

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 30 / 31, 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.



Bishop Larry Silva has made the following appointments:

- Fr. Drexel Ramos, Interim Administrator, St. John Apostle & Evangelist, effective July 1 to December 30, 2020.
- Fr. Nicholas Apetorgbor, Administrator, St. John Apostle & Evangelist, effective January 1, 2021.
- Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa, Parochial Vicar of OLPH, Ewa Beach, effective July 1, but will stay at St. John's till July 15.
- Fr. Stephen Macedo, Parochial Vicar, St. John Apostle & Evangelist, effective July 15.

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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Pastor's Corner

Parish Rectory Hours

Mon. - Fri.: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday/Sunday: Closed

FOOD PANTRY Hours

Mon.- Fri.: 9 AM to 4:00 PM

Religious Ed Office Hours

Please call the rectory office:
(808) 623-3332

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"Come Holy Spirit, Fill the Hearts of the Faithful"

For us who believe in God, nothing happens without God's plan. It is very significant that we reopen our Church for public worship on Pentecost Sunday, and I think God is trying to tell us something on this Pentecost Sunday. In the first place, the Church was born on Pentecost, fifty days after the resurrection. On that day, the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and all gathered with them in the upper room. The Holy Spirit gave new energy to the disciples who had been in lockdown, for fear they would be next to die. Like them, we find ourselves in the Upper Room as we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit who gives us new energy. Upon receiving the Holy Spirit, the apostles and all with them were so fired up that they were no longer afraid. They proclaimed their faith in the resurrection openly. Like them, we must proclaim our faith openly without any fear. For the apostle, life was never the same again.

Pentecost 2020 signifies the beginning of a great change. It ushers in a new life in our parish, a new beginning after the lockdown. We are excited to be back. But the fact that we are back, does not mean that the COVID-19 is over. That is why we must observe the protocols for keeping ourselves and others safe as we come to Church and during Mass.

We need to allow ourselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit as we come to Church. Upon arrival on parish campus, before you get out of the car please put on your face mask and sanitize your hands. Keep social distancing as you proceed towards the line leading to the main Church entrance. Ushers will meet you and guide you. Upon entering the Church, you will find offertory boxes. Drop-in your offertory there as there will be no offertory basket passed during the Mass. Then sanitize your hands from the dispensers inside the Church. You will then be guided by an usher to a seat. Households are allowed to seat together, while singles will be socially distanced from other parishioners. This Pentecost Sunday being in the church will be different, but the joy of resuming our worship together is overwhelming.

Come Holy Spirit.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa

Pentecost Sunday, Year A

Be a Spirit-led Catholic-Christian

Today, we celebrate the solemnity of Pentecost which marks the coming of the Holy Spirit, the birth of the Church, and the end of the Easter season. Our readings speak of the gift of the Holy Spirit and what that means for the church. Our First reading and the Gospel tells us that the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, filled with fear and gripped by a terrible sense of failure and inadequacy. A great task had been entrusted to them, yet they had neither the will nor the strength to begin it. However, after Pentecost, the frightened disciples were transformed into courageous, fearless, and fiery witnesses, a transformation that was brought about by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We can look back on that first Pentecost as the day on which the church was founded, when a fear-gripped group of men and women became, what Paul calls in today's second reading, the Body of Christ. But Pentecost is not simply a past event. The Church is always in need of a fresh Pentecost. That is why we too received the Holy Spirit on the day of our Baptism, confirmation, and any time we receive any of the other sacraments.

St. Paul says it is by the power of the Spirit that we can profess that "Jesus is Lord." It is the Spirit who gives us different gifts of service so the Body of Christ can be edified (built-up) and served. Here in St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church, we thank God for the many Parishioners who allow the Holy Spirit to influence them to use their gifts and talents in serving and building up the Body of Christ in the various ministries in our Parish.

Yet there are still many who are not conscious of the incredible potential and power they possess. Others too are unwilling to use their gifts. Both categories of Catholics fail to appreciate the infinite worth of the Holy Spirit living within them, sharing His gifts and fruits and charisms with them.

But even in serving we need to be Spirit-filled and Spirit-led Catholic-Christians. Spirit-led Catholics are the ones who use their gifts to serve with joy; who use their words to heal, restore, and build others; who pass on the love of God to those living around them; who try to grow continually in their Faith by seeking out every opportunity to discover Christ and what it means to be children of God.

May we continue to be aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, empowering us to live the life of a child of God and a disciple of the Lord Jesus.

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. The celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion) for the Elect, will be held at the 6 PM Mass on June 21, 2020.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday (Mon - Sat): 8 AM

Sunday (Sat. Vigil) 5 PM, 11 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:30 pm—4:30 pm
(or by appointment)

Mass will be live streamed on Sunday 11 am.

Please go to the parish website:

www.stjohnmililani.org and click on the

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/saintjohnmililani/live/>

"Be generous and you will be prosperous; help others and you will be helped." (Good News Translation) - Prov 11:25

Aloha Msgr. John!



We will bid aloha to Msgr. John on Sunday,
June 28th, from 12:30 – 2 p.m. at the OCC.

Please join our "Farewell Parade" to say Mahalo
and Aloha to Msgr. from your car.

Need more information? Call Alexis Salvador
(798-7856) or Deb Zedalis (348-2973)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020

The Most Holy Trinity

First Reading: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

This passage from Exodus 34, recounts the event of God meeting Moses on Mount Sinai, where the Lord reveals his name to Moses. Here YAHWEH (which means "I am who am" translated from Hebrew as THE LORD) is affirmed as Israel's God. This name (see Ex 3:14) points to the oneness of God in contrast to the many gods of other nations.

Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55

These verses attributed to Daniel from the magnificent song of the three young men in the fiery furnace (Daniel 3:52-90), giving voice to the praise of all creation to Yahweh as Lord of all. Response: "Glory and praise forever!"

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul, in this reading alludes to the profound life of communion lived by the Three Divine Persons who intimately share that communion with us. Therefore Christian love, which overcomes obstacles and difficulties, is the sign of union with and in the family life of God.

Gospel: John 3:16-18

This brief text is from the dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus. The passage unfolds the relationship of baptism to faith as well as of faith to salvation. Jesus is the revelation of the Father as expressed in the first chapter of John where Jesus is God's Word made flesh. God reveals himself through his Son because he loves us and wants to share his Trinitarian life of communion with us. John helps us to understand that while acceptance and belief are a condition for salvation, rejection and "love of darkness" bring about condemnation.

HEALING / BLESSINGS: baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, Ben & Helen Guerrero, John Durham, Maggie Bae, Suzanna Foster, Mary Anne Q. Llacuna, Caridad Ramiscal, RileyAnn Wills, Rebecca Wills, Laralyn Corthran, Dan Wills, Elaine Kahala, Sandra Gose, Hildegard Borowitz, Linda Ward, Jean & James Tanoue, Kathy & Joe Ball, Willie & Bernard Rash, Florida Badua & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: 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 & Benedict E. Kane.

PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE: At the death of a special friend or relative you might like to remember that person through a memorial gift to your church. This will show your appreciation for this treasured relationship and help others through the church. An acknowledgment card will be sent to the surviving family, letting them know of your gift, without disclosing the amount.

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 Intentions for the Week

Monday, June 1, 2020

(8 am) †Paulina Wong

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

(8 am) Florentina Barayuga
(Blessings/Healing)

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

(8 am) †Luther Garces
Fernandez

Thursday June 4, 2020

(8 am) †Paulina Wong
(Death Anniversary)

Guerrero Family

(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Friday, June 5, 2020

(8 am) †Eric Umetsu

†James & Mildred
Mizoguchi

†Feliciano Dona

†Paulina Wong

Saturday, June 6, 2020

(8 am) †Pedro E. Corpuz
(Death Anniversary)

†All Souls in Purgatory

(5 pm) †Josephine
Raimondi

Sunday, June 7, 2020

†Irene Quinores Morales

† RIP

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

Bishop Larry Silva will preside at the 5PM Mass, Saturday, June 6, for the rededication of our altar and the blessing of the two reliquaries of St. Damien and St. Marianne Cope.

The Baptisms of infants and children up to 6 years, will resume in July. Parents may contact the office for information.



It's not too late to turn in your Rice Bowls. Please bring them to the rectory office, during our office hours Mon-Fri, 9:00 am- 4:00pm.

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, June 30 from 10 am - 12 noon in the One Community Center.



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: "God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"How to Build a Culture of Life"

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 23 / 24

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,590.00
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,270.00
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 473.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$1,606.50
Donation— Social Ministry	\$ 324.00
Donation— Stewardship	\$ 118.75
Donation— Easter	\$ 75.00
Donation— Catholic Com. Cmpn.	\$179.00
Candles	\$ 60.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 70.00

Weekend Total: \$ 11, 766. 75

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

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