

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: **Deacon Modesto Cordero**

Are we ready to be saved?

Salvation comes from God alone and not from anything we might have done. All people are welcome in the kingdom of God, however simply knowing the Lord is not enough to be saved. Regardless of our lineage, race, gender, or ancestors, we are called to follow the narrow way of peace and love (the way of Christ) if we want to be saved. Jesus uses an image of a narrow gate to explain the entrance to the kingdom of God. The gate is narrow because the way to the house of the Father, is not easy, is not simple, instead requires sacrifice, requires that we must follow Jesus through his journey to Jerusalem, to our own cross. Jesus is very clear that salvation is not something that God will grant to everyone automatically at the end of time.

As Christians, we are asked to make decisions on a daily basis, decisions that could cost us our salvation. Jesus emphasizes that there is a real urgency involved in making the best of the present time. We must live and act like Christians; we must become Eucharist, Christ to others, today more than ever. Some of the “narrow places” we might encounter along our journey toward salvation include choosing to embrace a new challenge or task that frightens us, reestablishing trust with someone who has previously broken that trust, forgiving another who repeatedly hurts us, giving our time and talent for the good of someone who never says thank you, and carrying for someone outside our “circle.”

When we arrive at the gate of heaven, the master of the house might say to us: “I do not know you.” And we might find ourselves pleading that we were good Catholics and did everything prescribed and yet still the master might say: “I do not know you.” And people from the east and the west and the north and the south will take their places in the kingdom ahead of us. The key to earning our salvation relies on our relationship with God. He wants to know us. He wants to love us. God also wants us to know him and love him freely and without compulsion. We are to live our lives in imitation of him. We learn from the words and actions of Jesus how to speak and act ourselves. We put his words on our lips, we walk in his footsteps, we touch with his hands. We become so like him that when at that most significant moment of our lives, when the master opens the door to our knock, he does not see us, instead he sees his Son.

In the final days, we all will be called to stand before God in hopes of entering the gates of heaven. Let’s remember that once we stand before God, it will be too late to go back to mend our ways.

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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Parochial Vicar’s Corner

By: Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa

Service in Liturgical Ministry Requires Proper Disposition and Total Commitment

As one accepts the role of ministry for liturgy as a right and duty, he/she must understand the privilege and responsibility attached to their ministry. The role is to be fulfilled with all due reverence and dignity warranted in serving Christ. According to the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy “... in order that the liturgy may possess its full effectiveness, it is necessary that the faithful come to it with proper dispositions ... Pastors must therefore, realize that when the liturgy is celebrated something more is required than the mere observance of the laws governing valid and lawful celebration; it is also their duty to ensure that the faithful take part fully aware of what they are doing, actively engaged in the rite, and enriched by its effect.” (No. 11 Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 1963)

When embracing a role for liturgy, liturgical ministers assume a demanding task, which will entail a personal commitment; they embrace the commitment to dependability, time for prayerful preparation each time they serve, and time for ongoing development and enrichment. It will be essential for them to be familiar with the rituals of the Mass as well as other liturgical services, and to develop a reverence and sensitivity for the liturgical presence within themselves and towards the sacred articles they may be handling.

Lay liturgical ministers must be responsible for their scheduled duties. Their willingness to serve in one or the other ministry in the Liturgy reflects not only a response to their baptismal call to serve the people of God but a commitment to Christ. Their willingness to commit to a weekly or monthly schedule, to prepare properly for their service reflects that commitment. In their document, Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship (No. 5), the US Catholic Bishops point out that: “Good celebrations can foster and nourish faith. Poor celebrations may weaken it.” Good celebrations being those carefully and lovingly prepared.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Gregory the Great 540–604 Feast Day—September 3



This patrician prefect of Rome is counted among the doctors and Fathers of the Church. After his father’s death, he gave family estates to the church, founding seven monasteries, including the one he joined in his family home in Rome. Following ordination, he served as papal nuncio in Constantinople, 579-586, then was an abbot in Rome until 590, when he became the first monk elected pope. Gregory I reformed the clergy, sent missionaries to England, promoted monasticism and chant, wrote prolifically, and assumed civic duties in Rome in the face of natural disasters and the warring Lombards. He is a patron saint of choirboys, musicians, singers and England.

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/ Friday: Closed Tues. & Thurs. 12 PM - 6:30pm Wednesday: 12 pm - 8:30 pm Saturday: 12 pm - 2 pm Sunday: 7 am - 2 pm
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“Be generous and you will be prosperous; help others and you will be helped.” (Good News Translation) - Prov 11:25

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

This five verse reading provides focuses on humility. It wisely suggests that one's humility should increase as one's status increases. The motive for our humility should be genuine otherwise we end up with false humility to promote our own ego. The reading ends with a proverbial comparison between water and almsgiving. Just as water quenches fire, so also almsgiving atone for sin. Both water and almsgiving wipe away what is detrimental. Both images are meant to promote humility. The one who gives alms does not do that from a position of superiority or to promote his/her ego. Rather, almsgiving is an expression of serving the one we give.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

The verses selected from psalm 68 sketch two very different images of God. 1) God is described as protector of the vulnerable. God is the Father of orphans and defender of widows. 2) God is also the source of life for the earth. God is source of life in the guise of the storm god from whom comes fertility for the land. Both these images illustrate the power of God in history and the created world.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

The passage from Hebrews uses the image of two mountains: Mount Sinai where God reveals himself first to Israel through Moses, and transformed Mount Zion (New Jerusalem) where God continues to reveal himself and where he will completely reveal himself in the end. One come the mountain in order to commit oneself to God's covenant. Both mountains are metaphors for God's Old Covenant give through Moses, and the New Covenant given through the New Moses, Jesus Christ who seals that Covenant with his blood, which is far more efficacious.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

The context of this gospel passage is that Jesus is present at a family banquet on a Sabbath. He is watched carefully by those at table, but Jesus too is watching the guests as they enter and occupy places of honor. There Jesus uses the occasion first to teach the guests and then the host. To the invited guests Jesus tells a parable about proper placement at banquets. The preoccupation with places of honor was important as it reflected one's status and degree of relationship to the host. Jesus does not criticize the practice, but instead finds fault with the arrogant attitude of those who think they are more important than they are. He admonishes the guests to take the lowest seats so that the host may see them and bring them to better seats. The teaching is that the humble are exalted while those who exalt themselves are humbled. Turning to the host, Jesus admonishes the practice of inviting those who are able to reciprocate in kind. Rather, Jesus teaches us to give to the poor and those in need; people who cannot advance one's sense of honor.

Follow Msgr. John's Homilies! Blog
(text): www.sundayhomily.com
Podcast (audio):
<https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda>

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 26, 2019

(8 am) †Paulina Wong

†Shiloh J. A. K. Aiu

Nardel Gervacio

(Birthday Blessing)

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

(8 am) †Michael DiBiase

†Santiago Tumpap

Suzanna Foster (Healing/Blessing)

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

(8 am) Judy Luis

(Speedy Recovery/Healing)

Suzanna Foster (Healing/Blessing)

†Santiago Tumpap

Thursday, August 29, 2019

(8 am) †Rodolfo Taglinao

(Birthday Memorial)

†Santiago Tumpap

Suzanna Foster (Healing/Blessing)

Friday, August 30, 2019

(8 am) †Harold Jones Sr & Jr.

†Thelma A. Ruiz

Suzanna Foster (Healing/Blessing)

Saturday, August 31, 2019

(8 am) Suzanna Foster

†Paulina Wong

†Santiago Tumpap

5 pm Aladin Gasman

(Birthday Blessing)

Sunday, September 1, 2019

7am Suzanna Foster

(Healing/Blessing)

9 am For the People

11 am David Anthony Lopez

(Healing)

6 pm †Thelma Villareal Dangao

†Rest in Peace†

HEALING / BLESSINGS: baby Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Jack & Ellen Cleghorn, Ernesta Tolentino, Lester Wilson, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Jim Vangrinsven, Linda Eguchi, Leora Hernandez, Alan Cadiux, Rose McNorton, Rosalie Tadda, Bienvenido Roter, Randy Arrojo-Manuwa & Family, Rachel Sullivan, Duane Gonzales, Keahi Paaluhi, Marcelino Esdicul Sr., Lillian Chalmers, Alfred Fajota, John Durham, Maggie Bae, Suzanna Foster, Benjamin Bae Sr., Jun Tantamco & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Byron Schubert, Benjamin Cockett, Jr., Emma Carnate, Lucia L. Bautista, Carmelita P Salazar, Zamuel S. Pascual Sr., John K. Taflinger , Basilia V. Asuncion, Clova Y. Ramos, Bernadette Cypriano, Gilbert Buna Jr., Jesus Caldera, Paulina Wong, Federico G. Badua, Virgilio V. Benitez, Mary Ama, Shiloh John Aiu, Thelma Ruiz & Nestor “Jun” Tantamco.

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

Anointing of the Sick

Baptisms (Sept 8 & 15, Oct 13 & 20, Nov 10 & 17)

Baptism Preparation Classes: Sept 1, Oct 6 & Nov 3.

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

Funerals

Homebound Communion

Marriages (at least 6 months before wedding date)



St. John A&E presents... Pilgrimage to Israel Discovery with optional 4-night Jordan Post Tour Extension, March 8—18, 2020 with Msgr. John and Deacon Modesto. For more information, please contact Jolly at (808) 623-3332 or go to the parish website and click on the link for the travel brochure. Book by Sept 10 and save \$200/person.

Let us serve one another in love! The One Community Center (OCC) will help in many practical ways to welcome and to serve those who come to our church to encounter Christ. Please remember to contribute toward the completion of your pledge. Mahalo.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	8/17-8/18
Sunday Collection	\$ 13, 101. 55
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2, 724. 60
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 703. 25
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 3, 249. 00
Donation- Funerals	\$ 750. 00
Donation- Baptisms	\$ 100. 00
Donation- Social Ministry	\$ 10. 00
Donation- Charity	\$ 4. 00
Donation- Catholic Charities HI	\$ 5. 00
Donation- Children's Collection	\$ 2. 00
Donation- Youth & Young Adults	\$ 100. 00
Candle Sales	\$ 670. 00
Mass Intentions	\$ 140. 00
Weekend Total:	\$ 21, 559. 40
"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce."- Proverbs 3:9	

The Parish Health Ministry is sponsoring the **FLU VACCINATION DAY** scheduled on Saturday, Sept. 28th from at 9 am at St. John's. Vaccines will be provided by Walgreens. For more info, contact Bonnie Delos Santos at (808) 312-3651 or Elaine Gibson at (808) 497-8366.



St. John's Catholic Preschool

Open Enrollment is now available for Keiki's 3-5 years of age (Pre-K & Kindergarten.)

For more information, please contact Amie Quiason at (808) 744-9538 or via email: aquiason@rcchawaii.org. **Space is limited, so act quickly.**

St John A&E Marriage Validation

♥Are you a Catholic who exchanged marriage vows in the presence of an authorized civic official or a minister from another religious tradition?

♥Are you seeking to have your marriage officially recognized and blessed by the Church known as **Convalidation of a Marriage?**

Save the Dates:

♥Marriage Validation Retreat: Sat. Feb. 1, 2020 at 9am—3 pm.

♥Validation Rehearsal: Thurs. Feb. 6, 2020 at 6 pm.

♥Marriage Validation Ceremony: Sat. Feb. 8, 2020 at 5 pm in the Church. Bishop Larry Silva will be presiding.

♥For more information, contact Deacon Modesto at mcordero@rcchawaii.org or Deacon Romeo at rganibe@rcchawaii.org.



* Never Confirmed in the Catholic Church?

* Do you want to be baptized?

* Are you or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a part of the Catholic Faith?

* Let us help you with your journey in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation.

Candidates will explore the elements of the Catholic faith in weekly meetings with Catechists in preparation to receive all the Sacraments of Initiations.

2019-2020 RCIA classes has started on Wed. Aug 21 at 7 pm.

For more information, contact Deacon Modesto Cordero at (808) 585-3342 or mcordero@rcchawaii.org or Deacon Romeo Ganibe at rganibe@rcchawaii.org.

Hawaii Catholic Conference Presents: **Our Faith, Our Freedom: Preparing your Catholic Advance Healthcare Directive (CAHD)**-making your end of life decisions in advance. Sessions begins on *Sat. Sept 7 at 9 am at Mary, Star of the Sea, Honolulu. *Tues. Sept 10 at Co-Cathedral, Honolulu. *Sat. Oct 5 at 9 am at Resurrection of the Lord, Waipio. *Tues. Nov 12 at 6 pm at St. John Vianney, Kailua. *Thurs. Nov. 21 at 6 pm at St. Jude, Kapolei. Sessions are for all adults, age 18 and older. For more information and locations, please visit: https://catholicchawaii.createsend.com/t/ViewEmailInFrame/!D52411E04D3D661E2540EF23F30FEDED/C67FD2F38AC4859C?tx=0#toc_item_9



PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

Catholic Charities Hawaii (CCH): Today, our parish will be participating in a special collection for CCH. Your participation will help fulfill the mission to serve the most vulnerable brothers & sisters. Envelopes are available at the back of the church or you may donate online by visiting our parish website by clicking “Online Giving.” Please be generous!



St. John's Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group is sponsoring a Healing Mass on **Mon. Aug 26**. Praise and Worship begins at 7 pm followed by Mass at 7:30 pm. Celebrant: Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa. For more information: Victoria Achaval 623-8860 & Stephen / Helen Uyehara 623-7423.

Food pantry- If you or someone you know needs food assistance, we can help!! Come see on **Tuesday, August 27th from 10 am—12 noon** at St. John's parking lot.



Looking for a good Catholic book? You need not look far -- **the SJAE Library will have books available after all Masses on Aug 31 / Sept 1**. Books include: Saints, Blessed Mother, Prayers, Children's Books and Spirituality - Stop by and “check us out!”

ONE COMMUNITY CENTER - MEMORIAL TILES: Last chance to purchase tiles will be after all masses, next weekend on Aug 31 - Sep 1. Honor a living loved one or celebrate a life by purchasing a personalized, etched tile, which will be placed on the OCC outside wall. Forms are available at the back of the church. Please return form with payment to the Rectory Office. Tile is **\$1000 (\$850 is tax deductible)** 8” x 8” - 6 lines of text (20 characters per line.) The wall of 220 tiles will be filled on a **first come, first served** basis so don't miss out on recognizing someone you love!

SAVE THE DATE: We are excited to welcome back Hunter Haas, **Aug 31 - Sept 1 at all of our masses**, where he will share an update about the mission of The Fellowship of Catholic University Students) (FOCUS) and how you can help support this vital mission in engaging young Catholics in their faith. Hunter is now in his third year with FOCUS as a team director, where he currently leads a team of missionaries at the University of California Santa Barbara. Hunter will be speaking here on **Wed. Sept 4th in the church at 7 pm**. — He is excited to offer a talk entitled “Art of Accompaniment,” where he will be sharing insights from his work as a full-time Catholic missionary with topics such as: • How to engage young people in the parish, • How to live out mission in our everyday life, and • Discipleship and evangelization. We highly encourage you to attend this event and be apart of the dialogue on how we as a parish community can more fully live out mission and evangelization.” *Everyone is welcome!*

Daughters of St. Paul Pauline Book Store & Media will be having a book fair on **the weekend of Sept 6 and 7**. They will have a large selections of books, music and movies for all ages and religious articles.



SAVE THE DATE: A Town Hall Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Sept 10 at 7 pm and Saturday, Sept 14 at 10 am in the Church**. Topics: **Religious Education, Preschool, Stewardship, Finances & 5 year plan**. Come and find out what's happening at SJAE!



St. John's participating in Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program. From Sept 1- 30, customers are invited to make donations of up to \$249 (per person) at checkout. Donations are accepted by Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farm checkout. At checkout, present your Maika'i card (or provide number) and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to: **St. John Apostle & Evangelist Outreach, #7745**



PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE: Proper estate planning can reduce administrative time, expense and inconvenience. Careful estate planning can also be one of the best gifts you give your family. Please remember *St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church* in planning your will.

THIS WEEK: Aug 26 – Sept 1

Monday– 7:30 am—Rosary

8 am- *Daily Mass*

8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)

7 pm– Family Prayer Group (Rm 4)

7 pm– Troop 144 (Rm 5)

7 pm– Healing Mass (CH)

Tuesday– 7:30 am– Rosary

8 am– *Daily Mass*

8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)

9 am– Women's Bible Study (Rm 2)

9 am– Church Cleaning– Environment

10 am- Food Pantry (CH Parking Lot)

3 pm– Cenacle Prayer (CH)

7 pm– 5 pm Choir Practice (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–9 am Choir Practice (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 3)

6 pm- 11 am Choir practice (CH)

7 pm- Stewardship Council (Conf Rm)

7 pm- Intro to Scriptures (Rm 3)

Friday– 7:30 am– Rosary

8 am– *Daily Mass*

9 am- Church Cleaning- Environment

(CH)

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)

3:30 pm - Confession

5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)

Sunday– Masses

7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm

Religious Education: “A” Schedule

2 pm- Baptism Prep Class (Rm 3)

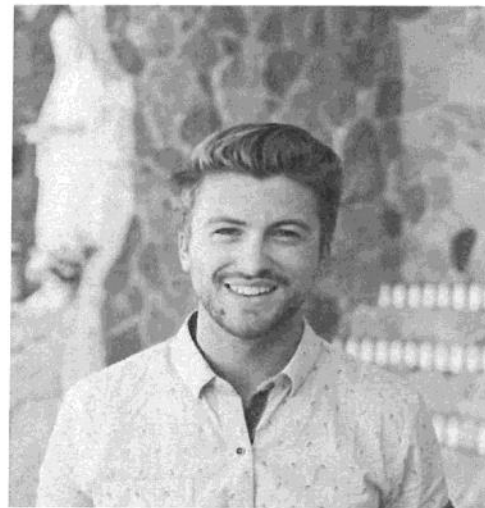
4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)

CALLS, TEXTS & EMAILS SCAMS! There has been a scam affecting many parishioners. Please never respond to such email messages or texts from clergy and staff of St. John's. For more information, see the link below. https://www.malwarebytes.com/scam-call/?utm_source=double-opt-in&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EM-B2C-2019-July1-newsletter&utm_content=scam-call

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church

ART OF ACCOMPANIMENT

OUR CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP AND
EVANGELIZATION



GUEST SPEAKER: HUNTER HAAS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH, 7PM

Almost 80% of those who leave the Catholic faith do so by the age of 23 (Pew Research). Like many young adults, as Hunter moved away to college, he experienced firsthand the struggles of staying grounded in the faith and striving to live a life of virtue and purpose. He was yearning for authenticity, meaning and identity but failing to find it out in the world. During this crucial time in his life he encountered the joy of Christ's love and mercy and eventually led him to become a FOCUS (The Fellowship of Catholic University Students) missionary.

Hunter's talk will be sharing insights from his work as a full-time Catholic missionary with topics such as:

- How to engage young people in the parish
- How to live out mission in our everyday life
- Discipleship and evangelization

All are welcome!





St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church

Always in our
hearts
Fred & Betty
Clark

Forever with the
ANGELS, always in
our HEARTS
Anna May
1932 - 2019

A Fallen Soldier
JACK JOHNSON
US Army
1956 - 2018

In Loving Memory
of our Mother
Ignacia V. Benitez

Remembering
all our families
in heaven...
The Lee Family

Gone but
not forgotten
Gramma &
Papa

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