

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 8/9, 2020



## ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

#### SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa

##### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Today's gospel speaks of the practical implications of being followers of Jesus Christ. Jesus uses simple images that would be easily understood by his Palestinian followers. "You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world." His listeners knew how essential salt was in those days. In fact, people traded in salt as they traded in silver and gold. Salt was essential to flavor and preserve food. Its absence in food was immediately noticeable. Light too played an essential function of enlightening, guiding, and making ordinary tasks possible.

In these familiar words, Jesus reminds his disciples that they are to live in such a way as to have an impact on the world around them. Jesus is clear. Just as salt is worthless if it loses its saltiness and light is useless if it is kept under covers, so the Christian life is meaningless unless faith is witnessed in love and concern for others.

Shedding light and witnessing the light not only makes people see things clearly but it also puts our own life under the spotlight. But we aren't to be "salt" and "light" so that others will think highly of us. Rather we are to be salt and light so that people "may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly father." So, Jesus sends us out as stewards of God's love. Our lives have to impact others and lead them to God.

Being "light" and "salt" requires some concrete and specific actions, not just good thoughts. In the first reading from Isaiah, the prophet speaks plainly about what is expected of the true steward. Isaiah exhorts the people to "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light will shine forth like the dawn." It is by such actions that genuine worship gives glory to God.

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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.**

##### SJAE Mobile App

Download our **FREE** app with these easy steps through *Apple App Store* or *Google Play Store*:

• Search keywords: **ST. JOHN MILILANI**  
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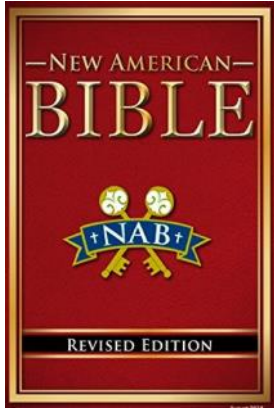
We look forward to connecting with you!

Pastor’s Corner

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

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Suggestions for choosing a Catholic Bible



Choosing a Catholic Bible can be a challenge because there are many different versions. You may wonder, what’s the difference between the versions? Which versions are approved by the Catholic Church? How do I choose the one that’s right for me? The first step in choosing a Bible is making sure you select a Catholic edition. The Catholic Bible consists of 46 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament. Catholic Bibles also include sections in the Books of Esther and Daniel that are missing in Protestant versions.

Once you’ve found a complete Catholic Bible with all the books from the Old and New Testaments, you have the option of choosing the style of translation that you find most useful. There are two types of translation styles: formal equivalent translation and dynamic equivalent. A formal equivalent translation (also called word-for-word translation) is a more literal version and reads as close as possible to the original (Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek) language. While extremely accurate, a word-for-word translation can be more difficult to read. In contrast, a dynamic equivalent translation conveys the overall meaning and message of the original but is in a more readable version. The choice is based on personal preference. You also have the option of choosing Bibles that have notes, annotations, maps, timelines, and dictionaries to help enrich your reading experience.

Two examples of popular Catholic versions are the New American Bible, revised edition (NABRE) and the Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition (RSV-CE) Released in 2011, the New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE) includes a newly revised translation of the entire Old Testament along with the 1986 Edition of the New Testament. This edition took nearly 20 years of work by a group of about 100 scholars and theologians. This is the version we use at every Mass for the Liturgy of the Word.

The Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition Bible (RSV-CE) is an example of an equivalent translation or a word-for-word translation. It gives an accurate reading of the Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek original text and is a strong choice for anyone interested in serious Bible study.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

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But note how generous our God is to us when we do these things. *“Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer... Then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.”* The more we give ourselves away the more we will find ourselves, and “light shall rise” for us in the form of more of God’s grace in our lives and more joy and peace in our hearts. This is the beauty of a stewardship way of life.

*“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 16, 2020

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

The Book of Sirach is a collection of proverbial teachings. Its teachings are based on a spirituality of wisdom and right living that bring happiness and blessings, while foolishness and depraved living result in misfortune and punishment. This passage addresses human freedom and human choice. The choices mentioned are paired into two extremes: fire and water, life and death, good and evil. The passage deals with the life-giving realities and those that are death-dealing in the context of human freedom and human choices. Those who fear the Lord choose life, the good and thus remain faithful.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119:1-2,4-5,17-8,33-34

Psalm 112 is both instructional and a prayer. The response comes from the opening verse in the form of beatitude: “Blessed are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.” The teaching is that the way of blamelessness is adherence to the law of the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

In this passage, Paul reflects a Jewish perspective on the revelation that had been kept hidden from the rulers of this age waiting to be revealed (Greek= ἀποκάλυψις, 'apokalupsis). Paul teaches that God’s revelation does not come through some mystery rite of the pagan Greek Corinthians. Rather, revelation comes from God’s wisdom which He “predetermined before the ages for our glory,” and which “God has prepared for those who love Him.”

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

The Gospel reading is a continuation of the Sermon on the Mountain. We note the gravity of Jesus’ words from the introduction of his teaching: “Amen, I say to you,” which stresses the truth of what he is teaching. The contrast Jesus sets up is not between himself and the Law, but between his interpretation of the Law and that of the Scribes and the Pharisees. Jesus also uses the formula: You have heard it said....but I say to you. Thus his interpretation is radical. He demands much more than mere external conformity to the Law. The Law forbids murder, but Jesus now forbids anger and even insult. The Law forbids adultery, but now Jesus forbids lustful desires. All four examples in the passage indicate the radical nature of Jesus’ reinterpretation of the Law.

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Monday, February 10, 2020  
(8 am) †Paulina Wong

Chloe Fonacier  
(Birthday Blessing)  
The Rodriguez Family (Healing)

Tuesday, February 11, 2020  
(8 am) †Andres S. de Leon Jr.

†Anthony L. Calistro  
Chanel & Ernesto Perlas Jr.  
(Blessings/ Thanksgiving)

Wednesday, February 12, 2020  
(8 am) †Josefa Herrera

†Lina Ceres  
†Frank Borja

Thursday, February 13, 2020  
(8 am) †Stanley Miranda

†Edward Roccia  
Henry DeCosta  
(Birthday Blessing)

Friday, February 14, 2020  
(8 am) †Federico G. Badua

†Violet G. Porras  
(Birthday Memorial)  
Pilar San Jose-Stark (Blessings)

Saturday, February 15, 2020  
(8 am) Chiquita Allen

(Thanksgiving)

5 pm †Marie Coleman

Sunday, February 16, 2020  
7am †Irene Quinones Morales

9 am For the People

11 am †Eric Umetsu

†James & Mildred Mizoguchi  
6 pm †M/M Francisco Dulay Sr.  
(Death Anniversary)

†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. and Marie Coleman.

**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, Apr 19 & 26)  
**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)

**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).

**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](http://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                                                                   | FEB. 1 - FEB. 2     |
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| <b>Sunday Collection</b>                                                                  | <b>\$ 13,142.02</b> |
| Online Donation (WeShare)                                                                 | <b>\$ 2,244.85</b>  |
| <b>Building, Equipment, &amp; Maintenance (BEM)</b>                                       | <b>\$ 1,011.25</b>  |
| <b>OCC Capital Campaign</b> (Non Assessed)                                                | <b>\$ 4,374.45</b>  |
| <b>OCC Capital Campaign</b> (Non Assessed)                                                |                     |
| <b>Atherton Foundation</b>                                                                | <b>\$ 25,000.00</b> |
| <b>Donation-Funeral</b>                                                                   | <b>\$ 300.00</b>    |
| <b>Donation-</b> Children’s Collection                                                    | <b>\$ 6.00</b>      |
| <b>Donation-</b> Youth/Young Adults                                                       | <b>\$ 30.00</b>     |
| <b>Donation-</b> Charity                                                                  | <b>\$ 12.00</b>     |
| <b>Donation-</b> Social Ministry                                                          | <b>\$ 38.00</b>     |
| <b>Donation</b> - Black & Indian Mission                                                  | <b>\$ 91.00</b>     |
| <b>Donation-</b> Church in Latin America                                                  | <b>\$ 100.54</b>    |
| <b>Donation-</b> Peter’s Pence                                                            | <b>\$ 7.50</b>      |
| <b>Candle Sales</b>                                                                       | <b>\$ 542.00</b>    |
| <b>Mass Intentions</b>                                                                    | <b>\$ 100.00</b>    |
| <b>Weekend Total:</b>                                                                     | <b>\$ 46,999.61</b> |
| <b>“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce.” - Proverbs 3:9</b> |                     |

**†Funeral Announcements †**  
**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  
**Beatrice Ramos (RIP)**  
Thursday, February 13, 2020  
Burial: 10:30 am ~ Diamond Head Memorial Park

**PARISH SURVEY:** Our Parish Life Survey results are back! **MAHALO** to the 826 parishioners who completed the survey. Results will be briefed at the upcoming Town Hall on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the OCC. Be there to learn just which of our Masses has the happiest and most satisfied parishioners!

 **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 Brasel (808) 381-2063 for additional information.

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| <b>2020 Lent and Easter Parish Events:</b>                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Ash Wednesday</b> , Feb 26: Masses at 8am, 5pm, 7pm                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Stations of the Cross</b> , Feb 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 & 10, 7pm<br>Frugal Meal sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and other parish ministries after Stations of the Cross.                      |
| <b>Lenten Penance Service:</b> Wednesday, March 25, 7pm                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Holy Thursday</b> , April 9—(No 8am Daily Mass)<br>Morning Prayers— 8am<br><b>Mass of the Lord’s Supper</b> , 7pm<br><b>Adoration after Mass until 12 midnight</b>                                           |
| <b>Good Friday</b> , April 10 (No 8am Daily Mass) Morning Prayers— 8am<br><b>Stations of the Cross</b> , 3pm <b>Passion of the Lord</b> , 3:30pm                                                                |
| <b>Holy Saturday</b> , April 11 (No 8am Daily Mass)<br>Morning Prayers— 8am<br><b>No Confession</b><br><b>Easter Vigil</b> , 7pm— <b>Easter Sunday</b> , April 12<br>Masses at 7am, 9am, & 11am No evening Mass |



# PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Today our second collection will be for the Augustine Educational Foundation. With our generous support, The Augustine Educational Foundation provides tuition assistance to Hawaii families with financial needs to be able to send their children to Hawaii Catholic Schools, and also for grants for curriculum development. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Drop your donation during offertory or donate online through their website: [www.augustinefoundation.org](http://www.augustinefoundation.org). Thank you for your continued support!

**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 be “ Sharing Stories of Faith” on Tuesday, February 11, 2019, 6:30 pm—8:00 pm, in classroom 4.** For more details, please contact your Catholic Returning Home Team at 623-3332 or email: [sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org](mailto:sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org).



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

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

**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 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:** You can share your faith beyond your lifetime by careful estate planning that includes your church in your will. During your lifetime you will have the joy of knowing that whatever you do not use in this life will continue in ministry through your church after your death.

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

**THIS WEEK: FEB 10 – FEB 16**

**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 Group (CH)

6:30 pm– Catholics Returning Home (Rm 4)

7 pm– K of C (Rm 3)

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 #23

“Ecumenism” (OCC Conf Room)

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 4)

9 am– Women's Guild Cookie Prep (CH Lanai)

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– Church Cleaning (Group 4)

10 am– Rosary Making Ministry (CH Lanai)

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)