



September 14, 1969, First Parish Mass • May 17, 1970 Ground-breaking • August 15, 1971, Dedication of the church

ST. JOHN
APOSTLE &
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DAILY MASS: Monday-Saturday: 8:00am

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7am, 9am, 11am & 6pm

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

or by appointment

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 12:00pm-4:00pm

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Saturday & Sunday – Closed

Msgr. John Mbinda, Pastor, Ext.105

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Terry Silva, Rel. Ed. Asst., Ext. 204

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Spirituality of Stewardship

In the last Sunday bulletin, we considered “stewardship as a way of life,” because there is no part-time discipleship. In other words, we live as disciples and as stewards of Jesus Christ for life. It is a way of life. There is a basic spirituality that enables us to live as faithful disciples and stewards. Just as discipleship is living out our commitment to Jesus Christ, so too, stewardship is living out that commitment by being Christ-centered, rather than self-centered. This Christ centeredness is what we call spirituality. We become Christ-centered through conversion. This conversion is the result of being totally for others just as Jesus Christ was. A steward’s life becomes immersed and totally focused on God, Creator and source of all good gifts. When I come to the realization that there is nothing I have that belongs to me, that is a sign of conversion to a spirituality of stewardship. The result of such a deep awareness is profound gratitude for all that God has given me. In addition, justice and love become fundamental motives for giving back to God what in the first place God has given me.

To live as a disciple of Christ, the Christian steward is called to love with the same love and same spirit of self-giving as Jesus. Such love is made possible through the grace of God, and is manifested in ten characteristics: prayer, trust, patience, responsibility, gratitude, generosity, simplicity, mercy and perseverance. Jesus himself showed us quite clearly how to practice these characteristics. Scripture has many examples of how these characteristics should be lived out. Our Blessed Mother Mary and the saints are wonderful models of these characteristics.

The Holy Eucharist is certainly the sacrament in which our love to live these characteristics is nourished and strengthened. The family is “domestic church” where members first learn and practice these characteristics, and from there continue to live as disciples of Jesus Christ by living that spirituality in the parish community. Through these characteristics, the Christian steward grows to live more fully stewardship as a way of life, a disciple’s life of self-giving. “Give, and it shall be given to you...For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you.” (Lk 6:38).

Msgr. John S. Mbinda
Pastor

VISION STATEMENT

*We are called to **develop a deeper relationship with Christ.** Such a relationship is fostered through active participation in: the Sacraments, the Word, Renewal programs, ministry/service, fellowship and other **Spirit-led** activities. We will dedicate our time, talent and treasure to install in our Parish community these basic building blocks of Christian living, to live out the Lord’s commands and to preach the Good News to all through our words, deeds and lives.*

Next Sunday's Readings: December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

In this passage, King Ahaz of Judah faces the threat of invasion from the northern kingdom of Israel. Isaiah encourages him to rely on God, not on other nations, for strength. First the king was hesitant to ask for a sign of God's favor. The prophet gives a sign of a young maiden's child whose name would be "God with us." Originally, this statement referred to Hezekiah, son of the king's wife, who would rule Judah, and would be a sign that God had not forsaken his people. The prophecy was later given a new context of hope for the future in reference to the Messiah, God-with-us.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24 1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Psalm 24 was usually sung by worshipers as they approached the temple in Jerusalem, the sign of God's dwelling among his people. The response affirms the Lord's presence: "Let the Lord enter, he is the king of Glory."

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

The second reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans, presents Jesus as a "descendant of David", which means that he is fully human and that he is the fulfillment of the promises made to David. Paul sees a link between the incarnation and the Paschal mystery when he says that Jesus is "established as Son of God in power" through his resurrection. In other words, Jesus manifests his divinity by rising from the dead.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

In the Gospel from Matthew, Joseph is presented as a "just" (upright) man, who wanted to do everything according to the will of God. Obviously he knew that the child was not his. While he was wondering what to do, he receives a message in a dream that the child is of the Holy Spirit. Joseph is told more about the child to be born: his name will be Jesus because he will save his people from their sins. Jesus is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy in the first reading. At the end of his dream, Joseph decided to follow his faith and proceeded to take Mary as his wife.

Msgr. John's Sunday homilies are available on the following updated links: Blog (text): <http://www.sundayhomily.com>

Podcast (audio): <http://streaminghomilies.podbean.com>

*On iTunes, under Podcast search for: **streaming homilies**, subscribe free to get the homilies weekly.*

Boohomily (audio): <http://audioboo.fm/jmbinda>

"If our prayer is resolutely united with that of Jesus, in trust and boldness as children, we obtain all that we ask in his name, even more than any particular thing: the Holy Spirit himself, who contains all gifts."(CCC 2742)

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Healing/Blessings: Sally Bordfeld, Leilani Mueller, Hilda Gomez, Bernadette Uyeda, Charmaine Molina, Melody Ramos, Don Buenconsejo, Ken Enomoto, Cely Deveraturda, John "Mike" Culkin, Guillermo Uyttingco, Anthony Scarpelli, Shirley Shimaoka, Pearl Bates, Pat Nazareth, BJ Sagocio, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

Deceased: Moses Dela Cruz, Delores Mertl, Hugo Gebauer, Justina Esperanza Antonio, Josephine Vincent, Helen Ughoc, Fujiko Kosierowski, Albert Sieben, Jr., Gladys Naone, Millard Beck, Rhoda Sanders, and Marie Paz Bartolome.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, December 16, 2013

8am Mass Jesse Pangelinan (Birthday)
 Lawrence Scott (RIP)
 Gary K. Tateishi (RIP)

Tuesday, December 17, 2013

8am Mass James and Mdred Mizoguchi (RIP)
 Noel Domenguera (Birthday)

Wednesday, December 18, 2013

8am Mass Emma, Alfred, and Henry Michaud
 Family (RIP)
 Paulina Wong
 (Blessings and Thanksgiving)
 Helen E. Ughoc (RIP)

Thursday, December 19, 2013

8am Mass Stephen Griep (RIP)
 Mrs. Jean Boisse (RIP)

Friday, December 20, 2013

8am Mass Margaret Guerrero-Romansanta
 (Birthday)
 Hoy Chang (Birthday Memorial)
 Joseph Conant (RIP)

Saturday, December 21, 2013

8am Mass Chassidy Biffle (Birthday)
 Bernard Luna (RIP)
5pm Mass Tiani Scott (Birthday)

Sunday, December 22, 2013

7am Mass Sr. Alma Esmero, SPC (Birthday)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Mary Grace Angelica Ramos and Maria
 Grace Ulep (RIP)
6pm Mass Melody Ramos (Healing and Blessings)

Parish News & Announcements

Christmas Flower Offering Envelopes are available near the main entrance to the church.

Monday, December 16 – Tuesday, December 24

Misa De Gallo – 5am

Monday, December 16	Msgr. John Mbinda
Tuesday, December 17	Fr. Victor Lanuevo
Wednesday, December 18	Bishop Larry Silva
Thursday, December 19	Msgr. Ted Mercado
Friday, December 20	Fr. Edmund Barut
Saturday, December 21	Fr. Gary Secor
Sunday, December 22	Fr. Ronie Pillos
Monday, December 23	Fr. William Kunisch
Tuesday, December 24	Msgr. John Mbinda

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Masses

6pm (Children's Mass), 9pm, Midnight

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day Masses

7am, 9am, 11am

No 6pm Evening Mass

Friday, December 27

St. John Apostle and Evangelist Feast Day and 45th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration for Msgr. John Mbinda

Mass of Thanksgiving – 6pm

Main Celebrant: Bishop Larry Silva

Reception to follow after Mass

Dinner tickets are for sale after Mass on the lanai.

Cost is \$10. Children under 7 years old are free.

December 31

New Year's Eve Mass of Thanksgiving ~ 10pm

January 1, 2014

New Year's Day Mass ~ 8am

in your marriage every day!

Maui, February 14-16, 2014

Oahu, May 2-4, 2014

Oahu, September 26-28, 2014

For more information contact Lee & Tanya Barbero @ (808) 268-1578 on Maui, or Jose & Mary Elizabeth Alvior @ (808) 391-2045 on Oahu; or visit our website at www.hawaiiwme.org

Holy Name Society Diocesan Union of Oahu Confraternity of the Catholic Church

Fr. Gerard Leicht, SSCC

Annual Pro-life Luncheon on Saturday, February 8,
from 10am to 2pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel
Fellowship Hall Donation: \$25.00 per person

Come and enjoy each other's company as we break bread together to benefit Pregnancy Problem Center in Pearl City. Information, please contact Deacon Kin Borja, President at (808) 224-0696 or email: kinborja@aol.com or Ms. Vicki Lai at (808) 375-3230.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Albert William Sieben, Jr. (RIP)

Thursday, December 19, 2013 – Mililani Mortuary, Makai
9am ~ Family Viewing; 9:30am ~ Public Viewing;
11:15am ~ Family Final Viewing; 11:30am ~ Prayer Service
12:30pm Burial at Mililani Memorial Park Cemetery

Fujiko A. Kosierowski (RIP)

Friday, December 20, 2013 – Mililani Mortuary, Makai
10:30am ~ Prayer Service; 11:00am ~ Eulogy
11:30am ~ Burial at Mililani Memorial Park Cemetery

Gladys Naone (RIP)

Thursday, January 2, 2014 – Mililani Mortuary, Makai
8am ~ Family Viewing; 8:30am ~ Public Viewing
9:45am ~ Eulogy; 10:15am ~ Final Viewing;
10:30am ~ Prayer Service; 11:15am ~ Burial

The Parish Directory will be distributed after Mass this weekend. If you had a photo taken, there will be a directory available with your name on it. There is limited number of directories available for sale at \$10, for those wishing to buy a copy.

St. John's Catholic Preschool is selling \$5 McFunRaiser coupon booklets again. There are only 300 left. Please call or see Ms. Cat in the preschool office for more information.

Give Your Spouse a Special Gift this Christmas

Sign up now for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. Participation in a weekend will help put a little Christmas in

Sunday Collection December 7/8, 2013

	Weekly Goal	Actual Amount
Sunday Offering	\$12,647.00	\$13,883.71
Building, Equip., Maintenance and Outreach	\$1,470.00	\$884.00

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