

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 23 / 24, 2019



ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Deacon Romeo Ganibe

This Sunday, we celebrate Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. And as the Church Liturgical Year comes to a close, we are asked to consider Jesus as Our King through the lens of the Gospel story we just heard, the story of Jesus on the cross conversing with two criminals crucified next to him. And we hear the words of the one crucified criminal who was able to see Jesus for who he really was, and what he was truly about.

He said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

With those words that criminal acknowledged Jesus and Jesus did not hesitate for a moment in his reply: “Amen, I say to you; today you will be with me in Paradise.” That criminal did not have to beg. He did not have to attempt to justify his sinful actions. He needed only to recognize Jesus for who he was: The Son of God!

We need to do the same. We need to be willing to challenge others and stand firm in our belief that our eternal life depends upon knowing Jesus, for in knowing Jesus we will be shown mercy and love and forgiveness. Jesus in his kingship provides those gifts freely. When we acknowledge Jesus, he will answer with love when we say, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

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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We look forward to connecting with you!

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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Purpose of the One Community Center (OCC)

For us Catholics as a sacramental people, space on our campus speaks volumes! With the growth of our parish ministries, leadership and faith formation opportunities, we needed a new, functional multi-purpose space. On the occasion of our 45th anniversary, we called this space “One Community Center” (OCC) since we had invited the whole Mililani community to celebrate with us as one community. When a Catholic Church becomes a point of reference in a community, that is significant.

Yes, we will have potluck in the OCC, but we will also have spiritual nourishment geared towards forming ourselves in order to be more effective witnesses of the Gospel. The purpose of the OCC will be first and foremost for you parishioners, for our parish ministries and parish sponsored events. St. John’s Preschool is an essential part of the parish, and it too will be able to use the OCC space and facilities when it reopens on our campus. There is a possibility, depending on availability, for receptions to be held in the OCC after parish sacramental events. During the weekdays, the parish will partner with service providers such as Catholic Charities for outreach to our brothers and sisters in need.

In order for all parish ministries to be able to share the space without conflicts, we will have a policy in place. The Leadership Advisory Council (LAC) is currently working on that policy to be ready soon and shared with all parishioners. In less than one month is dedication day. We have been assured that all remaining interior and exterior construction work will be completed on time. Dedication day is still December 21 after the 5pm Mass.

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, DECEMBER 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The prophet Isaiah sees a vision of the future when the Lord will gather all the nations on the Lord’s mountain (symbolically Jerusalem). Here the nations will come to worship before the Lord so that the Lord may teach them his ways and form them into his kingdom. The Lord will have authority over the nations and lead them to peace so that no nation will wage war against another.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Psalm 122 is a pilgrim’s prayer for Jerusalem sung as they went to worship in Jerusalem. The response: "I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord" is an expression of joy in anticipation of the procession into the city. (v.1)

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

The message of Paul in this passage is urgent. “It is the hour now to awake from sleep.” Paul challenges Christians to wake up because our salvation is near. Night clothes are no longer proper in the light of day, especially since the day is a time of battle with the forces of evil. The vices of v 13 are the clothing of night. That is why Paul urges us to “throw off the works of darkness” and put on Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

The Gospel from Matthew calls for watchfulness in preparation for the Lord’s coming. The one thing that is certain about this coming is the impossibility of predicting the time — even from signs, all of which are easily subject to many different interpretations (v 36). Therefore there is a need to stay awake and to be ready for the Lord’s coming, like someone guarding his house full of treasure (our faith and God’s grace). In brief, no one knows the day or the hour. That is why Jesus urges us to be vigilant at the end of the passage. Behind this vigilance are our hope and joyful expectation to receive the Lord when he comes.

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

Mass Intentions for the Week
Monday, November 25, 2019
(8 am) †Stanley Miranda
Milagros Uytingco (Birthday Blessing)
Rodney Kekina (Thanksgiving)
Tuesday, November 26, 2019
(8 am) †Paulina Wong
†Stanley Miranda
†Augusto Dicsen
(Birthday Memorial)
Wednesday, November 27, 2019
†Asako Diana
Milagros Cortel (Birthday Blessing)
Mildred & Tadashi Furuta
Thursday, November 28, 2019
(8 am) †Agreda Ciraco & Acebo
†Pedro Acebo & Ross
Pedro Acebo
†Federico G. Badua
Friday, November 29, 2019
(8 am) Deyton Shockley
(Birthday Blessing)
Primo Pablo
(Healing/ Birthday Blessing)
Solomon Siangco (Thanksgiving)
Saturday, November 30, 2019
(8 am) †Pedro Taglinao
(Death Anniversary)
Abbie Castaneda (Thanksgiving)
Suzen Sieben
(Healing/Thanksgiving)
5 pm †Kristen Pavez
(Death Anniversary)
Sunday, December 1, 2019
7am Jake, Josh & Juliette Ramos
(Blessings/ Safe Travels)
9 am *For the People*
11 am †All Souls in Purgatory
6 pm †Pat Merideth

† RIP

HEALING / BLESSINGS: baby Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Leora Hernandes, Rosalie Tadda, Bienvenido Roter, Randy Arrojo-Manuwa & Family, Rachel Sullivan, Duane Gonzales, Keahi Paaluhi, 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, Elaine Kahala, Sandra Gose, Ellen Cleghorn & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: 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, Leslie Fountain, Irene Moyles, Brian Ching, Marcelino Esdicul, Sr & Gloria Tolentino.

Please contact the parish office to set up an appointment & coordination for the following:
Anointing of the Sick
Baptisms (Dec 8 & 15, Jan 19 & 26, Feb 16 & 23)
Baptism Preparation Classes: Dec 1, Jan 5 & Feb 2
Blessings (home, auto, religious items, etc...)
Funerals
Homebound Communion
Marriages (at least 6 months before wedding date)

Catholic Campaign for Human Development– CCHD Collection:
Please respond to Pope Francis’ call for the World Day of the Poor the weekend of Nov 24, the Solemn Feast of Christ the King. 25% of the collection’s proceeds stay in our diocese to hear and respond to the cry of the poor and some of the most vulnerable in our own islands. Prayerfully consider contributing to the CCHD collection. Donation 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.”

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.

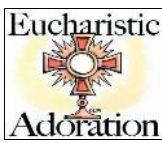
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	NOV. 9 - NOV. 10
Sunday Collection	\$ 13,408.89
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,024.45
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 827.50
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 11,956.00
Donation- Baptisms	\$ 200.00
Donation- Children’s Collection	\$ 6.00
Donation - Charity	\$ 24.00
Donation– Archdiocese/Military Services	\$ 90.00
Donation- Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 20.00
Donation- World Mission	\$ 60.00
Donation- All Souls’ Day	\$ 30.00
Donation- Angel Tree	\$ 120.00
Candle Sales	\$ 610.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 145.00

Weekend Total: \$ 29,521.84

**“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce.”
- Proverbs 3:9**

†FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT †
Recalte Dick Navarro (RIP)
Monday, November 25, 2019 - Visitation: 8:30 am
Wake Service: 10:30 am ~ Mililani Memorial Park- Mauka Chapel
Burial: 11:00 am ~ Mililani Memorial Park
Shirley Leong (RIP)
Saturday, December 7, 2019 - Visitation: 12:00 pm
Mass: 1:00 pm ~ St. John A&E, Mililani

The next Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, December 6th, immediately after the 8 am Mass to 7:30 am on Saturday, December 7th.



Show your “*St. John Spirit-led*” Christmas spirit and join us in the **34th Annual Mililani Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 7th, 9am to 10:30am.**
Parade **STARTS** at Mililani High School Stadium **DOWN** Kipapa Drive to Mililani Shopping Center **RIGHT** on Moenamanu Street **LEFT** on Kuahelani Avenue **RIGHT** on Meheula Parkway **LEFT** on Lanikuhana Avenue **ENDS** at Town Center of Mililani.
Let us walk the parade route as one family in Christ!

Central Vicariate Penance Services 2019
•Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 7:00 PM - Resurrection of the Lord, Waipio
•Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 7:00 PM - St. Elizabeth, Aiea
•Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 7:00 PM -- St. John A&E, Mililani
•Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7:00 PM-- Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pearl City
•Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 7:00 PM --Our Lady of Sorrows, Wahiawa
•Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 7:00 PM -- St. Michael, Waialua



Angel Tree: Thanks again to all of you wonderful volunteers for helping with tag distribution this past weekend. We still have a number of tags left, so if you know anyone who needs tags, please contact Pearl Bates at (808) 623-3332 ext. 203. Please look at your gift tags to see when your gifts are due.

Our Annual Stewardship Renewal:
Please remember to turn in your commitment cards to the parish as soon as possible. We appreciate your willingness to participate in this year’s Stewardship Renewal. The more we grow to embrace and understand the stewardship way of life, the more our St. John Apostle & Evangelist Parish will flourish & grow. The commitment cards are available at the main entrance to the church and online. Please visit our website stjohnmililani.org. Thank you!



PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th in observance of Thanksgiving. Please note the Church will be closed after the 8 am Mass.

BEAT-LELE Benefit Concert Tickets will be on sale through December 1, 2019 after Mass on the Lanai. Pre-sale Price: \$35. The concert will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2020, from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the One Community Center. This event is sponsored by Friends of St. John's Catholic Preschool. Get your tickets early!

Food Pantry– If you or someone you know needs food assistance, we can help! Come and see us on **Tuesday, November 26, 2019 from 10am - 12noon at St. John's parking lot.**

We give thanks to our Lord for all his blessings! Join us in gratitude at the **8am Thanksgiving Day Mass (Nov. 28)!** Bring a meal item (labeled with your name) for your thanksgiving table for a blessing before sharing it with your family & friends (i.e. apple cider, dinner rolls, fruit, etc.) Our Liturgical Environment Ministry will place the item on the sanctuary with you.

Celebrations in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe: Novena- December 4 - 11, 2019 at 6:30 pm in classroom #2. Mañanitas (serenate) Thursday, December 12 at 6:00 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm in the church. **Join us for a potluck dinner & gathering on the church lanai after the Mass!!** For more information, please contact Milagros Quiñones at (321) 914-2357.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: While this very important celebration is usually on December 8, since that is a Sunday this year, all the Masses for December 7/8 will be for the Second Sunday of Advent. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception WILL be celebrated on Monday, December 9, 2019 as a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** in the Diocese of Honolulu. Masses are at 8am and 7pm.

Little Bethlehem Christians (LBC) is a group that represents Christian Families who live in the Holy Land of Bethlehem that make their living as wood carvers. The Alsahouri Family, representing this group, will display a collection of hand-carved olive wood religious items for sale on **December 7th & 8th** after all masses. All profits will support Christianity in the land of Christ.

Our parish Advent Penance Service will be held on Wednesday, December 11, at 7PM in the Church.

The traditional Filipino novena leading up to Christmas, **Misa de Gallo**, will begin on Monday, December 16th thru Monday, December 24th, at 5 AM. Everyone is encouraged to take part in this prayerful celebration.

Dedication of the One Community Center: Please join us on Saturday, Dec 21 at the 5 pm Mass presided by Bishop Larry Silva. Dedication of the OCC will be held after the Mass, followed by reception and entertainment.

To fulfill your Christmas obligation, please plan on attending one of the following masses: Christmas Eve Masses- December 24 - 6 pm and 12 Midnight. Christmas Day Masses - December 25 - 7 am, 9 am, 11 am. No 6 pm Mass.

PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE: Have circumstances changed since you last updated your estate plan? Do your current estate planning documents carry out your commitments to your church?
Please remember *St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church* in planning your will.

THIS WEEK: NOV 25 – DEC 1

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)
9 am- Church Cleaning- Environment (CH)
10 am- Food Pantry (CH parking lot)
3 pm– Cenacle Prayer (CH)
7 pm- 5 pm Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm- Holiday Parade Costume Fitting (Rm 3)
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 (Group 5)
6 pm- OLPH Prayer Group (Rm 2)
7 pm– 9 am Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm- RCIA- Session #14: Advent Overview (Rm 3)
7:30 pm—NA Meeting (Rm 6)
Thursday– Parish office/Church Closed after 8 am Mass.
7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
Friday– Parish office/Church Closed after 8 am Mass.
7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
9 am- Church Cleaning- Environment (CH)
4 pm - Two Hearts (CH)
6 pm- 11 am Choir Practice (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)
9am - Lady of Guadalupe Mtg (Rm 3)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)
Sunday– Masses
7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
10 am- RCIA Dismissal (conf rm)
2 pm- Baptism Prep Class (Rm 3)
4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)

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