechist Retreat & Open Year Meeting-** Saturday, August 11, from 9 am to 3:30 pm at the Benedictine Monastery, Waialua.

Interested in becoming a CATECHIST or VOLUNTEER?

WE NEED YOU! Sign up and learn how you can make a difference? Inquire at the RE table after all Masses or come by the RE office, Tues-Fri 12 noon - 6 pm. Any questions, call Julie at 623-3332 ext. 206 or email: jquiroz@rcchawaii.org.

2018 Oahu Catholic Men's Conference

Fidel Defensor

"Defender of the Truth"

Join us for Mass with Bishop Larry Silva and inspirational talks from Doug Barry of "Battle Ready" and our own Diocesan Master Catechist, Dallas Carter

on Saturday August 25, 2018 from 8 am—3 pm.

Confession: 7 am, Mass: 8 am

Breakfast and Lunch included.

At Catholic Charities Hawaii at

1822 Ke'eaumoku St.

Please register at 808catholic.org

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

7/14— 7/15

Sunday Collection

\$ 11,193.22

Online Donation (WeShare)

\$ 4,323.45

Children's Collection

\$ 1.00

Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)

\$ 941.89

One Community Center

Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)

\$ 30,117.25

Candle Sales

\$ 543.00

Donation— Marriage

\$ 100.00

Donation— Baptisms

\$ 20.00

Donation— Social Ministry

\$ 1,445.00

Donation— Charity

\$ 125.00

Donation - Mass Intentions

\$ 360.00

Donation— Seminarian Education

\$ 504.00

Donation— Stewardship

\$ 190.00

Weekend Total: \$ 50,622.81

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

Respect Life

"Through [the] loving care [of my family & friends], they affirm what I also know- that my life is, always has been, & always will be, worth living."

"Maggie's Story: Living like Dad,"

www.usccb.org/maggies-story

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



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) 744-9538 for more information.



PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

2018 Annual Life Symposium - Nā Mo'olelo Ola: Living Stories

Each person has many unique and personal stories to share. Sometimes stories are tragic and heartbreaking: Suicide of a family member, a close friend or relative. A young life abducted into slavery, human trafficking or addiction. An elderly parent whose family is in conflict over decisions to sustain or withdraw life support. An individual or family that are added to the list of thousands who are homeless. This symposium addresses the educational component of the USCCB Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities and will address serious issues as we look through the lens of Holy Scripture, Church teaching, and personal (life stories) testimonies.

This symposium is suggested for parents, grandparents, educators, clergy and religious, youth and young adults, ministry leaders, medical professionals, and adult laity because each of us are called to a continuing commitment to preserve the sanctity of life. To register, go online to: <http://catholichawaii.org/diocesan-offices/respect-life/education/> or call the Respect Life Office at 203-6722.

Registration deadline: July 31. Registration fee: \$25. Scholarships are available.

Food Pantry- If you or someone you know needs food assistance, we can help! Come see us on **Tuesday, July 31, 2018 from 10am —12 noon** at St. John's parking lot.

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 (Large 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. **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 #2 and #3 (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.



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 your feelings in a meaningful way.

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

THIS WEEK: July 23 – July 29

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 2)
3 pm– Cenacle Prayer Group (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– Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm– Finance Council (Conf. Rm)
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 5 (CH)
7 pm– Stewardship Council (Conf. Rm)

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*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am - Knights Semi Audit Mtg. (Rm 2)
10 am– Parish Health Ministry (Rm 6)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)

Sunday– Masses

7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm

NO Religious Ed. Classes

12:30 pm– Baptism Ceremony (CH)
4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm– Young Adults Mtg. (Rm 3)

FOR YOUR SECURITY PLEASE...

...AND SECURE YOUR VEHICLE!

PARK SMART!

Take ALL your belongings with you.



Our thieves love to window shop!