

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 22 / 23, 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

God's will for each one of us is holiness and perfection in the manner of our Heavenly Father. But what does it mean to be holy/perfect? Is it being Prayerful all the time? Is it being concerned only about Godly things? These are important but they should not be an end in themselves. These are only a means to attaining holiness, which is expressed in our actions.

It is in our relationship with others that we demonstrate our holiness in. The first reading tells us: "You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Jesus goes even deeper, telling us to love, not only our neighbors (our loved ones) but that we should love our enemies and pray for them.

But is it not foolishness to love those who hate us, who seek our downfall, and even wish that we were dead? In the eyes of the world yes, but not in the eyes of God. St. Paul writes: "If anyone among you thinks he is wise in this age, let him become a fool, that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is folly with God." (1Cor 3: 18-19)

The world teaches and practices vengeance, hating those who hate us and loving only those who love us. That is the wisdom of the world. But this is complete foolishness before God! God's wisdom teaches love of even enemies, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. These are the constituents of holiness in God and perfection in the manner of the heavenly Father.

But, how do we love an enemy? This is a difficult one, but it is not impossible to do. Essentially, love is an act of the will and not a feeling. So, we don't have to feel good about our enemies `but we do have to will good to them.' Jesus is our model. On the Cross he prayed for his executioners: "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they do." (Lk. 23:34)

The holiness and perfection which Jesus asks from everyone is not something unattainable. However, it does not in any way mean that we can attain holiness all by ourselves. Holiness is God's work primarily. All we have to do is to allow Him to work in our souls and correspond to His grace, day in and day out, through prayer, Sacraments, and sacrifice; and the daily struggle to uproot our defects.

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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Catholic Bible 101

So why does the Catholic Bible have 73 books, while some Protestant Bibles have only 66 books? Some protestants believe that the Catholic Church added 7 books to the Bible at the Council of Trent in response to Luther’s Reformation, but that couldn’t be further from the truth.

First, it is important to know that all Protestants are newcomers to the Bible! In about 367 AD, St. Athanasius came up with a list of 73 books for the Bible that he believed to be divinely inspired. This list was finally approved by Pope Damasus I in 382 AD, and was formally approved by the Church Council of Rome in that same year. Later Councils at Hippo (393 AD) and Carthage (397 AD) ratified this list of 73 books. In 405 AD, Pope Innocent I wrote a letter to the Bishop of Toulouse reaffirming this canon of 73 books. In 419 AD, the Council of Carthage reaffirmed this list, which Pope Boniface agreed to. The Council of Trent, in 1546, in response to the Reformation removing 7 books from the canon of scripture.

Second, you need to know your Church history. In the 16th century, a German Catholic Augustinian monk broke ranks with the Catholic Church and set out to oppose the Pope. His name was Martin Luther. To craft his arguments, he weeded out 7 books of the Old Testament that disagreed with his personal views of theology of grace and how one is saved.

Initially, Luther wanted to kick out some New Testament Books as well, including James, Hebrews, Jude, and Revelation. He actually said that he wanted to “throw Jimmy into the fire”, and that the book of James was “an epistle of straw.” What is strange is that Luther eventually accepted all 27 books of the New Testament that the Catholic Pope Damasus I had approved of in 382 AD, but didn’t accept his Old Testament list. This also explains why the King James version has 66 books, the first English translation of the Bible in 1611 AD, while the Catholic first translation of the Bible from the Greek and Aramaic was completed by St. Jerome in 403 AD. We are a Bible Church. The Bible is first and foremost Catholic.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

“Be generous and you will be prosperous; help others and you will be helped.” (Good News Translation) - Prov 11:25

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

Anointing of the Sick

Baptisms: March 22 & 29, Apr 19 & 26, May 17 & 24)

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)

Free workshop! Healthy Brain Aging and Dementia.

Presenter: Jody Mishan, Program Coordinator for Catholic Charities Hawaii Circle of Care for Dementia.

When: Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 10:00 am

Where: St John's One Community Center

Please register: Call (808) 623-3332 or <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/healthy-brain-workshop-tickets-94504329995>

Hosted by Parish Health Ministry

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 at 839 S. Beretania St., Hon., HI. There will be an opening rally at the site on Feb 29, 2020 from 9 am—noon. You may sign up to reserve a time online at: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu>. Contact Mary Smart's cell: (808) 741-2358 for more information.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	FEB. 15 - FEB. 16
Sunday Collection	\$ 12,347.66
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 598.50
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 803.75
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 899.75
OCC (Non Assessed) Donor Donation #4	\$ 250,000.00
Donation— Baptisms	\$ 120.00
Donation— Funerals	\$ 650.00
Donation— Blessings	\$ 100.00
Donation- Children's Collection	\$ 2.00
Donation- Charity	\$ 115.00
Donation- Social Ministry	\$ 10.00
Donation— Augustine Education Fund	\$ 86.00
Donation— Black & Indian Mission	\$ 15.00
Donation— Church in Latin America	\$ 15.00
Candle Sales	\$ 580.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 320.00
Weekend Total:	\$ 266,662.66
"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce." - Proverbs 3:9	

†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

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



Adult Faith Formation: Scripture

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE BIBLE?

WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR LENT THIS YEAR?

Fr. Joseph and Deacon Romeo will be presenting two sessions focusing on

Scripture: The Synoptic Gospels and the Gospel of Matthew.

THURSDAY, March 5th and 19th

7:00—8:30 P.M. IN THE ONE COMMUNITY CENTER

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.



WE ARE CALLED

Join our faith community— and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States— in a life changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.



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).

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The reading from the Book of Genesis, presents to us the familiar story of creation and fall of our first parents, Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. They had a choice to obey, but they chose to disobey; they had a choice between good and evil but chose evil. The basic thrust of the reading is that in the sin of Adam and Eve all humanity broke its relationship with the Creator through disobedience.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17

Psalm 51 is attributed to David. He composed and sung this psalm as a prayer of repentance after he had sinned by the adultery with Bathsheba and the murder of Uriah (see 2 Sam 11-12). David’s sinful act had been followed by a deceitful and violent cover-up, which reflects the pattern of the sin of our first parents in the first reading. Response: "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

This second reading is Paul’s interpretation of the sin of Adam and Eve. For Paul, the effect of the original sin was such that human beings could not break the hold of sin by their own efforts alone. Innocence lost could not be restored except by God’s intervention. By the sin of Adam, all became sinners and were alienated from God; by the righteousness of Jesus Christ, all are now considered righteous and are restored to a right relationship with God.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

The Gospel gives us an account of Jesus being led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. The temptations represent all possible obstacles to Jesus’ ministry. Matthew has a certain sequence of the three temptations. They move from small to greater heights: from stones on the ground level to the pinnacle of the temple in Jerusalem, and finally to a mountain top from where all the kingdoms of the earth can be surveyed. The progression is not only in terms of greater physical height but also greater intensity and scope. The first temptation has to do with Jesus’ own need for food. The second temptation involves a wider circle in Jerusalem and the temple. The third temptation takes in the whole world.

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<https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda>

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 24, 2020
(8 am) †Paulina Wong
†Antonio Gerardo
(Death Anniversary)
†Antonio C. Aguon

Tuesday, February 25, 2020
(8 am) †Eulalia DeJesus
(Death Anniversary)
†Antonio C. Aguon
Jim Walsh (Birthday Blessing)

Wednesday, February 26, 2020
(8 am) Jesus Caspillo (Healing)
Desuacido/Paragoso Families
(Thanksgiving)
†Antonio C. Aguon

Thursday, February 27, 2020
(8 am) †Robert Holmes
†Zenía Uyttingco
†Antonio C. Aguon

Friday, February 28, 2020
(8 am) Sinisia & George Manuel
(Anniversary)
†Joseph C. Domanguera
(Death Anniversary)
†Antonio C. Aguon

Saturday, February 29, 2020
(8 am) Gil Hough (Healing)
†Antonio C. Aguon
Michele Dona (Birthday Blessing)

5 pm †Andres De Leon
Sunday, March 1, 2020
7am †Alfredo A. Fernandez
9 am For the People
11 am †Janet Amigo
6 pm †Antonio C. Aguon

†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 Esdícúl Sr., Gloria Tolentino, Dorothea Suan Agustín, Benjamin B. Bae Sr, Charles Lam, Hipólito J. Agustín, Leonora C. Cabbab, Karen Ann Roark, Anthony Calistro, Andres S. de Leon Jr., Marie Coleman, Florence Lindsey, Antonio C. Aguon & Dieter M. Pfister.



PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

Our **PARISH SURVEY** was completed by 488 women (65%0 and 265 men (35%). Responses indicate that our largest group of parishioners are married or remarried (70%) and those never married are 13%. Widows are 12% and those divorced or separated are 5%. All survey results will be briefed at the upcoming Town Hall on Saturday, February 29th, 10am—12pm in the One Community Center.



St. John's Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group is sponsoring a Healing Mass on Monday, February 24. Praise and Worship begins at 7 pm followed by Mass at 7:30 pm. Celebrant: Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa. For more information: Victoria Achaval 623-8860 & Stephen / Helen Uyehara 623-7423.

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, 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: "Later" can be too late. Don't delay having your will drawn. Make sure your estate plans are in place so that your wishes will be carried out to benefit your family. Gifts you plan for your church through your will can help your church continue to minister and serve.

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

FEBRUARY 22 / 23, 2020

THIS WEEK: FEB 24 – MAR 1

Monday— 7:30 am—Rosary
8 am- *Daily Mass*
8:45 am— Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
12 pm: DHCCS Mtg (Rm 4)
7 pm— Family Prayer Group (Rm 4)
7 pm— Troop 144 (Rm 5)
7 pm— Healing Mass (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)
10 am— Food Pantry (OCC)
3 pm— Cenacle Prayer Group (CH)
6:30 pm— Catholics Returning Home (Rm 4)
7 pm- 5 pm Choir practice (CH)
7 pm- Preschool AAR (OCC Conf)
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)
Wednesday— Ash Wednesday
7:30 am— Rosary
8 am— *Daily Mass*
9 am- Alea Bridge (Rm 6)
5 pm— Mass (CH)
6 pm- OLPH (CH)
7 pm— Mass (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 2)
6 pm— 11 am Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm— Stewardship Council (OCC)
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)
7 pm— Stations of the Cross (CH)
7:30 pm— Frugal Meal (OCC)
Saturday— 7:30 am— Rosary
8 am— *Daily Mass*
8:45 am— Rosary Prayer Group
9 am- Catholic Women's Bible Study
10:00 am— Town Hall (OCC)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)
Sunday— **Masses**
7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm
Religious Education "A" Schedule
RCIA -Rite of Calling for the Catechumens
RCIA Dismissal (conf rm)
4 pm: 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)