

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 11/12, 2020

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

Please check the parish website, parish app, Facebook or call the office at 623-3332 for updates.

Pastor's Corner

Do not be afraid!

"Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised... Come, see the place where he lay." (Mt 28:5-6)

On Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, we celebrate the most unique victory which no human being has ever achieved – victory over the power of death. We celebrate that victory every Easter and every Sunday. Christ's victory over death is good news reminding us that we must not be afraid because Christ lives to give us hope during these unusual days of the COVID-19.

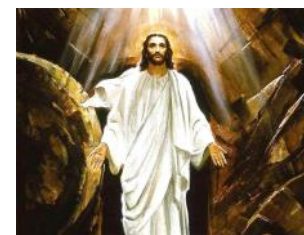
We are all anxious and concerned. We had to rush to buy food supplies and other essentials to keep us going during these days of "stay at home" lockdown. We rushed to buy face masks only to find empty shelves. We looked for hand sanitizers and if lucky, we got one. Then there came the unthinkable. The Churches were closed and there would be no public Mass until April 30! Our Catholic world had been turned upside down. The Livestream Mass has become a new normal, but it is not the same as being under one roof.

The good news is this: though we cannot be under one roof in our parish, we are still one parish community, the Body of Christ that is at St. John's Mililani. When I celebrate Mass daily and on Sunday, I am united with you, my parishioners. I am praying for you daily. The Mass Intentions some of you requested are being announced as if you were there, and celebrated according to your intentions.

As we celebrate Easter this year, I can assure you that because of the resurrection, there is nothing we need be afraid of, since we know that Christ's power of the resurrection will indeed lead us to victory over the COVID-19. Look beyond the horizon and see the Easter Light of Christ? That is the good news Easter 2020 brings to all of us. Let Christ take over your life. "Do not be afraid!"

I wish you all a blessed and fruitful Easter season. "Christ is risen, alleluia, alleluia!"

Mazr. John S. Mbinda



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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Temporary Office Hours (During COVID-19 Pandemic): **Monday – Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM.**

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, April 9, in observance of Good Friday and Monday, April 13, in observance of Easter Monday.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays is dispensed through April 30, 2020.

Masses will be live streamed on Saturday 5 pm, and Sunday 11 am.

Please go to the parish website: www.stjohnmililani.org and click on the Link: <https://www.facebook.com/saintjohnmililani/live/>

Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet live streaming on Sunday, April 19th, at 3:00 PM.

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

In the Gospel, the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary of Magdalene may have been very disappointing or even confusing. However, the fact of the empty tomb is also good news! John, who writes today’s Gospel, tells us that he entered into the empty tomb. He throws light on the confusion when he writes, “he saw and he believed”. What exactly did Saint John believe? When he saw the empty tomb, he had the insight of faith that Christ was indeed risen as He had promised. Encounter with the risen Lord that same evening changed the disciples completely.

Easter Vigil and today Easter Sunday and all Sundays are moments of unique encounters with the risen Lord. Anyone who encounters the risen Lord can never be the same again. The resurrection is the nerve center of our faith. To quote Bishop Robert Barron (Auxiliary Bishop of LA), “If Jesus didn’t rise from the dead, all bishops, priests and Christian ministers should go home and get honest jobs, and all Christian faithful should leave their churches immediately.” When you think of it, that is shocking, but that is what St. Paul meant when he wrote: “If Jesus is not raised from the dead, our preaching is in vain and we are the most pitiable men.” (1 Cor 15:14)

To conclude here are three take away points:

1) You and I know that the story of Jesus does not end on the Cross but that the resurrection transforms the disciples and everyone who encounters the risen Lord.

2) The resurrection is the centerpiece of our Christian faith. We can never be the same after encountering the risen Lord.

3) On this Easter day, may the resurrection of Christ transform us so we may live as Easter people throughout this season and throughout the year.

Christ is risen! He is Truly risen! Alleluia!

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

During the Easter season each year, the first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. In this book, the Holy Spirit forms the early Christian community after Christ's image. This reading, this Sunday tells of the shared life of the early Jerusalem community. We see the beginnings of the Mass in the twofold religious action of going to the temple: 1) for Scripture and prayer, the remote origin of our present-day the liturgy of the word; and 2) the breaking of bread at home (the Eucharist.)

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Once again, Psalm 118 is used as a hymn of praise that recounts God's deliverance of his faithful servant from death and sings of God's glory. While the last part of the psalm refers to the oppressed nation of Israel directly, it also gives a beautiful summary of God's power in raising Jesus to life and establishing him as Lord of all creation.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

The entire letter of 1 Peter may have been a baptismal instruction for newly baptized Christians in the early Church. These verses indicate that baptism is a rebirth into the life of the risen Christ. Moreover, Baptism commits us to share in Christ's death by being tested by fire. Even though we have not seen the risen Lord, we believe in Him.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

The Risen Lord appears in a new form of existence. His "glorified body" is presented as not having the physical limitations of the human body, and yet is truly physical and can be touched. However, the Gospel writers do not show Jesus as merely proving his resurrection by his presence, but as leading his disciples into deeper faith and understanding in preparation for their going forth to establish the Church. In commissioning them to continue his mission, he is empowering them to make him present in the body to all peoples of all ages. The peace of Jesus' greeting is the commonly used Hebrew word, "Shalom." Jesus speaks it, however, as far more than a mere greeting ("my peace, not as the world gives it,"). Jesus' "Shalom" is his promise that his Spirit will restore order and harmony to all creation.

HEALING / BLESSINGS: baby Mairenuí Taútaha-Amo, Ben & Helen Guerrero, 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, Kathy & Joe Ball, James Tanoue, Willie Rash & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: 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., Florence Lindsey, Antonio C. Aguon & Dieter M. Pfister.

PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE: Good Stewardship requires us to think of the future. Have your estate plan prepared now and express your good stewardship in ways that will bless your family and your church.

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

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Podcast (audio):
<https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda>

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 13, 2020

(8 am) †Paulina Wong

†Maria D. Rivera

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

(8 am) †All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

(8 am) †A.D. Cox

(Death Anniversary)

Thursday, April 16, 2020

(8 am) †Rene Catalan

(Death Anniversary)

Msgr. Gary Secor

(Birthday Blessing)

Friday, April 17, 2020

(8 am) †Felicitas Cordial

(Death Anniversary)

Saturday, April 18, 2020

(8 am) †All Souls in Purgatory

(5 pm) †Eric Umetsu

†James & Mildred Mizoguchi

Sunday, April 19, 2020

Asuncion Cortel

(Special Intention)

For the People

†Zamuel Pascual

†Perla Alonzo

†RIP

Stewardship of Treasure

April 4 / 5

Sunday Collection \$ 3,164.00

Online Donation (WeShare) \$ 5,624.95

Building, Equipment, & Maintenance

(BEM) \$ 574.00

OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)

\$ 3,636.70

Donation— Social Ministry \$ 85.50

Donation— Stewardship \$ 137.75

Donation— CRS \$ 50.00

Donation— Rice Bowls \$ 70.00

Donation— Flowers \$ 23.75

Donation— Good Friday \$ 39.00

Donation— Children Collection \$ 4.00

Mass Intentions \$ 10.00

Weekend Total: \$ 13,419.65

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with
fruits of all your produce." - Proverbs 3:9

Updated Guidelines Due to COVID-19

All parish Churches remain closed thru April 30, 2020 or until further notice.

The faithful are encouraged to keep the Lord's Day holy. Some ways to do this include: reading the Scriptures of the day, especially the Gospels, praying with your families, reading inspiring spiritual books, following the Mass via available media, and to joining yourself to the sacrifice of the Mass by making an act of spiritual communion.

All liturgical and sacramental celebrations from now thru April 30 are cancelled.

All funerals, weddings and baptism are postponed at this time until further notice.

Sacramental confessions will not be offered, for the safety of penitents and priests.

The celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion) for the Elect, normally celebrated at the Easter Vigil, are postponed to a future day after the COVID-19 crisis subsides.

Food Pantry- If you or someone you know needs food assistance, we can help! Come see us on Tuesday, April 28 from 10 am—12 noon in the One Community Center.

**PRAYING TOGETHER EVEN WHEN
WE ARE APART**

*On the day I called, you answered me;
You increased the strength of my soul.
You give me life though I walk amid affliction.*
—Ps 138:1,3,7

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