



ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa

Today, we celebrate the solemnity of the Holy Family. Christmas itself is the feast of God entering a family to stay with human beings. The Church has always presented the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as a model family for Christians to imitate. When we hear the term 'holy family', it might suggest to us a family that is somewhat removed from the struggles of normal family living. Matthew's portrait of this family in our gospel reading suggests otherwise. The picture that Matthew gives us of the family of Mary, Joseph and Jesus are of a family that endured a series of displacements. Still the Church calls it a model family and a holy family.

First of all, the holiness of this family consists of their faithfulness, their openness to the Lord even in those circumstances that might have suggested that the Lord had abandoned them. Joseph, in particular, is portrayed as seeking the Lord in all his trials and discovering the Lord's presence and guidance in the harsh realities of life. Their unwavering faith in the providence of God enabled them to accept the joys and sorrows of life with serenity. Without complaints, they accepted every happening in the family with humility. This is a family who inspires and encourages us to keep faith in the Lord, to keep our focus on the Lord, at all times, including those times when things seem very dark.

Secondly, their relationship with the Lord remains the primary relationship in their lives. Their openness to doing the will of God no matter the circumstance bolstered and increased their love and respect for one another. They trusted each other as they trusted God. So, it was a family that stood united and connected in the ups and downs of their life.

Our first reading speaks of the blessings that will come when children gives honor to their parents — both young children who respect the authority of their mothers and fathers, and adult children who lovingly care for older parents. These are the actions and attitudes that create an atmosphere of respect, tenderness, and unity in the family.

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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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Pastor’s Corner

<u>Parish Rectory Hours</u> Monday: 12:00 PM - 4:30 PM Tues. - Fri.: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Saturday/Sunday: Closed
<u>Outreach Office Hours</u> Tuesday: 9 AM to 12 PM Friday: 9 AM to 11 AM <u>FOOD PANTRY Hours</u> Tues.- Fri.: 9 AM to 11 AM
<u>Religious Ed Office Hours</u> Monday/ Friday: Closed Tues. & Thurs. 12 PM - 6:30pm Wednesday: 2 pm - 8:30 pm Sunday: 7 am - 2 pm
PARISH CLERGY & STAFF

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The 12 Days of the Christmas Season

The 12 days of the **Christmas season** are counted from December 25th, the Nativity of the Lord, and continues until the Feast of the Baptism of Christ, which is celebrated on the Sunday after January 6, or the following Monday if that Sunday is Epiphany. It is not about mathematics, but a sacred season that celebrates the mystery of the Incarnation of Christ being born and being revealed to all the nations.

We are all familiar with Christmas carol, “*The Twelve Days of Christmas.*” However, one might be very surprised to learn about its origins and meaning. It is even more surprising to know that it was written in England as one of the “catechism poems” to help young Catholics memorize their faith when being found with Catholic writings was treason punishable by hanging. This was during the reigns of King Henry VIII (1509-1547) and Elizabeth I (1558-1603). The poem was only put into music in the 20th century.

Each of the days contain hidden meaning on teachings of the faith. The “true love” mentioned in the song doesn’t refer to an earthly suitor, but to God Himself. The “me” who receives the presents refers to every baptized person. The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the song, Christ is symbolized as a mother partridge which feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings, much in memory of the expression of Christ’s sadness over the fate of Jerusalem: “Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered thee under my wings, as a hen does her chicks, but thou wouldst not have it so...” (Mt 23:37-39; Lk 19:41-44). So next time you sing “The Twelve Days of Christmas”, do remember that it is not just words, but a text with hidden teaching on the Catholic faith.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

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Our second reading gives more specific instructions on fostering love within our homes. Paul reminds us of our great dignity as “God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved.” This applies to every member of the family. Paul’s instruction to “put on” compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and forbearance towards each other is the best possible formula for peace, harmony, and happiness within the family. This is not easy, but we can turn to the Holy Family for help. May the Holy Family intercede for all families that they may remain one and united.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

This passage from Isaiah is a song in praise of Jerusalem. It was written during the restoration of the ruined city after the captivity in Babylon. The prophet dreams that the former glory (vv 1-4) and prosperity (vv 5-7), such as king Solomon had achieved, would again belong to the Jewish people. This dream was never fulfilled literally but was more than fulfilled by the coming of Christ.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Psalm 72 looks back to the reign of King Solomon, characterized by the greatest peace, prosperity, power, and justice Israel had ever known. It also looks forward in hope of another king who would be like Solomon, but who would embrace the entire world. The response: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you" anticipates that hope.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

Paul in this passage refers to the mission of the Church, the calling of all humankind into union with God, as a mystery. The reading underlines the universal nature of salvation in God’s plan. Therefore God wills that all cultural barriers be broken down, and all men and women without exception come to know God’s love because the same promise has been made to them through the Gospel.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

This Gospel story about the wise men from the East in a certain sense anticipates the rejection of Jesus by the Jewish leaders as contrasted with his manifestation to and acceptance by the gentiles. The prophecy quoted in v 6 (adapted from Micah 5:1 and 2 Sam 5:2) points to Jesus as fulfilling the messianic hope symbolized by King David. More significantly, the entire story echoes the coming of the Queen of Sheba (Ethiopia) to King Solomon (1 Kg 10:1-13) and shows Jesus as the "new Solomon" whose wisdom draws even the wisest of the world to humble submission.

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

Mass Intentions for the Week
Monday, December 30, 2019
(8 am) †Dorothea Suan Agustin
Tuesday, December 31, 2019
(8 am) †Cristina Falke (Death Anniversary)
†Paulina Wong
†Federico G. Badua
Wednesday, January 1, 2019
(8 am) †Souls in Purgatory Richard & Maria Amaral (Thanksgiving)
†Dorothy Suan Agustin Joan Madsen (Birthday Blessing)
Thursday, January 2, 2019
(8 am) †Dorothy Suan Agustin
Friday, January 3, 2019
(8 am) †Federico G. Badua †Felicano Dona Guerrero Family (Thanksgiving)
Saturday, January 4, 2019
(8 am) †Ignacia V. Benitez †Basilio Dario
5 pm †Anthony Leroy Calistro
Sunday, January 5, 2019
7am Rosalie Tadda
9 am *For the People*
11 am Taylor Mitchell
6 pm Agustin, Suan, Ellis, & Marti Family
† RIP

HEALING / BLESSINGS: baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Rosalie Tadda, Randy Arrojo-Manuwa & Family, Rachel Sullivan, Duane Gonzales, Keahi Paaluhi, Lillian Chalmers, John Durham, Maggie Bae, Suzanna Foster, Shirley Pichon, Mary Anne Q. Llacuna, Caridad Ramiscal, RileyAnn Wills, Rebecca Wills, Laralyn Corthran, Dan Wills, Elaine Kahala, Sandra Gose, Ellen Cleghorn, Hildegard Borowitz, Linda Ward & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Virgilio V. Benitez, 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, Dorothea Suan Agustin and Benjamin Bae Sr.

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

- Anointing of the Sick**
- Baptisms** (Jan 19 & 26, Feb 16 & 23, March 22 & 29)
- Baptism Preparation Classes:** Jan 5, Feb 2 & Mar 1
- Blessings** (home, auto, religious items, etc...)
- Funerals**
- Homebound Communion**
- Marriages** (at least 6 months before wedding date)

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		DEC. 21 - DEC. 22
Sunday Collection	\$	11,456.24
Online Donation (WeShare)		next week
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$	781.75
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$	4,064.76
Donation- Children's Collection	\$	7.00
Donation - Charity	\$	2.00
Donation- Social Ministry	\$	10.00
Donation- Flowers	\$	147.00
Donation- Christmas	\$	1,540.00
Donation- Immaculate Conception	\$	20.00
Candle Sales	\$	550.00
Mass Intentions	\$	10.00
Misa de Gallo (Dec 17)	\$	336.02
Misa de Gallo (Dec 18)	\$	353.00
Misa de Gallo (Dec 19)	\$	254.30
Misa de Gallo (Dec 20)	\$	398.75
Misa de Gallo (Dec 21)	\$	381.75
Misa de Gallo (Dec 22)	\$	380.40
Weekend Total:		\$ 20,692.97
"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce." - Proverbs 3:9		

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS †

Leopoldo Maltezo Lorenzo (RIP)

Wednesday, January 8, 2020 ~ Visitation: 9:00am
Prayer Service: 11:00 am ~ Mililani Memorial-
Mauka Chapel ~ Burial: 12:30 pm

Betty Jane Mariano (RIP)

Saturday, January 11, 2020 ~ Visitation: 9:00am
Wake Service: 10:30 am ~ Mililani Memorial-
Mauka Chapel

Hipolito James Agustin (RIP)

Monday, January 13, 2020 ~ Visitation: 5:30 pm
Prayer Service: 6:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial-
Makai Chapel

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 ~ Visitation: 9:00 am
Wake Service: 10:00 am ~ Mililani Memorial - Makai
Chapel Burial: 11:00 am

Anthony Leroy Calistro (RIP)

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 ~ Visitation: 9:00 am
Prayer Service: 11:00 am ~ Mililani Memorial-
Mauka Chapel ~ Burial: 12:30 pm

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. Jan. 25, 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.





PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 31 in observance of New Year's Eve and Wednesday, January 1 in observance of New Year's.

The next Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, January 3rd, immediately after the 8 am Mass to 7:30 am on Saturday, January 4th.

The Hui O Laulima Food Trolley will be out next weekend. There is a need of nonperishable: SPAM, Corned Beef, Beef Stew, Vienna Sausage, Rice, Oatmeal, Breakfast Items, Soda Crackers, Ritz Crackers, Pancake Mix, Cocoa/Coffee, Jellies and Ketchup/Shoyu/Mustard, etc. Thank you for your continued support.

The Parish Health Ministry will resume providing free blood pressure screening on **January 11/12, 2020** after all morning Masses.

Rosary Making Ministry: The next gathering will be on **Saturday, January 18, 2020** at 10am on the church lanai.

Please support St. John's Knights of Columbus, Council 14663 Fundraiser: Zippy's tickets (Zippy's Famous Chili.) Cost is \$9 per ticket. Please visit their table after all Masses.



Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, Tuesday, January 21 – Wednesday, January 29. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com!

Benefit Concert on January 25th in support of our preschool has SOLD OUT! Beat-Lele may do an additional concert on Friday, January 24th, IF we still have parishioners who want to attend. A survey of parishioners who desire tickets for the Friday night concert will be done next weekend after all masses. All concert proceeds will be donated to our **St. John's Catholic Preschool**.

Black & Indian Mission and Church in Latin America - The weekend of January 25/26, our parish will be participating in two separate collections; the Black & Indian Mission and Church in Latin America. Your generosity is invaluable to the future of the faith in the African American, Native American, Alaskan Native, and Latin American communities. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. You may drop your donation during offertory or make a donation online by visiting our parish website, clicking "Online Giving". Please be generous.

PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE: When your attorney prepares your estate planning documents, you can include your church as the final beneficiary to receive remaining benefits after other beneficiaries

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

THIS WEEK: DEC 30 – JAN 5

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)
Tuesday– Parish office (Closed)
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)
3 pm– Cenacle Prayer (CH)
7 pm- 5 pm Choir practice (CH)
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)
Wednesday– Parish office (Closed)
7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
9 am- HUI (Rm 3)
6 pm- OLPH (Rm 2)
7 pm- 9 am Choir practice
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)
4 pm - Two Hearts (Rm 3)
Saturday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group
9 am- Catholic Women's Bible Study (Rm 2)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)
Sunday– **Masses**

7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm Religious Education "A" Schedule

10 am: RCIA Dismissal (Conf rm)
2 pm: Baptism Prep Class (Rm 3)
4 pm: 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)