



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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Stewardship Way of Life Centered on the Eucharist

Stewardship is a way of life. As such it takes root in a parish where parishioners are centered on the Eucharist. As parishioners we are called to grow in union with God and with one another, through prayer, formation and service. We are on the way of becoming this kind of parish: a community of believers, the Body of Christ, drawn together in faith to glorify God. Individually, our vocation is to be disciples of Jesus Christ, giving ourselves completely to the Father and His will. Together we live that discipleship.

Through the Eucharist, we “enjoy a unique union with Christ and, in him, with one another.” (*Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response*) In the Eucharist, Christ’s love flows into his disciples, and through them and their stewardship, flows into the entire human race. In the Eucharist, we reaffirm our participation in the New Covenant. We give thanks to God for the gifts received, and strengthen our bonds of commitment to one another as members of the community Jesus forms. As parishioners, we are drawn into communion with God and with one another. Through our communion with Christ, we begin to live more fully the threefold mission of Christ: priest, prophet and king. We all share this mission by virtue of the anointing at Baptism and Confirmation, and are continually strengthened by the Eucharist.

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.***

At Baptism and Confirmation, we are anointed to share the mission and priesthood of Jesus. In addition we are anointed like Jesus in order to speak God’s word; to witness as he did; to share Christ’s prophetic mission of compassion, mercy, love and hope. We are also anointed as king. That means that we are called and chosen to do great things; called to fight the spiritual warfare in the world around us. We are called and anointed king to attack what is evil in our midst. As disciples living a stewardship way of life, we are well equipped and continually strengthened at the Holy Eucharist that overflows into action. Beginning with the time we spend together in liturgical worship, and flowing into joy and hope, we are sent at the end of Mass to continue our discipleship in our daily work and so continue to participate in Christ’s priestly, prophetic and kingly mission. That is why, in order for our parish to grow in stewardship, we need to grow in prayer, share in worship and be sustained by the Eucharist.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda
Pastor

Readings for Next Sunday: January 5 The Epiphany of Our Lord Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

This passage from Isaiah is a song in praise of Jerusalem. It was written during the restoration of the ruined city after the captivity in Babylon. The prophet dreams that the former glory (vv 1-4) and prosperity (vv 5-7), such as king Solomon had achieved, would again belong to the Jewish people. This dream was never fulfilled literally, but was more than fulfilled by the coming of Christ.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Psalm 72 looks back to the reign of King Solomon, characterized by the greatest peace, prosperity, power, and justice Israel had ever known. It also looks forward in hope to another king who would be like Solomon, but who would embrace the entire world. The response: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you" anticipates that hope.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Paul in this passage refers to the mission of the Church, the calling of all humankind into union with God, as a mystery. The reading underlines the universal nature of salvation in God's plan. Therefore God wills that all cultural barriers be broken down, and all men and women without exception come to know God's love, because the same promise has been made to them through the Gospel.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

This Gospel story about the wise men from the East in a certain sense anticipates the rejection of Jesus by the Jewish leaders as contrasted with his manifestation to and acceptance by the gentiles. The prophecy quoted in v 6 (adapted from Micah 5:1 and 2 Sam 5:2) points to Jesus as fulfilling the messianic hope symbolized by King David. More significantly, the entire story echoes the coming of the Queen of Sheba (Ethiopia) to King Solomon (1 Kg 10:1-13), and shows Jesus as the "new Solomon" whose wisdom draws even the wisest of the world to humble submission.

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, 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 30, 2013

8am Mass Lorenza Suguitan (RIP)
Sam and Ann Gandauli (Blessings)

Tuesday, December 31, 2013

8am Mass Ponce Tranilla (RIP)
Ellen Cleghorn (Birthday)

Wednesday, January 1, 2014

8am Mass Guerrero Family (Thanksgiving)
Andrea Perlas (Thanksgiving)

Thursday, January 2, 2014

8am Mass James and Mildred Mizoguchi (RIP)
Ferdinand Dequilla (RIP)

Friday, January 3, 2014

8am Mass Ronald M. Tanaka (RIP)
Mari Page (RIP)
Linda Palmeira (RIP)

Saturday, January 4, 2014

8am Mass Adorio Duldulao (Death Anniversary)
Ferdinand Dequilla (RIP)
5pm Mass Mersalides (Lolly) Cole (RIP)

Sunday, January 5, 2014

7am Mass Wendel Won (RIP)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Ferdinand Dequilla (RIP)
6pm Mass Cristina Agbayani (RIP)

Parish News & Announcements

Church Offices will be open on Tuesday, December 31, from 8:30am - 12noon. Church offices will be closed on Wednesday, January 1 and Thursday, January 2, 2014.

**New Year's Eve Mass of Thanksgiving
Tuesday, December 31, 2013 at 10pm**

Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Friday, January 3rd after the 8am Mass.

The Hui O Laulima Food Trolley will be out next weekend. Please kokua.

A Healing Mass with anointing is scheduled for Monday, January 13. Praise and worship begins at 7:30pm followed by Mass.

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2014, 7pm-9pm in the Parish Center room 6. The next book that we will discuss is **Render Unto Caesar: Serving the Nation by Living Our Catholic Beliefs in Political Life** by Charles J. Chaput. Borrow or buy the book, read it and join us for our book discussion. Contact Melissa Crisostomo 626-2469 or alohamc@yahoo.com for more information.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: There will be a special collection for Church in Latin America (CLA) and Black and Indian Missions on the weekend of January 25 and 26. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please drop your donation in the collection basket during offertory.

MARRIED COUPLES - IT'S NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TIME. Resolve to start a new love affair with your spouse that's beyond your wildest dreams. It can happen on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Sign up soon so you can renew your love for one another.

Upcoming dates:

February 14-16, 2014 - Maui

May 2-4, 2014 - Oahu

September 26-28, 2014 - Oahu

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.hawaiiwwme.org

SAVE THE DATE! 41st Annual Rally and March for Life: Saturday, January 25th State Capitol, 12:30-5:00pm.

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.

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 21/22, 2013		
	Weekly Goal	Actual Amount
Sunday Offering	\$12,647.00	\$11,929.83
Building, Equip., Maintenance and Outreach	\$1,470.00	\$933.00
<i>"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce." PROVERBS 3:9</i>		