

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Email: sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org Website: www.stjohnmililani.org**NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!****Please check the parish website, parish app, Facebook or call the office at 623-3332 for updates.****SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION****Deacon Modesto Cordero**

On this Trinity Sunday, God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit offer new pathways for us to reflect on his love for us and draw us into an intimate, dynamic, and life-changing relationship. The mystery of God and the Holy Trinity are always to some extent beyond us and our human capacity to comprehend fully. Three persons, one God. We often state the intellectual proposition of faith, but do we really understand it? Since the third century Church theologians had tried to explain the true essence of this unknown. Preachers have tried for years to evoke a clearer understanding of the Trinity, emphasizing the three Persons with one nature. The Father is spoken of as Creator, the Son as Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit as Sanctifier. The truth is that in the end, after we attempt to understand the meaning of this enigma, we often find ourselves falling back on another word: "mystery." Many had doubted the equality of the three divine Persons, but today we do articulate our belief in the Trinity in the celebration of the Mass with the Sign of the Cross, the Gloria, the Creed, and the Eucharistic Prayer culminating in the Great Doxology, and finally with the Solemn Blessing at the end of Mass.

Are you confused yet? I know I am. Perhaps, the greatest mystery of the Trinity is not so much how God can be Three-in-One but why this God chooses to be intimately present with you and me. Perhaps, the greatest mystery is that God "the Trinity" wishes to dwell within us ... this diverse community of faithful people. I believe "this" is truly the mystery of the Trinity. It is important to keep in mind that the Trinity, like all other mysteries, cannot be solved like a math problem; a mystery has to be lived and experienced in order for us to grow in appreciation of it. Sure, this mystery of our God is so great that we cannot grasp all its meaning now. It takes time. The fullness of all truth would be overwhelming if we heard it in its full power at one time. That revelation will come as we do accept that the gift of the Trinity itself dwells within and among us. As we faithfully trust and follow Jesus' command to make known the Good News, we gradually become aware that no one of us can reveal God by itself, but together as a community, we are that presence. The stronger we become as a community, the clearer to us is the revelation of divine presence.

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/>**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. 12 pm—4 pm

Tues- Fri.: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday/Sunday: Closed

FOOD PANTRY Hours

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

Religious Ed Office Hours

Mon.- Fri.: 1:00 PM to 5 PM

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Thanks Be to God, We Have Reopened

We give thanks to God that after the COVID-19 lockdown, we reopened our Church for public Mass last weekend. For us, Catholics, the Mass in which we have the possibility of receiving Holy Communion is the center of our lives. It is so wonderful to be back and to celebrate the Holy Mass together. My life as a priest revolves around celebrating the Eucharist which is essentially linked to the Liturgy of the Word. During the lockdown, the Livestream Mass satisfied the obligation, but it cannot replace our physical presence at Mass.

You may be curious to know what Holy Mass attendance was the past weekend. Working with Maximum capacity of 165 per Mass, we had the following: 5 pm= 104; 7 am= 64; 9 am= 77; 11 am= 81; and 6 pm= 49. The weekend total: 375. Keeping in mind that we advised those parishioners 65 years and above and those with pre-existing conditions to stay at home as they are more at risk. Overall, all went well for the past weekend and hope to improve as we continue.

Regarding those parishioners 65 and over as well as those with pre-existing conditions, as we have already announced, we have a plan to bring them Holy Communion. All they need to do is call the office during working hours Monday through Friday, and we will send an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion to their home. Holy Communion is only for those in the above category and not other members of the family.

As announced last Sunday, during the COVID-19 lockdown, our Sunday offertory went down. Therefore, be more generous each Sunday. The best way to give your offertory under the present situation is online giving found on our website. If you would like to sign up please [CLICK HERE](#). It takes about 5 minutes to sign up. We are not going to pass the offertory basket around to avoid risks of infection. As you enter the Church there will be an offertory box for your giving before Mass. This box will remain during the weekend Masses. There is also a drop-box by the rectory office.

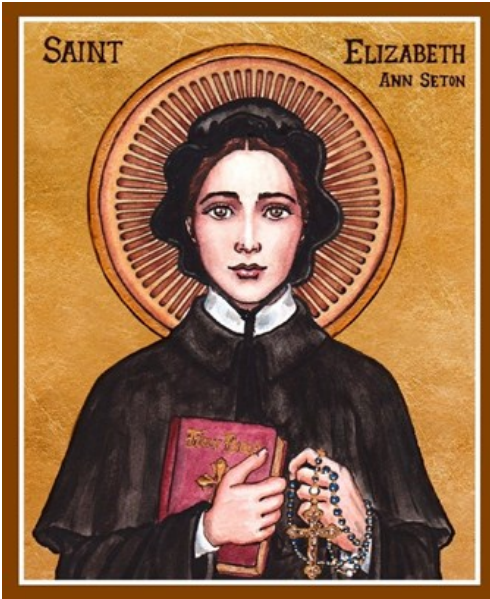
Msgr. John S. Mbinda

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On this feast of the Holy Trinity, we pronounce that our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is "praiseworthy and exalted above all for all forever." During this difficult and uncertain time, we need to be together and pray for grace from the Risen Lord, love from the Father, and the unity from the Holy Spirit.

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

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton



Can you name the first U.S. born citizen to be canonized a Saint? This future Saint was born in 1774 in New York City to a prominent Episcopal family and lost her mother when just 3 years old. Her British and French ancestors were among the earliest colonial settlers in the New York area. Her maternal grandfather was pastor at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Staten Island. She was a wife, mother and Catholic convert. If you said Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, you are correct!

Elizabeth Ann (Bayley) Seton's life was not free of trials or heartaches. After her father-in-law died, she and her husband became primary caregivers for his three young half-sisters and gained control of the family business. The company went bankrupt a few years later and they lost everything, including their

home. In 1803 at just 29 years old, she was widowed with five young children to bring up when her husband died from tuberculosis. Two of her three daughters died in their teens.

Now you may be thinking, "No wonder this woman is a Saint. She endured so much in her young life!" All true, but there's so much more to know about this remarkable woman. A naturally inquisitive person, Elizabeth undertook a period of several years of discovery about the Catholic faith. It was not an easy journey to conversion as she struggled with her Protestant roots, opposition to conversion from her family and friends, and financial difficulties as sole provider for her young children. During this often confusing and troubling time as she discerned God's will for her life, Elizabeth turned in prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary and sought guidance from several spiritual advisors, including the first bishop of Boston – the Rev. John Ceverus. She was received into the Catholic Church in 1805 and when confirmed a year later, took Mary as her confirmation name.

Elizabeth went on to find the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph in 1809, was elected by the community as its first Mother, and retained the leadership until her death in 1821. The community focused its efforts on caring for orphans, widows and poor families. Often called Mother Seton, she was responsible for founding the first free Catholic school for girls in 1810, generally thought of as the start of the parochial school system in the U.S.

Mother Seton was a wife, mother, New York socialite, Catholic convert, catechist, educator, and friend of the poor. Despite considerable difficulty in her life, she remained deeply devoted to her faith as well as to the care of her children. She died from tuberculosis in 1821 having accomplished much in her 46 years. Seton Hall College in New Jersey (now known as Seton Hall University) was founded in 1856 and named for her. She was canonized Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton on September 14, 1975 by Pope Paul VI. Her Feast Day is January 4.

Written by: Margaret Higa; Source: www.setonshrine.org

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020

The Most Holy and Body and Blood of Christ

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

In the first reading, Moses reminds the Israelites of how God has cared for them during their pilgrimage through the desert. But the Lord also let them endure suffering in order to test their faithfulness to his covenant. In the midst of all the trials, the Lord sustained them with manna because of their faithfulness to him. That is why the reading ends with a plea from Moses urging the people not to forget the Lord who brought them from Egypt and cared for them in every way.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

These verses from psalm 147 are a song of praise to God for his goodness to his people. Response: "Praise the Lord, Jerusalem."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Paul in these two verses highlights the fact that sharing the one loaf and the one cup of the Eucharist makes us one with Jesus Christ. The communion signified and brought about in the Eucharist must permeate every aspect of our lives.

Gospel: John 6:51-58

This passage is part of the teaching of Jesus about himself as "living bread of life." The bread that Jesus gives is his flesh. The word "flesh" is unmistakable in its concrete meaning. Jesus in these verses is no longer speaking metaphorically of "food" as in earlier verses: "I am the bread of life." He calls his disciples to participate intimately in the incarnation itself. The word "incarnation" means "becoming flesh," and Jesus' words here recall the beginning of John's Gospel: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (1:14). Therefore these words are not "merely symbolic," but neither are they merely literal. They are symbolic in the fullest sense of the word. To eat his body and to drink his blood is a sign of intimacy; of union with Christ's humanity and divinity in the sacrament of the Eucharist. It is also the means to that union. That is the meaning of what Jesus teaches when he says that, "whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

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. Aguan, Dieter M. Pfister, Alfred Fajota, Clara Sojot & Benedict E. Kane.

PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE: How long has it been since you updated your will? Does it still express your wishes? Does it leave a gift to your church to carry on its ministry 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)

soundcloud.com/john-mbinda

iTunes (audio): [Streaming Homilies](#)

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

Monday, June 8, 2020

(8 am) †Paulina Wong

†Federico G. Badua

Linda Rodriguez (Healing)

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

(8 am) †Tina Aguinaldo

(Death Anniversary)

†Federico G. Badua

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

(8 am) †Federico G. Badua

Thursday June 11, 2020

(8 am) †Federico G. Badua

†Albert Nazareth

Friday, June 12, 2020

(8 am) †Federico G. Badua

†Larry Savet

Freddie M. Tauotaha

(Birthday Blessing)

†Paulina Wong

Saturday, June 13, 2020

(8 am) †Federico G. Badua

(5 pm) †Patricia Vickers

Sunday, June 14, 2020

†Ermeinda Lavaró

Lois Bates

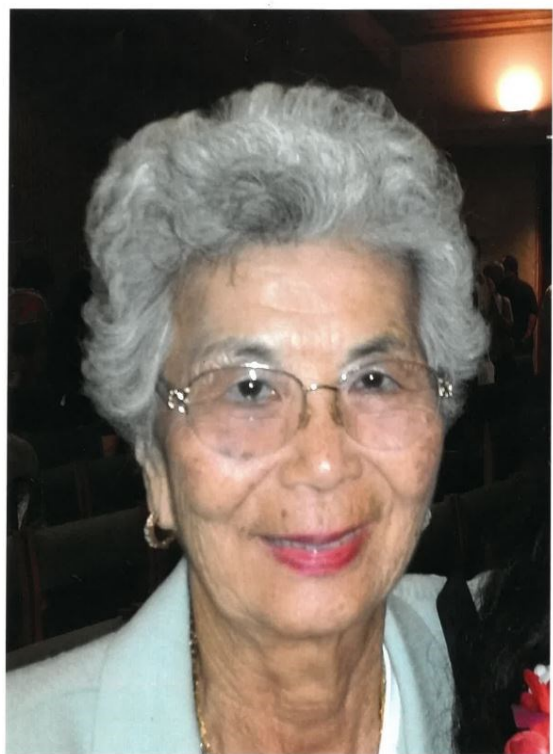
(Birthday Blessings)

†Renelyn Magnyag

(Birthday Memorial)

†RIP

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



St. John's now has a relic of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton embedded in our altar. The relic was donated to St. Johns by a long-time, faithful parishioner, **Marietta Kaeo**. The certification for the relic states: "... we have extracted a particle from the remains found in the coffin of St. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton and have placed it in a metal case covered by crystal and sealed with the seal of our office." The certification is signed by the Postulator General of the Causes for the Beatification and Canonization of the Servants of God and is dated April 6, 1997. It is through the spirituality, kindness, and generosity of Marietta that we now have this relic.

To ensure the permanent beauty of the relic container, **Christy Hogan** has painted gold leaf onto the relic cover. And to ensure the relic is safely and beautifully kept on our altar, **Crispin and Patricia Rodriguez**, faithful St. John parishioners, donated the marble altar insert into which the relic will be placed.

We offer our heartfelt **MAHALO** to these individuals who have made this relic a part of our worship community. May St. Elizabeth Ann Seton bless them for their loving generosity!

And to commemorate the placement of our relic, your St. John's Library has some **new books** so you can learn more about **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton!**

For younger children we have **Elizabeth Ann Seton, Mother for Many** by Barbara Yoffie.

For children 9 and up we have **Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Daughter of America** by Jeanne Marie Grunwell.

For adults we have a wonderful highly recommended book **Elizabeth Seton, American Saint** by Catherine O'Donnell.

Stop by at this month's library table (last weekend of the month) and check out our new books!



MAHALO and FAREWELL PARADE for Msgr. John on Sunday, June 28th, from 12:30 – 2 p.m. at the OCC.

Volunteers will be on the OCC ramp to accept your farewell cards, leis, etc.

Whoop it up – you can bring balloons, posters, music – whatever you like to bid Aloha!

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

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, June 11th in observance of King Kamehameha Day.

Church Candles are available at the Rectory office during office hours. Monday, 12pm—4 pm and Tuesday—Friday, 9 am—4 pm.

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

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.

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: <http://www.hawaiifoodbank.org/emergency-assistance>. They have an emergency food assistance program available with resources and details on their next food distribution.

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.

Respect Life: “The Gospel of Life is at the heart of Jesus’ saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life.”

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.

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.

Stewardship of Treasure
May 30 / 31

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,126.00
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 4,204.70
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 618.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$9,082.64
Donation— Social Ministry	\$ 427.50
Donation— Stewardship	\$ 47.50
Donation— Catholic Com. Cmpn.	\$345.00
Candles	\$100.00
Donation— Youth & Young Adults	\$210.00
Children Collection	\$25.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 60.00

Weekend Total: \$ 27,246.34

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