

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Father Joseph Ayinpuusa

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

The book of Proverbs tells us that Heaven exists in the quest for Divine wisdom, that is, the quest to discover Yahweh's presence in everything and everyone. In our First reading (Proverbs 9), Wisdom is depicted as a gracious hostess inviting the people to a fine banquet. This is an imaginative way of speaking about God as the wise host who invites all of humanity to learn from his wisdom. "Wisdom" becomes the symbolic image of the search for God's will.

Like Woman-Wisdom Jesus invites us to come and eat of his bread, but unlike Woman-Wisdom he declares himself to be that bread and that wine. More specifically he calls on us to eat his flesh and to drink his blood. This was one of Jesus' most difficult teaching. His language of eating his flesh and drinking his blood was a shock to the crowds. Indeed, Jewish law prohibited the eating of human flesh, and as blood was considered to be the actual life of a living being, drinking of blood, was also prohibited in Judaism (Gen 9:4; Lev 17:10, 12, 14; cf. Acts 15:29). Hence, we can sympathize with those who object, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' However, while Jesus was speaking on the level of spiritual realities, the crowds were still on the physical level, and could not get the point.

We cannot hear this language without thinking of the words of Jesus to his disciples at the last supper when, he took bread and said, 'Take, eat, this is my body', and took a cup of wine, saying, 'Take, drink, this is the new covenant in my blood.' He gave himself to his disciples, his body and blood, under the form of bread and wine. So, the banquet of wisdom, to which the first reading invites us, is the banquet depicted in today's Gospel. The early Christians often identified Jesus as the Wisdom of God. They regarded the Eucharist as Wisdom's banquet, where they shared in the Divine Wisdom now present in Jesus.

The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 34), invites all to "*taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*" Jesus invites us to his table and he puts himself before us as food and drink. In a language that is very daring he declares himself to be our food and drink, the one who can satisfy our deepest hungers and thirsts, our hunger and thirst for life. In today's Gospel passage, he declares, 'anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life. "Eternal life" is complete and lasting happiness, satisfying our deepest longings and realizing all our dreams. Our participation in the Eucharist also concretizes and energizes our relationship with Christ and with one another.

In conclusion: 1) Every human being is blessed with an insatiable longing for God. We want God as our Father to hold us gently in His arms, keeping us safe throughout the dangers we face. But often we use substitutes as an escape from that need: fast living, fast food, fast cars, needless luxuries, unrestricted sexual fulfillment. But let us remember the truth that unless we keep the hunger for God strong in our hearts, we will eventually realize the emptiness of our lives without Him.

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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

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Pope Francis' Document, *Evangelii Gaudium*:

What You Need To Know (Part 1)

In this bulletin, I would like to introduce the document by Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*. Released on November 26, 2013, the document was the first by Pope Francis, giving as it were, the charter for his papacy. To give you a flavor of the document I will outline some important features of papal documents you need to know in general. Here are some initial points:

- 1) **What does “*Evangelii Gaudium*” mean?** It's Latin for “The Joy of the Gospel.” In papal documents, the title is always taken from the first words in the opening paragraph.
- 2) **What is an apostolic exhortation?** It's a papal document that, as the name suggests, exhorts and encourages the faithful to implement a particular aspect of the Church's life and teaching. Its purpose therefore is not to teach new doctrine, but to suggest how Church teachings and practices can be profitably applied in today's life.

Some similar documents in the past have focused on the pastoral challenges faced in particular parts of the world (Europe, Africa, Asia, the Americas). Others have focused on particular themes. Previous apostolic exhortations include:

- Paul VI's *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (on evangelization today), December 8, 1975
- John Paul II's *Christifideles Laici* (on the role of the laity), December 30, 1988
- John Paul II's *Redemptoris Custos* (on St. Joseph), August 15, 1989
- Benedict XVI's *Sacramentum Caritatis* (on the Eucharist), February 22, 2007
- Benedict XVI's *Verbum Domini* (on the Word of God), November 12, 2010

- 3) **How much authority does an apostolic exhortation have?** It is one of the more important papal documents—more important, for example, than a Wednesday audience or a homily. It is more of a pastoral nature rather than a doctrinal or legal nature. This type of document is ranked lower than an encyclical (example, *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life), Pope John Paul II or an apostolic constitution, which is of the highest level, for example *Fides Depositum* (on the Deposit of Faith), the document that promulgated the New Catechism of the Catholic Church in 1992. Such a document is authoritative in its teaching and application by the whole Church. Read more in the next bulletin.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

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2) We come to the Eucharist hungering and thirsting for life, and the Lord feeds us with his word and with the bread of life. We in turn, need to allow our body to be broken and our blood to be shed for others as Jesus did; to be channels of that life, of that love, for each other. That is why, at the end of the Mass, we are sent out from the Eucharist as life givers, as agents of God's life and love within our homes, our society, our world.

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 26, 2018

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2,15-17

In this reading, the people challenge Joshua on questions of faith and Joshua places a clear option before them. "If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord". After Joshua reminded the people of what the Lord had done for them, the people said, "we also will serve the Lord."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34:2-3,17-17,18-19,20-21

This Sunday we pray with the third part of Psalm 34. We have already seen that this psalm is less a prayer than an instruction. Its content teaches that the righteous will be blessed and the wicked will be punished. That is why the contrast between the just and the wicked is clearly drawn. The fortunes of the righteous will be blessed, while those of the wicked will be the reverse.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Paul in this presents a more familiar form of choice making. He speaks of the decision made by engaged couples preparing for marriage. They must choose one partner, and that choice is sealed at the marriage covenant in the Church. Paul uses this image to describe the loving relationship between Christ and the Church in order to underline the choice we make at Baptism to serve Christ.

Gospel: John 6:60-69

At the end of a lengthy discourse on the bread of life, some followers of Jesus found the teaching difficult and they no longer went with him. Jesus then turned to the Twelve and said, "Do you also want to leave?" Obviously Jesus loved them so much that he wanted to respect their freedom of choice. They in turn would respond in love and freedom through Peter. "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God". We live in a world full of life choices and a plurality of options. But when we come to matters of faith, God loves us so much that He wants us to choose in freedom to do His will.

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(text): www.sundayhomily.com

Podcast (audio):

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 20, 2018

(8 am) †Carmen Nye

†Tsutomu Okuna

†Sandy Padilla

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

(8 am) †Violet G. Porras

†Albert W. Porras Jr.

†Agreda, Ciriaco, Pedro
& Ross Pedro Acebo

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

(8 am) †Robert L. Lasack

†Juan C. Villanueva

†Agreda, Ciriaco, Pedro
& Ross Pedro Acebo

Thursday, August 23, 2018

(8 am) Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa

(Birthday Blessing)

†Juan L. Banis Jr.

†Agreda, Ciriaco, Pedro
& Ross Pedro Acebo

Friday, August 24, 2018

(8 am) †Marietta Kaeo

Lennon Elder (Birthday Blessing)

†Ernest Grace (Birthday Memorial)

Saturday, August 25, 2018

(8 am) Justin Tano

(Birthday Blessing)

†Tina Aguinaldo

†Eric Umetsu

(5 pm) Jinky Samson

Sunday, August 26, 2018

(7 am) †William Brilhante

9 am For the People

11 am †Agreda, Ciriaco, Pedro
& Ross Pedro Acebo

6 pm †Simona V. Villanueva

†Rest in Peace†

HEALING / BLESSINGS: Shirley Del Rosario, Carol Towne, Darrlyn & Ron Bunda, baby Mairenuí Taotaha-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, Bienbenido Roter, Randy Arrojo-Manuwa & Family & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Janie Andrews, 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, Raymond Akiona, Sr., Anthony L. Dela Cuesta, Rodney Alfaro & Dolores Elema.

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

Anointing of the Sick

Baptisms (Upcoming ceremony dates)

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

Baptism Preparation Classes: Sept 2, Oct 7 & Nov 4.

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

Funerals

Homebound Communion

Marriages (at least 6 months before wedding date)

THE ADOPT A SEMINARIAN PROJECT

Help us bring the gift of Aloha to our Seminarians. Desired items: Affirmation letters (esp. from children), local snacks nuts & candies (Maunaloa, Menhune Mac, Island Princess, etc.) Hawaiian coffees (Lion Coffee, Kauai Coffee, Kona Coffee, etc.) Local Style Chips (Atebara's, Hawaiian Chip Company, etc.)

Please no canned meats or liquids, and monetary donations cannot be accepted.

More information, please text message DANN EBINA at (808) 224-9097. 2018-2019 Mailing dates: Monday, September 3; Monday, November 5; Monday, February 4 and Monday, April 1, 2018. Please drop off items in the rectory by Tuesday, August 28th.

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**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE 8/11— 8/12

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,721.65
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 1,769.85
Children's Collection	\$ 1.00
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 737.50
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 10,918.75
Candle Sales	\$ 700.00
Donation— Youth & Young Adults	\$ 30.00
Donation— Charity	\$ 34.00
Donation— Social Ministry	\$ 10.00
Donation- Mass Intentions	\$ 320.00

Weekend Total: \$ 27,242.75

"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

Wilfredo Alfaro (RIP)

Wednesday, August 29, 2018 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 9:30 am

Mass: 10:30 am

Burial: 1:30 pm ~ Schofield

Dolores Elemia (RIP)

Thursday, August 30, 2018 ~ SJAE

Visitation: 9:30 am

Mass: 11:00 am

Burial: 2:00 pm ~ Valley of the Temple

Anthony Louis Dela Cuesta (RIP)

Monday, September 17, 2018 ~

Mililani Memorial Park- Mauka

Visitation: 9:00 am

Funeral Service: 11 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

William F. Slocomb (RIP)

Wednesday, September 19, 2018 ~

Mililani Memorial Park ~ Makai

Visitation: 9:00 am

Funeral Service: 10:00 am

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.

- **Upcoming events:** Sunday, August 26, 2018- "Your Keiki are Confirmed! Now What?"

Lisa Gomes, Diocesan Director, Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry - 4:00 pm in rooms 4 & 5. Light Refreshments will be served.

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 12 noon- 6pm.

Any questions, call Julie at (808) 623-3332



PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

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.



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

Food Pantry- If you or someone you know needs food assistance we can help! Come see us on **Tuesday, August 28, 2018 from 10am- 12 noon** at St. John's parking lot.

Calling all St. John's Seniors - mark your ever busy calendars to sign up next week (August 25-26) after all Masses for SJAE Senior Social!! The Senior Social will feature food, fun and friendship and is open to all Seniors (and their caregivers but no children, please). **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**. Need more information? Call Connie Murphy at (808)625-7773.

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.

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.

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: At the death of a special friend or relative you might like to remember that person through a memorial gift to your church. This will show your appreciation for this treasured relationship and help others through the church. An acknowledgment card will be sent to surviving family, letting them know your gift, without disclosing the amount. Please remember *St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church* in planning your will.

THIS WEEK: August 20 – August 26

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– PPBC (Rm 4)
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 & Rites (Rm 3)
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 1 (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)
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

"B" Schedule-

Religious Ed. Classes

4 pm- Your keiki are now confirmed! Now what? (Rms 4/5) Lisa Gomes, Diocesan OYYAM Director

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

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