

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

Preparing to Reopen Our Parish

Peace be with you!

As I write this message, today is May 1. You may be wondering when will our parish reopen? I am sure that you have heard our Governor this Tuesday, he announced the reopening of malls and retail stores effective May 7, 12 noon on the Big Island and Maui. There was no mention of when churches can reopen.

In order to reopen, every state, every city, must have a plan for reopening otherwise there will be chaos. The same is true for churches. Therefore, all churches on Oahu including our diocese, have set up a task force for reopening. On Thursday, April 30, I called together a small parish team to help me in the beginning to plan for our parish reopening. I can tell you already that when this is announced, "doing church" will never be the same again because of health and safety concerns.

Each pastor and his leaders will be responsible for the safe reopening of the parish and all the state guidelines will need to be observed. "Doing church" will never be business as usual again when we reopen. My main challenge in this preparation is getting in touch with all parishioners in order to inform them continuously. If you are receiving this message, you are ok. I need your help in asking those on your network to subscribe to this weekly news update as we go forward. All they need is to send an email to sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org and they will be receiving this weekly update. We will also be making that announcement before our next week Livestream Masses. Soon, we will be preparing guidelines for reopening and I would like all parishioners to receive them. Stay tuned.

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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Search keywords: **ST. JOHN APOSTLE**www.ParishSolutionsCo.com/JohnHI

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We look forward to connecting with you!

CALLS, TEXTS & EMAILS SCAMS! There has been a scam affecting many parishioners.

Please never respond to such email messages or texts from clergy and staff of St. John's. For more information, see the link below. [https://](https://www.malwarebytes.com/scam-call/?utm_source=double-opt-in&utm_medium=email-internal-b2c&utm_campaign=EM-B2C-2019-July1-newsletter&utm_content=scam-call)

www.malwarebytes.com/scam-call/?utm_source=double-opt-in&utm_medium=email-internal-b2c&utm_campaign=EM-B2C-2019-July1-newsletter&utm_content=scam-call

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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

Monsignor John S. Mbinda

In the Gospel of this Sunday, Jesus exhorts us to trust in God and in him. He then tells us quite plainly, "I am the way." (In 14:6) He does not say away, but the way. If we want to go to the Father, there is no other way except through Christ, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel of last Sunday, Jesus used the image of the "Gate" of the sheepfold to refer to himself. This time he calls himself the "Way." In the light of the resurrection, the risen Lord is not only the Gate but also the Way to where he is going and where He wants us to follow. Thomas being realistic asks Jesus, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Thomas is thinking of the way in physical terms. He imagines that if Jesus could only give them a simple road map and directions to where he is going, they would surely get there. Jesus surprises them in saying, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me".

The Gospel helps us to become more deeply aware that to find Christ is to find the Way, Truth and Life. To seek the truth elsewhere is to stumble and fall. Moreover, to follow the risen Lord is to find the fullness of life in the triune God. If we take another direction we will certainly be lost and die on the way. What the risen Lord is offering us is the Life itself and the fullness of the Truth, in terms of the hereafter. Christ also tells his disciples that to find him is to find the Father, we can only reach the Father through Christ because the Son is in the Father and the Father is in the Son. It is because of Christ's intimate union with the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit, that he is able to do the things that he does. Our union with the Father through Christ will also enable us to "perform the same works" Christ does.

"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 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

The first reading recounts how the Gospel spread from the first Jerusalem community to the Samaritans who were of Jewish origin but considered "half-Gentile." The preaching of Philip, accompanied by signs, convinced the people, leading them to conversion. The laying of hands by Simon Peter and John, although reflecting something of the origins of confirmation and/or "baptism in the Holy Spirit," was mainly a sign of the acceptance of the Samaritan Christian community by the Jerusalem community, which would of course involve a sharing or recognition of the same Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

Psalm 66 commemorates the deliverance of Israel from her enemies, and witnesses with joy to the nations the Lordship of Israel's God. Response: "Let all the earth cry out to God with joy."

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

In the second reading, Peter exhorts the new Christian community to be ready to give witness to anyone who asks about the reason for their hope in Christ. That hope in Christ should be evident in their lifestyle. Moreover, Christian gentleness and respect will help them in overcoming even the persecution they may experience in their witness. The example of Christ's own suffering is the model for the follower of Christ, so that they too may be brought to life in the Spirit.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

The Gospel reading is a continuation of Jesus' farewell discourse. Here Jesus speaks about the inseparable link between love and obedience to his commandments as a means by which all followers will know his continuing presence. Thus Jesus promises his followers that he would ask the Father for another Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who would guarantee his presence to guide them. The return of Jesus in this passage underlines his continued presence within his Church. That presence will be expressed and realized by his faithful disciples in their union with Christ, just as Christ is one with the Father.

HEALING / BLESSINGS: baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Rachel Sullivan, Duane Gonzales, Keahi Paaluhī, 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, Florida Badua & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: 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 & Clara Sojot.

PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE: You can share your faith beyond your lifetime by careful estate planning that includes your church in your will. During your lifetime you will have the joy of knowing that whatever you do not use in this life will continue in ministry through your church after your death.

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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Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

Monday, May 11, 2020

(8 am) †Paulina Wong

†Pedro delos santos

†Stella Jones & Edna Thibaux

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

(8 am) †Eric Umetsu

†James & Mildred Mizoguchi

†Fe Salvador

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

(8 am) † M/M Charley Jones

†Marcial Taglinao

(Birthday Memorial)

Nenita G. Pantaleon

(Birthday Blessing)

Thursday May 14, 2020

(8 am) †Gladiola Kekino

(Death Anniversary)

Brenda Strimpfel

(Healing & Blessing)

†Clara Sojot

Friday, May 15, 2020

(8 am) Rachelle & Naty Lorenzo

(Healing/Blessing)

Brenda Strimpfel

(Healing/Blessing)

Saturday, May 16, 2020

(8 am) †Enedina Aczon Sales

(First Death Anniversary)

Federico Tacadena

(Death Anniversary)

(5 pm) Peter Gallogly

(Graduation Blessing)

Sunday, May 17, 2020

Jordan Tano

†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.



Assistance to Families in Need

Financial Assistance is currently available through Catholic Charities Hawaii and HOPE Services Hawaii. Please visit their website www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org and www.hopeserviceshawaii.org.

Food Assistance: Visit the Hawaii Foodbank website. They have an emergency food assistance program available with resources and details on their next food distribution. Visit <http://www.hawaiifoodbank.org/emergency-assistance>

"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

May 2 / 3

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,300.00
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,641.35
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 630.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$13,427.82
Donation— Flowers	\$ 10.00
Donation— Social Ministry	\$ 143.00
Donation— CRS	\$ 20.00
Donation— Rice Bowls	\$178.09
Donation— Good Friday	\$ 5.00
Donation— Easter	\$ 275.00
Donation— Cath. Comm. Campgn.	\$ 200.00
Candles	\$ 60.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 320.00

Weekend Total: \$ 24, 210.26

*"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 until June 30.

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 for the month of May are postponed at this time until further notice.

Sacramental confessions will be offered, by appointment only.

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.

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.

Respect Life: "O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing Difficulties."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"

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.