

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Msgr. John S. Mbinda

Halfway into the Lenten season we pause with the whole Church to rejoice on this “Rejoice Sunday.” This Sunday we use desert rose color vestments to symbolize that joy. All three readings this Sunday help us to see a sharp contrast between light and darkness. In the first reading, Samuel struggles as it were in darkness, trying to find a king, but can only succeed to find the young David when he begins to see as God sees. In the second reading, Paul reminds us that we were once darkness, but now because of our Baptism we are light in the Lord. We are therefore challenged to be bearers of the light.

The story of the man born blind in the Gospel bears all the features of Lenten themes of conversion. It contrasts sharply the vision of the man born blind, who seeing Jesus with his eyes of faith, and the blindness of the Pharisees, whose eyes of their minds are closed towards Jesus. The Gospel reminds us that our Baptism enlightens us to see and embrace God’s vision, life, goodness and truth. Our Baptism commits us to be bearers of the light and to confront the spiritual blindness of the world with the light of truth. The passage clearly contrasts light and darkness, faith and the stubborn refusal to accept the truth.

In the story, Jesus not only gives the blind man his sight, physical light, but he also gives him the light of faith. The story is about you and me in moments of our own spiritual blindness and darkness. In our selfishness; our inclinations for indulging in vices and pleasure; in our greed for material things, we become spiritually blind and lose our spiritual sight. Just as in the Gospel story, we must not allow dishonesty and the distortion of the truth to dim our light, because Christ is our Light and we are bearers of that light.

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

How to Make a Good Confession (Part 2)

Here at St. John's the Sacrament of Confession is scheduled each week on Saturday at 3:30pm.

One may also request for confession by calling the parish office phone number for appointment with one of the priests any weekday from 9am to 4pm.



When one enters the confessional, one may either kneel behind the screen or sit in front of the priest. Then the penitent and the priest begin with the sign of the Cross, saying: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The penitent then continues saying: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been (weeks, months or years) since my last confession. Since then I confess the following..."

The penitent then states his or her sins. The penitent must confess all of the mortal sins he or she is aware of having committed since the last confession, be sorry for them, and have a firm purpose of amendment to try not to commit the same sins in the future. After this, the priest normally gives some advice to the penitent followed by a penance which may be in the form of prayer or works of mercy. Then he asks the penitent to make an act of contrition. The penitent may do so in his or her own words, or may say one of many memorized acts of contrition like the following "Act of Contrition Prayer." A copy is available at the confessional.

"O My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with the help of your grace, to do penance, to sin no more and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us. In His Name, O Lord, have mercy."

After this the priest will absolve the penitent using the prayer of Absolution. The penitent makes the sign of the Cross and answers: Amen and then leaves to go do the penance given by the priest. The time after leaving the confessional is the most traumatic, and so one needs a quiet moment with God to express gratitude for his mercy and forgiveness.

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, APRIL 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

This brief passage concludes the famous vision of Ezekiel of the dry bones being covered again with flesh and restored to life (37:1-14). The prophet was writing during the Babylonian exile, and the vision refers to the restoration of the people in their own land (centered on Jerusalem) upon their return from captivity. The entire vision of Ezekiel not only anticipates the return of Israel from exile and re-establishment, but also points beyond to the resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Psalm 130 is a prayer of penitence with great hope in the Lord. It reflects an actual situation evoking a desperate cry of the believer for God's forgiveness. Even in the lowest moments, deep faith helps the believer to trust in God's mercy and redemption. Response: "With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption."

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

The contrast between "flesh" and "spirit" is one of the key themes in Paul's thought (Rom 7-8; Gal 5:13-26). The "flesh" or the physical characterizes the path of the self-sufficient person who refuses to look beyond what is perceptible to the senses. "Living according to the flesh" means taking oneself alone as the basic principle and goal of existence. It means isolation from God. The "spirit" is looking beyond oneself and being open to communion with God. "Living according to the spirit" means accepting the presence and direction of God's Spirit that leads beyond the physical to eternal life.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

The death and resurrection of Lazarus in this Gospel prophetically point to the death and resurrection of Jesus and of everyone who believes in him. Various aspects of the themes of life and death run through each scene of this dramatic episode, revealing its many faceted character. The story is meant to prove that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of God. It shows that through faith in Christ, who is the resurrection and life, believers receive eternal life. Jesus is approaching the final journey to Jerusalem and his own death. Yet Jesus is intent on reaffirming life, and will show that death itself is the road to victory over death. Jesus' delay until Lazarus is dead emphasizes his power over death even when death has apparently won its victory. It is also paradoxical that Jesus' own death is hastened by his bringing Lazarus back to life (vv 46-53). In the context of the Lenten Season, death is a metaphor for mortal sin, our spiritual death. Christ through the sacrament of penance raises us back to life.

Follow Msgr. John's Homilies! Blog

(text): www.sundayhomily.com

Podcast (audio):

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 1, 2019

(8 am) †Isidoro Barayuga

Channing Fukuda (Healing)

†Stanley Miranda

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

(8 am) †All Souls in Purgatory

Channing Fukuda (Healing)

†Stanley Miranda

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

(8 am) †Baltazar Mauleon

(Death Anniversary)

Channing Fukuda (Healing)

†Stanley Miranda

Thursday, April 4, 2019

(8 am) †Luther Fernandez

†Teodoro P. Melegrito

†Vicente & Rosenda Barayuga

Friday, April 5, 2019

(8 am) † Feliciano Dona

†Teodoro P. Melegrito

†Maricel Mauleon

Saturday, April 6, 2019

(8 am) †Teodoro P. Melegrito

†Blanca Morales Sanchez

(5 pm) Florcita Hintze

Sunday, April 7, 2019

(7 am) Rudy Vidal & Family

9 am For the People

11 am Ernesto Villareal

(Birthday Blessing)

6 pm †Teodoro P. Melegrito

†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, 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 Esdicol, Sr., Lillian Chalmers & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: 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 K.M. Ahuna, George Makio, Violeta D. Solis, & Byron Schubert.

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

Anointing of the Sick

Baptisms (Ceremony date)

April (No Baptism), May 12 & 19, June 9 & 16.

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

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

Funerals

Homebound Communion

Marriages (at least 6 months before wedding date)



Attention Men of St John the Apostle and Evangelist:

The Men's ACTS retreat is currently planned for August 22—25, 2019, at the St Anthony Retreat Center in the beautiful Kalihi Valley. This retreat has enriched the lives of many people in at least 27 states in the U.S. & several countries throughout the world. This retreat will help your personal, spiritual growth! If you are seeking answers about your spiritual journey and/or wish to deepen your faith, please consider attending this wonderful retreat. Contact Armando Lopez at (808-799-4740) for additional information or to sign up today.

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT †

Violeta D. Solis (RIP)

Thursday, April 18, 2019 ~ Mililani Memorial Park ~ Mauka

Visitation: 9:00 am ~ Prayer Service: 11:00 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Encounter Kumba:



We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good?

Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

St John Catholic Preschool is looking for an enthusiastic young adult to assist the Preschool Ministry with graphic arts. This volunteer position will work with the Development committee in creating fliers and announcements to be used around the parish and social media. If you are interested in using your talent to further the mission of the Preschool while building your resume, please call Mike Browning at 295-3180.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

3/23-3/24

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,877.80
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 1,902.85
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 741.50
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 4,967.42
Donation— Catholic Relief Services	\$61.00
Donation— Children's Collection	\$ 2.00
Donation— Social Ministry	\$ 110.00
Donation— Charity	\$ 31.00
Donation— Oper. Rice Bowl	\$ 25.00
Donation— Frugal Meal	\$ 82.00
Donation— Youth & Young Adults	\$ 30.00
Donation— Stewardship	\$ 95.00
Candle Sales	\$ 656.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 130.00

Weekend Total: \$ 20,711.57

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

2019 Lent and Easter Parish Events:

Palm Sunday, April 14

Regular Sunday Schedule

Good Friday, April 19 (No 8am Daily Mass)

Morning Prayers- 8am

Stations of the Cross, 3pm

Passion of the Lord, 3:30pm

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

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.



PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

The Catholic Relief Services Collection– this weekend, our parish will participate in the annual CRS collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please drop your donation during offertory, or donate online through our “Online Giving” and help *Jesus in disguise* Learn more: www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Parish Lenten Retreat: “Seven Last Words of Jesus from His Cross,” April 1-2, 7pm with speaker Fr. Paul McDonnell, O.S.J. Fr. Paul will preach at all Masses the weekend of March 30–31. Penance Service will be on April 3 at 7pm.

Join us for the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 pm during Lent, followed by a frugal meal on the lanai.

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.**

Respect Life: 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. For more information, contact Mary Smart cell: 741-2358.

Respect Life Ministry is offering free movie tickets to the movie “UNPLANNED” to our parishioners and their families. There are showings at both Dole Cannery and Kapolei until April 4th. It is all reserved seating. Please contact Mary Smart cell: 741-2358.

The Hui O Laulima Food Trolley will be out next weekend, April 6th & 7th. There is a need for non-perishable, single sized serving foods: cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, jam, fruit, ramen, rice (5 lbs bags), canned goods (meats, sauces, soups, pasta, veggies, beans, fruits) mac & cheese, etc. Thank you for your continued support and kokua.

Central Vicariate Lenten Penance Service:

Tuesday, April 2—7 pm	Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pearl City
Wednesday, April 3—7 pm	St. John A&E, Mililani

Planting Seeds for the Future: Grandpa didn’t have a will, but Grandma does. She had to settle Grandpa’s estate without one, and she now knows how important a will really is. Do you have a will?

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

THIS WEEK: April 1– 7

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)

7 pm– 4th Degree Knight (Rm 3)

7 pm– Parish Lenten Retreat (CH)

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)

6:30 pm– PPBC (Rm 5)

7 pm– Parish Lenten Retreat (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)

7 pm– Combined Choir Practice (CH)

7 pm– RCIA #26 Easter Season (Rm 3)

7 pm– Penance Service (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)

7 pm– Chrism Mass (Co-Cathedral)

Friday– Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (CH)

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)

9 am– Edge Retreat (Benedictine Monastery)

3:30 pm – Confession

5 pm– Mass (Saturday Vigil)

Sunday– **Masses**

7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm

Aloha Sunday– Knights of Columbus

RE “B” Schedule

2 pm– Baptism Prep Class (Rm 3)

4 pm – 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)

Conversion of Heart

Lenten Reflections on Mercy and Forgiveness

Week 4

READINGS: *Joshua 5:9a,10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3,11-32*



“Your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found”
(Lk 15:32).

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We are all prodigal children

In today's Gospel, we hear the parable of the prodigal son. This young man toiled in the business of his father, left his comfortable home, and began seeking to fulfill his worldly desires for women, excessive drinking, and other pleasures. When he ran out of money, he came to understand the error of his ways and returned home hoping to take the form of a slave since he had dishonored his father. Little did he know that, upon making this request, his father would have mercy upon him, forgive him for his poor decision, and welcome him into his rightful home. There he worked hap-

pily alongside his father in humble admiration for the rest of his days.

Such is the will and pleasure of our heavenly Father, who receives us again and again when we come to him asking for forgiveness. We are all prodigal children and undeserving to be called God's sons and daughters. Yet, that is what we are.

May we imitate the prodigal son of Jesus' parable and return to our Father every time we find ourselves in sin so that we can receive his mercy. Then, we too can work happily alongside Our Lord in humble admiration. Through spiritual

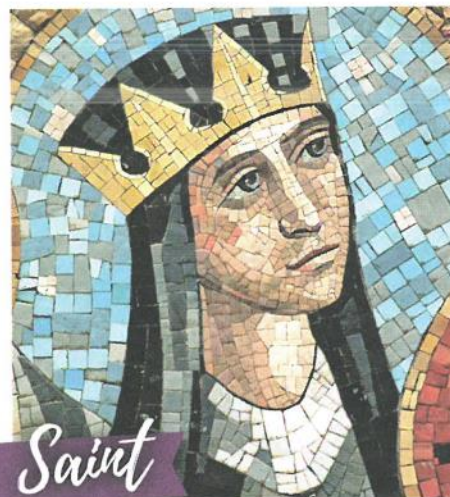
endurance in seeking forgiveness we draw closer to Our Lord and discover that we have no reason to ever leave his side.

For Reflection

- › How is your life like that of the prodigal son?
- › Are you as willing to forgive others as the prodigal son's father was to forgive him?
- › What does it mean to have spiritual endurance?

“To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.”

~ BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

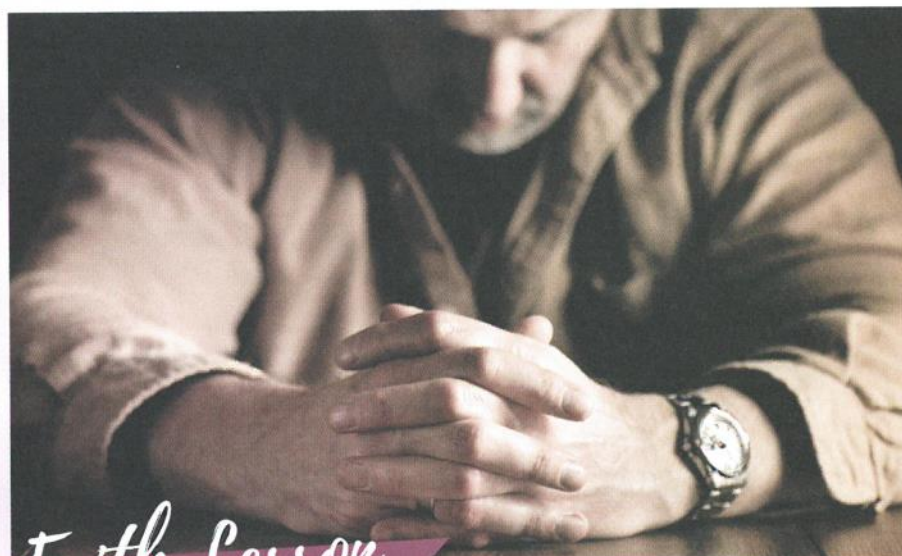


Working constantly to serve

Margaret of Hungary knew how to endure the difficulties of living a truly Catholic lifestyle. She was born a princess, the daughter of the king of Hungary. She was blessed with all the comforts that come with royalty, but in her zeal for souls she felt called to do more with her life. She joined a convent and became a poor nun working constantly to serve the needs of the poor and sick of her kingdom. She fasted continuously and served tirelessly; she was called to the heavenly kingdom at the tender age of 29. Having spent every last ounce of her earthly energy toward doing God's will, she took her eternal crown of royalty as the princess of the one, true King of all creation.

Fasting TIPS

To have spiritual endurance means to get back up again even after you have failed. If you have failed in your fasting at any time during this Lenten season, that is okay. Don't beat yourself up about it. Rather, get back up again, dust yourself off, and proceed with renewed promise.



Faith Lesson

God can defeat sin and helps us fight temptation

Theodore Roosevelt was once quoted as saying, “Nothing in the world is worth having or worth doing unless it means effort, pain, difficulty.” We see this quote manifested every time we see a sports star hoisting a championship trophy above his head; or, much more appropriately, a missionary washing the hands of the poor children she serves breakfast to; or the mother of young children resting her head on a pillow after a long day of care-giving.

Indeed, the satisfaction of these individuals during these moments is intense, but so is their pain, their tiredness, and their willingness to continue the work the next day.

Such is the way of the determined soul. If those who endure to the end receive prizes in this world, should it not be so for our spirits, too?

Our souls were designed to endure the greatest of all trials — that of sin and its power over us. For humans it is impossible to defeat sin, but with God's grace we are given the ability to endure temptations and overcome them.

St. Peter tells us, “Although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ” (1 Pt 1:6-7).

So, go. Endure your spiritual trials so that you can win the “unfading crown of glory” (1 Pt 5:4) that awaits you.



Jesus, my savior, you endured the hate of your own people, the suffering in the garden, the scourging at the pillar, the crowning of thorns, the carrying of the cross, crucifixion, and death. Allow me to endure all of life's difficulties, small or grave, and unite them with your merciful passion. In doing so, may I be made worthy of the promise of your resurrection.