

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

Deacon Modesto Cordero

Are we ready to be transformed?

The word “transfiguration” is not often part of our vocabulary today. I cannot imagine a mother coming to the table with a beautifully done casserole proclaiming that she had “transformed” the macaroni into this exotic dish. We might use it if someone goes to the beauty shop and gets a daring haircut. Look how *transformed* she is! ...we might say. Or we might use it in telling fairy tales to our children – someone was *transformed* into a princess - like Cinderella or a frog was *transformed* into a Prince. But despite the fact that it is not a common word to use, what the word signifies does happen pretty often. The Lenten season is a transformational season in the Church.

During these five weeks of Lent, the Church is inviting us - is giving us - an opportunity to embrace change - to transform ourselves so we all can become better Christian stewards and followers of Christ. This is, of course, why we hear the story of the Transfiguration this second weekend of Lent. In Mark’s Gospel, the Apostles are witnesses to the event but really didn’t understand it. Nor did they understand the reference to Jesus rising from the dead – the ultimate transformation that was to come. It would be a transformation that would transform the world. Now, you might ask... How can we transform ourselves during Lent? What do we have to do to turn ourselves from sin, the part of ourselves that pulls away from God?

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday (Mon - Sat): 8 AM
Sunday (Sat. Vigil) 5 PM, 7 AM,
9 AM, 11 AM & 6 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 PM
(and by appointment)

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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In the first reading, Abraham had to turn his back on everything he held sacred. We know how important it was to have a son and heir for the Hebrew people. Abraham had only one son who was a gift from God. But now God wanted to take that away from him, and by Abraham's own hand. Abraham is so devoted to God that he is willing to sacrifice his own son to the Lord.

Perhaps Abraham's faith allowed him to know that this was a test or that God would somehow make anything that happened right, but he turned his back on everything he wanted and had worked for in order to follow God's command.

As Christian stewards, do we put the same trust in God in our lives? This "handing over" our lives to God, this ability to trust that God will make all things right in the end, that there is a divine purpose behind everything that happens is one of the things that we need to cultivate in our repentance this Lent. Nobody said this is going to be easy! If we are able to put that faith in God, Jesus Christ, and the Spirit, then we can proclaim with Paul to the Romans today that nothing "*will separate us from the love of Christ.*" No hardship, no distress, no persecution, no hunger, no poverty, or no weapon will be able to get us down or take God's love away. Faith can move mountains!

This second Sunday of Lent, we are asked by God to remain faithful (like Abraham that was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac), to have the courage (don't be afraid), and to listen (listen to his Son). God's command to listen to His beloved Son is also a command to change. Listening requires that we encounter Jesus, come to know who he is, and allow ourselves to be changed, to be transformed. Are we ready to change? Are we ready to be transfigured? Yes, it may require some pain, suffering, and self-emptiness. Lent is our time in the desert to face our temptations and open ourselves to the Spirit who is always present to us to guide us and comfort us. If we journey well and purposefully, when we come to the glory of Easter morning, we will see that the journey has brought us a joy that far outweighs any personal sacrifices we might have along the way.

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

Tues.— Sat.: 1:00 PM to 5 PM

**PARISH CLERGY
& STAFF**

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

Anointing of the Sick

Baptisms: Mar 14 & 28, April 11 & 25,
May 16 & 30, June 13 & 27

Baptism Preparation Classes: Mar 21,
April 18, May 23, June 20

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 and Holy Day Mass to all the people of the Diocese of Honolulu and all visitors to the Diocese of Honolulu through **noon on Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021, which marks the end of Lent.**

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 for the
Intentions* *for the
Week*

Monday, March 1, 2021

† Alfredo A. Fernandez

† Janet Amigo

Nimit Howcumfu

(Birthday Blessing)

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

(8 am) † Eddie Bates

† John McCann

Eva Aquino (Blessing)

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

(8 am) † Lorna Tulang

† Lydia Day

Modesta Yadao

(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Thursday March 4, 2021

(8 am) † Ben Guerrero

Claire Dang (Blessing)

Spence Taylor (Birthday Blessing)

Friday, March 5, 2021

† Feliciano Dona

Alex & Cyrus Noveloso

(Birthday Blessings)

Guerrero Family (Thanksgiving)

† Jaime Maldonado Sr.

(Birthday Memorial)

Saturday, March 6, 2021

(8 am) † Sylvia S. Meno

† Eddie Bates

Dorothy Davidson (Healing)

† Tutu Jean McGarry

Sunday, March 7, 2021

† Alfredo, Alfred Jr & Felicitas Cordial

For the People

† Alejandro Gasmen

† Nestor DSouza

† RIP

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

LENT AND EASTER 2021

FASTING

- ◆ In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday (February 17, 2021) and Good Friday (April 2, 2021).
- ◆ To fast means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (excepting water and medicine) is not permitted on fast days.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

- ◆ Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.
- ◆ To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

5:30 PM, Fridays of Lent: March 5, 12, 19, 26.

3:00 PM, Good Friday, April 2

7:00 PM, LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE: March 4

Please register on the parish website to reserve a seat. Registration opens on February 15 and closes on February 28.

HOLY THURSDAY, April 1

Morning Prayers (No 8:00 AM daily Mass)

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 PM (Livestreamed)

Please register on the parish website to reserve a seat. Registration opens on March 15 and closes on March 28.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 8:30 PM - 12 Midnight in the OCC.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2

Church Offices Closed

Morning Prayers (No 8:00 AM daily Mass)

Stations of the Cross, 3:00 PM

Passion of the Lord, 7:00 PM (Livestreamed)

Please register on the parish website to reserve a seat. Registration opens on March 15 and closes on March 28.

HOLY SATURDAY, April 3

Morning Prayers (No 8:00 AM daily Mass)

No Confession

Easter Vigil, 7:00 PM (Livestreamed)

Please register on the parish website to reserve a seat. Registration opens on March 15 and closes on March 28.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4

Masses: 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM (Livestreamed), No 6:00 PM Mass

Please register on the parish website to reserve a seat. Registration opens on March 15 and closes on March 28.

LET THE SPIRIT GUIDE YOU

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DEACON FORMATION

The Permanent Deacon Formation Program is directed at preparing men spiritually, intellectually, and pastorally for ordination and to assist the Church in its mission of salvation of souls. **Applicants for the next cohort will be accepted only after attendance at one of the mandatory inquiry weekends, along with your wives, if married.**

Inquiry Weekends will be held on the following dates:

- ♦ March 12-14, 2021 (Registration deadline March 5)
- ♦ April 9-11, 2021 (Registration deadline April 2)
- ♦ May 14-16, 2021 (Registration deadline May 7)
- ♦ June 11-13, 2021 (Registration deadline June 4)

You are invited to reserve a space online at: www.catholichawaii.org/formation.

For questions please email deaconformation2@rcchawaii.org or call (808) 203-6777.

Evangelization Through the Corporal Works of Mercy

webinar series hosted by the

Damien & Marianne Catholic Conference

Saint Teresa of Calcutta As A Contemplative Prayer Witness in Action

When Mother Teresa travelled abroad, the daily prayer schedule, "hands on work," spiritual formation classes, and administration responsibilities changed to new daily activities. For Mother Teresa another dimension of time was spent in contemplation. St Teresa of Avila would call it going more deeply into religious thought and prayer. In this presentation, Fr. Petrie will speak of personal experiences he had when traveling with Mother Teresa in Southeast Asia. The purpose of the talk will allow attendees to identify the contemplative experience in one's own life.



Rev. William Petrie, ss.cc.

Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Mary and Jesus



March 20, 2021, Saturday

10:00 - 11:30 AM (Hawai'i Time)

PRE-REGISTER for this COMPLIMENTARY webinar at:

www.dmcchawaii.org

500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES - HAWAII CELEBRATION

MASS of THANKSGIVING

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021 | 6:00PM

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF PEACE
1184 BISHOP STREET, HONOLULU, HAWAII



CELEBRANT: MOST REVEREND LARRY SILVA
Bishop, Diocese of Honolulu

HOMILIST: REV. PASCUAL G. ABAYA IV
Rector, Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace

Based on the introductory part of the Pastoral Letter for 2021 Year of "Missio Ad Gentes,"

"THE PHILIPPINE CHURCH REJOICES AS IT ENTERS A NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF THE 500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN OUR TREASURED HOMELAND. FIVE CENTURIES AGO, WE RECEIVED THE MARVELOUS GIFT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH; OUR HEARTS OVERFLOW WITH JOY AND GRATITUDE. WHY OF ALL THE NATIONS AND PEOPLES IN ASIA WAS THE PHILIPPINES CHOSEN BY GOD TO BE AMONG THE FIRST TO RECEIVE THIS PRECIOUS GIFT? THE CLEAR ANSWER IS SIMPLY THIS: GOD'S MAGNANIMOUS, OVERFLOWING LOVE."

[Romulo G. Valles, D.D., Archbishop of Davao; President, Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, 29 November 2020, First Sunday of Advent.]

It is with joy to recall that our very own bishop, the Most Rev. Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu, in a letter, dated 3 December 2019 and addressed to priests and parishioners, said,

"IN HAWAII, A GREAT MAJORITY OF IMMIGRANTS HERE ARE FILIPINOS, WHO BROUGHT WITH THEM THEIR TRADITION, CULTURE AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THEIR FAITH. AND SO, I AM CALLING FOR OUR PARTICIPATION IN THAT GREAT JUBILEE, BUT OUR CELEBRATION WILL BE DONE LOCALLY IN OUR ISLANDS. AND WE WILL CALL THEM: "500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES – HAWAII CELEBRATION."

Our beloved Bishop Silva also in that LETTER reminded us, "The '500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines – Hawaii Celebration' is meant to be inclusive and not an exclusive celebration among our Filipino brethren."

Due to the pandemic, in-person participation is by invitation only. Seatings may become available as the date approaches via the Cathedral Basilica. The Mass will be live-stream on the Cathedral Basilica Social Media Platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Hawaii Catholic TV).

CELEBRATING

50 YEARS 1971-2021

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH, MILILANI

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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.



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



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

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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
February 6/ 7

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,839.50
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 6,133.00
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 575.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 940.00
Donation– Children's Collection	\$ 20.00
Donation– Stewardship	\$ 150.00
Donation– Catholic Charities	\$ 8.50
Donation– Augustine Ed Fdn	\$ 305.00
Donation– Church in Latin America	\$ 5.00
Donation– Ash Wednesday	\$75.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 250.00
Candles	\$ 345.00

Weekend Total: \$ 16,646.00

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

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!**

Better Meals in Madagascar



In Madagascar, half of all children are undernourished. That means 50% of kids won't grow to reach their full potential. But communities are changing this by focusing on improving health and nutrition. What role has food played in your life? How can you help those who lack access to enough nutritious food. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. **Rice bowls are still available. Please visit the parish office.**

HEALING / BLESSINGS: Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Elaine Kahala, Sandra Gose, Linda Ward, Jean & James Tanoue, Kathy & Joe Ball, Willie & Bernard Rash, Florida Badua, Bienvinedo Roter, Thomas Taum, Xander Ray, Sharon Scott, Ron & Patricia Li, Brenda Upchurch, Laura Ann Peeters, Barbara Ursal, Nicholas Padron, Alexander Bonilla, Elaine Utu & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Robert & Patrick Saguibo, Eileen Hayase, Mahine Tauotaha, Laura Lee Riley, Paul Drury, Angela DeCosta, Eleanor R. Saguibo, Huguette L. Monette, Priscilla F. Fisher, Mario Pichon, Lorna Tulang, Louise Iopa, Reginald B. Peeters, Alejandro Gasmen, Rafael Mauleon, Elizabeth Burns, Priscilla R. Meek, Maricon Wood, Ben Guerrero, Don Motz, Healani Akana, Bernabe & Bernard Gonzalez, Tutu Jean McGarry & Linda Armant.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Penance Service: March 4, 7:00 PM

Join us for Stations of the Cross— 5:30 PM, Fridays of Lent: March 5, 12, 19, 26.

Benediction & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, March 5, immediately after the 8 am Mass to 9:30 AM.

Confessions are held every Saturday from 4:00—4:30 pm and by appointment.

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, March 23 from 10 am - 12 noon** in front of the One Community Center.

The Hui O Laulima Ministry, which serves those in need in 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.

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.

Respect Life: "The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished**." (USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent (usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection))

The Hawaii 40 Days for Life Campaign will be Feb. 17th - March 28, 2021. Join the 40 Days for Life Campaign today. Sign up for breaking news, devotionals and prayers from 40 Days for Life. See more information and plan to participate in the prayer Honolulu prayer vigils at 40 Days for Life. Please visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/> for more information.

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 others 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.