

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

Deacon Modesto Cordero

Look busy!

Looking busy would certainly be one way of describing many of us at the start of Advent. We are busy trying to figure out how we are going to celebrate the upcoming season with all the restrictions we have and the current pandemic that is taking over our day to day lives. And we will likely get busier as Christmas day approaches – busy with online shopping, virtual gatherings to coordinate or to attend, gifts to wrap and mail – all that goes into preparing for the season of Christmas. But it is not busyness that the Prophet Isaiah had in mind when, in the first reading he says: ***“No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!”*** Isaiah gives us a clue to how we should be acting during Advent and, indeed, throughout the entire liturgical year that begins this weekend – **doing right, remembering God and God’s ways.** Advent, as we all know, is a word that means “coming.” For us Christians it means the coming of God into our world and into our lives. It is time for us to increase our desire for Christ to be with us. This is the theme of Advent and we can deepen our awareness of God’s love for us by living this awareness of God throughout Advent this year. “Watch.”

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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/>

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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We look forward to connecting with you!



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We want God to find us always doing what **is right**, always mindful of Him in **our ways**. We can only do that if we take time to be with Him each day.

The second reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians tells us that ***“God is faithful, and by him, you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”*** Sometimes we are not faithful, but God remains faithful. God calls us to fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ. We are called to share the life of Jesus Christ. Again we can reflect that living the life of Jesus Christ means to accept suffering, to serve all others and especially those who reject us. Be watchful! Be alert! We are called this Advent to be watchful, to be prepared, and to recognize the signs of the times. The Gospel from Saint Mark reminds us once again: keep alert and keep watching for the Lord! It is so easy today to accept the values of the world. At times those values seem even more compassionate than Gospel values. We have to recognize that **doing right** is not the same as feeling good about ourselves or about others. One of the great gods of our time is the demand that we always feel good, that we seek momentary happiness, above the values of the Gospel and the Scriptures.

Advent urges us to “stay awake” and not to sleep through the opportunities life gives us to discover God in our midst. Advent calls us to “watch,” to pay attention to the signs of God’s unmistakable presence in our lives, to live life expectantly not as a death sentence but as a gift from God. We are living in difficult times. But this new season of the church - Advent - invites us to ***“Wait for God in patient hope.”*** God has not abandoned us, God is with us - though sometimes our lack of faith prevents us from seeing Him. Remember Jesus in the womb of Mary for nine months; Mary could not see Jesus but she knew that the Word had been made flesh and she was waiting in hope for his birth. Wait in patient hope for God to fulfill his plans in his **own way** in his own time. In the middle of all our busyness that comes with this holy season, we need to ask God for the grace to know ourselves better. We need to ask him to show us what we need to work on to improve our spiritual lives. Advent is the moment to take note of the things that separate us from God, to loosen their hold on us, and to cast them away from us.

Happy Advent!

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

Fr. Drexel Ramos
dramos@rcchawaii.org

Parochial Vicar

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Deacon Romeo Ganibe
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RCIA Coordinators

Dcn. Modesto Cordero
Dcn. Romeo Ganibe

Religious Ed. Director

Nadine Marchan-Wheeler
nwheeler@rcchawaii.org

Grounds & Maintenance

Tony Gonzalez
hgonzalez@rcchawaii.org

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 31, Feb 28,

Baptism Preparation Classes: Jan 24, Feb 21

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

Funerals**Homebound Communion**

**Marriages (at least 6 months before
wedding date)**

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](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 30, 2020

Msgr. John S. Mbinda (Healing)

Pedro Taglinao
(Death Anniversary)

†Rosa Mormad

†David M. Torres

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

(8 am) †Leonora Cabbab

Msgr. John Mbinda (Healing)
Channing Fukuda (Healing)

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

(8 am) Msgr. John S. Mbinda
(Healing)

Thursday December 3, 2020

(8 am) Msgr. John S. Mbinda
(Healing)

Friday, December 4, 2020

(8 am) †Feliciano Dona
Guerrero Family

(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Barbara J. Caspillo

(Birthday Blessing)

Msgr. John S. Mbinda
(Healing)

Saturday, December 5, 2020

(8 am) †All Souls in Purgatory
Msgr. John S. Mbinda (Healing)

Sunday, December 6, 2020

†Mario M. Pichon

For the People

†Irene Quinores Morales

†Lilian Ramos & Thomas
Kekuawela

†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

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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!



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.



SJAE umbrellas
from Women's
Guild
\$30 each;
Special 2 for
\$55.

Call the parish
office,
(808) 623-3332.

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 21 / 22

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,735.35
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,330.00
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 683.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 1,270.00
Donation— Stewardship	\$ 150.00
Donation— Social Ministry	\$ 100.00
Donation— Children's Collection	\$ 10.00
Donation— Youth & Young Adults	\$ 90.00
Donation— Cath. Campaign for Hum. Dev.	\$ 1,044.00
Donation— Priest Retire Fund	\$ 710.00
Donation— Christmas	\$ 500.00
Donation— Christmas Flowers	\$ 10.00
Donation— Good Friday	\$ 8.50
Donation— Thanksgiving	\$ 50.00
Donation— World Mission	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 184.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 50.00

Weekend Total: \$ 15,934.85

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

Respect Life: "Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary" respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary

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: 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 & Reginald B. Peeters.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catholic Campaign for Human Development– CCHD Collection: Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, **we raised \$ [1,275.00]** to support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States.

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!**

Remember a loved one by making a flower offering this Christmas. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or you may also make a donation online by visiting our parish website, clicking on “Online Giving.”

Benediction & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, Dec 4, immediately after the 8:00 am Mass to 9:30 am.



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

Food Pantry- If you or someone you know needs food assistance, we can help! Come see us on Tuesday, **December 29 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: 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 other through the church. An acknowledgement 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.