

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Email: sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org Website: www.stjohnmililani.org**NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!****SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION****Fr. Drexel B. Ramos**

The season of Advent ushers us to the new Church Year. For many, this new cycle is an ordinary physical passage of time which consists of four weeks before Christmas. Liturgically, the main theme of the first two weeks is the eschatological coming of Christ that is the fulfillment of his first coming. We wait like those who waited in his first coming with joyful expectations. Interior preparation is of great importance that we may clearly understand and celebrate religiously this gracious event.

Advent is an invitation to conversion and John the Baptist gives us down- to-earth advice on how to change our lives for the better. He talks about our prejudices, pride, and injustices that we do in our life. We ask ourselves what in our lives need a complete turning around to allow God to come close to us. We have to accept that we have areas and dark corners in ourselves that we do not want to be disturbed even though we are aware that they prevent us from having a closer and intimate relationship with our Lord. This Advent time of prayer and penance brings home to us the need to make a fresh start. Preparing a way for God in our hearts demands listening to what God is saying to us, and if necessary, acting upon it by making changes in our behavior.

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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/](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.

SJAE MOBILE APP

Download our **FREE** app with these easy steps through **Apple App Store** or **Google Play Store**:

Search keywords: **ST. JOHN APOSTLE**www.ParishSolutionsCo.com/JohnHI**ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST MILILANI****SAINTJOHNMILILANI**

We look forward to connecting with you!



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In this time of Advent let us give time to welcome God in our hearts and remove all the blockages and obstacles which prevent Him from coming close. Preparing a way for the Lord may mean walking a new path. Christ cannot save us without our cooperation. Like a true gentleman he does not force an entry into our lives but waits to be invited. We may have different and unique ways in anticipation for Christmas. But then let us not forget the most important one and that is our Spiritual preparation. It is so because we give more weight to external and physical preparation for the coming of this joyful season.

The voice of John the Baptist reminds us that we have the important task of announcing Christ to others. Our everyday life is a message telling everyone through acts of kindness, honesty, and faithfulness that Christ is right here with us. Advent season is an invitation for each and every one of us by John the Baptist to a real spiritual homecoming by making the necessary preparations for the arrival of the savior in our lives. **Amen.**

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Tuesday, December 8th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As essential part of God's plan for the mother of his Son was that she be conceived free from Original Sin. "Through the centuries the Church became ever more aware that Mary, 'full of grace' through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception" (CCC, no 491.) In anticipation that she was to bear the Son of God, Mary was preserved from the time of her conception from Original Sin.

We call this the Immaculate Conception. No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception

does not refer to the virginal conception and birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin. In the course of time, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception became more precisely enunciated, as its truth—long supported by the universal popular devotion of the faithful—was better understood by deepening theological inquiry. In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed this dogma infallibly: that is, in his role as supreme teacher of the Church, he declared that this doctrine is divinely revealed and must be accepted with faith by the entire Church.



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
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Parochial Vicar

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Dcn. Modesto Cordero
Dcn. Romeo Ganibe

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Nadine Marchan-Wheeler
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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: Jan 17 & 31, Feb 14 & 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, December 7, 2020

John Sauget (Birthday Blessing)
Guerrero Family (Healing)

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

(8 am) †Eric Umetsu
†James & Mildred Mizoguchi
†Albert Porras Jr.
†Johnnie Gallogly

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

(8 am) Myrna Soriano Acirto
(Healing)

Msgr. John S. Mbinda (Healing)
Concepcion Amigo
(Birthday Blessing)

Thursday December 10, 2020

(8 am) Myrna Soriano Acirto
(Healing)

Guerrero Family (Healing)

Friday, December 11, 2020

(8 am) Myrna Soriano Acirto
(Healing)

Nicole Kawahara
(Birthday Blessing)

† Federico G. Badua

Saturday, December 12, 2020

(8 am) †David M. Torres

Myrna Soriano Acirto (Healing)
Chanee Shockley & Gail
Estanque (Birthday Blessings)

Sunday, December 13, 2020

†Harley Lee Kingsley

For the People

†Ethel Sara
Myrna Soriano Acirto (Healing)

†RIP

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

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.

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church

95-370 Kuahelani Avenue Mililani, HI 96789

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 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 28 / 29

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,905.00
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 1,273.00
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 500.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 5,563.56
Donation— Baptism	\$ 40.00
Donation— Stewardship	\$ 25.00
Donation— Cath. Campaign for Hum. Dev.	\$ 100.00
Donation— Priest Retire Fund	\$ 30.00
Donation— Christmas	\$ 44.00
Donation— Christmas Flowers	\$ 783.00
Donation— All Souls'	\$ 21.00
Donation— Thanksgiving	\$ 120.00
Donation— Immaculate Cons.	\$ 20.00
Donation— Archdiocese/Military Services	\$ 25.00
Candles	\$ 255.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 70.00

Weekend Total: \$ 15,774.56

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

Respect Life: "Jesus calls each of us to 'care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible' (EV 87). ...The encyclical The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation."

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities 2020-2021 Respect Life Reflection, www.respectlife.org/reflection.

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, 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, Cathy & Margie Guerrero & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: 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 & Alejandro Gasmen.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Retirement Fund for Religious: Help our Elders! In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Next weekend, we will take up the annual nation collection for Retired Religious. Your gift to the retirement fund for religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous. 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."

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."

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.

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 at (808) 521-2731. You are in our daily prayers. May God bless you and your final weeks of 2020 with His grace!

Planting Seeds for the Future: How long has it been since you updated your will? Does it still express your wishes? Does it leave a gift to your church to carry on its ministry after your death?

Please remember St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church in planning your will.