

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 4/5, 2020



ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: **Msgr. John Mbinda**

The Epiphany

This Sunday, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. The word ‘epiphany’ comes from the Greek language “epiphaneia” which means ‘appearance,’ ‘showing forth’ or ‘manifestation.’ So, we could say that we celebrate the revelation of the Lord to the world. Psalm 72 focuses on the nations coming to adore the Lord. “Lord, every nation on earth will adore you” and then speaks of kings from foreign lands bringing gifts to the Lord. The Psalm in a certain sense introduces the Gospel of today, that recounts the story of the three wise kings from the East, who represent all the nations. These Magi come as seekers of the source of the light. The star is only a guide for them.

On finding the source, the infant king, they are overjoyed, they confess, worship him and offer him gifts. In the preface of the Epiphany, we get a sense of the mystery we celebrate. "Today, you revealed in Christ your eternal plan of salvation and showed him as the light of all peoples." The mystery of Christ's birth, the mystery of the Incarnation, is therefore made known to all people all over the world without exception. St. Paul in the second reading speaks about the inclusive nature of salvation in God's plan.

The central message of the Epiphany is that Jesus is revealed to us as a light to the nations. The Magi go in search of this light guided by a star until they find the source of the light in Bethlehem. Like the Magi, we are led to discover Christ and are therefore called to go out of our homes, our parish campus and share with others the Good News revealed to us.

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/ Friday: Closed Tues. & Thurs. 12 PM - 6:30pm Wednesday: 2 pm - 8:30 pm Sunday: 7 am - 2 pm
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Looking at 2020 with Gratitude and Optimism

As the New Year of Our Lord 2020 begins, we thank God for all that He has enabled us as a parish community to achieve in the past year 2019. Much has happened during 2019, but I believe even more will happen in 2020 for which we need to be optimistic and grateful.

On January 12, 2020, Michael M. Browning, one of our parish active leaders, will be among 12 aspirants to be admitted as candidate in the Permanent Diaconate. The Rite of Candidacy to the Order of Permanent Diaconate will be presided by Bishop Larry Silva, at St. Ann’s Church, Kaneohe, Sunday, January 12, at 12 noon. I encourage those who can join me at that special Mass in support of Mike and Aggie Browning.

With regard to our OCC, there are still a number of pending tasks to be completed by the end of January among them being the parking lot and flooring of the main hall. In January, we also finalize plans for the renovation of St. John Preschool in Room #3 of the parish center, in view of the school returning at the end of June 2020. The Good news is that the Castle Family Foundation has given us a surprise grant of \$100,000 for the renovation project. For this, we are most grateful.

The year 2020 is going to be a blessed year for all of us in the parish and we look at this year with great hope and optimism. May “the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful.” (Col 3:15)

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, JANUARY 12, 2020

The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

This first reading is taken from one of four poetic passages in the Book of Isaiah that is referred to as "The Servant Songs." The first part of this passage (verses 1-4) describes Israel as God's chosen servant people. The second part (verses 6-7) speaks of the mission for which the Lord has called them, namely to bring "light to the nations, to open the eyes of the blind and to bring out prisoners from confinement."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10

Psalm 29 meditates on the power and glory of the Lord reflected by the awesome natural forces of a violent storm. Such a storm became a metaphor for the psalmist to praise the glory of God who will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

The second reading focuses on Peter's conversion to the wider interpretation of the new faith in Christ. The gospel is for all people, not just for the Jews. As a result of this experience, Peter preaches to those gathered in the home of Cornelius, a Roman military officer. This inclusive approach to proclaiming the faith in Jesus Christ as "Lord of all" is blessed by the Holy Spirit coming upon the assembly while Peter is still speaking.

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

The story of Jesus' baptism by John contrasts the humility of the two. Jesus fully accepted John's ministry and insisted on being baptized by him. In Matthew's version of this event only Jesus saw the Spirit descend as a dove and heard the voice from heaven. God's voice in this text confirms the messianic role of Jesus and may be interpreted best as God commissioning Jesus for his ministry.

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(text): www.sundayhomily.com
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<https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda>

Mass Intentions for the Week
Monday, January 6, 2020
(8 am) †Baltazar Mauleon
(Brithday Memorial)
†Dorothea Suan Agustin
Rita Galicinao (Healing)
Tuesday, January 7, 2020
(8 am) †Dorothea Suan
Agustin
Caridad Ramiscal (Healing)
Channing Fukuda (Healing)
Wednesday, January 8, 2020
(8 am) †Maria Guerrero
Sablan (Birthday Memorial)
Perla Alonzo (Healing)
Thursday, January 9, 2020
(8 am) †Gladys K. Naone
Friday, January 10, 2020
(8 am) †Ricardo B. Victorio
Saturday, January 11, 2020
(8 am) Daniel Cortel
(Birthday Blessing)
5 pm †Eric Umetsu &
†James & Mildred Mizoguchi
Sunday, January 12, 2020
7am Joey Pablo
(Birthday Blessing)
9 am *For the People*
11 am Ernesta Tolentino
(Birthday Blessing)
6 pm †Felisa Dicsen
(Birthday Memorial)

† 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. 28 - DEC. 29
Sunday Collection	\$ 12,302.54
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 1,271.10
Online Donation (WeShare) last week	\$ 2,063.10
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 610.25
BEM (WeShare) last week	\$ 14.25
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 7,287.14
OCC Capital Campaign (WeShare) last week	\$ 631.75
Donation- Baptism	\$ 20.00
Donation- Children's Collection	\$ 2.00
Donation - Social Ministry	\$ 10.00
Donation- Flowers	\$ 22.00
Donation- Christmas	\$ 413.20
Donation - Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 20.00
Candle Sales	\$ 410.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 40.00
Misa de Gallo (Dec 23)	\$ 458.80
Misa de Gallo (Dec. 24)	\$ 641.32
Christmas Eve (6 pm Mass)	\$ 7,869.00
Christmas Midnight (12 am Mass)	\$ 4,178.00
Christmas (7 am Mass)	\$ 9,341.00
Christmas (9 am Mass)	\$ 3,437.00
Christmas (11 am Mass)	\$ 4,425.00
Weekend Total:	\$ 55,467.45
"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce." - Proverbs 3:9	

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS †
Dorothea Suan Agustin (RIP)
Monday, January 6, 2020 ~ Visitation: 8:30am
Mass: 10:00 am ~ Immaculate Conception Church, Lihue, Hawaii (Kauai)
Kauai Memorial Gardens ~ Burial: 11:30 am
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

A NOTE FROM OUR SEMINARIAN
Dear SJAE 'Ohana,
Happy Feast of the Epiphany! Thank you so much for your generous support of seminarians, particularly with the Seminarian Tags on the Angel Tree and the very kind support you have shown to me personally. It is always a pleasure to be home at the parish over break, and it was lovely to see many people. To those of you I missed, I am so sorry! I'll be back in May! I am particularly happy that I was able to be home for the completion and dedication of our One Community Center and see a shared parish dream realized! I am proud and honored to be a part of this parish family, and I wish you all the very best in the new year! Please be assured of my prayers, and I ask that you remember me in yours as well.

Taylor K. Mitchell

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PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

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.



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

The annual Hawaii March for Life will be Thursday, January 16, 2020 at the Hawaii State Capitol. The parish will be providing free bus transportation and will be taking reservations for the bus ride after all Masses on the church lanai on the weekend of December 28/29 and Jan. 11/12. Bus riders will need to be at St. John at 3:30 pm, bus leaves St. John at 4 pm and return at approx. 7:10 pm. Questions, contact Pat at 542-2119.



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**.

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.



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: 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: JAN 6 – JAN 12

Monday– 7:30 am—Rosary

8 am- *Daily Mass*

8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)

9 am- Church Cleaning (Group 3)

7 pm– Family Prayer Group (Rm 4)

7 pm– Troop 144 (Rm 5)

7 pm- 4th Degree Knights (Rm 3)

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)

3 pm– Cenacle Prayer (CH)

6:30 pm- PPC (OCC Conf rm)

7 pm- 5 pm Choir practice (CH)

7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)

Wednesday– 7:30 am– Rosary

8 am– *Daily Mass*

6 pm- OLPH (Rm 2)

7 pm- RCIA Session #18 "Faith" (Rm 3)

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)

6 pm- 11 am Choir practice (CH)

6:30 pm- Planning Mtg (Rm 3)

Friday– 7:30 am– Rosary

8 am– *Daily Mass*

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)

9 am- Church Cleaning (Group 4)

1 pm- Respect Life Mtg (Rm 2)

3:30 pm - Confession

5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)

5 pm- PHM- Blood Pressure Screening (CH Lanai)

Sunday– Masses

7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm

Religious Education "B" Schedule

10 am: RCIA Dismissal (conf rm)

4 pm: 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)

PHM- Blood Pressure Screening (CH Lanai)