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VISION STATEMENT

*We are called to **develop a deeper relationship with Christ**. Such a relationship is fostered through active participation in: the Sacraments, the Word, Renewal programs, ministry/service, fellowship and other **Spirit-led** activities. We will dedicate our time, talent and treasure to install in our Parish community these basic building blocks of Christian living, to live out the Lord's commands and to preach the Good News to all through our words, deeds and lives.*

Pope Francis' Unique Witness: Pilgrimage to Assisi

From the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis has amazed us with his unique and powerful witness to Jesus Christ. Last Friday the pope made a pilgrimage to Assisi to confirm the reason why he chose the name of Saint Francis of Assisi. He helped us to understand the deeper meaning this humble saint. On arrival in Assisi, Pope Francis said that his visit was above all a pilgrimage of love, to pray at the tomb of a man who, stripped himself, clothed himself in Christ and, following Christ's example, offered his love to all, especially the poorest and most abandoned; he loved God's creation with wonder and simplicity. To symbolically relive the example of Saint Francis the first thing the pope did was to visit a group of sick and disabled children, where he exhorted those who serve the poor after the example of Saint Francis. The pope's unique witness is one of conversion, detachment and concern for the poor like Saint Francis.

Pope Francis then went to the bishop's residence. It was here, in 1206, Francis stripped himself of his rich garments and proclaimed God as his true Father. In the "Sala della Spoliazione" (room of stripping), where this episode took place, the Holy Father met with the poor assisted by Caritas. Pope Francis was the first pope in 800 years to visit the room. This part of the visit was dramatic and challenging because the point of the visit here was conversion: stripping ourselves of worldliness and putting on Christ. The pontiff, speaking off the cuff here, said that during recent days the media had speculated about what he would say in that room. "The Pope will go to despoil the Church there! He will despoil the bishops, the cardinals, himself!" This, he observed "is a good opportunity to invite the Church to despoil herself. But we are all Church! All of us! From the first moment of our baptism, we are all Church, and we must all take the path of Jesus, who took the path of despoiling himself...And if we wish to be Christians, there is no other path".

Later Pope Francis stopped at St. Mary of the Angels for lunch at the Caritas soup kitchen located there. He ate with the homeless and refugees. He also took a few moments of private prayer in the tiny, undecorated chapel adjacent to the dining room. The whole pilgrimage reached its high point at the Holy Mass celebrated in the Square of St. Francis. Before departure for Rome, the pope met with the youth and young adults from the region of Umbria exhorting them to be witnesses of the faith with their life: bringing Christ into their homes, proclaiming Him to their friends, welcome Him and serve Him with the poor. The pope concluded: "Young people, give Umbria a message of life, peace and hope! You can do it!" At each step of his journey, the Pope made time for quiet moments of prayer and reflection, following in the footsteps of the "Little Poor Man" of Assisi.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda
Pastor

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings: October 20
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First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

The account of the battle with Amalek in this passage is a proof that God favors the people of Israel. There was a long history of enmity between this nomadic tribe and Israel in the desert around Mount Sinai. Moses, Joshua and Aaron are the central heroes in the battle. We of today might be troubled by the thought that God not only endorsed the aggressiveness of Israel, but actually directed their fight. Moses uses the staff of God and we hear that "as long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight." To keep his hands raised Aaron and Hur go to support Moses' hands, an indication of collaborative ministry.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 121:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8

Psalm 121 is a psalm of confidence. It is also a song that contains sentiments associated with pilgrimage to Jerusalem. The psalm expressed trust that the Lord will indeed guard the peoples' going and coming. Thus with God's people we respond: "Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:3

As Paul continues to instruct Timothy, he underlines the importance of sacred Scriptures in the lives of the Christians. The reading ends with an exhortation to persist in proclaiming the word "whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." The reason is clear for Paul: "all Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness..." That is why Paul charges Timothy to remain faithful to his ministry of teaching, by being resolute at all times.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus tells the parable of the unjust judge. He draws a sharp contrast between the judge and a widow who comes to him for justice. The point of the parable is the need for persistence in prayer because the widow keeps going to the judge many times until she tires him or aggravates him to act in her favor. Jesus admonishes us as his followers to persevere in prayer, regardless of how God might seem closed to our pleas. We simply have to keep going back to God in prayer ceaselessly just like the widow in the parable. We are encouraged to trust in God's openness to our prayers no matter how long that might take.

Msgr. John's Sunday homilies are available on the following updated links: Blog (text): <http://www.sundayhomily.com>

Podcast (audio): <http://streaminghomilies.podbean.com>

*On iTunes, under Podcast search for: **streaming homilies**, subscribe free to get the homilies weekly.*

Boohomily (audio): <http://audioboo.fm/jmbinda>

"If our prayer is resolutely united with that of Jesus, in trust and boldness as children, we obtain all that we ask in his name, even more than any particular thing: the Holy Spirit himself, who contains all gifts."(CCC 2742)

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Healing/Blessings: Ellen Cleghorn, Carolyn Drapes, Patricia Perez, Jeremiah Bright, George Makio, Clara Cole, Sally Bordfeld, Leilani Mueller, Sherri Mauck, Hilda Gomez, Bernadette Uyeda, Charmaine Molina, Melody Ramos, Don Buenconsejo, Ken Enomoto, Cely Deveraturda, John "Mike" Culkin and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

Deceased: Ernest A. Leong III, Alejandrino Taliman, Sr. Natividad Ferraren SPC, Carlos Pesante-Bonafe, Arsenio Batang Siggayo, Rose S. Hamora, Harold Looney, Evelyn Toshiko Winninghoff, Darrell Sabihon, Indra Duarte Robinson, Viola K. Quinn, Wilfred R. Castro, Enrique Corpus Ancheta Sr., Timoteo Soriano Caseria Jr., Mary "Malia" Kaipo Malama Serrao, Lucille Margaret Perske, Kay Kimie Nishimura, Winona Kuuleinani Rapoza, Frank D. Rampey, Elisa Sonico, Leonard Alexander Garcia, Eunice Yau Tai Soto (lay nun: "Sr. Stephanie"), Fortunata C. Juan, Gary Tateishi, and Delores Albaso.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, October 14, 2013

8am Mass Hoy Chang (RIP)
The Bartlett Family (Thanksgiving)

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

8am Mass Tony Myers (RIP)
Tessie Aquino (Birthday Blessings)

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

8am Mass Mike Culkin (Blessings & Thanksgiving)
Mary Elizabeth Mershon (RIP)

Thursday, October 17, 2013

8am Mass Sunao and Toshikazu Osawa (RIP)
Chie Wilson (RIP)

Friday, October 18, 2013

8am Mass Maria Salvacion Lesko (RIP)
Mari Page (RIP)
Chez Elder (Birthday Blessings)

Saturday, October 19, 2013

8am Mass Amelita Zablan (RIP)
Cyril Pereira (RIP)
5pm Mass Ronald M. Tanaka (RIP)

Sunday, October 20, 2013

7am Mass Kengo Nakata (RIP)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass The Sauget Sons
(Blessings and Thanksgiving)
6pm Mass Teresa Saracho-Morales (RIP)

Parish News & Announcements

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, October 14th in observance of Discoverer's Day.

A Healing Mass with Anointing is scheduled for Monday, October 14th. Praise and worship begins at 7:30pm followed by Mass. All are welcome!

Next weekend our parish will celebrate World Mission Sunday (Propagation of the Faith). This year we are invited to act in solidarity with missionaries in India and throughout the world. Every day, faithful missionaries are reaching out in the name of Christ, offering practical, emotional and spiritual care to communities, children and families in desperate need, bringing the light of Christ to the darkest of circumstances. For more information, please visit: www.IAmAMissionary.org.

For Your Marriage ~ Are you a Catholic who exchanged marriage vows in the presence of a minister from another religious tradition or authorized civic official? If you are seeking to have your marriage recognized and blessed by the Catholic Church, known as Convalidation of Marriage, join us for **"Marriage Validation Information Night" on Friday, October 18th in rooms 4 & 5 at 7:00pm.** Our clergy will be present to assist you. Call 623-3332 ext. 111 or email info@stjohnmililani.org for more information.

The Catholic Book Club will meet to discuss its next book for discussion, **Conceived Without Sin** by Bud Macfarlane, on Thursday, October 17th from 7:00-9:00pm in the Parish Center classroom #6. Call Melissa: 626-2469 or alohamc@yahoo.com.

November 2, All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance - 8:00 a.m. Have you experienced the loss of a loved one? Please join us for this candlelight Mass in memory of your loved ones. Photos of your departed loved ones will be displayed on a photo board during this Mass. Submit 4x6 photos to the church office by October 25th; include your loved ones name and your contact name/phone number on the back of each photo. Names of the deceased may be entered in the Book of Life at the back of the church. Contact the Bereavement Ministry at 721-7858.

All Souls Day offering envelopes are available at the back of the church.

World Priest Day is a celebration and affirmation of the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the Church via the Sacrament of Holy Orders. It is an opportunity for Catholic parishioners to thank, affirm and share their love and support for our priests. **Join us for a potluck luncheon on October 27th on the breezeway after the 11:00am Mass.** Please bring your favorite "dish" to share and break bread at our communal table to honor Msgr. John, Fr. Ronnie, and Fr. Victor. Please call Michael Magaoay at 428-3736 for more information.

The Parish Pastoral Council is beginning the process of recruiting 3 new members to replace those whose term will end in December. The council is seeking parishioners committed to assisting Msgr. John in improving our parish. If interested, please contact the Parish Office at 623-3332 ext. 100.

St. John's Outreach Holiday Food and Fund Drive: Outreach will be collecting non-perishable food and personal hygiene items for our yearly holiday food baskets. Monetary donations are also accepted to purchase Foodland/Sack n Save "Makana" food cards for families to purchase a ham or turkey at Thanksgiving and Easter. Additional funds and food cards are used by the Outreach Office to supplement the outreach food pantry and provide assistance as needed throughout the year. **The drive will run from October 1 through November 6, 2013.** Envelopes are provided at the church entrance.

Join us for FALL FEST on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26th from 10am to 2pm at our parish grounds. Enjoy wholesome family fun, entertainment, food, games & prizes, baked goods, plant sale, costume parade and much more. Purchase tickets for \$5.00 on the fellowship lanai after all masses; At pre-sale, you'll receive an additional \$1.00 ticket for games.

Flu Season is around the corner and the Parish Health Ministry with Long's Drugs Store will once again be offering the flu shot on October 26th, from 8-11am outside the church. Forms are available at the back of the church. Please complete and return all forms to the Parish Office (Mon-Fri) by October 18th. HMSA, Medicare, and Tricare insurances are being accepted. We cannot accept Kaiser and Medicaid. Please call Elaine Gibson at 497-8366 after 6pm for information. Mahalo!

Defend Marriage & Defend your Faith: Take the bus to the Rally for Marriage on Monday, October 28 so our legislators know that the definition of marriage must not be distorted. A bus will leave the Church in time for the rally that begins at 4:00 PM and ends at 7:00 PM. This is free to riders. Plan to meet by 3:15 PM in the parking lot. We will return to SJA&E at the conclusion of the rally. Sign-up at the back of the Church; list each member of your group individually for an accurate count.

A Special Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) will be presented by Msgr. John Mbinda on Saturday, November 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the church. EMHCs currently serving in this important ministry are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in becoming an EMHC, please contact Susan Osborn at sue.osborn@hotmail.com for more information.

Sunday Collection Report October 5/6, 2013

	Weekly Goal	Actual Amount
Sunday Offering	\$12,647.00	\$13,217.93
Building, Equip., Maintenance and Outreach	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 2,075.15

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