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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.*

The Communion of Saints

On November 1 we celebrate the Solemnity of All the Saints, and on November 2 we commemorate all the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day). One of the most beautiful articles in the Apostles' Creed is that which speaks of the communion of saints. Understanding these three words can sow the seeds of deeper spiritual growth. After confessing "the holy catholic Church," the Apostles' Creed adds "the communion of saints." All the baptized form one body and the good of each is shared by all.

The Saints in heaven: The Catechism of the Catholic Church (=CCC) paragraphs 957-958 teaches about the saints in heaven. Briefly it says that they establish the whole Church in holiness. Their merits are offered through Christ, the one Mediator. By their concern and help, we make progress in our pilgrimage on earth.

The Souls in Purgatory: In #959, the Catechism teaches us about the souls in purgatory. The Church has always had great respect for the dead. "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for all the faithful departed in purgatory that they may be loosed from their sins" (2 Macc 12:45). By our prayers we can help them because they cannot pray for themselves.

The Church on Earth: In the Eucharistic Prayer, the presider remembers the communion of the Church on earth, the communion of the faithful departed and concludes with a prayer asking God that with all the saints in heaven "we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life." After celebrating various saints through the liturgical year, the Church sets one liturgical event to celebrate all the saints both known and unknown (see the catechesis of last Sunday). Our union with the saints in heaven joins us to Christ.

The mystery of the communion of saints is expressed beautifully in a delightful story about a parish priest on a small Greek island in the Aegean Sea. One day a visitor asked the pastor, "How many people usually worship here on Sunday?" The priest's answer was, "Oh, about ten to twelve thousand, I would suppose." The visitor was somewhat bewildered. "This is a tiny island," she said, "and the church is small. Where do all these people come from and how can they possibly fit into so small a church building?" The priest smiled and then said to the visitor, "All the people who ever lived on this island since it received the gospel message are still here. Just think of what we say in the sacred liturgy: —Therefore with all the angels and the saints and the whole company of the faithful we praise your glory forever.' Don't you realize," he added, "that when we sing the Holy, Holy, Holy we are joining with all the holy ones who have ever worshiped in this church?" May our understanding of the communion of saints sow the seeds of deeper spiritual growth particularly through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist where this mystery is highlighted and celebrated.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda
Pastor

Next Sunday's Readings: November 10
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First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

The passage from Second Book of Maccabees, reveals the earliest clear beliefs of the afterlife in the Jewish Community about 110 B.C. The account of the mother whose seven sons are martyred one by one confessing their faith in the resurrection in defiance of the King, is evidence of these beliefs. Their faith is clear: "the King of the world will raise us up to live again forever. It is for his laws that we are dying."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15

Psalm 17 can be classified as a psalm of lament; the confident prayer of someone in danger. It may be the prayer of the whole nation of Israel under persecution. V 15 may reflect some undefined hope in a life after death, but more likely refers to the collective hope of Israel in the restoration of the kingdom in its former glory.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Paul exhorts the Christian Community of Thessalonica, praying that the Lord comfort and strengthen them in their work even in the face of opponents. Paul in turn asks for their prayer so that he may continue to spread the message of the Lord, a task that is not yet completed, because not all have received the word of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

It is interesting that the question of the Sadducees to Jesus in the Gospel concerns seven brothers who die one after another! The Sadducees, who did not believe in a resurrection of the body after death, posed this question to show the absurdity of any real afterlife. Jesus, in turn, shows the absurdity of their question, mainly because life after death cannot be understood in terms of earthly life, for example marrying or not marrying. Jesus' main point is that God is the God of life and salvation.

*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, Hilda Gomez, Bernadette Uyeda, Charmaine Molina, Melody Ramos, Don Buenconsejo, Ken Enomoto, Cely Deveraturda, John "Mike" Culkin, Guillermo Uyttingco, Anthony Scarpelli, Shirley Shimaoka, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

Deceased: Carlos Pesante-Bonafe, Arsenio Batang Siggayo, Rose S. Hamora, Harold Looney, Evelyn Toshiko Winninghoff, 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, Delores Albaso, Charles Bucao, Moses Dela Cruz, Delores Mertl, Hugo Gebauer and Justina Esperanza Antonio.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, November 4, 2013

8am Mass Cyril and Molly Pereira (RIP)
Philip Nazareth, Jr. (RIP)

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

8am Mass Estrella Lapa Turner (Birthday Blessings)
Romeo Piedad (RIP)

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

8am Mass Marjorie S. Librizzi (RIP)
Luis Campo (RIP)
Kay Kimie Nishimura (RIP)

Thursday, November 7, 2013

8am Mass Earl John Pacpaco (RIP)
Michael Morano (RIP)
Leonard Alexander Garcia (RIP)

Friday, November 8, 2013

8am Mass Ernest Gruber Jr./ Therese D'Offey (RIP)
Adrienne Gregory (Birthday Blessings)
Moises and Philomena Rulloda (RIP)

Saturday, November 9, 2013

8am Mass Maria Magdalena Aguirre
(Birthday Blessings)
Romeo Piedad (RIP)

5pm Mass Abraham Miram (RIP)

Sunday, November 10, 2013

7am Mass Aaron Zamora (RIP)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Andrea Gruber (Birthday Blessings)
6pm Mass Tessie Zamora (Birthday Blessings)

Parish News & Announcements

A Healing Mass with Anointing is scheduled for Monday, November 11th. Praise and Worship begins at 7:30pm followed by Mass. All are welcome!

The Year of Faith Catholic Cultural Celebration sponsored by the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2013 from 9am – 4pm at Star of the Sea Church, 4470 Aliioka St., Honolulu. Come relax and enjoy. There will be ethnic island cuisine, games for the keiki, entertainment by parish cultural groups and Oahu Catholic school band and choruses, prayer, confession on the lawn and 5pm Mass in the Star of the Sea Church. For more information, go to www.catholichawaii.org

Respect Life: Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn Baby Shower ~ Our parish Respect Life Ministry began a Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn program on the feast of the Annunciation this year. As we come close to the birth date of our spiritually adopted children, we invite parishioners to attend a baby shower after the weekend Masses of November 16-17. We ask you to donate new baby clothes and items as a visible means of imitating the Magi, which will provide assistance to the Pearl City Pregnancy Problem Center. Baby items needed: baby boy and girl clothing (up to 2T size), baby boy and girl sleepers, baby blankets, crib sheets, baby bath towel sets, bibs, undershirts, booties, and socks. Cash donations will be applied to the center's rent, phone, electricity, insurance, advertising, brochures and supplies.

Special Collection: National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, November 9-10. Serving those who serve are the Catholic Military Priest-Chaplains. They are the last line of spiritual defense for the men and women who fight our wars. They bless our troops with the healing power of the sacraments and good counsel. They need YOUR SUPPORT. Special Collection envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please be generous.

Mililani Annual Christmas Parade ~ Show your St. John *Spirit-led* Christmas Spirit! Join us in the Mililani Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7. Parade line up starts at 7am at the Town Center of Mililani near Taco Bell. The parade starts at 9am and ends at 10:30am at Mililani Shopping Center. Parish ministries and organizations are encouraged to wear their group's uniform. For more information, please call 623-3332 ext. 100 or email: info@stjohnmililani.org.

BE AN "ANGEL" THIS CHRISTMAS: St. John's Religious Education Office is once again coordinating this year's "Angel Network" Program and will be distributing "Angel" Gift Tags at all masses next weekend only. Each tag will have a wish for a gift from a child or family in need. All gifts must be **NEW**. Check your tag for special instructions as some gifts are to be wrapped and others are to be returned unwrapped. Gifts will be collected at all masses on December 7th and 8th. Mahalo for being one of our Christmas "Angels."

St. John's Outreach Holiday Food and Fund Drive: Outreach is 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 ends on November 6, 2013.** Envelopes are provided at the church entrance. Thank you for your generous giving!

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.

In celebration of Veterans Day, a special Mass has been designated to recognize and honor our veterans as well as military personnel on active and reserve status **on Sunday, November 10, 2013 at 11am.** All military families are welcome to join us. We want to personally invite you. Please fill out the form with your contact information and place it in the box at the entrance of the church. For questions or more information, please contact: Gwen Mitsui at 623-6982 or email: veteransmass2013@gmail.com.

The Book of Catholic Prayer for Every Day, compiled by Rev. Frank DeSiano, CSP, is available for purchase in the Outreach Office. If interested, please visit the Outreach Office or call 623-3332 ext. 203.

The Catholic Book Club will meet to discuss its next book: The Miracle of Father Kapaun: Priest, Soldier, and Korean War Hero by Roy Wenz and Travis Heying, on Thursday, November 21st from 7:00-9:00pm in classroom #6. Borrow or buy the book, read it and plan to join the discussion. Contact Melissa Crisostomo at 626-2469 or alohamc@yahoo.com.

Sunday Collection Report October 26/27, 2013		
	Weekly Goal	Actual Amount
Sunday Offering	\$12,647.00	\$12,540.98
Building, Equip., Maintenance and Outreach	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 1,124.35
<i>"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce." PROVERBS 3:9</i>		