

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 2 / 3, 2020

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Pastor's Corner

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Some of you parishioners have been coming by to drop in your weekly offertory and capital campaign commitments. Thank you for doing this as our work of sustaining the many activities of your parish must go on. If you come by, you will now find the façade of the parish office repainted including the door and window. In addition, we now have a real Dropbox on the right-hand side of the parish office door (see picture). In the future, please do not drop the envelopes in the U.S. Postal Mailbox.

On the front of the OCC facing the parking lot, you will now find our St. John Logo on the wall and it looks so beautiful. The parking lot close to the OCC has been resurfaced and the parking stalls are repainted.



We took the opportunity of the shutdown to sanitize the entire church and chapel so that by the time we reopen, we will have a clean environment. By the time you come back, our Saint Damien and Saint Marianne Cope Relics will be installed beside the statues with the certificates of authenticity. This work is going on now.

Work is also going on for the renovation of the parish center, rooms 1-3, in preparation for the return of our parish preschool on campus on July 1. The construction work is on target.

Food Pantry has continued as usual every last Tuesday of the month. It is clear that there is an increase in the number of people coming for food since the coronavirus struck. More than 120 food bags were distributed on April 28.

We are here to serve the community by inviting service providers to partner with us

in that service. In addition, the parish front office serves anyone who comes by in need of food.

Mazr. John S. Mbinda

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Please note: The office will be closed May 4—5, 2020 for tent fumigation.

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& STAFF

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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.***

Temporary Office Hours (During COVID-19 Pandemic):

Monday – Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM.

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

Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa

Jesus, “the shepherd and guardian of souls.”

The 4th Sunday of Easter and it is commonly known as “Good Shepherd Sunday,” a day in which the Church recalls the relationship between God and His people as described in the image of the Shepherd and Sheep. The Responsorial Psalm for today, beautifully introduces that theme - “The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want.” This day has also become known as “Vocations Sunday,” a day when our Church prays especially for new shepherds and pastors to lead the Christian communities.

As we continue our celebration of Easter, today's Liturgy heartens us with the presence of the risen Lord in our midst, contemplated as Shepherd. Peter in the second reading refers to Jesus as 'the shepherd and guardian of souls.' In the Gospel, Jesus identified himself with the shepherds of his time as he saw in their work an image of his own ministry; and as he recognized something of himself in the way they related to their flock. He also identifies himself with the Gate of the sheepfold. In this regard, he declares that ‘anyone who enters through me will be safe; they will go freely in and out’. With this image, Jesus was describing a scene that was familiar to his contemporaries in Galilee. Sheep went one way through the gate to reach the security of the sheepfold and they went the other way through the gate to reach pasture. Jesus identifies himself with the gate of the sheepfold because he too gives people access to security and nourishment.

To enter through Jesus the gate is to respond to his call, the very personal call that he addresses to each one of us. He calls to us as someone who knows each of us personally, by name and cares about us. Response to his call involves freely allowing ourselves to be drawn by a love which knows us through and through and loves us without limits. He calls us to lead us to a place of pasture, to a place where our deepest hungers and thirsts are satisfied, where we may have life and have it to the full.

Today is Vocation Sunday, a day when we remind ourselves that we are called. From our baptism we are all called to follow Jesus as his disciples, to take our lead from him. Within that general call which we all share, we each have a particular call that is with our own unique gifts. Those called to ministry in whatever capacity in the Church are like shepherds. They are called to care for the spiritual welfare of those they serve in the manner of the risen Lord, the Shepherd par excellence. It is obvious that our Church today is in great need of good shepherds, totally committed to the Way of Jesus. So, we are invited to reflect on the meaning of God’s call and to pray for good vocations.

“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 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

The first reading describes briefly the problem the apostolic Christian community had to face in order to maintain its unity. The reading shows developing tensions and jealousies between Christians of Jewish and of Greek origins. This passage also shows a developing diversity of ministry: ministry of the table (the Diaconate) and ministry of the word (the Priestly ministry).

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Psalm 33 speaks of the Lord as being faithful in the past, and so he will continue to be faithful. The Lord recognizes his own, those who hope in him, and will preserve and deliver them from all danger. Response: "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you."

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

The passage recalls Psalm 118 and refers to Jesus as the stone rejected by the builders and who has become the cornerstone, the capstone, of the structure. Peter also describes the people of the new covenant as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people God claims for his very own.”

Gospel: John 14:1-12

The Gospel reading is part of John’s account of Jesus’ farewell teaching at the last supper. Here Jesus speaks about his continued presence with his disciples. Reference to the many dwelling places of the Father’s house emphasizes his desire to be with us; to help us to find our way to him, for to know him is to know the way. Thus, we can come to the Father only by following his way. Jesus is also the truth and the life. Therefore, to know him is to know the Father. To have life in him is to have life in the Father. To see Jesus is to see the Father, for the Father and Jesus are one.

HEALING / BLESSINGS: baby Mairenui 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 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 & Alfred Fajota.

PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE: Your gifts to your church are a testimony to your faith and the confidence you have in your church. Both lifetime gifts and testamentary (those that are given through your will) express your feelings in a meaningful way.

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)

soundcloud.com/john-mbinda

iTunes (audio): Streaming Homilies

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 4, 2020

(8 am) †Paulina Wong

†Carmelo I. Solomon

Debbie & Gerry Borgonia
(Anniversary Blessings/Good Health)

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

(8 am) †Marshall Wayne Ritchey
Maria Bugarin (Thanksgivings)

†Tony Bamer

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

(8 am) †Myra G. Solomon

Willie Rash

(Healing/Quick Recovery)

†Silivelia Tapu’Salaia Uila-
Va’apu’u

Thursday May 7, 2020

(8 am) †Federico Gampong

Florida Badua (Healing)

Two Hearts Prayer Group

Friday, May 8, 2020

(8 am) †Mildred Ramos Cho

†Demitria Ordonez

Simeon & Liya Lamanilao

(Wedding Anniversary)

Saturday, May 9, 2020

(8 am) †Juliet Dario Pacquing

Helen Guerrero (Blessing)

Virginie Amo

(Birthday Blessings)

(5 pm) †John Gallogly

Sunday, May 10, 2020

†Anastacia Torres

†Kathleen Couch

Clara Cole (Birthday Blessing)

†All forgotten Mother’s

Happy Mother’s Day

†RIP

To request a Mass Intention, please email the parish office at sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org or call (808) 623-3332.

Food Pantry— If you or someone you know needs food assistance, we can help! Come see us on Tuesday, May 26 from 10 am-12 noon in the One Community Center.



Respect Life: “Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”
USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis’ “Day for Life Greeting”
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Updated Guidelines Due to COVID-19

All parish Churches remain closed 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.

“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

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>

Stewardship of Treasure	
April 18 / 19	
Sunday Collection	\$ 4,710.00
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,612.85
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 336.50
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 3,477.39
Donation– Funeral	\$ 50.00
Donation– Stewardship	\$ 118.75
Donation– CRS	\$ 30.00
Donation– Rice Bowls	\$110.70
Donation– Good Friday	\$ 39.00
Donation– Easter	\$ 407.50
Candles	\$ 95.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 90.00
Weekend Total: \$ 13,077.69	
“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce.” Proverbs 3:9	

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We look forward to connecting with you!

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.

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 2) click on **Online Giving**. 3) Set up your account. Choose a payment option and customize your donation.