

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Deacon Romeo Ganibe

This Sunday's gospel reading, we see Jesus alone in the desert being tempted by the devil. The devil presents a few interesting scenarios to Jesus, ones that test him and tempt him at the same time. And in each scenario Jesus is somehow able to resist and is able to stay focused on what he was born to do, stay faithful to his Father in all things. Jesus is not willing to give in to what many of us so often give in to, the need for power or prestige of glory or a chance to "show off". Rather, Jesus came simply to serve and to save.

We're just beginning Lent, our own "forty days in the desert". And during this holy time we will take a deep look within, examine the ways we have been faithful and the ways we have not, examine the ways we have stayed on the path and the ways we have strayed, examine the ways we have met the needs of others and the ways we have placed our own needs above those of others, examine the ways we have loved and the ways we have chosen to do something else.

And Lent is the perfect time to take a long hard look at those very things, take a long hard honest look at our sins, no matter how difficult that may be, so that we can be better, we can be more, so that we can be the beautiful, loving, kind, generous people God wants us to be.

That is what Lent is really all about.

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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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

Lent: A Season to Get Close to the Lord

On Ash Wednesday when we receive the ashes on our foreheads, we commit ourselves to follow Christ in His 40 days of prayer and fasting in the desert. For many Catholics, Lent involves giving up coffee, chocolate or other guilty vices. Others forgo television or commit to attending daily Mass. The 40 days of Lent are set aside each year as a way for the faithful to draw closer to God through prayer, fasting, almsgiving and acts of penance.

St. John Paul II, in his apostolic exhortation "Reconciliation and Penance," emphasized the importance of self-mortification (dying to self). Penance, the Pope said, is "an effort to put off the old man and put on the new... to overcome in oneself what is of the flesh in order that what is spiritual may prevail." These acts of sacrifice, he said, help to re-establish the harmony with God that was broken by sin. Each year during Lent, the US Catholic Bishops, call on all Catholics to abstain from meat and offer penitential acts on all Fridays of the year — not just during Lent — for the protection of human life, marriage and religious liberties. Lent in particular offers Catholics an opportunity to experience a conversion of heart through the three disciplines of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Penance is an act aimed at conversion of heart. That means turning away from the darkness of this world (sin), and turning toward the light of God (grace) turning away from what is wrong and turning toward what is right. A true conversion helps us become more focused on Christ and on goodness and beauty and truth.

A big part of penance is that it frees us to be with Christ, to allow our passions and our appetites to be subdued by Christ so we can really be with Him and learn from Him and be like Him. In order to free ourselves and find happiness this Lent, Jesus challenges us to let go our many attachments: anger, grudge against someone, refusal to forgive someone, personal vices, personal idols. Letting go such things and confessing them in the Sacrament of Penance frees us to find happiness in our life. Other forms of penance include fasting and almsgiving.

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, MARCH 17, 2019

Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 15:5—12, 17—18

The passage consists of three related parts. It opens with God's two promises to Abraham that he will have a multitude of descendants. Abraham puts his faith in God's promise. This is followed by how Abraham is to celebrate the covenant. The last part is a brief account of the actual ceremony and a further promise of land. The Lord considered Abraham righteous because of his faith.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 27:1, 7—8, 8—9, 13—14

Psalm 27 is a prayer of profound confidence in God. "The Lord is my light and my salvation." The prayer begins with an expression of confidence that God will indeed hear the cry for help and that God will grant the request.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1

In this passage, Paul is offering an exhortation to the Philippian community draws a sharp contrast between the true believers and the opponents of the gospel. He begins by admonishing his hearers to follow his own example as a teacher. For example, Paul compares the enemies of the cross of Christ with the faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ; the opponents will end in destruction while the faithful await the coming of the Savior. The reading ends up with Paul exhorting his hearers to be firm in their faith.

Gospel: Luke 9:28—36

There are two parts of this account of the transfiguration from Luke. The first is the actual transfiguration and the conversation between Jesus and the two holy people from heaven. This was a private experience of Jesus that the three disciples did not see as "they had been overcome by sleep." It is only when they wake up that they see the glory of Jesus. While the transfiguration was meant to reveal the divinity of Christ, Peter misunderstands this manifestation as showing Jesus to be equal to Moses and Elijah. "Let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." Luke immediately tells us that Peter did not know what he was saying. The symbolism of the cloud shows that this is a divine theophany (revelation) of who Jesus is. The voice from heaven confirms Jesus as the Son of God. "This is my chosen Son: listen to him." The Lenten Season exhorts us to be attentive to the many moments when Jesus reveals himself to the people he encounters.

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, March 11, 2019
(8 am) †Howard L. Beck

Tuesday, March 12, 2019
(8 am) †George Makio

Wednesday, March 13, 2019
(8 am) †Petra Villegas
†Violeta Solis

Thursday, March 14, 2019
(8 am) †George Makio

Friday, March 15, 2019
(8 am) †Wellie Yadao
(Death Anniversary)

Saturday, March 16, 2019
(8 am) †Howard L. Beck
(5 pm) †Richard L. Unciano

Sunday, March 17, 2019
(7 am) †Pat Perry
(Birthday Memorial)
9 am For the People
11 am †Wayne K. Ursal
6 pm †Richard L. Unciano

†Rest in Peace†

HEALING / BLESSINGS: 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, Rose McNorton, Rosalie Tadda, Bienvenido Roter, Randy Arrojo-Manuwa & Family, Rachel Sullivan, Duane Gonzales, Keahi Paaluhi, Marcelino Esdicul, Sr. & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Kyung Soon Choe, Deacon Kin Borja, Asako Ono Diana, Trixie Kato, Claro P. Bumanglag, Jodie J. Mendes, Vergelio C. Topinio, Clara Diane White, Lydia S. Agbayani, Fredrico Soliven, Annette Mitchell, Erwin A. Azada, Winston Kekina, Howard L. Beck, Delphine Brothers, Richard L. Unciano, Agnes DeJesus, William Ahuna, George Makio & Violeta D. Solis.

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

Anointing of the Sick

Baptisms (Upcoming ceremony date) **Mar 10 & 17, April (No Baptism), May 12 & 19, June 9 & 16.**

Baptism Preparation Class: Apr 7, May 5 & June 2.

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

Funerals

Homebound Communion

Marriages (at least 6 months before wedding date)

The next Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



will be held on *Friday, April 5*, immediately after the 8am Mass to 6pm and will resume at 8pm after the Stations of the Cross to 7:30am on *Saturday, April 6*.

The spring 40 Days for Life Campaign of prayer, fasting and outreach to protect all innocent life extends from March 6 through 14 April 2019. Community outreach includes group prayers and physical prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood abortion facility, now relocated to 839 S Beretania St Honolulu, HI 96813. All are invited to participate. You may sign- up on-line at: www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu/. There will be a closing Rally on Saturday, April 13 at the facility from 9 am – noon. Parish ministries are encouraged to select one day and time for its members to participate together as a group. Contact Mary Smart, cell: 741-2358 for more information.

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT †

Howard Lloyd Beck (RIP)

Sunday, March 17, 2019 ~ Mililani Memorial Park~ Mauka

Visitation: 5:30 am ~ Prayer Service: 6:30 am Monday, March 18, 2019 ~ St. John's A&E, Mililani

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Save the date:

Fr. Ricky Manalo will be speaking here on March 12—13 at 7 pm.

Topic: Finding Christ Today in our Complex World.



Today's world and lifestyles are very complex: there are many cultures, opinions (left and right), and modern means of communicating (often interacting and competing with one another.) And then there is the postmodern experience that nobody ever has enough time! This presentation will provide three lenses through which Christians view the world around them (the traditional, the modern and the postmodern) with an eye towards applying these lenses to our own Christian life and baptismal calling. As in all of Fr. Ricky's presentations, music will be offered before, during and at the end.

Fr. Ricky Manalo is a Paulist Priest, a wonderful & accomplished composer, pastoral musician, theologian & presenter.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

3/9-3/10

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,901.50
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,007.35
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$1,372.10
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 18,653.39
Donation– Children's Collection	\$ 3.00
Donation– Social Ministry	\$ 38.00
Donation– Funeral	\$ 400.00
Candle Sales	\$ 1,184.25
Mass Intentions	\$ 160.00

Weekend Total: \$ 36,719.59

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

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PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

Want to know more about your Catholic faith? Interested in saints, the Blessed Mother, church history or modern church issues? Need a Bible Study for Lent? We have several Bible Studies available. The SJA Library Cart will be available after all Masses on March 16-17. Come by and tell us what you are looking for—we are glad to help!



Encounter Norma: In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community? Visit csrricebowl.org for more.

2019 Lent and Easter Parish Events:

Stations of the Cross , March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 & 12, 7pm Frugal Meal sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and other parish ministries after Stations of the Cross.	Holy Thursday , April 18 (No 8am Daily Mass) Morning Prayers- 8am Mass of the Lord's Supper , 7pm Adoration after Mass until 12 midnight
Finding Christ Today in our Complex World with Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP Tues. Mar 12 & Wed. Mar13, 7pm	Good Friday , April 19 (No 8am Daily Mass) Morning Prayers- 8am Stations of the Cross , 3pm Passion of the Lord , 3:30pm
Parish Lenten Mission: Seven Last Words of Jesus from His Cross April 1-3, 7pm Speaker: Fr. Paul McDonnell, O.S.J.	
Lenten Penance Service: Wednesday, April 3, 7pm	Holy Saturday , April 20 (No 8am Daily Mass) Morning Prayers- 8am No Confession Easter Vigil , 7pm Easter Sunday , April 21 Masses at 7am, 9am, & 11am No evening Mass
Palm Sunday , April 14 Regular Sunday Schedule	

Diocese of Honolulu 2019 Lenten Regulations:

In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both days Ash Wednesday (March 6th) and Good Friday (April 19th).

FASTING: To fast means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (excepting water and medicine) is not permitted on fast days.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT: Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday. To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

Planting Seeds for the Future: Good stewardship requires us to think of the future. Have your estate plan prepared now and express your good stewardship in ways that will bless your family and your church.

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

THIS WEEK: Mar 11- 17

Monday- 7:30 am- Rosary
 8 am- *Daily Mass*
 8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
 7 pm- Charismatic (CH)
 7 pm- Family Prayer Group (Rm 4)
 7 pm- Troop 144 (Rm 5)

Tuesday- 7:30 am- Rosary
 8 am- *Daily Mass*
 8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
 9 am- Women's Bible Study (CH)
 9 am- Church Cleaning- Environmental
 3 pm- Cenacle Prayer (CH)
 7 pm- K of C (Rm 3)
 7 pm- Finding Christ Today in our Complex World w/ Fr. Ricky (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 (Rm 2)
 6:30 pm- Young Adult Faith Night (Rm 4)
 7 pm- Combined Choir Practice (CH)
 7 pm- RCIA #24 "Reconciliation" (Rm 3)
 7 pm- Finding Christ Today in our Complex World w/ Fr. Ricky (CH)
 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)
 6 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- 2 Hearts (CH)
 7 pm- Stations of the Cross (CH)
 7:30 am- Frugal Meal (CH Lanai)

Saturday- 7:30 am- Rosary
 8 am- *Daily Mass*
 8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group
 9 am- Catholic Women's Bible Study (Rm 1)
 10 am- Rosary Making Ministry (CH Lanai)
 3:30 pm - Confession
 5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)

Sunday- Masses

7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm

RE Classes: "A" Schedule

12:30 pm- Baptism Ceremony (CH)
 12:30 pm- FRCE Parent & Sponsor Meeting (Rms 4-5)

Conversion of Heart

Lenten Reflections on Mercy and Forgiveness

Week 1

READINGS: *Deuteronomy 26:4–10; Romans 10:8–13; Luke 4:1–13*

Jesus offers us spiritual strength

In this week's Gospel reading, Jesus was "led by the Spirit" (Lk 4:1) into the desert for forty days. There, he was pestered by Satan so that he could experience "every temptation" (v. 13), a truly remarkable feat by any standard.

During this time, Jesus was made acutely aware of the difficulties we experience as humans who struggle with sin. More importantly, Jesus reveals that in the face of temptations we can draw upon his grace and strength, as he himself has endured such temptations. In debating the

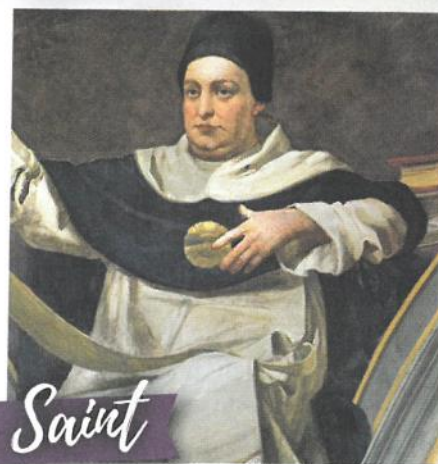
prince of darkness, he helped us become fellow soldiers in the spiritual battle.

"You shall worship the Lord, your God, / and him alone shall you serve" (Lk 4:8).

As we begin our Lenten journey, let us call to mind our need to be "made aware." Jesus was made aware of how difficult it is to live a holy life. We, through our sacrifices of time, talent, and treasure, are led by the Spirit to our own spiritual deserts where we can experience God's grace of mercy in the

silence of our hearts.

There, and only there, can we truly become *aware* of our own spiritual strength.



Saint

Pray contemplatively

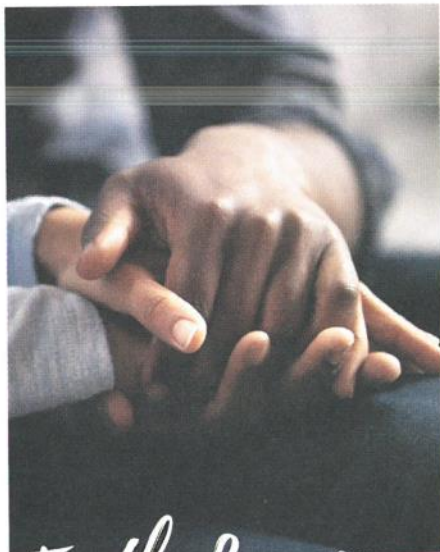
Thomas Aquinas was a quiet man who experienced a multitude of temptations. He was a master of contemplative prayer, which led him to overcome those temptations to a heroic degree. He lived a life of intense focus, studying and pondering God, and sharing his wisdom with others in deed, speech, and writing.

As you continue your Lenten journey, spend time in contemplative prayer each day. Ponder the things of God by reading Scripture and spiritual books, and meditating on God's will for your life.

For Reflection

- › Are you aware of God's mercy in your life?
- › What temptations do you struggle with?
- › How are you preparing to enter into your spiritual desert this Lent?





Faith Lesson

Tips for seeking FORGIVENESS

DO YOU NEED FORGIVING?

If you are aware of something you have done to harm others, try taking these first steps:

- ☐ Go to confession.
- ☐ Pray for the person you offended and ask for God to help bring peace between you both.
- ☐ Reach out to the person you offended and ask them for forgiveness.

DO YOU NEED TO FORGIVE?

- ☐ Pray for the person who offended you and for God to help bring peace between you both.
- ☐ Reach out to the person who offended you and forgive them.



Prayer



“For the sake of his sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”

~ CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

WORD Meanings

The word “mercy” comes from the Latin *merces*, which means “reward.” Mercy is God’s undeserved gift for those who show mercy. Hence, in the Lord’s Prayer we say, “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” May we always remember that God offers mercy to all, but it can only be accepted by those who show mercy to others.

Fasting TIPS

Offer your fasting up for someone who needs spiritual strength. Archbishop Fulton Sheen called this type of suffering a “spiritual blood transfusion” that can enliven the soul of those for whom we suffer. Think about that person every time you are tempted to break your fast. Then, overcome it and know that your efforts are making a difference with the help of the Holy Spirit.



Catechism Chat

“God created us without us; but he did not will to save us without us.” To receive his mercy, we must admit our faults” (1847).

Holy Father, I am not perfect, but you are. Help me to become more perfect like you through your gift of mercy. May I be made worthy of such a reward by showing that same mercy to those who offend me and asking for forgiveness of those whom I have offended.