

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

Fr. Drexel B. Ramos

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE

At my early age, I was exposed of witnessing ordinations of priesthood in our community. It also happened that these special events were ordinations of those who were close to me. I have three uncles and two cousins who are priests and me, *(I am the youngest for now)* and there are at least two of my nephews who are following our ways and they are now seminarians in our Diocese in the Philippines. The ordinations that I witnessed were big celebrations attended by thousands of people and even with my own ordination which I reserved at least 1600 family members, relatives, friends, and guests. When I was young, I remember those times during summer breaks, seminarians stayed and lived in the house of my grandparents. One observation that struck me most was the special attention given to them. They were loved by the community to a point that they were given special treatments and services. Of course, they were also good and kindhearted and being loved by the community. There was always an abundance of food, people happily serve them and voluntarily offer their services for them. In short, they were somehow treated like a king. As a young boy, I once told myself, I'd like to be one like them.

True enough, I became a priest *(but not with the same motivation because it has been purified in my seminary formation, all for the love and service before the Lord and His people)*. And yet not denying that I did experience the same treatment and privilege that I was hoping before. In my 12 years as a priest before I came to Hawaii, I always have someone to cook my food, washed my clothes, drove my car wherever I go and received a lot of special treatments and privileges. And if this is how we look at being a King, I could somehow say that I was treated like a King. But when I came to United States of America (Hawaii), the struggle that I had when I came here four years ago were cooking my own food, washing my own clothes, driving my own car, being alone in the rectory and some more of things which I have not been used to be doing because there were people who do it for me voluntarily and gladly back home. Isn't it nice to be treated like a King?

But then our celebration for today, The Solemnity of Christ the King directs us into another point of view of being a King. If it is in human perspective that kings are to be given special treatments and privileges. Our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us differently because He is a King not to be served but to serve His people. Christ's story and ours take on a similar twist. He switched place with us. He clothed himself with our flesh and he made us princes by clothing us in the robes of His grace, even sharing His divine life with us. Jesus, the Son of God understood the sufferings of human beings perfectly. He suffered all that we must have to endure.

The feast of Christ the King invites us then to start living our lives as Jesus taught us to live. It is important to show loving concern and service to others, especially those who are in need. In short, it underlines the primacy of loving others. It may mean a change of heart and a more honest approach in our way of living. However, many of us fail to do this because we place our own interests and selves over everyone else. Our tendency is to accumulate material wealth that gives us so much pleasure and satisfaction at the expense of others. We fail to see our real worth and dignity. We fail to recognize Christ in our fellow human beings despite Jesus words: "Truly, I tell you, as often as you did it to one of these, my least brothers, you did it to me."

The challenge for us on this feast Of Christ the King, we must recognize that we participate in Christ's kingly power – in His service to other men, especially the less fortunate. We must pray that we cultivate and promote good spiritual qualities so that we become good and responsible Christians and that we really make Christ the King in our personal lives and in our communities. He calls us then to take His side in the struggle of growth for His Kingdom. Amen.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday (Mon - Sat): **8 AM**

Sunday (Sat. Vigil) 5 PM, 7 AM,
9 AM, 11 AM & 6 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(by appointment only)

**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/](https://www.facebook.com/saintjohnmililani/live/)

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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ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST MILILANI



SAINTJOHNMILILANI

We look forward to connecting with you!



Parish Rectory Hours

Mon. 12 pm—4 pm
Tues.—Fri.: 9:00 AM - 4:00

FOOD PANTRY (623-3332)

Tues.—Fri.: 9 AM to 4:00 PM

Religious Ed Office Hours

Mon.— Fri.: 1:00 PM to 5 PM

**PARISH CLERGY
& STAFF**

Interim Administrator

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Dcn. Romeo Ganibe

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Grounds & Maintenance

Tony Gonzalez
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Acting Preschool Director

Amytes Quiason (744-9538)

Please contact the parish office to set up an Appointment & coordination for the following:

Anointing of the Sick

Baptisms: Dec 20, Jan 24 & 31, Feb 28

Baptism Preparation Classes: Jan 17, Feb 21

Blessings (home, auto, religious items, etc...)

Funerals

Homebound Communion

Marriages (at least 6 months before wedding date)



Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

Voucher expiration date extended!!

Good News!! If you haven't yet spend your vouchers due to COVID-19 or if you had limited access to our local Farmers' Market, it's not too late! Unused vouchers will be extended til November 30, 2020.

To request a Mass Intention, please email the parish office at sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org or call (808) 623-3332 x100.

CALLS, TEXTS & EMAILS SCAMS!

There has been a scam affecting many parishioners. Please never respond to such email messages or texts from clergy and staff of St. John's.

For more information, see the link below.

https://www.malwarebytes.com/scam-call/?utm_source=double-opt-in&utm_medium=email-internal-b2c&utm_campaign=EM-B2C-2019-July1-newsletter&utm_content=scam-call

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, Bishop Larry Silva extends the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass to all the people of the Diocese of Honolulu and all visitors to the Diocese of Honolulu through **December 31, 2020**.

All who are able to attend Sunday Mass without putting themselves or others at serious risk of infection, are encouraged to do so, but are not obliged to do so. 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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 23, 2020

Msgr. John S. Mbinda (Healing)

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

(8 am) †Teopista Tulang

Msgr. John Mbinda (Healing)

Bryant DeCosta

(Birthday Blessing)

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

(8 am) †Jesus G. Caspillo

†Buena Lacar

SJAE Clergy, Staff & Volunteers

Msgr. John S. Mbinda (Healing)

Thursday November 26, 2020

(8 am) †Ana Maria Aguirre

†Gregoria Sadora

Ana Maria Escamilla

(Birthday Blessing)

Msgr. John S. Mbinda (Healing)

Friday, November 27, 2020

(8 am) †Enrique Rivas

Milagros Cortel

(Birthday Blessing)

Priest Edmundo Rivas

(Birthday Blessing)

Saturday, November 28, 2020

(8 am) †Agreda Acebo Family

Msgr. John S. Mbinda (Healing)

Sunday, November 29, 2020

Chloe Gonzalez

(Birthday Blessing)

For the People

†Ethel Saka

Primo Pablo (Birthday Blessing)

†RIP

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

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church



Because of the pandemic and to keep everyone safe, the following changes will be made.

We will be doing on-line registration on the parish website (stjohnmililani.org) for the penance service to monitor crowd size. If you are unable to register on-line please call the office (623-3332) to register.

On-line registration for the penance service opens on November 23 and closes on December 1.

For confession, priests and parishioners will remain standing. Please let us know if you need to be seated for actual confession. We will have one station where there will be a chair to sit down.

A mask will be required at all times. You are responsible to maintain social distancing and sanitize your hands upon entry to the church.

Because of the pandemic there will be no lines. You will remain seated until the usher calls you to go to confession. We will begin at the front of each section working our way to the back. You will not be able to choose the priest you wish to go to confession. Each priest will hear the confession of those seated in his section. If you have a preference for who you want to hear your confession, please call that priest and schedule a private confession on your own time.

After you have the opportunity to go to confession, please do not return to your seat inside the church. Use social distancing and return to your car.

Thank you for your patience and for helping to keep all who are gathered for our advent penance service safe.

Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe for a New Culture of Life

Throughout this Novena we ask the intercession of Mary, the Merciful Mother of Jesus, for a New Culture of Life and the conversion of the Americas.

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December 4 - 12, 2020

Novena (Rosary) followed by the celebration of Mass



For more information contact Milagros
Quinones at mizzmillie@gmail.com
or Maria Aguirre at magui6362@aol.com.

Dec. 4 at 6:15 p.m.

Dec. 5 at 5 p.m.

****Rosary after the Mass****

Dec. 6 at 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 7 at 5:00 p.m.

(Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass)

Dec. 8 at 5.00 p.m.

Rosary Only / Mass at 8 a.m.

(Immaculate Conception
Obligatory Day)

Dec. 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Rosary Only / Mass at 8 a.m.

Penance Service at 7 p.m.

Dec. 10 at 6:15 p.m.

Dec. 11 at 6:15 p.m.

**Saturday, December 12, 2020
(Feast day)**

Mañanitas (Serenade) at 7:00 a.m.

Procession & Skit at 11:00 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 noon

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church



December 16-24, 2020

5:00 A.M.

Due to social distancing, parishioners must register (one time only) on the parish website, stjohnmililani.org, to reserve a seat for the nine days Mass celebration.

Registration opens on December 1 and closes on December 11.

NOVENA MASSES

Wednesday, December 16

Thursday, December 17

Friday, December 18

Saturday, December 19

Sunday, December 20

Monday, December 21

Tuesday, December 22

Wednesday, December 23

Thursday, December 24

CELEBRANTS

Fr. Drexel Ramos

Fr. Ernie Juarez

Fr. Alfred Guerrero

Fr. EJ Resinto

Fr. Steve Macedo

Fr. Ed Barut

Fr. Ezekiel Tuyor

Fr. Adondee Arellano

Fr. Greg Honorio



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Note: Parishioners must register on the parish website (stjohnmililani.org) to reserve a seat. Registration opens on December 3 and closes on December 17.

Christmas Eve Masses, December 24

6:00 P.M., 9:00 P.M., 12 Midnight (Live-steamed)

Christmas Day Masses, December 25

7:00 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 11:00 A.M. (Live-streamed)

No 6:00 P.M. Mass

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH ANGEL NETWORK REMINDERS:



1. WRAP ALL GIFTS AND ATTACH YOUR GIFT NUMBER.
2. RETURN YOUR GIFTS BEFORE MASS ON DECEMBER 5/6, DECEMBER 12/13 OR IN THE PARISH OFFICE BY DECEMBER 14. OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY (12PM - 4PM) ,
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY (9AM - 4PM) .
3. QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE, 623-3332. MAHALO FOR BEING A CHRISTMAS ANGEL BY PROVIDING A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO A DESERVING CHILD, SENIOR OR SEMINARIAN !



SJAE umbrellas from Women's Guild \$30 each; Special 2 for \$55. Call the parish office, (808) 623-3332.

The Hui O Laulima Ministry, which serves those in need on Molokai, is in need of nonperishable food items: SPAM, Corned Beef, Beef Stew, Vienna Sausage, Rice, Oatmeal, Breakfast Items, Soda Crackers, Ritz Crackers, Pancake Mix, Cocoa/Coffee, Jellies and Ketchup/Shoyu/Mustard, etc. Please drop off your donation in the food trolley located inside the church or the rectory during office hours. Thank you for your continued support.



FRONT



MASK



BACK

Celebrate our parish's 50th Anniversary with a St. John Spirit-led T-Shirt and mask!
T-Shirts: \$20,

Mask: \$10. Place your order by contacting the parish office, 623-3332 ext. 100 or email: sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org.
Order while supplies last.

**Rite of Christian
Initiation of Adults
2020-2021
Registration is
now open!**



Want to be Baptized?
Never were confirmed?
Need to make your First Holy Communion?
Want to become a Catholic?
For more information,
email Deacon Modesto Cordero at mcordero@rcchawaii.org, or
Deacon Romeo Ganibe at rganibe@rcchawaii.org or call the parish office at (808) 623-3332 ext. 100 for an appointment.



We are grateful to all you who continue to give to the parish generously so we can continue to serve you and others in many ways. May God bless you abundantly.

Stewardship of Treasure NOVEMBER 14 / 15

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,863.91
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,553.00
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 454.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 1,756.00
Donation— Stewardship	\$ 300.00
Donation— All Soul's	\$ 80.00
Donation— Blessing	\$20.00
Donation— Cath. Campaign for Hum. Dev.	\$ 31.00
Donation— Priest Retire Fund	\$ 198.00
Donation— Archdiocese/Military Services	\$ 35.00
Candles	\$ 269.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 470.00

Weekend Total: \$ 14,029.91

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

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Daughters of St. Paul Pauline Book Store & Media will be having a virtual book fair. They will have large selections of Christmas & Advent books, music and movies for all ages and religious articles. Click on the link: <https://paulinestore.com/christmasgifts>. Can't find what you're looking for? Please contact the store at (808) 521-2731. You are in our daily prayers. May God bless you and your final weeks of 2020 with His grace!

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!**

HEALING / BLESSINGS: Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, Ben & Helen Guerrero, 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, Bienvinedo Roter, Thomas Taum, Xander Ray, Bernie Scott Franks, Sharon Scott, Ron & Patricia Li, Brenda Upchurch, Laura Ann Peeters, Msgr. John S. Mbinda & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Mona Sagon, Danny Casaquit, Teresa Mellone, David M. Torres, Lucy Ramos, John Francis Walker, Paciencia C.R Sumaoang, Melanio L. Aczon, Frances M.W. Plemer, Dolly Mandap, Shirley Pichon, Angel S. Dytioco, Robert & Patrick Saguibo, Eileen Hayase, Mahine Tauotaha, Laura Lee Riley, Paul Drury, Angela DeCosta, Eleanor R. Saguibo, Huguette L. Monette, Diana "Kina" Lewis Maglinti, Priscilla F. Fisher, Mario M. Pichon, Lorna Tulang & Louise Iopa.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th in observance of Thanksgiving. Please note the Church will be closed after the 8 am Mass.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development– CCHD Collection: Please be generous in this week's special collection for Catholic for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the CCHD can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please drop your donation during offertory or you may also donate online through our parish "Online Giving."

We give thanks to our Lord for all his blessings! Join us in gratitude at the 6 pm vigil Mass on Wed., Nov 25th or at the 8 am Thanksgiving Day Mass (**Live-Streamed**) on Thurs. Nov 26th! Bring a meal item (labeled with your name) for your thanksgiving table for a blessing before sharing it with your family & friends (i.e. apple cider, dinner rolls, fruit, etc.) Our Liturgical Environment Ministry will place the item on the sanctuary with you.

All Souls Remembrance– During the month of November, we will pray for your deceased loved ones at all the Masses. Please list the names you wish to have remembered. Offering envelopes are available at the entrance of the church or you may donate online by visiting our parish website by clicking "Online Giving."

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (A Holy Day of Obligation in the Diocese of Honolulu)

Mass Times:

Monday, December 7 (Vigil)

6:00 P.M. (Live-streamed)

Tuesday, December 8

8:00 A.M



Confession is by appointment only. No 3:30PM Saturday Confession.

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

Volunteers are in need to help sanitize after Mass. If you are able to help, please meet in front of the Chapel after Mass. **Mahalo!**

Food Pantry- If you or someone you know needs food assistance, we can help! Come see us on Tuesday, **November 24 from 10 am - 12 noon** in front of the One Community Center.

Miles Christi Catholic Women's Bible Study Group will be meeting by Zoom video conferencing on Saturdays, 9 am to 10:30 am. Catholic women who would like to join us, please contact Barbara at (808) 671-4750 or (808) 777-8604.

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.