

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

Our Faith in the Resurrection

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen! This ancient greeting is still used today among Eastern Catholics and Orthodox Christians. During the season of Easter and indeed every Sunday and every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we recall the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which is the centerpiece of our Christian faith. But what does the resurrection mean to us?

In the first place, it is a mystery that we cannot understand. We believe in the resurrection on the grounds of eyewitnesses, the disciples, who saw Jesus alive after the resurrection. The Liturgy of the Word during the Easter Season is characterized by several appearances of the Risen Lord to his disciples. The Gospel of this Sunday has a very moving account of the Risen Christ accompanying two of his disciples on their way to Emmaus. For them, Jesus is just a stranger, but he gradually revealed himself by interpreting the scripture that had prophesied about him, and then while at dinner, he took bread, broke it, and gave it to them. They then recognized that it was the Risen Lord, but he vanished from their sight. The reason they recognized Jesus was that he did something that brought them back to the Last Supper when he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave them to eat. They rose up and left immediately and went back to Jerusalem to tell their experience of seeing the Risen Lord. The Easter time between the Resurrection and the Ascension was critical for Jesus to confirm the faith of his disciples and that is the purpose of the post-resurrection appearances.

We accept and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ not only on the grounds of eyewitnesses, his disciples but also by our own faith, which is a gift from God. During the rest of the Easter season, we live as people of the resurrection, knowing that Christ's victory over death and the power of evil is also our victory. "Be not afraid."

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.

Office will be closed May 4–5, 2020 for tent fumigation.

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/>

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

The readings of this Sunday invite us to reflect on what happened as the disciples began to see the mystery of the resurrection unfold before them in their journey of faith. As the early believers explain in today's first two readings, Jesus was sent according to the set plan and purpose of God; through his dying and his resurrection God has worked miracles, signs, and wonders in our midst. Our faith and hope as believers are centered on this mystery (1 Peter).

In the Gospel, there are 4 important moments:

- 1) The two disciples on the way to Emmaus;
- 2) The Risen Lord accompanies them as a stranger;
- 3) The Risen Lord first interprets the Scriptures about himself to them;
- 4) The Risen Lord reveals himself fully in the breaking of bread. This a metaphor for all our life's journey of faith, particularly when our struggles lead us to rock bottom; when our faith, hope, and trust have been so shattered that we wonder where the Lord is; when we do not recognize the Lord right beside us.

In today's gospel, the encounter with the Risen Lord is good news especially during these days when we are all concerned and worried due to the COVID-19.

The Good News is this:

- 1) Like the two disciples, we are comforted as our hearts burn within us as the Risen Lord speaks to us today;
- 2) In our life's journey of faith may we return to Jerusalem so we may share joyfully the good news of our encounter with the risen Lord. "Christ is 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, MAY 3, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

The reading continues the preaching of Peter to the crowds on Pentecost. The preaching about Jesus leads to the question of what the people have to do about it. The central point of Peter's answer is a sincere reform of life through baptism in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6

David was a shepherd boy before his call to be a warrior-king (1 Sam 16), and even in his military and political exploits, he preserved a shepherd's simplicity and perspective. Jesus out of the line of David becomes the Shepherd par excellence; a shepherd with a difference. Response: "The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want."

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Peter's counsel in this reading concerns the individual's way of living within a situation he or she cannot change. The challenge of the risen Christ to the Christian community is to transform the world, but this can be accomplished only if the individual accepts the challenge to live as Christ in his or her own circumstances.

Gospel: John 10:1-10

In this passage, the true shepherd is contrasted to a thief. The oriental custom was for several flocks belonging to different shepherds to share the same grazing land, and to be put into a common enclosed area for the night, so they could all be watched by one shepherd while the others slept. In the morning, the sheep would recognize their own shepherd by voice, and each flock would gather naturally around him, to be led out to pasture. A thief, however, could only break in and steal — no sheep would recognize and follow him. In changing the image to compare himself to the gate, Jesus describes the results of confidence in his authority.

HEALING / BLESSINGS: baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-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 Esdicol 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 & Alfred Fajota.

PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE: Grandpa didn't have a will, but Grandma does. She had to settle Grandpa's estate without one, and she now knows how important a will really is. Do you have a will?

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

Follow Msgr. John's Homilies!

Blog (text):

www.sundayhomily.com

Podcast (audio): [https://](https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda)

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iTunes (audio): [Streaming Homilies](#)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 27, 2020

(8 am) †Paulina Wong

Wendell Jr. & Keri Perry

Makua Perry

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

(8 am) Jayten Rivera

(Birthday Blessing)

Frank & Izumi Perry

Alex Perry

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

(8 am) †Albert Fajota

Barry & Yvette Navares

Kawai, Kalei & Kaulana Perry

Thursday, April 30, 2020

(8 am) †All Souls in Purgatory

Wendell & Liz Perry

Friday, May 1, 2020

(8 am) †Feliciano Dona

†Zaida Kwarai

(Death Anniversary)

Guerrero Family

(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Saturday, May 2, 2020

(8 am) †All Souls in Purgatory

Keri Perry

(Congratulations Graduate)

Kawai & Kalei Navares

(Congratulations Graduates)

(5 pm) †All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, May 3, 2020

†All Souls in Purgatory

For the People

†Irene Quinores Morales

†RIP

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

Free resources: **Give Us This Day**

<https://offers.giveusthisday.org/free-resource>

Updated Guidelines Due to COVID-19

All parish Churches remain closed thru May 31, 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 May 31 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.

Respect Life: "From your first moments of existence, you had all the DNA that would determine your sex, facial features, physique, and the color of your skin, hair, and eyes. At 24 days, your heart began beating. By 8 weeks, all your organs were present, and your unique fingerprints were forming. Ultrasounds show that by 18 weeks, you could swim, somersault, suck your thumb, and even cover your ears if you heard loud music."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Another Look at Abortion"

"I want to thank all of you for your commitment to St. John's and for continually giving so that your parish work may continue even during these days of shutdown." Msgr. John

Stewardship of Treasure

April 18 / 19

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,159.00
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,657.50
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 566.50
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 4,862.00
Donation— Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Donation— Stewardship	\$ 47.50
Donation— CRS	\$ 20.00
Donation— Rice Bowls	\$ 539.64
Donation— Good Friday	\$ 125.00
Donation— Easter	\$ 1,579.50
Donation- Augustine Education	\$ 23.75
Candles	\$ 40.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 80.00

Weekend Total: \$ 13,705.39

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce."

- Proverbs 3:9

GOOD NEWS!!

We now have an Office Dropbox that is locked and secure and located next to the rectory entrance door. Please note the United States Postal Service Mailbox is for outgoing mail only.



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.

The May/June Newsletter is available on the parish website.

Featured articles are RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), Senior Adult Ministry and the Parish Health Ministry.

