

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 26 / 27, 2019



ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

In today's gospel, Jesus gives the story of two believers, a Pharisee, and a tax collector. Both men were active believers in the same God, belonged to the same religion and worshipped in the same temple. However, at the end of the worship, one of them went home at peace with God but the other did not.

The Pharisees were very disciplined and devout men of religion; serious-minded believers who had committed themselves to a life of regular prayer and observance of God's Law. In fact, they went beyond the requirements of the law. They fasted twice a week, even though the law only required people to fast once a year. They gave tithes of all their income and not just of the required parts. Tax collectors, on the other hand, were generally regarded as people of low moral standards. Because tax collectors worked for the pagan Romans, mixed up with them and constantly handled their unclean money they were said to be in a state of ritual uncleanness. As far as the religion of the day was concerned, tax collectors were public sinners.

Merely believing in God does not really save anybody. Rather, what really matters is what people believe about God and how their faith in God affects their view of themselves and of others. The Pharisees believed in a discriminating God who loves good people and hate bad people. So, they quickly learn to love only good people like themselves and look down with contempt on bad people and sinners like the tax collectors. The tax collector, on the other hand, trusted not in himself or in anything he had done but only in God's mercy. Standing far off, he would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and prayed, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" (v. 13). This is the man who went home at peace with God and not the self-righteous Pharisee.

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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/ Saturday: Closed Tues., Thurs & Fri. 12 PM - 6:30pm Wednesday: 2 pm - 8:30 pm Sunday: 7 am - 2 pm
PARISH CLERGY & STAFF

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Pastor’s Corner

Our Stewardship of Talents

God creates us with a great capacity for a variety of talents. Our talents and special abilities are not ours. They belong to God. As Paul reminds us, we own nothing that was not first given to us. “What do you possess that you have not received?” (1 Cor 4:7). You may be able to organize a group meeting, teach catechism, read, or write. Your skill may be typing, photography, or painting. Perhaps you sing or play a musical instrument. Maybe you are a lawyer, doctor, nurse, budget analyst, carpenter, landscaper, engineer, mechanic, or a bookkeeper.

The Bible refers to the Church as the Body of Christ with Christ as its Head (1 Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 5:23). Just as your body has many parts, each with its own function, so the Church is composed of many members, each with his or her own special function to perform - and contribution to make – for the benefit of the whole Body of Christ, the Church. I encourage you to identify your talents and ask God to show you how to use them for His glory for His work. God has given every Christian both natural talents and spiritual gifts.

Each of us has therefore been blessed uniquely and equipped by God to function in life and in the Body of Christ –the Church. No one in our parish is without gifts. God has enriched you with these talents and abilities, and as good stewards, we must use them for God’s glory and not our own. Why? Because God gives us these abilities and talents out of His generosity and love for us, we give our grateful response to God by using our talents for His glory not our own.

As we go forward to the next level of stewardship as a way of life, we plan to offer appreciation to all parishioners in various ministries. The Stewardship Council will invite those who are actively involved in ministry. Please join a ministry if you are not yet engaged by filling in a commitment card and indicating your ministry. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

God bless you.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

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Like the Pharisee and the tax collector, we too have come to God’s house to offer worship and prayers. Like them, we too hope to go home at the end of this Mass reconciled and at peace with God. Remember, God always opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. That is why Sirach tells us that we should be humble of heart for the Lord accepts the homage of the humble. Hence, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple, as he reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for and total dependence on God. And that religious practices are only blessed when they flow from an authentic interior life of true humility. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: [Wisdom 11:22-12:2](#)

God’s inclusive mercy and goodness in Christ runs through the readings of this Sunday. The first reading from the Book of Wisdom is like a poetic hymn in praise of the all-powerful, yet merciful God. Here God is presented as the Creator of all things which in themselves are very small; like a grain of dust. Yet God loves all that exists and is merciful to all including our enemies.

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14](#)

Psalm 145 praises God for his works of both creation and salvation of his people. Here again we meet our God who is “gracious and merciful, slow to anger and great in kindness.”

Second Reading: [2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2](#)

In the second reading, some members of the Christian community at Thessalonica were expecting the second coming of Christ at any time, and used that as an excuse to drop out of normal life. Paul therefore teaches that we do not know the time of the Lord’s return. The only possible attitude is one of continuing our normal life — but in a spirit of watchfulness and prayer.

Gospel: [Luke 19:1-10](#)

The Gospel provides a concrete example of how repentance is worked out in reality. Jesus himself transforms the heart of Zacchaeus by simple, total, and unconditional acceptance of the sinner. "Hurry down, I mean to stay at your home today." Then, in his act of welcome, Zacchaeus is transformed by Jesus’ love. He recognizes his sinfulness and is also willing to empty himself of his material possessions. Therefore God’s mercy and salvation come to his house. Can you recall a moment when you deeply experienced God’s loving mercy and forgiveness?

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, October 28, 2019

(8 am) †Floraine V. Grace

†Maxima Locquiao

Maryanne Q. Llacuna (Healing)

Bernard Rash (Healing)

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

(8 am) †Janet Ellen Lemmon

†Maxima Locquiao

†Paulina Wong

†Leevon Booten

†Bella Rillamas

(Birthday Memorial)

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

†Barbara Scott

†Evelyn L. Baysa Bolosan

†Henry P. Calio

(Death Anniversary)

Thursday, October 31, 2019

(8 am) †Federico Badua

†Kathleen & Terry Couch

†Francisco I. Perez

Friday, November 1, 2019

(8 am) †Feliciano Dona

Liya Lamanilao (Birthday Blessing)

Suzanna Foster (Healing/Blessing)

Saturday, November 2, 2019

(8 am) †Stanley Miranda

†Ronald Beachemin

5 pm †Jun Tantamco

Sunday, November 3, 2019

7am Adrienne Gregory (Blessing)

9 am For the People

11 am †Sister Joan Rita Cosme

6 pm Suzanna Foster

(Healing/Blessing)

†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	10/19-10/20
Sunday Collection	\$ 11,365.78
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,385.45
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 965.50
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 5,297.42
Donation- Funerals	\$ 200.00
Donation- World Mission	\$ 1,151.00
Donation- Social Ministry	\$ 10.00
Donation - Youth & Young Adults	\$ 120.00
Donation– Hui O Laulima	\$ 100.00
Donation– Children’s Collection	\$ 2.00
Donation- All Souls’	\$ 906.00
Donation - Stewardship	\$ 95.00
Candle Sales	\$ 540.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 200.00
Weekend Total:	\$ 23,338.15
Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce.- Proverbs 3:9	

†FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT †

Virginia Banis Cabilao (RIP)

Monday, November 18, 2019 - Visitation: 5:30 pm

Prayer Service: 6:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park- Mauka Chapel

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 - Visitation: 10:30 am

Wake Service: 11:30 am- Mililani Memorial Park- Mauka Chapel

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memoria Park

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 3-9, 2019. As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood and others to religious life. Some remain as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations and teaching young people how to discern God’s call-is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God’s gift of a vocation.



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



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.



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 ganibe@rcchawaii.org.





PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card. We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card, it is NOT too late. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of St. John Apostle & Evangelist. Please take this opportunity to discern how God is call you to grow closer to Him this year. The commitment card are available online, please visit our website stjohnmililani.org, click on the photo. Once you submit your card, it will go straight to CSC (Catholic Stewardship Consultants.) Thank you!

THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the Society of Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. **Our parish raised \$ 1,156.00** . You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday by visiting **MISSIO.org**. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

 **SJAE Seniors – MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for next month's Senior Bingo! **Join us on Sunday, November 17, from 2-4 pm in Classrooms 1-3.** Sign-ups will be after all masses on November 9-10. As always – come prepared to win!

PRISON MINISTRY: “Lord, when did we see you ill or in prison and visit you?” (Matthew 25:39) St. John's Social Ministry is reinvigorating its Prison Ministry Program. Information is available at the Senior Ministry Table on the lanai after all masses or you may call Gary & Diane Nishijima at 808-294-8012.

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.**

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.

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.**

PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE: At the death of a special friend or relative you might like to remember that person through a memorial gift to your church. This will show your appreciation for this treasured relationship and help others through the church. An acknowledgement card will be sent to the surviving family, letting them know of your gift, without disclosing the amount.

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

THIS WEEK: Oct 28 – Nov 3

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– 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 (CH)
10 am- Food Pantry (CH Parking Lot)
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)
6 pm- OLPH Prayer Group (Rm 2)
7 pm– 9 am Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm- RCIA- Session #10: Saints (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)
9 am- Church Cleaning (Group 5)
6 pm- 11 am Choir Practice (CH)
Friday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:30 am- *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (CH)*
9 am- Church Cleaning- Environment (CH)
Saturday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *All Souls' Day 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.
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