

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Deacon Romeo Ganibe

Today, we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. What is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord about? In the time of Jesus after the birth of a male child, a woman was expected to go to the temple on the fortieth day and be purified. We see Mary doing that very thing in today's Gospel passage.

Additionally, something else important is also taking place in the Gospel story, the offering of Jesus --- a first-born male --- to God. For the Jewish people, a first-born male had an exalted position in the family. A first-born male was considered the "best", the "most important", the "treasure" of a family.

That's probably the reason why Jewish law required that a first-born male be offered to God. It was kind of a way of saying to God that a person was willing to give God the very best he had to offer. For obvious reasons, Jewish law did not require that the first-born son actually be sacrificed. Rather, the parents could use a lamb (or turtledoves if they were poor) in place of the son.

What a beautiful and profound idea this feast presents to us this day, as we take time to reflect on our own discipleship --- our own commitment to the Lord. *And when I think about today's Gospel passage, I find myself asking two questions. First, "To what degree have I given myself to God?" In truth, I most certainly only offer to God a part of me (on some days, a bigger part). Too often I follow Jesus tentatively, occasionally, with one eye focused on my own wants and needs.*

The second question that comes to mind is, "What exactly does it mean to offer ourselves completely to God?" For me, the answer to this question begins with one particular truth --- that our lives are not our own. We belong to God. We are his. In God is where our true home resides.

And what is the consequence of giving ourselves to God? What can we expect when Jesus is our focus, our light, the one on whom we keep our eyes at all times? Simeon, from today's Gospel can speak for all of us. **"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, . . ."** Peace. The kind of peace that only God can give. And so, let's offer ourselves completely to God and begin experiencing life in the beautiful, meaningful, joyful, peaceful way he intends.

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!

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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Pastor’s Corner

The Enthronement of the Word of God in the Family



This Sunday’s bulletin contains a suggested form of the enthronement of the Word of God (the Bible) in your homes. The purpose of the enthronement is the centrality of the Word of God in our lives. By placing the Sacred Scriptures in a prominent place decorated with flowers and art, and by

gathering at this spot for daily prayer, families show that God is present and active through his Word.

Enthroning the Bible in your home is easy to do. Simply pick a place where the Bible can be honored. The Bible should be placed where it will be seen regularly but removed from the noise and confusion of the family entertainment center. Place the Bible, opened to a favorite passage or the readings of the day, on a table or shelf. Decorate the area around the Bible with a cloth, flowers, and/or a candle—whatever makes sense to you. Use the format enclosed in the bulletin this Sunday. And gather as a family to enthrone the Bible.

When possible, the enthronement may start outside the main door to the house or the main entrance to the room. One member of the family holds the Bible, raised slightly. The father, mother, or other leader begins the celebration with the Opening Litany.

Next Sunday's bulletin will feature on what editions and versions of the Bible Catholics can use. Stay tuned.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

Health Tip from our Parish Health Ministry

“ Habits are not a finish line to be crossed but a lifestyle to be lived.” -
James Clear, author of Atomic Habits.

Did you know that the small decisions and actions you perform everyday have a powerful impact on your health and wellness? As we welcome a New Year with a prayer of gratitude, let us also pray for the discipline to exercise regularly, fuel our bodies with healthy foods, and sleep 8 – 9 hours everyday, so we have energy to give the best version of ourselves to all those we come across.

“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 9, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7 - 10

The opening words: “thus says the Lord” inform us that it is the Lord who speaks. The passage outlines the kind of behavior required if one is to enjoy blessings promised through the covenant. It lists ethical norms rather than practices. The blessings that follow such a life are described in terms of light that will “break forth like the dawn.” The ethical norms have to do with right relationship with those in need. The blessings that follow this kind of selfless living suggest some form of deliverance.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 112:4 - 5, 6 - 7, 8 - 9

Psalm 112 is one of instruction rather than of praise to God. A close look reveals that the psalm belongs to the wisdom type of psalms, hence the response: “ The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1 - 5

In this passage, Paul continues the theme of lowliness that he started previously by applying this virtue to himself in his ministry. Thus he chose to know nothing more “except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.” His knowledge of Jesus Christ crucified is more important than human wisdom in the proclamation of the gospel because of its seemingly weakness and foolishness.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13 - 16

In this Gospel passage, Jesus has already started the Sermon on the Mountain. He uses two metaphors to characterize discipleship: salt and light. Salt is not only essential to life itself, it is also valuable for preserving, seasoning and purifying food. However, if salt loses its saltiness, it becomes useless. Similarly, disciples become ineffective and useless when they lose their ability to witness and influence the world around them. Jesus tells the disciples that they are the light of the world. Disciples are to be like a beacon on a mountain top and like a lamp on lamp stand. As such disciples are to shine forth in the darkness by their way of living. That witness will declare to the world that the reign of God is established; that the age of fulfilment is already here.

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Monday, February 3, 2020
(8 am) †Paulina Wong
†Maximo Fernandez
(Death Anniversary)
†Aurora C. Carruthers

Tuesday, February 4, 2020
(8 am) †Hazel R. Lee
†David J. Santiago Jr.

Wednesday, February 5, 2020
(8 am) †Genaro Zuazo
(2nd Death Anniversary)
†Dorothea Suan Agustin
(Birthday Memorial)
†Pedro E. Corpuz
(Birthday Memorial)

Thursday, February 6, 2020
(8 am) †Stanley Miranda
Cindy Abernathy

Friday, February 7, 2020
(8 am) †Feliciano Dona
Guerrero Family
(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Saturday, February 8, 2020
(8 am) †M/M Higinio Villegas
(Death Anniversary)
M/M Henry DeCosta
(Anniversary Blessings)
5 pm †Benjamin B. Bae

Sunday, February 9, 2020
7am Allen Baytes
(Birthday Blessing)
9 am *For the People*
11 am †Edward Roccia
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: Mar 8 (No April Class) & May 3
Blessings (home, auto, religious items, etc...)
Funerals
Homebound Communion
Marriages (at least 6 months before wedding date)

 **Women's Guild Valentine Cookies**
Friday, Feb. 14, 2020 at 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on the Church Lanai to wrap. Please donate cookies to share love with the Women's Shelter and the Veterans Shelter.

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. 25 - JAN. 26
Sunday Collection	\$ 13,150.14
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,029.20
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 847.75
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 5,984.31
Donation- Funerals	\$ 300.00
Donation- Marriage	\$ 50.00
Donation- Children's Collection	\$ 7.00
Donation- Stewardship	\$ 95.00
Donation- Charity	\$ 23.00
Donation- Church in Latin America	\$ 1,560.00
Candle Sales	\$ 591.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 140.00
Weekend Total:	\$ 24,777.40
"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce." - Proverbs 3:9	

†FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS †
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

SJ Facilities Ministry
" We are looking for a few good parishioners...." Searching for parishioners with some expertise or experience in the various aspects of maintaining our parish buildings and grounds, such as electricity, plumbing, carpentry, air conditioning, landscaping, painting, etc. If you would like to share your talents in keeping our parish beautiful and in great condition, please call Dennis Tulang (497-4360) or our parish office (623-3332).

Catholics Returning Home: A six week program welcoming our non-practicing Catholics back to church. Our faith community misses you and is incomplete without you. No matter how long you have been away, or for whatever reason. We invite you to consider renewing your relationship with Christ and the Catholic Church. **Next series will begin on Tuesday February 4, 2020, 6:30 pm—8:00 pm, in classroom 4.**
For more details, please contact your CRH Team at 623-3332.

Liturgical Ministers & Musicians Workshops
Presenter Fr. Ricky Manalo is on Sat. Feb. 8 in the Church
9am–12pm: All Liturgical Ministers, **"Liturgy & Liminality: Crossing Thresholds, Becoming Transformed."**
12:30–3:30 pm: All Liturgical Musicians, **"Sing to the Lord a New Song."**

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 16.

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 - Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America! As a parish, we collected \$ **1,632.00**, which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so they in turn can share the Good News with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/latin-america/collection. Your gift makes a difference! 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.

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.

Our Lenten presentation this year will be on **Thursday, February 6th, 7-8:30 p.m. in the One Community Center.** **Fr. Ricky Manalo** will be the guest speaker. In his words, "The Lenten and Easter seasons will soon be upon us – the heart and soul of the entire Christian year! Join us as we renew our faith and prepare ourselves to enter into the great 90 days of fasting, feasting, and celebration!"



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.

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

Augustine Educational Foundation (AEF) - Our parish will participate in the annual AEF collection, February 8/9. We kindly ask for your assistance in making Catholic Education more affordable for Hawaii families. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Drop your donation during offertory or donate online through their website: www.augustinefoundation.org. Thank you for your continued support the AEF's *Make a Student Smile— Give the Gift of Education Campaign* by making a gift!



A Town Hall Meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb 29 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.

PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE: Your gifts to your church are a testimony to your faith and the confidence you have in your church. Both lifetime gifts and testamentary (those that are given through your will) express your feelings in a meaningful way.

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

THIS WEEK: FEB 3 – FEB 9

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 (Rm 4)
6 pm- OLPH (CH)
7 pm- RCIA Session #21 "CREED" (OCC)
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 5)
6 pm- Marriage Validation Rehearsal (CH)
7 pm- Lenten Presentation- Fr. Ricky (OCC)
Friday— 7:30 am— Rosary
8 am— *Daily Mass*
8:30 am- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (CH)
9 am- Church Cleaning- Environment (CH)
9 am- Alea Bridge (Rm 4)
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 am- Liturgical Ministry Wkshp (CH)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)
5 pm- Marriage Convalidation Ceremony (CH)
PHM: Blood Pressure Screening (CH Lanai)
Sunday— **Masses**
7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm
Religious Education "B" Schedule
PHM: Blood Pressure Screening
10 am: RCIA Dismissal (conf rm)
4 pm: 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)