

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 23 / 24, 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.

REOPENING

MAY 30TH

*Guidelines and instructions will be
released MONDAY 05/25*

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.

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

This Sunday, we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord into heaven. In the Creed, we confess our faith in Christ who "ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." But what exactly do we mean by saying that he ascended into heaven? We mean that the Risen Lord is not only totally alive but also that the Father has placed Christ at His right hand, an expression that signifies the Father glorifying Christ and making him the Lord of all creation. As we hear in today's Gospel, to him "is given all power in heaven and on earth" (Mt. 28.18). Paul in the Second reading underlines the mystery of Christ being glorified. He says, "God put all things beneath his feet, and gave him as head over all things to the Church which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way." The ascension, however, does not mean that Jesus renounced his humanity. He remains one of us and head of his Body, the Church.

The Ascension is not to be understood literally as if Jesus floated up into the sky between clouds to "heaven" as if heaven is a physical place. The Ascension is the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to be always with us; with his Church. Above all, it is a relationship with the Father, and God is everywhere in the whole universe. Jesus did not have to 'go' anywhere to be with his Father. The Ascension needs to be seen as part of the Paschal Mystery of Christ: the suffering and death; the resurrection; ascension; and the sending of the Holy Spirit. If the resurrection points to the crucified Jesus risen and alive, the Ascension points to the Risen Lord who now enters into the fullness of Father's glory sharing equally the glory of the Father. In the language of faith, the ascension means "the entry" of Jesus into the complete and definitive communion with the Father, and there interceding for us. Jesus Christ enters into the fullness of the Father's glory and makes it possible for those who belong to his Body, the Church, to follow.

"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 31, 2020

Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

In this passage, Luke describes the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the gathered disciples on the day of Pentecost, fifty days after the Passover. The Holy Spirit is the source of their mission of witness to the resurrection and lordship of Jesus, which characterizes the entire life of the Church. The graphic and symbolic details of the event underline the power of the Spirit compelling the disciples to go forth and preach the Good News to all people. The event also symbolizes the universal effect of their mission.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

These verses in Psalm 104 praise God for his eternal deeds and thus foreshadow the new creation in the Spirit. Response: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Paul in this passage uses the analogy of the body to remind us that the Spirit gives a diversity of gifts to members of the Church. This diversity of gifts is a great source of joy and growth for the Christian community. Unfortunately, that diversity may also lead to view others' gifts with suspicion and as a threat to our own, rather than a gift to be welcomed.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

In this Gospel, John describes an appearance account of the risen Lord. The event occurs on the evening of the day of the resurrection even though the doors are closed. Jesus offers the disciples a greeting of peace (Shalom) then shows them the wounds on his hands to assure them of his identity. He then bestows the Holy Spirit upon them and entrusts on them with the power of binding and loosing. The passage shows that the Holy Spirit is the fulfillment of the presence of the Risen Lord in his followers. The Spirit will continue Jesus' mission of reconciliation. The central message of that mission is not just preaching, but living out what one preaches in a spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation.

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: "Later" can be too late. Don't delay having your will drawn. Make sure your estate plans are in place so that your wishes will be carried out to benefit your family. Gifts you plan for your church through your will can help your church continue to minister and serve.

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

Follow Msgr. John's Homilies!

Blog (text):

www.sundayhomily.com

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Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

Monday, May 25, 2020

(8 am) †Paulina Wong

Enrique Rivas

(Death Anniversary)

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

(8 am) Lora Johnny

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

(8 am) Jayvon Johnny

(Birthday Blessing)

Thursday May 28, 2020

(8 am) Mr & Mrs Dante Q.

Pantaleon

(Wedding Anniversary)

Friday, May 29, 2020

(8 am) Jayvene & Lora

Johnny

(Wedding Anniversary)

Saturday, May 30, 2020

(8 am) Kerson Johnny

(Graduation Blessing)

(5 pm) Danielle Paulson

(Blessings/Healing)

Sunday, May 31, 2020

†Rodolfo Taglinao

(Death Anniversary)

Norma Gamulo

(Birthday Blessing)

†Angelita Santos

Deguzman

†TRIP

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



Church Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25th, in observance of Memorial Day.

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.



UPDATED GUIDELINES FROM BISHOP LARRY SILVA, BISHOP OF HONOLULU FOR THE REOPENING OF CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN HAWAII

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is extended through June 30, 2020. This will allow those who are not comfortable attending Mass at this time to stay away with a clear conscience. Masses will continue to be live-streamed, at least from some locations. Log-in information can be found at www.catholichawaii.org. Before June 30, we will evaluate whether or not to extend the dispensation longer.

As an act of charity, anyone who is sick, who is particularly vulnerable to infection, or is in a high-risk group should not attend Mass at this time.

All who attend Mass must maintain proper social distancing. Whether members of the same household will be able to sit together will depend on the particular decision of each parish, so please follow the directives of your parish.

The social distancing protocol will mean that not everyone who would like to go to a particular Mass may be able to do so, because of the limited space in the church. Each parish will have a way of limiting the number of people who attend each Mass, and we ask your patience and cooperation. (Some will issue tickets in advance for the number of spaces available; others may have an on-line or call-in reservation system.) It is important that you know your own parish's protocol so that you

Sacramental confessions will be offered, by appointment only.

Funerals, weddings, and Baptisms may take place according to the Guidelines above for the celebration of Mass. Funerals at this time may not include visitation times, only the Vigil for the Deceased, the Funeral Mass, and the Committal. Baptisms should be done in such a way that the same water is not poured on more than one person or stored in the font after it is used, thereby eliminating Baptism by immersion at this time.

For additional guidelines, please visit www.catholichawaii.org.

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 16 / 17

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,980.00
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,921.60
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 624.50
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 2,208.00
Donation— Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Donation— Holy Thursday	\$63.98
Donation— Good Friday	\$10.00
Donation— Easter	\$10.00
Donation— Stewardship	\$ 23.75
Candles	\$ 20.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 80.00

Weekend Total: \$ 9,946.83

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

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.

Respect Life: "Everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched 'the Word of life' (1 Jn 1:1) do not give it, who will? How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!"

Pope Francis, 2020 Easter Vigil Homily

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