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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Deacon Romeo Ganibe

Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! -Mark 12:29

As we read these passages, we could really identify with the scribe in today's Sunday Gospel reading. The scribe's question relates quite well to our own experiences. Instead of just saying all of his commandments are equally important, Jesus answers the scribe by first emphasizing that God is God alone and without equal. Therefore, we should love and serve God with all of our being. Jesus shows that we are called to direct our whole lives to God, which includes our actions and choices. As a result, we should view the rest of Jesus' teachings as helping us to love and come closer to God.

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. - Mark 12:31

Jesus then points out that we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. Make note that when Jesus talks about 'neighbor' it is not only the one living next-door, but also the sick and suffering, poor and powerless, lonely and forsaken, widows and widowers and elderly. We are called to show God's unceasing love for all people, which enables us to more fully see God's presence in the world. In loving God in one another, we find the ultimate meaning and purpose of the gift of faith and life. Let us all do as God does, not wait to be loved, but be the first to love.

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.**

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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

Bulletin Special Announcement

Just in case you missed this special announcement last Sunday, we are seriously Building! I am happy to announce that the Diocese has authorized us to award the construction contract of the OCC to Design Build of Hawaii (DBH). The good news is that we are saving over \$200,000 with DBH. The contract has been signed by the Diocese and by me and given to the General Contractor. The next and final step is for the GC to get the construction permits that should be done in about two weeks. Since you cannot make an omelet without cracking an egg, there will be inconveniences when construction begins. There will be more announcements before the construction begins.

The Projector Manager for the OCC Construction is Robert Woodring from Rider Levett & Bucknall (RLB) company, the same company overseeing the Resurrection of the Lord parish hall construction. Robert will meet with the parish leadership monthly for update on the construction which will take about 12 months.

We are particularly grateful to Les Hunkele for his professional advise throughout this process and providentially he is with us this weekend. It is because of his professional guidance that we have arrived at this point on our OCC plans. The professional advice Les has given has saved us thousands of dollars if we were to hire someone to do what he did for us. I take the opportunity also to thank our parish Leadership Advisory Council (LAC) for their continuous guidance on both the OCC planning and the capital campaign.

Our Parish Leadership Advisory Council (LAC) will soon meet to discuss on ways of bringing phase 2 of the capital campaign to conclusion. You will receive an update after that meeting. 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, NOVEMBER 11, 2018

Thirty—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Kings 17:10-16

The story of Elijah going to Zarephath contains several themes. One of the themes is an ancient obligation of hospitality. There is also a prophecy of God's providential care for the widow who is encouraged to trust in the Lord. Then finally there is the miraculous event of multiplication of food after the widow does what the prophet requests. The woman followed the word of the prophet, and God's word spoken through the prophet was fulfilled. We hear that the widow "was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well." This whole story is really about the efficacy of the power of God in a pagan land.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146:7,8-9,9-10

Psalm 146 is a hymn of praise to the Lord because of what he does to his people. We praise the Lord because He keeps his covenant forever; secures justice for the oppressed, and gives food the hungry. The Lord setting captives free is an allusion to our salvation from the bondage of sin. After recalling the graciousness of the Lord, we express gratitude with the refrain: "Praise the Lord, my soul."

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

The argument Paul uses in this reading is based on the unsurpassed excellence of the sacrifice of Christ, who does not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, but a sanctuary made by God. The argument is based on the meaning of the temple and of the ritual sacrifice normally offered there before Christ. The difference is that these were earthly temples with earthly high priests, who must offer sacrifices repeatedly. Christ has offered his sacrifice once and for all.

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

The story of the widow's mite is preceded by Jesus' condemnation of the piety of some scribes who may have been before him as he taught in the temple. Jesus condemns these men because of their hypocrisy. Jesus implies that their long robes were a cover for their exploitation of wealthy widows who offered them money in exchange for prayers. Having condemned these scribes, then Jesus praises a poor widow who gives from her poverty all that she had into the offertory box, as compared to those who offered fraction of what they had. Therefore the willingness to give all that one has becomes the central theme in this Gospel. It offers a model of unselfish giving which can also be used as a model of stewardship in time, talent and treasure.

Follow Msgr. John's Homilies! Blog

(text): www.sundayhomily.com

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 5, 2018

(8 am) †Thelma Villareal Dangao

†All Souls' in Purgatory

Suzanne Foster (Healing/Blessing)

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

(8 am) †Amelie Tetahaimaui

†Cherie F. Castillo

Christ Rodriguez (Healing)

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

(8 am) †Earl John Pacpaco

†Thomas & Claudia Borowitz

Suzanne Foster (Healing/Blessing)

Thursday, November 8, 2018

(8 am) †Joe Terry, Sr.

†Jacob Mia Kosowsky

Joe Villanueva (Birthday Blessing)

Friday, November 9, 2018

(8 am) †Shareez Concessio

Suzanne Foster (Healing/Blessing)

Aldemar & Orlando Aglanao

(Healing)

Saturday, November 10, 2018

(8 am) Osako Diana (Healing)

†Steen S. Pedersen

†Deacon Kin Borga

(5 pm) †Wayne K. Ursal

Sunday, November 11, 2018

(7 am) †Kristen Rivera-Pavez

9 am For the People

11 am Ma Grace Ulep

6 pm †Dionisio Locquiao

†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, Rose McNorton, Rosalie Tadda, Bienvenido Roter, Randy Arrojo-Manuwa & Family, Rachel Sullivan, Duane Gonzales, Asako Diana, Keahi Paaluhi & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: George Sullivan, William Slocomb, Laura Efurd, Kekiai Hett, Fr. Ed Turner, Raymond Akiona Sr., Anthony L. Dela Cuesta, Rodney Alfaro, Dolores Elema, Victor C. Librizzi, Santiago Tumpap, Jeremy M.H. Kunishige, Joseph Terry, Sr., Pablo Santos, Kyung Soon Choe, Alvin Yasui, Wayne Ursal, Hak Hoon Kim, Leo Keli, Cherie F. Castillo & Deacon Kin Borga.

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

Anointing of the Sick

Baptisms (Upcoming ceremony dates) **Nov 18 & 25, Dec 9 & 16.**

Baptism Preparation Classes: Dec 2.

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

Funerals

Homebound Communion

Marriages (at least 6 months before wedding date)

The next 24 hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will be held on Friday, December 7, immediately after the 8 am Mass to 7:30am on Saturday, December 8.



We give thanks to our Lord for all his blessings! Join us in gratitude at the 8 AM Thanksgiving Day Mass (Nov 22)!

Bring a meal item (labeled with your name) for your thanksgiving table for a blessing before sharing it with your family & friends (i.e. apple cider, dinner rolls, fruit, etc.) Our Liturgical Environment Ministry will place the item on the sanctuary with you. Mahalo for your Kokua and participation in our Thanksgiving Day Mass!



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

10/ 27 - 10/ 28

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,781.86
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,776.85
Children's Collection	\$ 2.00
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 629.65
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 2,156.39
Candle Sales	\$ 670.00
Donation— Social Ministry	\$ 10.00
Donation - Mass Intentions	\$ 90.00
Donation— All Souls' day	\$ 2,662.00
Donation— Funerals	\$ 650.00
Donation— World Mission Sunday	\$ 190.00
Donation - Charity	\$ 56.00

Weekend Total: 21,674.75

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

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS †

Kyung Soon Choe (RIP)

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018 ~ St. John's A&E

Visitation: 9:00 am

Mass: 11:00 am ~ St. John A&E, Mililani

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Mortuary Park

Julieto "Jolly" Aspera Gamboa (RIP)

Monday, Nov. 19, 2018 ~ Mililani Mortuary Park Mauka

Visitation: 5:30 pm

Prayer Service: 6:30 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018 ~ Mililani Mortuary Park

Burial: 10:00 am

Fr. Edward Turner (RIP)

Thursday, December 6, 2018 ~

Resurrection of the Lord Parish, Waipio

Memorial Service: 7 pm

***Respect Life:** "The dying process is a sacred time— a final season to seek closure in this life and prepare for the next in the hope of sharing in Christ's Resurrection. As you enter into this season with your friend or family member, ask God to accompany both of you."*

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End,"

www.usccb.org/endoflifecare

"40 Days for Life"

The fall 40 Days for Life Campaign of prayer, fasting and outreach to protect all innocent life extends from Sept. 26 through Nov. 4, 2018.

Community outreach includes group prayers and physical presence at the facility, located at 1350 S.

King Street, appealing to God to end anti-life procedures in Hawaii and our nation.. You may sign-up online at: www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu/

Each parish ministry is encouraged to select one day & time for the ministry members to participate together as a group. Contact Mary Smart, cell: 741-2358 for more information.





PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card!

We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card, it is not too late! Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of **St. John Apostle & Evangelist**. Please take this opportunity to follow where God is leading you in the coming year.

It's National Vocations Awareness Week, Nov 4-10, 2018.

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood and others to religious life. Some remain as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations-and teaching young people how to discern God's call-is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. Today begins National Vocation Awareness Week. During this week, please pray about how God is calling you to live your vocation more deeply. Encourage the young people in your life- children, grandchildren, students and friends- to be open if God calls them to priesthood or consecrated life.

During the month of September, St. John Apostle & Evangelist had joined with Foodland in the "Give Aloha" Campaign. Thank you to everyone who helped and participated.

Customer Donations: \$1, 135.85, Foodland donations: \$208. 27, Western Union donations \$40.48. Total donations: \$1, 384. 60.



Next weekend, 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.

Do you like to read? Interested in helping with the SJAE church library? If so, please call or email Deb Zedalis, (808) 348-2973, dzedalis@hawaii.rr.com.

SAVE THE DATE! Senior Adult Ministry Christmas Party will be held on **Saturday, Dec 8 from 10:00am—12 noon here at SJAE**. Come on out for fun, food, fellowship and holiday cheer. Questions? Call Connie Murphy at 625-7773.

Be an Angel and Volunteer to help with this year's Angel Tree! Angel Tree gift tags will be distributed in just 3 weeks! *This year we will provide gifts to Catholic Charities (CCH), Honolulu Community Action Program (HCAP), Seminarians, Seniors and St. John's Local Outreach.* We need volunteers to distribute tags and receive gifts. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pearl Bates at 623-3332 ext. 203 or email pebates@rcchawaii.org.



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.

THIS WEEK:

Nov 5 – Nov 11

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

7 pm– 4th degree Knights (Rm 3)

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)
6:30 pm– Catholics Returning Home (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)
9 am– Hui (Rm 5)
5:30 pm– Children's Choir Practice (CH)
6 pm– OLPH Prayer Group (Rm 2)
6:30 pm– Young Adult Faith Night (Rm 4)

7 pm– Combined Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm– RCIA: #11 Liturgical Year (Rms 2/3)

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 5)

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
9 am– Catholic Women's Bible Study (Rm 1)
9 am– RE: FRCE Retreat (Rms 2-3)
1 pm– Knights of Columbus (Rms 2-3)
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

"B" Schedule- Religious Ed. Classes

Blood pressure screening (CH Lanai)
12:30 pm– RCIA– Sponsor's Orientation (Rms 2-3)

4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)



CARING FOR LOVED ONES AT LIFE'S END

*Surround them
with love,
support, and
companionship
that are “anchored
in unconditional
respect for their
human dignity,
beginning with
respect for the
inherent value of
their lives.”*

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An old Irish proverb says, “It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.” Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life’s end, we may not know how best to “shelter” them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them.

1. Invite God In

Pope Francis has said that “praying in difficult situations is like opening the door to the Lord, in order that he might enter.”¹ The dying process is a sacred time—a final season to seek closure in this life and prepare for the next in the hope of sharing in Christ’s Resurrection. As you enter into this season with your friend or family member, ask God to accompany both of you.

2. Listen

Try to discover your loved one’s values and how best to honor his or her wishes. This requires true empathy. It can be hard not to assume he or she wants the same thing you *think* you would want if you were in the same situation. Listen with a non-judgmental ear so your loved one feels free to speak openly.

3. Inform Yourself

Be aware that a person’s wishes for refusing ordinary or proportionate treatment²—or for pursuing assisted suicide—are usually rooted in fears of dependency, helplessness, or pain. Make yourself available to discuss these or any concerns. Know that hospice care focuses on alleviating pain and other symptoms, meeting basic needs, and providing comfort. Seek to understand the Catholic Church’s teaching on end-of-life care, which can help you provide authentically loving support that respects life.*

4. Be Steadfast in Compassion

As Pope Francis reminds us, “Compassion means ‘suffer with’.”³ Your friend or family member will likely face ups and downs. Recognize these as part of a natural process. Surround him or her with love, support, and companionship that are “anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives.”⁴ The patient’s suffering can be alleviated by your empathy, as well as by quality hospice care by medical personnel.

5. Help Them Achieve Closure

Help your family member or friend define the unfinished personal projects, financial concerns, unresolved relationships, or other matters that occupy his or her mind. Due to changing circumstances, some goals may need to be reframed. Creating and accomplishing this list of unfinished business can help the person discover a sense of purpose and feel more at peace.

6. Provide Opportunities for Resolution

Ira Byock, a hospice medical director, illustrates in his book *The 4 Most Important Things*^{**} how saying “I love you,” “I’m sorry,” “I forgive you,” and “Thank you” can promote much-needed healing during the dying process. You can help ensure a peaceful transition for your loved one by facilitating opportunities for reconciliation with others and for mutual expressions of love and gratitude. Consider offering to invite a priest to hear his or her confession and to administer the Eucharist as viaticum[†] and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, all of which heal the soul and prepare us to meet the Lord.

7. Reminisce

Our appetites may diminish as our bodies experience a decreased need for food and fluids when we near life’s end. Provide smaller amounts of your family member or friend’s favorite foods. Even if unable to eat them, he or she may still enjoy the aromas and reminisce with you about special memories they evoke. Think of other small comforts you can provide that would spark meaningful memories, like special photos or mementos.

8. Provide a Peaceful Presence

There comes a time of natural withdrawal from surroundings when dying persons may lose interest in many activities that used to be enjoyable. Your own quiet, patient presence can provide important support as your loved one prepares emotionally and spiritually for his or her passing. Hearing can become very acute, so placing the phone in another room, playing favorite music, reading a favorite passage, praying together, or simply sitting quietly with him or her can all be very soothing.

9. Show Tenderness

Those who are dying remain in need of the tenderness of personal human contact. Ask if you might gently brush your loved one’s hair, apply lotion to her hands or feet, or simply hold his hand. Tell stories, laugh, and share memories to reassure the person he or she is a cherished gift, not a burden in any way.

10. Bear Their Transition Patiently

Transition, the time immediately preceding death, may bring rapid physical changes, such as in breathing patterns, as well as changes in mental or emotional states. Try to be patient, and allow the “how” and “when” of death to be between God and your loved one. Ask God for the wisdom to know what final words to say—if any—and when. As you are able, give your loved one permission to make the transition. For example, you might say, “I love you. It’s okay to go home now.”

Accompanying a loved one in his or her last days is enormously important, but we do not need to fear our own limitations. Pope Francis tells us, “[God] comes to assist us in our weakness. And his help consists in helping us accept his presence and closeness to us. Day after day, touched by his compassion, we also can become compassionate towards others.”[‡]

[†]As our bishops teach, “Respect for life does not demand that we attempt to prolong life by using medical treatments that are ineffective or unduly burdensome.” At the same time, intentionally hastening death—whether through drugs or deliberate neglect of basic care—offends our God-given dignity and is never morally permissible. More information: www.usccb.org/ToLiveEachDay

^{**}References do not indicate endorsement.

[†]Pope Francis, *Morning Meditation in the Chapel of the Divine Sanctus Marthae* Choosing the Better Part, 8 October 2017. (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2017).

[‡]More Information: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*, 9th ed. (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009); United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide* (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2011).

[§]Pope Francis, *General Audience*, Wednesday, April 27, 2016. (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2016).

[¶]United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide*, 10.

[‡]Viaticum is “the Eucharist received by a dying person. It is the spiritual food for one’s ‘passing over’ to the Father from this world. With Penance and the Anointing

of the Sick, the reception of Holy Communion as Viaticum constitute the ‘last sacraments’ of the Christian.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, Glossary) See also Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1331, 1392, 1577, 1624–25.

[§]Pope Francis, *Misericordiae vultus*. (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2015), no. 14.

[¶]United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide*, 10.

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