

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Monsignor John S. Mbinda

The proverb, “familiarity breeds contempt” becomes true as we read the first reading and the gospel this Sunday. The First reading from the Book of Kings Elijah is threatened by the king’s wife and Elijah flees to Mount Horeb. While there, God sends a messenger with bread and water. This gives Elijah the strength to walk to the mountain. The bread given to Elijah seems to foreshadow the Eucharist and its power to keep us faithful on our personal journey to God. Just as the Lord drew Elijah to the holy Mount, we too are drawn to the mountain of the Lord (the Church) where the Lord strengthens us with the living bread from heaven, namely, the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Sunday's Gospel begins with the Jews complaining about Jesus' claims regarding his identity. They knew his family: that he was born of Mary and that he was the son of Joseph. How could he then have come down from heaven? Jesus responds to their complaints by saying that those who listen to God will recognize that Jesus is the one sent from God. Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central teaching on the Eucharist. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it. Jesus tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus repeat the words of last Sunday Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass – the Eucharist. We take Jesus with us when we are sent to become what we have eaten – Jesus Christ. In a deeper way we become the bread of life, broken for others to eat. We can only do that if we encounter Jesus more deeply. The bottom line is that hasty familiarity with the Eucharist can be an obstacle to such a deeper encounter.

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 &
STAFF**

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Our Catholic Faith Matters

This past week after Mass there was Levi, a young adult at the back of the church looking at the statue of our Blessed Mother Mary. I approached to greet him. He was carrying a Bible and another black book, Levi asked, "Why do you Catholics worship Mary?" When I told Levi that we do not worship Mary but venerate her, he insisted that we make Mary God and so we worship because we pray to Mary. At that point I invited him to my office where we sat down. The first thing I did was to show him the picture of Pope Francis and asked him if he knew Pope Francis. He said he did. These were pictures of the Pope washing and kissing the feet of a prisoner. I explained to him that the pope does this because he tried to live the Gospel of John 13:1-17 on the washing of the feet. I asked him to open his bible and read. When he realized that I knew precise bible quotations, he told me that he thought Catholics did not know the bible.

I tell this story because our Catholic faith matters. If we do not know how to respond to a young New Hope evangelist, Levi will simply laugh at us. We need to know our faith. We need to know why we do what we do. We need to know the roots of our Catholic faith. We also need to know the Bible and how to use it, not just how to use it, but to help us deepen our faith through Bible reading and reflection.

That is part of the reason what Father Joseph and myself will be giving adult faith formation classes starting this October in two areas: Scripture and Catholicism 101 adapted to the level of our parishioners. The two parallel classes will run for one year with classes given once a month. We shall review each time what we did the previous class. After one year, parishioners will receive a certificate of completion. The following year, those who have completed either course may take the other course. If one had taken Scripture the previous year, one will now register to take Catholicism 101. These classes will be acceptable by the Diocese as fulfilling the required Catechist Certification.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Stephen of Hungary

c. 975-1038

Feast Day—August 16



Baptized as a boy along with his father, the Magyar duke of Hungary, he married Gisela, who was the sister of future emperor, St. Henry II. Stephen succeeded his father as ruler in 997. After bringing order and consolidating his position, Stephen was crowned the first king of Hungary in 1000. He worked energetically, if somewhat roughly, to convert his pagan people to Christianity. Ill health and shameless quarrels among his relatives over his successor made his last year difficult. Stephen holds an honored place in Hungarian history

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

The account of Wisdom preparing a banquet and inviting people to the banquet has several characteristics to be noted. 1) The setting for the banquet and the food to be served, along with the maidens who attend to Lady Wisdom. 2) The people invited to the feast are all simple and average. 3) The one who plans the banquet and invites is Lady Wisdom, a figure, much more than a mere human and therefore divine and cosmic. 4) We note the importance given to women in this account. There is no indication of any men mentioned. 5) Wisdom's banquet is lavish with meat carefully prepared, and wine probably mixed with spices for the taste and potency. 6) Whatever the interpretation, wisdom always invites, persuades and attracts those who pay attention to understanding necessary for better living.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34:2-3,4-5,6-7

Psalm 34 is more of an instruction than a prayer. Its teaching is concerns the understanding of retribution in terms of the righteous being blessed and the wicked being punished. Thus the psalmist thanks the Lord for having been delivered from all fear, and invites others to join in praising God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Paul in this reading resumes the theme of wisdom. He urges the Christians of Ephesus to live like the wise and not like the foolish who are under the influence of drunkenness. Rather Paul exhorts then to be filled with the Spirit who leads them to prayer, hymns and spiritual songs to the Lord, giving thanks always.

Gospel: John 6:51-58

The bread of life discourse has been the subject of the Gospel reading for the last several Sundays. Today Jesus repeats the teaching of last Sunday with a Eucharistic reinterpretation of the manna tradition. He identifies his flesh as the bread of heaven alluding to his death given for the life of the world. The very thought of feeding on the flesh of another was simply repulsive to some of his listeners. That is why Jesus tries to explain. In unmistakable language, Jesus declares that his flesh is real food and his blood real drink. To underline the point, Jesus states this central point four times (vv. 53-56). What Jesus says here is not a figure of speech, but direct language "whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life."

Follow Msgr. John's Homilies! Blog

(text): www.sundayhomily.com

Podcast (audio):

<https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda>

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 13, 2018

(8 am) Melita Melegrito

(Birthday Blessing)

†Tina Aguinaldo

Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa

(Birthday Blessing)

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

(8 am) Devin Shockley

(Birthday Blessing)

†Tina Aguinaldo

†Fr. Ed Turner

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

(8 am) †Muriel Ramos

†Jerry Tamonte

†Fr. Ed Turner

Thursday, August 16, 2018

(8 am) Damien Cortel

(Birthday Blessing)

†Tina Aguinaldo

†Fr. Ed Turner

Friday, August 17, 2018

(8 am) Taylor Mitchell

(Safe Travels & Thanksgiving)

†Encarnacion Villanueva Agpalza

†Fr. Ed Turner

Saturday, August 18, 2018

(8 am) Cat Awong

(Birthday Blessing)

† M/M Charley Jones

†Fr. Ed Turner

(5 pm) †Benjamin H. Balanon

Sunday, August 19, 2018

(7 am) †Santiago Aquino

9 am For the People

11 am †Encarnacion Villanueva

Agpalza

6 pm †Fr. Ed Turner

†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, Rose McNorton, Rosalie Tadda, The Hett Family & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: 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, Felisa Rapisura, Tina Aguinaldo, Sterling Kaahaaina, George Sullivan, William Slocomb, Laura Efurd, Kekiai Hett & Fr. Ed Turner.

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.

Baptism Preparation Classes: Sept 2 & Oct 7.

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

Funerals

Homebound Communion

Marriages (at least 6 months before wedding date)

Interested in joining the Scouts?

All interested boys ages 11-17 yrs. old (Boy Scouts - Troop 144) are welcome. **Please contact Troop 144:**
(808) 292-0793, (808) 228-8324, (808) 230-1778.

St. John's participating in *Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program*. From September 1-30. Customers are invited to make donations of up to \$249 (per person) at checkout. Donations are accepted by Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farm checkout. At checkout, present your Maika'i card (or provide number) and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to: *St. John Apostle & Evangelist Outreach*, code #77455

SJAE Women's Guild: Church Pilgrimage to St. Jude, Makakilo - Our Lady of Good Council, Pearl City-Sacred Hearts, Waianae. **Saturday, August 18, 2018.** Bus will leave St. John at 9 AM, Lunch at Ka Makana Alii and return to St. John by 3 pm. \$5 for Bus.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	8/4 — 8/5
Sunday Collection	\$ 13,162.09
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 1,106.75
Children's Collection	\$ 6.00
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 1,260.51
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 6,699.00
Candle Sales	\$ 533.00
Donation— Youth & Young Adults	\$ 30.00
Donation— Charity	\$ 115.00
Donation— Social Ministry	\$ 148.00
Donation- Mass Intentions	\$ 210.00
Donation— Seminarian Education Fund	\$ 40.00

Weekend Total: \$ 23,310.35

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

The next 24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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



† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS †

George E. Sullivan III (RIP)

Tuesday, August 21, 2018 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 10 am

Mass: 11 am

Burial: 1 pm ~ Schofield

William F. Slocumb (RIP)

Wednesday, September 19, 2018 ~

Mililani Memorial Park ~ Makai

Visitation: 9:00 am

Funeral Service: 10:00 am

Monday, August 6, 2018 ~ SJAE

Rodney Academia (RIP)

Saturday, September 22, 2018 ~

Mililani Memorial Park ~ Makai

Visitation: 10:00 am

Prayer Service: 11:30 am

Burial: 12:30 ~ Mililani Memorial Park

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Religious Education registration will continue through the summer.

- Classes will begin on Sunday, August 19- A Schedule and Sunday, August 26- B Schedule *(only if A schedule is filled)*
- **Upcoming events:** Sunday, August 26, 2018- "Your Children are Confirmed! Now What?" Lisa Gomes, Diocesan Director, Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry - 4:00 pm in rooms 4 & 5.

Any questions, call (808) 623-3332 ext. 206

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 12noon- 6pm.

Any questions, call Julie at (808) 623-3332 ext. 206 or email: jquiroz@rcchawaii.org



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

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, August 17th in observance of Admission Day.

New Altar Server Training - Sunday, August 12th, 12:15 pm in the church. Basic requirements: Age 7+, have received 1st Eucharist, able to follow directions and actively participate during mass. Altar servers are especially needed to serve at the Sunday 7 am and 11 am masses. **Contact Margaret for more info: sjaserver@hawaii.rr.com; 623-1340.** Thank you!

Catholic Charities Hawaii (CCH): Our parish will be participating in a **special collection on August 25/26, for CCH.** Your participation will help fulfill the mission to serve the most vulnerable brothers & sisters. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please drop your donation during offertory or you may also donate online through our parish "Online Giving". Please be generous.

Annual School Supply Drive, June 10—August 17, 2018. All school supplies are welcome. A complete list of requested supplies is available in the Parish Office. **Thank you for your support!**

The next **Respect Life Committee** will meet **Saturday, August 18, 2018 between 1 - 3 pm** on the Church Lanai.

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

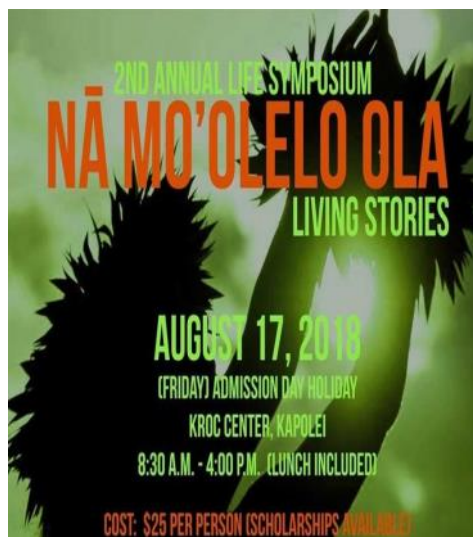


JOIN Cub Scouts! Our Cub Scouts Pack 144 will be recruiting on **Thursday, August 23rd, 6:00 pm** at **Mililani Rec Center II.**

Calling all St. John's Seniors - mark your calendar to come on out and have some fun! **St. John's Senior Adult Ministry Team** will host a Senior Social on **Saturday, September 8th, from 10 a.m. until noon** in **SJAE Classrooms 2 & 3.** **Come meet & mingle with other SJAE Seniors and enjoy games, food, and fellowship.** Sign-ups will be on Saturday, Aug. 25 & Sunday, Aug. 26 after all Masses. Need more information? Call Connie Murphy at (808)625-7773.

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.



THIS WEEK: August 13 - August 19

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)
7:00 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)
7 pm- Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm: RCIA: Welcome night (Rectory Lanai)
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- Two Hearts (CH)

Saturday- 7:30 am- Rosary
8 am- Daily Mass
8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am- Women's Catholic Bible Study (Rm 1)
1 pm- Respect Life (CH Lanai)
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
3 pm- Troop 144 & Pack 144 Parent Mtg. (Rms 4-5)

4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm- Young Adults Mtg. (Rm 3)

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Planting Seeds for the Future: "Later" can be too late. Don't delay having your will drawn. Make sure your estate plans are in place so that your wishes will be carried out to benefit your family. Gifts you plan for your church through your will can help your church continue to minister and serve.

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