



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

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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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Christmas Message

“Glory to God in highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” (Lk. 2:14)

With these beautiful words sung by the angels announcing the birth of our

Savior on that blessed night, I offer my Christmas message and greetings to every parishioner and those visiting our parish over this Christmas Season. Along with the angels we sing that hymn of “Glory to God in the highest” in praise and thanksgiving for the birth of our Savior who ushers in a new era of peace on earth. It was first the shepherds who heard this message of peace proclaimed by the angels on that First Christmas.

During the four weeks of Advent, we have all been preparing for an openness of heart and mind to let in God’s favor into our hearts. Fr. Matthew Vellankal challenged us in many ways to open up our hearts during the Advent Mission. The positive response by so many of you, particularly for the Penance Service will bring many blessings to your homes this Christmas. May we reap the fruits of our waiting in hope for the gift of peace that the birth of our Savior brings to us at this Christmas. May we find true peace, joy and happiness as we celebrate the fulfilment of God’s promise of a Savior who comes to bring each of us the gift of true peace in our hearts, families, parish community and in the world.

In the Gospel of Luke for the midnight Mass, try to focus on one short familiar phrase: “there was no room for them in the inn.” Christmas is about making room in the inn of our hearts. It is about making room for all people in our lives, especially the less fortunate; the ones who find no room in the inn; the homeless and the rejected. As we try to welcome Christ “in the stranger” into our hearts, may Christ bring us true peace, joy and happiness this Christmas.

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2014!

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 Readings: December 29
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

The Book of Sirach offers practical wisdom. Thus the fear of the Lord is considered to be wisdom. For example, the person who fears the Lord respects his parents. The reading offers practical advice on family relations between Fathers, Mothers, and Children. In the Middle East, children were seen as a blessing because they contributed to the total resources of the family.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

In Psalm 128 is a beautiful description of the oriental family: The wife is like a fruitful vine....the children like olive plants....happy the person who fears the Lord. The response: "Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways" underlines the same theme found in the first reading.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Paul in the second reading argues that we have been called to be members of Christ's Body. Therefore we must manifest the holiness of Christ. The manner of doing this differs with our particular calling: Wives, husbands, and children, have different callings, but the same imperative to manifest the love of Christ. For this reason, husbands are called to sacrifice themselves for their wives and families; children called to be obedient; fathers must not nag; wives are called to serve the husband who sacrifices himself for them!

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

In the Gospel passage, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph though presented as a model family, also faced some of the hardships other families in today's society must face: escape from tyranny, poverty, displacement, homelessness, alienation, and fear. Therefore, in the story of their flight into Egypt, Joseph, Mary, and Jesus are a model family because they experienced the same struggles we encounter even today, but more particularly the inconvenience of being refugees in Egypt.

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 Uytingco, 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, Marie Paz Bartolome, and Bernadette A. Uyeda.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, December 23, 2013

8am Mass Perry & Nellie Campbell (RIP)
Esperidion Domanguera (Birthday)

Tuesday, December 24, 2013

8am Mass Guerrero Family
(Blessings/Thanksgiving)
Abraham Miram (RIP)

Wednesday, December 25, 2013

8am Mass **CHRISTMAS**

Thursday, December 26, 2013

8am Mass Harold Jones (RIP)
Francisco Belamide (RIP)

Friday, December 27, 2013

8am Mass Jack and John Jr. Cleghorn (Birthday)
Michael Morano (RIP)
Stutley Olson (RIP)

Saturday, December 28, 2013

8am Mass Primo and Joey Pablo (Anniversary)
Mayock Family (Blessings)
5pm Mass Loreto Paracuelles (RIP)

Sunday, December 29, 2013

7am Mass Hilarion Savet (RIP)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass The Ramos and Ulep Families
(Thanksgiving)
6pm Mass Medeiros Ohana (Blessings)

Parish News & Announcements

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

Church Offices will be open on Tuesday, December 24, from 8:30am - 12noon. Church offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 25 and Thursday, December 26.

Misa De Gallo – 5am

Monday, December 23 Fr. William Kunisch
Tuesday, December 24 Msgr. John Mbinda

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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

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.

Online Giving: Our parish has been using an Online Giving system that is strengthening stewardship as well as making it easier for members to support our parish. There are many benefits for the parish and for parishioners that choose to give online. Some of the benefits for the parishioner include: no need to write checks; you can give even if you are unable to attend services; and your contribution amount can easily be adjusted. The benefits for the parish include: more consistent giving with recurring contributions; online donation summaries for record keeping; and reaches a wider demographic of givers. If you would like to enroll, please visit www.stjohnmililani.org and click on the green button for Online Giving. If you have any questions about the program or about setting up your account, don't hesitate to call our parish office at 623-3332 ext. 100.

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 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:

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

Bernadette A. Uyeda (RIP)

Friday, January 10, 2014 – St. John Apostle and Evangelist
9am ~ Family Viewing; 9:30am ~ Public Viewing;
10:15am ~ Eulogy; 10:30am ~ Funeral Mass;
12:30pm Burial ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Sunday Collection December 14/15, 2013

	Weekly Goal	Actual Amount
Sunday Offering	\$12,647.00	\$19,372.73
Building, Equip., Maintenance and Outreach	\$1,470.00	\$1,152.00

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