

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

Reopen Our Parish Update

Peace be with you!

You may be wondering when we might reopen our parish. Last Tuesday, our governor announced the reopening of malls and retail stores effective May 7, 12 noon. There was no mention of when churches can reopen. Since then, there are good signs. The parks were opened for exercise, and the beaches too were opened the past weekend with social distancing and face masks. Churches are considered to be large gatherings and therefore more risks.

All churches on Oahu including our parish must have a plan in order to reopen. On Thursday, April 30, I had a small parish team to help begin to plan for our parish reopening when that is announced. Last Thursday, May 7, I had a second planning meeting and I believe we are nearly ready in the event the governor announces church reopening.

When we reopen, "doing church" will never be business as usual again. Due to social distancing, we will be required to have a limited number of worshippers for each Mass in both the Church and the OCC. The diocese has, therefore, asked us to find ways of counting the exact capacity for each of our worship spaces with social distancing. We are still waiting to know how many per Mass will be allowed.

The main challenge is getting in touch with all parishioners in order to inform them of how we will reopen as well as communicate the guidelines for Sunday Masses. If you are receiving this message, you are ok. I need your help in asking those on your contact list to send us their email address otherwise, there will be no way of inviting them to Mass as we go forward. All they need is to send their name and email to sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org.

We will be making announcements at our upcoming Livestream Masses as we go forward. Stay tuned.

Mgr. 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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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)

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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

Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa

The abiding presence of the Spirit of Love—Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

Today's Gospel picks up where we left off last Sunday. The context is the Last Supper. Jesus reassures his disciples that he will not leave them orphaned but will continue to be with them though in a different way. He promises to send them another Advocate.

The word Advocate is understood as an intercessor, defender, and a witness for the accused, a best friend, and a comforter in distress. Jesus uses the word another to imply that up until now he has been their Advocate. Now he will be sending them another Advocate - the Holy Spirit - to be with them always. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus' faithful love who will guide and accompany them.

No matter how bad our own personal situation is, or the situation of the church as a whole, the Lord never abandons us. His love for us endures. The Lord promises to be our Advocate through the Holy Spirit, to stand by us and strengthen us, especially when we find ourselves on trial, in the dock, before a hostile world. Today more than ever, the assault on the church at times seems relentless. We can be tempted to keep our heads down and become invisible. It is the Holy Spirit who keeps us hopeful in the midst of all the negativity, who, in the words of today's second reading, encourages us to 'give the reason for the hope that you all have... with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience'.

Also, in the midst of our current trial and hardships, resulting from the coronavirus pandemic, we need the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit will help us to see how the Lord Jesus is working through this crisis to draw us ever closer to God.

While the presence of the Holy Spirit is a free gift of God's love, it is only received by those who open themselves to receive him. The Samaritans had earlier rejected the Gospel message (Lk 9:51-54). According to today's first reading, when they finally made their response to the preaching of the gospel, they experienced the coming of the Spirit into their lives. The Lord gives us the Holy Spirit whenever, like the Samaritans, we respond to the Lord's initiative towards us, by loving him in return. 'If you love me', Jesus says. 'I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always'. The Spirit of truth is in those who love Jesus by loving their brothers and sisters.

We are only two weeks away from the Feast of Pentecost. In preparation for this great feast, we might commit ourselves to pray each day with a simple but powerful prayer, 'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful'.

"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 24, 2020

The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

This is the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles written by Luke. The passage first refers to the first book, the Gospel that he wrote himself. This passage sums up the central content of the Gospel which is an account of "all that Jesus did and taught until he was taken up." It refers to Jesus' suffering, death, resurrection, and appearances to the disciples. Luke describes the Ascension as a point of transition from Christ's activity as Savior to the continuation of his mission by his disciples, who are his witnesses to the ends of the world.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Psalm 47 is a song of praise that proclaims God's rule over all the peoples of the earth. Response: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord."

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Paul in this passage describes the Ascension in terms of the exaltation (glorification) of Christ rather than merely his departure. This is Paul's vision of humanity in God's universal plan of salvation. Through the death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ, all things in heaven and earth have been brought under the reign of God's sovereign love.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

This is the last part of Matthew's Gospel. It concludes with the disciples going to Galilee where they meet Jesus before he ascends into heaven. Through his death and resurrection, the Father has given Jesus lordship over heaven and earth. In turn, Jesus shares this power with the Church, the community of his disciples and sends them on a universal mission to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Triune God and teaching them all that Jesus had taught them. To help them in their mission, Jesus promises his enduring presence always in the community of believers, the Church.

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: Have circumstances changed since you last updated your estate plan? Do your current estate planning documents carry out your commitments to your church?

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  for the
Intentions  Week

Monday, May 18, 2020

(8 am) †Paulina Wong

Scott Alquisa

(Graduation Blessings)

Jordan Tano

(Graduation Blessings)

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

(8 am) †Hubert Baldwin

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

(8 am) †Edilberto Rivera

Thursday May 21, 2020

(8 am) †Phillip Howard

McGibney

Friday, May 22, 2020

(8 am) Gregoria Taglinao

(Death Anniversary)

Asuncion Cortel

(Special Intention)

Elmer & Abigail Looney

(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Saturday, May 23, 2020

(8 am) Gwen Mitsui

(Birthday Blessings)

(5 pm) †Maureen Bolchoz

Sunday, May 24, 2020

†All Souls in Purgatory

†TRIP

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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>

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.



Next weekend, we are taking up the collection for the **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)**. Your support helps evangelize and connect people of the world to Christ through the internet, television, radio and print media. A percentage of your generous donations are kept here in the Diocese of Honolulu to fund local communication efforts! You may make a donation online by visiting our parish website, clicking "Online Giving." To learn more visit www.usccb.org/cc

Updated Guidelines Due to COVID-19

Bishop Larry Silva will be extending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday through June 30, 2020 for all the faithful

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.

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.

For the latest directive from Bishop Larry Silva, please visit stjohnmililani.org.

Respect Life: "As Americans, as Catholics and as pastors of our people, we write therefore today to call our fellow citizens back to our country's founding principles, and most especially to renew our national respect for the rights of those who are unborn, weak, disabled and terminally ill. Real freedom rests on the inviolability of every person as a child of God."

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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

Msgr. John

Stewardship of Treasure

May 9 / 10

Sunday Collection	\$ 5,277.30
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,679.35
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 184.50
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 3,379.50
Donation— Social Ministry	\$105.00
Donation— Charity	\$ 5.00
Donation— Rice Bowls	\$250.00
Donation— Easter	\$25.00
Donation— Stewardship	\$ 47.50
Candles	\$ 45.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 100.00

Weekend Total: \$ 13,098.15

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

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.