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DAILY MASS: Monday-Saturday: 8:00am

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7am, 9am, 11am & 6pm

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

or by appointment

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 12:00pm-4:00pm

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Saturday & Sunday - Closed

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Stewardship is a Way of Life

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (1 Peter 4:10)

This quotation perhaps helps us to understand what a steward is. In the context of the above verse, “good stewards of God’s varied graces” bears the meaning of ministers of God’s many gifts. Accordingly, each one of us by virtue of our Baptism, is called to be not just an inactive follower of Jesus Christ, but an active one by serving one another as good caretakers of the gifts each has received from God. Faithful stewards are faithful disciples. Stewardship like discipleship is a way of life, not a program.

What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly is one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God’s gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and like in the parable of the talents, return them with increase to the Lord.

Disciples as Stewards

Let us begin with being a disciple—a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. As members of the Church, Jesus calls us to be disciples. This has astonishing implications:

- Mature disciples make conscious decisions to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost.
- Christian disciples experience conversion—life shaping changes of mind and heart—and commit themselves to the Lord.
- Christian stewardship empowers one to shape and mold one’s understanding of one’s life and ministry focused on Christ’s mission and purpose.

As Jesus’ stewards, we recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom, and source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another. We look to the life and teaching of Jesus for guidance in living as Christian stewards.” In the next bulletin, the catechesis will be about the spirituality of stewardship. So stay tuned.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

Pastor

VISION STATEMENT

*We are called to **develop a deeper relationship with Christ.** Such a relationship is fostered through active participation in: the Sacraments, the Word, Renewal programs, ministry/service, fellowship and other **Spirit-led** activities.*

We will dedicate our time, talent and treasure to install in our Parish community these basic building blocks of Christian living,

to live out the Lord’s commands and to preach the Good News to all through our words, deeds and lives.

Next Sunday's Readings: December 15 Third Sunday of Advent Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

The prophecy of Isaiah in this reading speaks in beautiful poetic images of the restoration of God's people after their return from exile. This renewal of life and nationhood is described in terms of God coming to save his people. Emphasis is placed on God's compassion for the less fortunate. There is a certain echo of joy, because the blind, the deaf, the lame and the dumb are healed as a sign of God's salvation of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Psalm 146, a prayer of praise, echoes the qualities of God's compassion and power as prophesied by Isaiah in the first reading. The response: "Lord, come and save us" is an affirmation of hope that the Lord will indeed come.

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

The Letter of James appeals for patience and perseverance. "Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand". This patience is like that of a farmer who plants and waits through the autumn rains, the winter months and the spring. During all those months, the farmer is not passively waiting or idle, but rather works patiently. Similarly Christians are called to perseverance as they wait in hope for salvation.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

The Gospel reading from Matthew presents to us the peak of John the Baptist's mission. John's whole purpose in life was to prepare for and point to Jesus as Messiah. When John sends his disciples to ask Jesus whether He (Jesus) is the Messiah, Jesus responds: "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them". In other words, there are no other credentials except what you see and hear. This is exactly what Isaiah had prophesied and confirms that the Messiah is already here among you. This discovery in faith invites us to rejoice.

Msgr. John's Sunday homilies are available on the following updated links: Blog (text): <http://www.sundayhomily.com>

Podcast (audio): <http://streaminghomilies.podbean.com>

On iTunes, under Podcast search for: streaming homilies, subscribe free to get the homilies weekly.

Boohomily (audio): <http://audioboo.fm/jmbinda>

"If our prayer is resolutely united with that of Jesus, in trust and boldness as children, we obtain all that we ask in his name, even more than any particular thing: the Holy Spirit himself, who contains all gifts." (CCC 2742)

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Healing/Blessings: Sally Bordfeld, Leilani Mueller, Hilda Gomez, Bernadette Uyeda, Charmaine Molina, Melody Ramos, Don Buenconsejo, Ken Enomoto, Cely Deveraturda, John "Mike" Culkin, Guillermo Uyttingco, Anthony Scarpelli, Shirley Shimaoka, Pearl Bates, Pat Nazareth, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

Deceased: Fortunata C. Juan, Gary Tateishi, Delores Albaso, Charles Bucuo, Moses Dela Cruz, Delores Mertl, Hugo Gebauer, Justina Esperanza Antonio, Josephine Vincent, Helen Ughoc, Fujiko Kosierowski, Albert Sieben, Jr., Gladys Naone, and Millard Beck.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, December 9, 2013

8am Mass Lina Guanlao (RIP)
Puna Shorba and Norma Belamide
(Birthday Blessings)

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

8am Mass Angelito Taglinao (RIP)
Richard Tesoro (RIP)
Eunice You Tai Soto (RIP)

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

8am Mass Airish Ann Masa and Nicole (Birthday)
Lucille M. Perske (RIP)
Hugo Gebauer (RIP)

Thursday, December 12, 2013

8am Mass Gail Estanque (Birthday)
Chanee Shockley (Birthday)
Fortunata C. Juan (RIP)

Friday, December 13, 2013

8am Mass Nannie Riddle (RIP)
Kathleen Thiesen (RIP)
Ignatia and Evaristo Racoma (RIP)

Saturday, December 14, 2013

8am Mass Msgr. John S. Mbinda (Anniversary)
Gail Estanque (Birthday)
5pm Mass Lazaro and Maria Sagocio (RIP)

Sunday, December 15, 2013

7am Mass Patrick Mayock (Birthday)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Rose McNorton (Birthday)
6pm Mass Jerry LeDonne (RIP)

Parish News & Announcements

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception in 2013

From the Office of Worship, Diocese of Honolulu

"This year of 2013, December 8—normally the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception—falls on the Second Sunday of Advent. In accordance with no. 5 of the Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, the observance of the Solemnity is transferred to Monday, December 9. Such a transfer is seen as a pastoral concession to the desire of the faithful to observe a beloved Feast even though it is impeded liturgically by a higher observance. **The obligation of the faithful to attend Mass remains attached to the day itself (December 8), however, and so it does not transfer with the liturgical observance."**

St. John Advent Parish Mission Retreat "Fully Alive Catholic"

Speaker: Rev. Mathew Vellankal

When: Monday-Tuesday, December 9-10, 2013

Time: 7:00 PM

All are welcome.

Advent Penance Service

Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 7:00 PM

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

REMINDER TO OUR "CHRISTMAS ANGELS": If you have not yet turned in your "angel gift", please note that the FINAL COLLECTION of all gifts will be on Sunday, December 15, at the morning Masses only. Call the Religious Education Office at ext. 204 if you have any questions. MAHALO!

Christmas Flower Offering Envelopes are available near the main entrance to the church.

The next Youth and Young Adult Faithlife meeting will be held on Thursday, December 12, from 6:30pm – 8:30pm in rooms 4 and 5.

SAVE THE DATE ~ FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2013: We will celebrate the Feast of St. John Apostle and Evangelist and the 45th Anniversary of Ordination of Msgr. John S. Mbinda on Friday, December 27, 2013. There will be a concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving at 6pm, presided by Bishop Larry Silva. A dinner reception on the church grounds will follow after the Mass. More information will be coming soon. Stay tuned!

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2014, 7pm-9pm in the Parish Center room 6. The next book that we will discuss is **Render Unto Caesar: Serving the Nation by Living Our Catholic Beliefs in Political Life** by Charles J. Chaput. Borrow or buy the book, read it and join us for our book discussion. Contact Melissa Crisostomo 626-2469 or alohamc@yahoo.com for more information.

The Season of Advent: We Are Called to be Stewards

During the Advent season as we prepare for the birth of our Lord and reassess our priorities in life, we should also strive for a greater understanding and appreciation for the ministries in our parish, and look within our hearts to determine what role stewardship plays in our lives. This season, we trust that you will give financial stewardship prayerful consideration. Our parish has been using an Online Giving system that is strengthening stewardship as well as making it easier for members to support our parish. Your regular contributions support the operation of the church and all of our ministries. Visit www.stjohnmililani.org and click on the green Online Giving button to sign up. On behalf of the entire staff, we want to thank you for the contributions you continually provide to our parish.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Albert William Sieben, Jr. (RIP)

Thursday, December 19, 2013 – Mililani Mortuary, Makai
9am ~ Family Viewing; 9:30am ~ Public Viewing;
11:15am ~ Family Final Viewing; 11:30am ~ Prayer Service
12:30pm Burial at Mililani Memorial Park Cemetery

Fujiko A. Kosierowski (RIP)

Friday, December 20, 2013 – Mililani Mortuary, Makai
10:30am ~ Prayer Service; 11:00am ~ Eulogy
11:30am ~ Burial at Mililani Memorial Park Cemetery

COLLECTION REPORT

Thanksgiving Mass Collection for Outreach Program

November 28: \$1,800.33

Second Collections for the Philippines

Bohol – Cebu Earthquake

November 16/17: \$11,207.35

November 23/24: \$ 1,485.00

Typhoon Haiyan

November 16/17: \$1,780.00

November 23/24: \$ 160.00

November 30/December 1: \$11,909.43

Sunday Collection November 30/December 1, 2013		
	Weekly Goal	Actual Amount
Sunday Offering	\$12,647.00	\$14,725.75
Building, Equip., Maintenance and Outreach	\$1,470.00	\$1,810.00
<i>"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce." PROVERBS 3:9</i>		

Pope Francis to launch "Food for All" campaign

On December 10, Pope Francis will launch a worldwide movement to respond to the needs of the poor and vulnerable by acting to end hunger. Access to adequate and nutritious food is a global problem of immense proportions, even for families in the U.S.

Please join us and Catholics all across the globe on December 10th as we pray in solidarity with our Holy Father to end hunger.



**one human family,
food for all** ☼

Campaign Prayer

O God, you entrusted to us the fruits of all creation so that we might care for the earth and be nourished with its bounty.

You sent us your Son to share our very flesh and blood and to teach us your Law of Love. Through His death and resurrection, we have been formed into one human family.

Jesus showed great concern for those who had no food – even transforming five loaves and two fish into a banquet that served five thousand and many more.

We come before you, O God, conscious of our faults and failures, but full of hope, to share food with all members in this global family.

Through your wisdom, inspire leaders of government and of business, as well as all the world's citizens, to find just, and charitable solutions to end hunger by assuring that all people enjoy the right to food.

Thus we pray, O God, that when we present ourselves for Divine Judgment, we can proclaim ourselves as "One Human Family" with "Food for All". AMEN.

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