

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

Deacon Romeo Ganibe

Today, we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, as many of us know, is Gaudete Sunday or “Joyful” Sunday. Both the First and Second Readings refer explicitly to the joy we are to experience through our relationship with our God. Clearly, “joy” seems to be part and parcel of our lives as disciples of Jesus.

We know, however, that often there is much in our lives that seriously detracts from our joy, suppresses it, and in some cases nearly extinguishes it. Especially during this time of pandemic, life can be hard, disappointing, and at times filled with a great deal of sadness. Sometimes our life experiences lead us far from it. And at times we probably do our best to put on a “good face”, pretend that we are happier than we really are. And while we sometimes do that, we know that almost everyone can see right through it. So how do find joy amidst the difficulties of life?

Paul tells us, “Do not quench the Spirit.” And that’s the key. The “joy” we are to radiate as people of faith is not, nor can be, manufactured by us, it comes from God dwelling in us, and whose Spirit now resides within us. That’s where true joy comes from. And that truly is Good News, for it means that it is possible to truly be filled with joy, even when things in life don’t seem to be going our way.

And so, as we continue to make our way through this holy season of Advent, let’s acknowledge that our lives do say something to other people. The way we live is an expression of what we truly believe, our actions being sort of “answers” to the questions, “Who are we?”, “What do we value the most?”, and “Is there any meaning to life?”. And with that in mind, may we always do all in our power (in reality, through God’s power) to find ways of remaining joyful no matter what, not in a “pretend” sort of way, but in a genuine way, one which comes from knowing how deeply we are loved and how far God is willing to go to care for us, dwell within us, and save us.

Rejoice always!

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**

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ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST MILILANI



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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

Sat, Tues— Fri.:
1:00 PM to 5 PM

**PARISH CLERGY
& STAFF****Interim Administrator**

Fr. Drexel Ramos
dramos@rcchawaii.org

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Stephen Macedo
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Deacon Modesto Cordero
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Deacon Romeo Ganibe
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Office Coordinator

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Parish Secretary

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RCIA Coordinators

Dcn. Modesto Cordero
Dcn. Romeo Ganibe

Religious Ed. Director

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 31, Feb 14 & 28, Mar 14 & 28

Baptism Preparation Classes: Jan 24, Feb
21, Mar 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 **February 16, 2021** (Tuesday before Ash Wednesday.)

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 14, 2020**

Myrna Soriano Acirto (Healing)
Msgr. John Mbinda
(52nd Ordination Anniversary)
†Wilfredo Alfaro
(Birthday Memorial)

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

(8 am) Dan & Marie Harr & Family
Jinky Pascual & Family
Myrna Soriano Acirto (Healing)
Erin & Sheila Gallogly
(Birthday Blessing)

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

(8 am) Jolly Schneider & Family
Myrna Soriano Acirto (Healing)
†Angelito Taglinao
(Death Anniversary)

Thursday December 17, 2020

(8 am) Myrna Soriano Acirto
(Healing)
Cynthia Murphy & Family
Pearly Soriano & Family

Friday, December 18, 2020

(8 am) Hildegard Borowitz
Ben & Lily Pascual & Family
†Fr. Cletus Mooya

Saturday, December 19, 2020

(8 am) †Jaime Maldonado Sr.
†Dorothea Suan Agustin
Mel Kawahara (Birthday Blessing)
†Micala Christie-Hicks Siler,
USMA 101

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Margie Romasanta
(Birthday Blessing)

For the People

†Ethel Sara
†Dorothea Suan Agustin
(Death Anniversary)

†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



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



CELEBRATING

50 YEARS 1971-2021

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH, MILILANI

Spirit-led



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!**



SJAE umbrellas
from Women's
Guild

\$30 each;
Special 2 for
\$55.

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

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.

...Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means."
SIRACH 35:7-10



Be a Better Steward of St. John Apostle

Stewardship is made easier than ever with our new online giving system, **WeShare**.

Make your one-time or recurring donation using your debit card, credit card, checking, or savings account.

Start today by following these 3 easy steps:

- 1 Visit our church website, click on Online Giving
- 2 Set up your account
- 3 Choose a payment option and customize your donation

Sign up today by scanning the QR Code or visit www.stjohnnmillani.org



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
DECEMBER 5 / 6

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,812.50
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 6,955.00
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 1,236.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 3,775.00
Donation— Baptism	\$ 30.00
Donation— Stewardship	\$ 95.00
Donation— Social Ministry	\$ 190.00
Donation— Priest Retire Fund	\$ 80.00
Donation— Christmas	\$ 193.00
Donation— Christmas Flowers	\$ 535.00
Donation— Children's Collection	\$ 5.00
Donation— Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$ 170.00
Donation— Immaculate Con.	\$ 1,261.75
Donation— World Mission Day	\$ 5.00
Candles	\$ 443.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 430.00

Weekend Total: \$ 26,216.25

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



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

IF YOU HAVEN'T TURNED IN YOUR WRAPPED GIFTS, PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY DECEMBER 14.

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY (12PM - 4PM) ,

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 !

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: Make a difference! “Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses,” says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for 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.”

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!

Respect Life: “O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.” USCCB, “Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita”



Planting Seeds for the Future: Preparing an estate plan is good Christian stewardship—saying thanks to God, expressing your love for family, and showing charity toward others.

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