

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 15/16, 2020



ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Deacon Romeo Ganibe

We have the words of Jesus in today's Gospel passage from Matthew. Jesus seems to have known that people in his time had the same problem, the same weakness that we seem to have in this day and age. The Jewish people of Jesus' time knew the laws well, especially those we call the Ten Commandments today. And yet, many were trying to live them out in the narrowest way possible, in a way that demanded very little from them.

And, so he expands the meaning of each of them for his listeners. He broadens their scope to include things his followers may not have ever even thought of. In other words, he wants them to live out these sacred laws in their fullest sense, not their narrowest. And he wants the exact same from us —to follow the sacred laws to the fullest.

And, our loving God does this not to make our lives difficult. He does this not to set us up for failure. He does this not to put obstacles in our paths, or to cause us heartache, or to limit our freedom. Rather, he does so to enable us and encourage us to start living the life he calls us to, the life he created us to live, a life of great joy and meaning and peace ---- that is, a life of tremendous freedom --- one free of selfishness and self-centeredness --- in other words, free from the chains of sin.

Four times in the Gospel Jesus says these or similar words: You have heard that it was said . . . But I say to you . . . " How easy it is for us to do just the minimum! Jesus invites us to rethink our relationship with others, now on his terms. We are to act with the same loving kindness as God has acted toward us. We must say and mean yes often — a yes that is a choice for life and goodness.

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

<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 4PM
<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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Importance of Reading the Bible

As Catholics, we need to take more seriously the importance of reading the Bible in our personal lives, our family life, and Church worship life. St. Jerome was absolutely right when he said, “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!”

Meeting members of the Catholic Biblical Federation, Pope Francis said in 2019, “To be able to proclaim the word of truth, we ourselves must have had the experience of the Word: we must have listened, contemplated, almost touched it with our own hands”, writes the Holy Father in the discourse he handed to those present.

The Second Vatican II suggested, that we venerate, read, listen, proclaim, preach, study and spread the Word of God. Just as the Church lives to proclaim the Word of God daily through the help of the Holy Spirit, so we have members live by the same Holy Spirit; inspired by the same Spirit as we read the Scriptures and are nourished by the Word of God through the same Spirit of Jesus Christ, whom we encounter in the Scriptures by the help of the same Spirit.

Hence, the best way to read the Bible is under the cover of the Holy Spirit, that is to say, prayerfully, with deep trust and faith, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide you, nourish you and enlighten you.

Exhorting us all to read the Bible, the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) said, that Scripture, is “food for the soul.” (Dei Verbum, # 21 – Word of God). Listening only to the Sunday Readings without any Bible reading during the week would be like a person who eats only on Sundays and starves during the week! Imagine that! Who eats just once a week? To survive and thrive, we need daily nourishment. We can have a steady diet of Scripture by attending Mass daily and additionally by praying the liturgy of the hours or reading Scripture in daily prayer. We can also use an audio Bible on our cell phone or an audio CD in our car as we drive. But we need to be consistent in our Bible reading once we start.

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 23, 2020

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: [Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18](#)

These four verses address the command of love as a precondition for being holy as expressed in the first two verses. The Christian is called to be holy as God is holy. The contrast between love and hate has to be understood from this perspective. God is by nature holy and by nature goodness itself. The point of the reading is that in order to be holy, we have to refrain from nursing hatred in our hearts. The law of love forbids us from engaging in any form of vengeance and to love others as we love ourselves.

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13](#)

Psalm 112 begins with a call to bless the Lord. This is a call to praise and thank God for blessings already received. The reason for blessing and thanking God is God’s willingness to pardon, to heal and to save. It is in this context that we respond: “The Lord is kind and merciful.”

Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 3:16-23](#)

The second reading consists of three themes: 1) the Christian community of Corinth as a temple of God; 2) contrast between the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world; and 3) Paul’s caution on boasting. Paul uses a rhetorical style of arguing his teaching. “Do you not know that you are the temple of God....Let no one deceive himself...So let no one boast about human beings.” The themes in this passage are clearly related to the theme of holiness in the first reading.

Gospel: [Matthew 5:38-48](#)

In the Gospel passage, Jesus draws a sharp contrast between his interpretation of the religious moral code and the new understanding his disciples are expected to embrace. “You have heard it said.... But I say to you...! Jesus teaches that the ancient moral codes of revenge and vengeance cannot be practiced by his disciples. Thus “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth” is unchristian. His followers have to over no resistance; they have to “turn the other cheek;” they are to love their enemies and pray for those who persecute them. He concludes the teaching by exhorting his followers: “So be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.” In other words, the difficult demands his followers will encounter are pathways to perfection and holiness. That approach to relating with others has led many to heroic virtues. It is a difficult path to sainthood.

Follow Msgr. John’s Homilies! Blog
(text): www.sundayhomily.com
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<https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda>



Monday, February 17, 2020
(8 am) †Paulina Wong
†Violetta Solis
†Edward Roccia

Tuesday, February 18, 2020
(8 am) †Hak Soon Mercado
Simeon Lamanilao
(Birthday Blessing)
Spencer Taylor (Birthday Blessing)

Wednesday, February 19, 2020
(8 am) †Sharon Coelho Basmayor
George Glyn Dona
(Birthday Blessing)
†Eddie Alfabeo

Thursday, February 20, 2020
(8 am) †Renelyn Manuyag
(First Death Anniversary)
†Jun Tantamco

Nimit Howcumfu (Birthday Blessing)

Friday, February 21, 2020
(8 am) †Rosalinda Aglananao
†Danielle Fernandez
(Death Anniversary)
†Josefina E. Ordillas
(Death Anniversary)

Saturday, February 22, 2020
(8 am) Ira E. Ordillas (Healing)
†Antonio C. Aguon

Nimit Howcumfu (Birthday Blessing)

5 pm †Marie Coleman

Sunday, February 23, 2020
7am †Antonio C. Aguon

9 am For the People
11 am †Cesario Candia &
†Obdulia Borja

6 pm †Lorraine F. Gomes

†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: 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., Marie Coleman, Florence Lindsey & Antonio C. Aguon.

Please contact the parish office to set up an appointment & coordination for the following:
Anointing of the Sick
Baptisms (Feb 23, March 22 & 29, Apr 19 & 26, May 17 & 24)
Baptism Preparation Classes: Feb 2, Mar 8 (No April Class) & May 3
Blessings (home, auto, religious items, etc...)
Funerals
Homebound Communion
Marriages (at least 6 months before wedding date)

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.

Augustine Educational Foundation (AEF)- Mahalo nui loa to our parish and parishioners from the Augustine Educational Foundation for your generous and continued support of the Make a Student Smile—Give the Gift of Education Campaign 2020 AEF collection. Your support makes a difference in hundreds of student's lives! For more, visit their website at www.augustinefoundation.org.

†Funeral Announcements†

Benjamin Bella Bae (RIP)
Thursday, February 20, 2020 ~ St. John's A&E, Mililani
Visitation: 9:30 am ~ Mass: 11:00 am
Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Nellie A. Tomas (RIP)
Sunday, February 23, 2020 ~ Mililani Memorial Park-
Mauka Chapel
Visitation: 5:00 pm ~ Prayer Service: 6:00 pm
Monday, February 24, 2020 ~ Mililani Memorial Park-
Mauka Chapel
Visitation: 9:00 am ~ Wake Service: 10:00 am
Burial: 11:00 am ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Cirila Rulloda Lobusta (RIP)
Tuesday, February 25, 2020 ~ St. John's A&E, Mililani
Visitation: 9:00 am ~ Mass: 10:00 am
Burial: 1:00 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park



St John 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).

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	FEB. 8 - FEB. 9
Sunday Collection	\$ 15,288.93
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,107.10
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 1,403.50
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 7,627.06
Donation-Marriage	\$ 300.00
Donation- Children's Collection	\$ 2.00
Donation- Youth/Young Adults	\$ 60.00
Donation- Charity	\$ 11.00
Donation- Social Ministry	\$ 20.00
Donation - Stewardship	\$ 114.00
Donation— Augustine Education Fund	\$ 1,318.00
Candle Sales	\$ 765.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 180.00
Weekend Total:	\$ 29,196.59
“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce.” - Proverbs 3:9	

Parish Health Ministry Health Tip

HEART DISEASE: STRATEGIC PREVENTION



Heart Disease is the leading cause of death in the country. Heart Disease includes vessel disease causing blood clots damaging the heart muscles which can happen during a heart attack. Coronary heart disease is a damage of the major blood vessels causing narrowing of the blood vessel feeding the heart.

There are many ways you can do to prevent or reduce your risk of developing heart disease as follows:

1. Eat a heart healthy diet	6. Keep your diabetes under control
2. Be more physically fit	7. Get good quality sleep
3. Maintain a healthy weight	8. Manage Stress
4. Give up smoking	9. Reduce your alcohol consumption
5. Keep your blood pressure under control	10. Get regular health screening



PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 17, in observance of President’s Day.

From our **PARISH SURVEY RESULTS:** We know that half of our parishioners are 60 years of age or younger. Parishioners 35-64 are 49% of the parish, over 65 years of age are 40% and 16-34 are 11%. All survey results will be briefed at the upcoming **Town Hall on Saturday, February 29th, 10 am—12 pm in the OCC.** Be there to learn more about our parish.

The next **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will be held on Friday, March 6, immediately after the 8am Mass to 6pm and will resume at 8pm (after the Stations of the Cross) to 7:30am on Saturday, March 7.

2020 Lent and Easter Parish Events:
Ash Wednesday , Feb 26: Masses at 8am, 5pm, 7pm
Stations of the Cross , Feb 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 & 10, 7pm Frugal Meal sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and other parish ministries after Stations of the Cross.
Lenten Penance Service: Wednesday, March 25, 7pm
Holy Thursday , April 9—(No 8am Daily Mass) Morning Prayers— 8am Mass of the Lord’s Supper , 7pm Adoration after Mass until 12 midnight
Good Friday , April 10 (No 8am Daily Mass) Morning Prayers— 8am Stations of the Cross , 3pm Passion of the Lord , 3:30pm
Holy Saturday , April 11 (No 8am Daily Mass) Morning Prayers— 8am No Confession Easter Vigil , 7pm— Easter Sunday , April 12 Masses at 7am, 9am, & 11am. No evening Mass
FASTING: In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday (February 26, 2020) and Good Friday (April 10, 2020). To fast means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (excepting water and medicine) is not permitted on fast days.
ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT: Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday. To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE: Have circumstances changed since you last updated 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: FEB 17 – FEB 23

Monday— Parish office closed Holiday – President’s Day
7:30 am—Rosary
8 am- *Daily Mass*
8:45 am— Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
6:30 pm— PPBC (OCC conf rm)
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- Church Cleaning- Environment (CH)
9:30 am- Women’s Bible Study (CH)
3 pm— Cenacle Prayer Group (CH)
6:30 pm— Catholics Returning Home (Rm 4)
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 6)
6 pm- OLPH (CH)
6:30 pm— Triduum Meeting (OCC Conf Rm)
7 pm- RCIA Session #24 “Lent Overview” (OCC Hall)
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)
Friday— 7:30 am— Rosary
8 am— *Daily Mass*
9 am- Church Cleaning- Environment (CH)
9 am- Alea Bridge (Rm 6)
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
9 am— RCIA Children’s Retreat (CH & Lanai)
9:15 am— Liturgical Movement Ministry (Rm 4)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)
Sunday— **Masses**
7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm
Religious Education “B” Schedule
RCIA Dismissal (conf rm)
12:30 pm— Baptism Ceremony (CH)
4 pm: 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)

Visual Introduction to Catholic Books of the Bible

The Bible is not a book, it is not one book but a unified library of 73 books that includes 46 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament. The graphic below helps to visualize and navigate the bible as you read. This graphic is the full Catholic Bible. The list of the accepted books is called the "Canon of Scripture." The word canon means that these books met the standard and criteria set up by the early Church to consider them divinely inspired. Among the primary criteria that were written by the Apostle. Upon those criteria, the Council of Rome in 382 AD, that commissioned St. Jerome to translate those books into the Vulgate Version. He finished the translation in 405 AD.



RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT: The weekend of February 21—23, 2020, Rachel's Vineyard is for anyone who has experienced emotional/spiritual pain after an abortion... women and men of all faiths are invited to begin the healing process. Call Lisa Shorba (808) 349-5071 or email: RVinHawaii@gmail.com. More info at: www.rachelsvineyard.org. Suggested donation: \$150/person (covers room/meals/materials). Confidential/safe place to connect with others and process your experience. Space is limited. Need-based scholarships are available. A Ministry of the Respect Life Office of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hawaii.

Respect Life: The spring 40 Days for Life Campaign of prayer, fasting, and outreach to protect all innocent life extends from February 26 to April 5, 2020. Community outreach includes group prayers and physical presence on the public sidewalks at the facility, located at 839 S. Beretania St., Honolulu, HI. There will be an opening rally at the site on 2/29/2020 from 9am to noon at the site. The closing Candlelight Vigil is scheduled for Saturday, March 21 from 7—8 pm. All are invited to participate. You may sign up to reserve a time on-line at: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu>. Each parish ministry is encouraged to select one day and time for members to participate together as a group. Contact Mary Smart's cell: (808) 741-2358 for more information.

ATTENTION WOMEN OF ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH! The Women's ACTS retreat is coming to the St. Anthony Retreat Center, Kalihi Valley. This exceptional retreat includes Catholic services, relevant spiritual talks, prayer & interaction with like-minded fellow Christian women. This retreat can positively impact your personal, spiritual journey! **The retreat, conducted by the Hawaii ACTS Ministry, begins after work on Thursday, May the 14th and concludes on Sunday morning, May 17th.** The retreat includes 3 night's lodging, and transportation to and from the retreat center. Please contact Marie Aldover (808) 222-6851 or Judy Brase! (808) 381-2063 for additional information.

Fr. Ricky Manalo's Presentations:

Wednesday, Feb 6, 2020- The Heart of the Christian Year: Lent & Easter: https://prezi.com/esjr5a7gq7sq/1-the-heart-of-the-christian-year-lent-easter-mililani-2020/?utm_campaign=share&token=cdb4e401cecb924d451e610d7b0faf0936ff8f7bc6e517db8dbfb3dbcf54b963&utm_medium=copy+

Saturday Morning, Feb 8, 2020- Liturgy and Liminality: https://prezi.com/0ckn3b0dbzm6/2-liturgy-and-liminality-mililani-2020/?utm_campaign=share&token=231761e8be99b0bade4a967226eb4a7fbcd7b95d98f073d46c876d1c6ac45500&utm_medium=copy

Saturday Afternoon, Feb 8, 2020: Sing to the Lord: https://prezi.com/aa4qr8liwvn/3-sing-to-the-lord-mililani-2020/?utm_campaign=share&token=9d8e53a9a678554042615a7999e35dc8f79d25b5dbdf341e18c53552e29d091d&utm_medium=copy