

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 25 / 26, 2020



ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: **Msgr. John S. Mbinda**

Pope Francis has declared 2020 as the Year of the Word of God in order to highlight the importance of the Word of God which nourishes and enlighten us. The readings this Sunday draw our attention to two central themes that are closely related: Christ revealed as the light of the world; and Christ in whose name we are baptized and united. Both of these themes are interwoven. The first reading gives an example of the kingdom established by David which was torn apart by divisions soon after Solomon's death. Consequently, foreigners invaded the Northern Kingdom in 733-32 BC and occupied it, and further threatened the Southern Kingdom of Judah. But today's first reading prophesies a great light in time to come. A king of peace would come to establish freedom and unify Israel forever.

The second reading gives another example of divisions in the Christian community of Corinth. Paul reminds the Christians there that they belong to Christ, and not to any particular apostle who may have baptized them. It is the death and resurrection of Christ which binds them together.

In the Gospel, Matthew uses a passage from the First Reading to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone." Jesus Christ is, therefore, our light and source of unity in a world that is very much in need of enlightenment and unity in the midst of fragmentation. Political and Ideological differences, identity politics, regional and civil wars, ethnic conflicts and Christian divisions continue to cast a deep shadow over nations in the world. Our Christian faith and hope, however, tell us that someday a great light will indeed shine and unity will be restored. The source of that light and unity is Jesus Christ. As Jesus begins his ministry, He proclaims a message of repentance. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." That message from God's Word is a wakeup call for all disciples of Christ to be transformed into God's authentic witnesses in a world overshadowed by the darkness of disunity due to human pride, greed, identity politics, and selfishness.

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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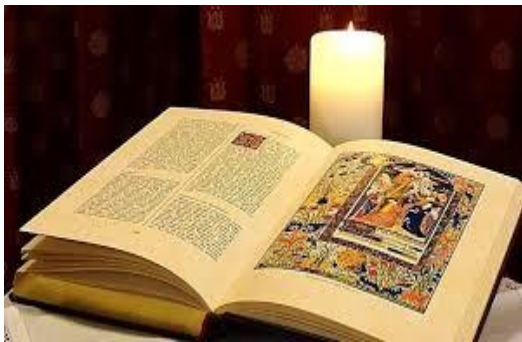
We look forward to connecting with you!

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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Enthronement of the Bible



Bible Enthronement is a celebration of the Word of God. It’s a rite that started in the early part of the Church but was lost through the years. During the Second Vatican Council, the meeting of Bishops from all over the world held in Rome from 1962 to 1965, the Bible was solemnly enthroned every morning at the opening of their sessions. Through this liturgical ceremony, the bishops reminded themselves that they could only effectively PREACH the Good News if they first LISTENED to God’s Word. Since then, in many Church gatherings like Congresses, Conventions Workshops, meetings, retreats and recollections, the first activity would always be the Enthronement of the Bible.

We enthrone the Bible to remind ourselves of the importance of the Word of God in our life as Christians, especially in our life as proclaimers of the Word. The Word of God – Jesus, the Divine Word who became human like us – is our distinctive mark as workers of a Catholic Church, who speaks to us through his printed word in the Bible.

During this year of the Word of God, our parish will have a Rite of Enthronement of the Bible on the last Sunday of Each Month throughout this Liturgical Year till September. In addition, the pope encourages the enthronement of the Bible in families. In the next bulletin there will be some instruction of how to do that enthronement. Another way of highlighting the importance of the Word of God include:

- 1) Bible study groups;
- 2) Reading of the Sunday Gospel at the beginning of all ministry meetings;
- 3) Formation of parishioners to understand the Bible and its importance in Christian life.

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, FEBRUARY 2, 2020

The Presentation of the Lord

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

This passage describes a messenger of God. The very name “Malachi” in Hebrew *mal’āki* means “my messenger.” The messenger’s function is to foretell the future coming of the Lord, the present day of the Lord and the idea of judgment. Though the passage states that the Lord of hosts is coming, it actually focuses on the messenger who will precede the Lord. The messenger will prepare the way for God to come to His people. The messenger comes with judgment and affliction. He purifies the priests, the sons of Levi in a harsh way, washing them of their sins in preparation to offering sacrifice to the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10

Psalm 24 is a processional song of honor to the God of Israel who is praised as the Lord of hosts and king of glory, strong in mighty in battle. There is a liturgical dimension to the response we use at Holy Mass. The question-answer form in the response was normal for security guards to identify who was passing through the city gate with an escort. So the guard would shout to ask and the people would respond.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

In this passage, the writer invites us to fasten our gaze on the humility of Jesus. Jesus is the one with all women and men, because he fully entered into the human existence of flesh and blood. He did not merely appear to be human, but genuinely human in order to conquer death by subjecting himself to it. The author further contrasts Jesus who has the power of life, and the Devil who holds the power of death. In overcoming death, Jesus has neutralized the power of the Devil. Finally, the writer turns to Jesus as high priest. Since He fully entered into human experience (except sin), Jesus was tested like every human being and thus able to sympathize with human weakness. As victim on the cross Jesus offers himself for the salvation of all. As high priest, He offers the sacrifice of expiation for the sins of all.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

The account of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple is a celebration of piety: the piety of Mary and Joseph, of Simeon and of Anna. This ritual points to the fact that Jesus is raised in a religious devout family. Five times Luke says that the parents of Jesus conformed to the ritual prescriptions of the Law. Here they comply with the religious requirements of purification and a second ritual for the redemption of the first male child. The first ritual purification sprung from the belief that the life-power within blood was sacred and belonged to God. Because of the mysterious power of nature of its power, all objects and people coming into contact with human blood had to be ritually purified. Thus birth and death too were surrounded by ritual purification. The second ritual was a kind of buying back from God every first-born male child.

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 27, 2020

(8 am) †Paulina Wong

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

(8 am) †Karen Ann Roark

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

(8 am) †Leonora C. Cabbab

Thursday, January 30, 2020

(8 am) †Stanley Miranda

†M/M Mike Aguinaldo

Friday, January 31, 2020

(8 am) †Andres S. de Leon Jr

Saturday, February 1, 2020

(8 am)†All Souls in Purgatory

Dr. Paul & Emily Sauget

(Birthday Blessings)

5 pm †Karen Ann Roark

Sunday, February 2, 2020

7am †Bernadette Mae Cypriano

9 am For the People

11 am †Hipolito J. Agustin

6 pm †Anthony L. Calistro

† 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, Jean Tanoue & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Nestor “Jun” Tantamco, Robert “Bob” Duncan Sr., Patricia J. Merideth, Shirley Leong, Leslie Fountain, Irene Moyles, Brian Ching, Marcelino Esdicul Sr., Gloria Tolentino, Dorothea Suan Agustin, Benjamin B. Bae Sr, Charles Lam, Hipolito J. Agustin, Leonora C. Cabbab, Karen Ann Roark, Anthony Calistro, & Andres S. de Leon Jr.

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

Anointing of the Sick

Baptisms (Feb 16 & 23, March 22 & 29, April 19 & 26)

Baptism Preparation Classes: Feb 2, Mar 1 (No April Class) & May 3

Blessings (home, auto, religious items, etc...)

Funerals

Homebound Communion

Marriages (at least 6 months before wedding date)



The next Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will be held on *Friday, February 7*,
immediately after the 8 am Mass to 7:30 am
on *Saturday, February 8*.

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	JAN. 18 - JAN. 19
Sunday Collection	\$ 12,970.95
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 712.50
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 939.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 2,724.75
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	
RASKOB Foundation	\$ 25,000.00
Donation- Baptisms	\$ 250.00
Donation- Children's Collection	\$ 7.00
Donation- Youth/Young Adults	\$ 60.00
Donation- Charity	\$ 568.00
Donation- Social Ministry	\$ 30.00
Donation - Black & Indian Mission	\$ 2.00
Donation- Church in Latin America	\$ 72.00
Candle Sales	\$ 530.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 410.00
Weekend Total:	\$ 44,276.20
"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce." - Proverbs 3:9	

† FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS †

Karen Ann Roark (RIP)

Saturday, February 1, 2020 ~ Mililani Memorial-
Mauka Chapel

Visitation: 5:00 pm ~ Prayer Service: 6:00 pm

Anthony Leroy Calistro (RIP)

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 ~ Mililani Memorial-
Mauka Chapel

Visitation: 9:00 am ~ Prayer Service: 11:00 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Andres Solinco de Leon Jr. (RIP)

Saturday, February 5, 2020 ~ Mililani Memorial-
Makai Chapel

Visitation: 9:00 am ~ Prayer Service: 11:00 am

Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Respect Life: Thank you for your participation at the annual Hawaii March for Life. Over 1300 persons stood up for the protection of all human from conception to natural death. and were witnesses to the gospel of LIFE. Thank you also to all the youth who participated in the respect life poster contest. Continue to live your faith and "Raise Your Voice" for those who are vulnerable and voiceless!

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide praying the annual 9 Days for Life novena, January 21-29.

Sign up today at www.9daysforlife.com!

ONE COMMUNITY CENTER MEMORIAL TILES:

Honor a living loved one or celebrate a life by purchasing a personalized, etched tile, which will be placed on the One Community Center outside wall.

Order forms are available at the entrance of the Church and at the Parish Office.

Tile is \$1000 (\$850 is tax deductible), 8" x 8" -
6 lines of text (20 characters per line.)

There are 40 tiles will be available to fill on a first come, first served basis so don't miss out on recognizing someone you love!

Tiles must be purchased by Feb 16th.

A Fallen Soldier
JACK JOHNSON
US ARMY
1956-2018

What we have is
our gift
from God
What we do is our
gift to God

With
gratitude for
blessings
received.
My 'Ohana



PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

The Collection for the Church in Latin America - This weekend, we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain and a shortage of ministries. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america/collection. 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.”

The Black and Indian Mission Collection exists to help diocesan communities to build up the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground. 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.

The Hui O Laulima Food Trolley will be out next weekend. There is a need for non-perishable, single-sized serving foods: cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, jam, fruit, ramen, rice (5 lb bags), canned goods (meats, sauces, soups, pasta, veggies, beans, fruit), mac & cheese, etc. Thank you for your continued support and Kokua.

Old Blessed Palms NEEDED For Ash Wednesday! Please drop off your old palms, January 27th thru February 16th, in the box provided at the entrance of the church.

SAVE THE DATE!! Bishop Larry Silva will be presiding at the 5pm Mass on Saturday, February 8th with a Marriage Convalidation Ceremony.

SAVE THE DATE:

SJAE is thrilled to welcome **Fr. Ricky Manalo** back! Fr. Ricky will be our Lenten speaker. Presentation will be on **Thursday, February 6th, 7:00 pm -9:00 pm, in the One Community Center.** His topic is: **“The Heart of the Christian Year: How Lent and Easter Came to be.”** Mark your calendar – get your Lent started right! Sat. Feb 8 - Fr. Ricky Manalo (Faith Formation/Liturgy): 9am – 12pm: All Liturgical Ministers, **“Liturgy and Liminality: Crossing Thresholds, Becoming Transformed.”** 12:30 – 3:30 pm: All Liturgical Musicians, **“Sing to the Lord a New Song.”**
Fr. Ricky Manalo is a Paulist Priest, a wonderful & accomplished composer, pastoral musician, theologian & presenter.



A Town Hall Meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb 26 at 10 am - 12 pm in the One Community Center. Topics: Finance, Facilities, CARA Survey/ 5 year plan. Come and find out what’s happening at SJAE.

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. https://www.malwarebytes.com/scam-call/?utm_source=double-opt-in&utm_medium=email-internal-b2c&utm_campaign=EM-B2C-2019-July1-newsletter&utm_content=scam-call

PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE: Grandpa didn’t have a will, but Grandma does. She had to settle Grandpa’s estate without one, and she now knows how important a will really is. Do you have a will? Please remember **St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church** in planning your will.

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THIS WEEK: JAN 27 – FEB 2

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)
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)
3 pm– Cenacle Prayer (CH)
6:30 pm- Faith Formation Mtg (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*
9 am- Alea Bridge (OCC Conf)
6 pm- OLPH (CH)
7 pm- RCIA Session #21 “CREED” (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)
9 am- Church Cleaning (Group 1)
6 pm- 11 am Choir practice (CH)
7 pm- Stewardship Council (Conf rm)
Friday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
9 am- Church Cleaning- Environment (CH)
9 am- Alea Bridge (OCC Conf Rm)
4 pm - Two Hearts (CH)
Saturday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group
9 am- Catholic Women’s Bible Study (Rm 2)
9:15 am- Liturgical Movement Ministry (Rm 4)
9:30 am- WG General Membership (CH)
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)
4 pm: 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)