

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 19/20, 2019



ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: **Deacon Modesto Cordero**

Sometimes to accomplish a task we need other people to encourage and strengthen us, giving us confidence and support. At other times, to be persistent we need to have our expectations expanded beyond a narrow perception of how to proceed. Our expectations are expanded by receiving challenges from other people. That's why every year we are challenged, we are invited to renew our commitment as good Christian stewards. This is the time when we are asked to re-evaluate our commitment to God and our parish and to make new or renewed commitments. The four pillars of parish stewardship are hospitality, prayer, formation, and service. We need to be hospitable with each other first; feel welcomed and valued before the rest of the pillars can make any sense. Stewardship cannot succeed unless it is infused in prayer.

Today's readings show us the immense value of prayer and the privileged place it must have in our individual lives and in our parish community. In our reading from Exodus, we find Moses interceding for the Israelites as they engage in a fierce battle against Amalek. As long as Moses keeps his hands raised, the Israelites succeed. But when his hands grow tired and droop, the Israelites begin to lose ground. Moses relied on his friends, Aaron and Hur, to hold his hands up so that they remained steady until the battle was won. We Christian stewards would do well to follow the example of Moses and gather together in our families and as a faith community to support each other in our own spiritual battles, great or small. St. Paul's letter to Timothy gives wise counsel on a particularly efficacious source of prayer – the Holy Scriptures. He reminds us that “All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction and for training in righteousness” so that when we truly study it and pray with it, we may be “competent, equipped for every good work” the Lord has for us to do. Paul says that it is not enough to simply study and pray over the Scriptures. He exhorts us to proclaim it!

The Gospel reading continues this call to prayer and persistence. The parable of the nagging widow who finally wears down the judge who “neither feared God nor respect any human” is another example of how unrelenting persistence and prayer can bring the results we are seeking. If a bad judge will give a good result in response to a persistent request, how much more eagerly and perfectly will our good Father respond to our persistent prayers to Him. If he delays in responding, if he provides a different response than the one we are expecting, we can remain confident and trusting in His goodness, knowing that His response will be the very best one for us. This weekend, as we are invited to make our commitments to God and to our parish, we need to be confident in His grace to help us become a better Christian steward. We can do this by maintaining a good steady relationship with Him through a life of prayer!

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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Pastor’s Corner

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/ Saturday: Closed Tues., Thurs & Fri. 12 PM - 6:30pm Wednesday: 2 pm - 8:30 pm Sunday: 7 am - 2 pm
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Giving Out of Gratitude

“How shall I repay the Lord for all the great good done for me?” (Psalm 116:12.) In response to that challenging question, each person. Each family is led to decide how best to offer to God part of what God in his generosity has given. It may come as a surprise to learn that while the Bible has about 500 verses on prayer and fewer than 500 verses on faith, there over 2,300 biblical verses dealing with money and possessions. Without apology, Jesus says more about money and possessions than on any other subjects including heaven and hell.

We love God because He first loved us (1 John 4:19). Similarly, we give to God because He first gave us all we possess. “What do you possess that you have not received? But if you have received it, why are you boasting as if you did not receive it?” (1 Cor 4:7). We have been abundantly blessed by God. Each time we come to celebrate the Eucharist, we are caught up in the one act of gratitude to God. Shortly before the consecration, the presider and the congregation exchange a dialogue of thanksgiving. “Let us give thanks to the Lord our God”, the presider prays, and we respond, “It is right and just.” The presider continues to pray, “It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.” What follows is a profound expression of why we thank God in this great act of worship which ends with “Through him, and with him and in him, O God Almighty Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit. O glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever.” The Congregation responds in approval with, “Amen.”

I take the opportunity once again to express deep gratitude all parishioners and all families for always putting God first in your grateful expression of what you have received from God. May God in his generosity continue to bless you with more, and nourish you in your faith the more you put God first. Thank you for your stewardship heart and commitment.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

Today is Commitment Sunday!

Today is Commitment Sunday! Today, all parish families are asked to bring their Commitment Card to Mass. During Mass, as a parish community, we offer God our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Our goal is to be a Stewardship Parish—a community who is noticeably committed to prayer, parish ministry, and generous financial support. All three are equally important. May God bless you as you discern how He is calling you to grow closer to Him this year.

“Be generous and you will be prosperous; help others and you will be helped.” (Good News Translation) - Prov 11:25

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

In the first reading from the Book of Sirach, the Lord is presented to us as the righteous judge who shows no respect for personalities. One thing we know about the Lord’s judgment is that it favors the humble.

Responsorial Psalm 34:2-3, 17-19, 23

This theme of humility comes again in the responsorial psalm 34, where the psalmist says that the lowly (the humble) will hear the Lord’s word and be glad. This psalm is also known as the prayer of the poor; the prayer of the one who truly humbles oneself before the Lord. That is why “the Lord hears the cry of the poor;” those who are humiliated even by society. The psalm reminds us of orphans, widows, the abandoned and even those prisoners who are not visited.

Second Reading: 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18

The second reading from Paul’s Second Letter to Timothy shares some of the ideas of the Book of Sirach and the Psalm in that Paul speaks of having been abandoned at his trial. He had to go through such a trial or the Lord. He was humiliated for the Lord. That is why Paul is so convinced that the “Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom.”

Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14

The Gospel of this Sunday continues the theme of humility in the parable of the publican and the Pharisee. There are clear contrasts between the two characters in the parable. On the one hand, the Pharisee is full of himself and wants to appear righteous before people and before God, and has no need of God’s mercy. On the hand, the publican is fully aware of his own unworthiness before God and needs God’s mercy. Just as the Lord hears the cry of the poor, the Lord too hears the prayer of those who humble themselves.

Follow Msgr. John’s Homilies! Blog
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<https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda>

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 21, 2019

(8 am) †Fe Guadalupe Villareal
†Kenneth Silva

Ida Badua (Birthday Blessing)

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

(8 am) †Paulina Wong
†Vergelio Topinio
†Lawrence Wilson

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

†Lawrence Wilson
†Francisco Sumaoang
Jim & Ann Walsh
(Anniversary Blessing)

Thursday, October 24, 2019

(8 am) †Ray A. Bautista
†Lawrence Wilson
Samuel Aguirre
(Birthday Blessing)

Friday, October 25, 2019

(8 am) †All Souls in Purgatory
†Lawrence Wilson
†Michael M. Tanaka

Saturday, October 26, 2019

(8 am) †Lawrence Wilson
†Maxima Locquiao
Our Lady of Fatima &
Two Hearts Prayer Group

5 pm †Loures Malig
(Birthday Memorial)

Sunday, October 27, 2019

7am †Jun Tantamco
9 am For the People
11 am †Felicitas & Alfredo Jr. & Sr.
Cordial

6 pm †Maxima Locquiao

†Rest in Peace†

HEALING / BLESSINGS: baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Leora Hernandes, Alan Cadiux, Rose McNorton, Rosalie Tadda, Bienvenido Roter, Randy Arrojo-Manuwa & Family, Rachel Sullivan, Duane Gonzales, Keahi Paaluhi, Marcelino Esdicul Sr., Lillian Chalmers, John Durham, Maggie & Benjamin Bae Sr., Suzanna Foster, Shirley Pichon, Mary Anne Q. Llacuna, Caridad Ramiscal, RileyAnn Wills, Rebecca Wills, Laralyn Corthran, Dan Wills & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: 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, Lawrence Wilson, Anne Nishihara, Evelyn Bolosan, Ted Encarnado, Ted C. Abear, Kenneth Silva, Robert “Bob” Duncan Sr., Patricia J. Merideth & Shirley Leong.

Please contact the parish office to set up an appointment & coordination for the following:
Anointing of the Sick
Baptisms (Nov 10 & 17, Dec 8 & 15, Jan 12 & 19)
Baptism Preparation Classes: Nov 3, Dec 1, Jan 5.
Blessings (home, auto, religious items, etc...)
Funerals
Homebound Communion
Marriages (at least 6 months before wedding date)



THE FALL 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN OF PRAYER FASTING AND OUTREACH TO PROTECT ALL INNOCENT LIFE EXTENDS FROM SEPTEMBER 25 THROUGH NOVEMBER 3. THERE WILL BE AN OPENING RALLY AT THE SITE ON SEPTEMBER 28 - FROM 9 AM TO 12NOON. ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. YOU MAY SIGN UP ONLINE AT WWW.40DAYSFORLIFE.COM/HONOLULU. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT MARY SMART- CELL: 741-2358.

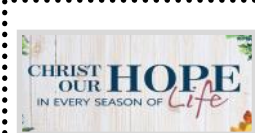
Online Giving – Stewardship is made easier than ever with our online giving system, WeShare. Make a one-time or recurring donation using your debit card, credit card, checking, or savings account in 3 easy steps. 1) Visit our church website, www.stjohnmililani.org, and click on **Online Giving**. 2) Set up your account. 3) Choose a payment option and customize your donation.

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	10/12-10/13
Sunday Collection	\$ 11, 663. 98
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 441. 75
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 1,109. 00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 1, 586. 75
Donation- World Mission	\$ 5. 00
Donation- Social Ministry	\$ 20. 00
Donation– Charity	\$ 2. 00
Donation– Children’s Collection	\$ 7. 00
Donation- All Souls’	\$ 342. 00
Candle Sales	\$ 469. 00
Mass Intentions	\$ 260. 00
Weekend Total:	\$ 15, 906. 48
*Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce.”- Proverbs 3:9	

†FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS †
Patricia “PJ” Merideth (RIP)
Monday, October 21, 2019 - Visitation: 6:15 pm
Prayer Service:- 7:00 pm ~ Borthwick Mortuary- Makai Chapel
Tuesday, October 22, 2019 - Visitation: 9:30 am
Mass: 11:00 am ~ St. John A&E, Mililani
Burial: 2:00 pm ~ National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific
Francisco Iriarte Perez (RIP)
Thursday, October 24, 2019 – Visitation: 9:00 am
Wake Service: 11:00 am
Mililani Memorial Park- Mauka Chapel
Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park
Herman Gabriel (RIP)
Thursday, October 24, 2019 – Visitation: 9:30 am
Mass: 10:30 am ~ St. John A&E, Mililani
Burial: 2:00 pm ~ National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific

The next Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, November 1, immediately after the 8 am Mass to 7:30 am on Saturday, November 2.



Respect Life: Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating throughout October. Learn more about upholding the sanctity of every human life at respectlifeprogram.org/respectlife-month.

Be an Angel and Volunteer to help with this year’s Angel Tree! Angel Tree gift tags will be distributed in just 3 weeks! We need volunteers to distribute tags and receive gifts. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pearl Bates at 623-3332 ext. 203 or email pebates@rcchawaii.org.



FREE MOVIE: UNPLANNED will be shown on Saturday, October 26 in St. John the Apostle and Evangelist at 1 pm in classrooms 2 & 3. This is an inspiring true story of a young woman, Abby Johnson. All Abby ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation. She believes in a women’s right to choose until the day she saw something that changed everything. Subsequently, she has become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America and she has converted to the Catholic faith. Refreshments will be provided. Please contact Mary Smart 741-2358 for reservations.



PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call - to bring the Gospel to all!! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it supports priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please drop your donation during offertory or you may also donate online through our parish "Online Giving." Please be generous.

New Altar Servers Training will be on Sunday, October 27th at 12:30 - 3pm in the church. If you are interested, please see Margaret Higa or email: sjaserver@hawaii.rr.com for more information.



St. John's Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group is sponsoring a Healing Mass on Monday, October 28. 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 and see us on **Tuesday, October 29, 2019 from 10 am—12 noon at St. John's parking lot.**

All Souls Day Mass: Since this year, the **COMMENMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED** falls on **Saturday, November 2, the 8 am Mass only will serve as the Memorial Mass. The 5 pm Mass is the Vigil Mass of the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, We hope to see you as we gather in prayer for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.**

All Souls Offering envelopes are available at the main entrance of the church. **Please submit your offering no later than Sunday, October 27.**



Veterans Day Mass 2019: Please join us for our Veterans Day Mass on Monday, November 11, 2019 at the 8 am Mass.

Parish Health Ministry: Breast Cancer Awareness Month: **THINK PINK** 1 in every 8 woman will be diagnosed with breast cancer during their lifetime. 1% of men will develop breast cancer. These are some things you can do to monitor and decrease your risk of breast cancer: **Screening:** Early diagnosis is important so have a screening mammogram every one to two years. Do your monthly breast exam and report any changes to your doctor. See your doctor yearly for a clinical breast exam. For more information, visit National Breast Cancer Foundation: <http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/breast-cancer-risk-factors>



PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE: "Later" can be too late. Don't delay having your will drawn. Make sure your estate plans are in place so that your wishes will be carried out to benefit your family. Gifts you plan for your church through your will can help your church continue to minister and serve. Please remember *St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church* in planning your will.

THIS WEEK: Oct 21 – Oct 27

Monday– 7:30 am—Rosary
8 am- *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
7 pm– Family Prayer Group (Rm 6)
7 pm– Troop 144 (Rm 5)
7 pm– Charismatic (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)
3 pm– Cenacle Prayer (CH)
6:30 pm- Catholics Returning Home (Rm 2)
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)
9 am– Church Cleaning– Environment
6 pm- OLPH Prayer Group (Rm 2)
7 pm– 9 am Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm- RCIA- Session #9: Anointing of the Sick (Rm 3)
7:30 pm—NA Meeting (Rm 6)
Thursday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
6 pm- 11 am Choir Practice (CH)
Friday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
9 am- Church Cleaning- Environment (CH)
4 pm- 2 Hearts
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- Church Cleaning (Group 4)
1 pm- Free Movie- Unplanned (Rms 2-3)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)
Sunday– **Masses**
7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm
Religious Education: "B" Schedule
12:30 pm- New Altar Servers Training (CH)
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.
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