

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

Fr. Steve Macedo

Our readings today identify the most unlikely individuals for the most extraordinary tasks. These individuals are examples to us in our everyday lives.

In our First Reading, the Lord appoints Samuel to declare the next king of Israel within the family of Jesse of Bethlehem. To an extent, Samuel had his own vision as to who should be the next king. Yet, the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature... Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart." Jesse then shares that there is one more son that was out tending the sheep — the youngest, David. When David came to Samuel, the Lord proclaimed, "There — anoint him, for this is the one!"

The Lord's words to Samuel cut right to the heart of what matters in God's eyes, "man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart." We often embrace the misconception that status and appearance are what carry great importance in life. Yet, God clearly states that it is what is in our hearts that matters most. And He sees each one of our hearts. So how do we cultivate hearts worthy of God? It starts in prayer. Through this time set aside for our Lord, He will work on our hearts so that they will become more like His most Sacred Heart. Let us pray that our hearts might become transformed so that when we meet Christ face to face, He says, "There — anoint him, this is the one!"

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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Today's Gospel resounds what was proclaimed in our First Reading, "not as man sees does God see." Jesus heals a man blind from birth, and the disciples asked Jesus, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answers, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." Then Jesus heals the man.

Jesus often worked through the most vulnerable people in need to show His greatest works when He was on earth. People thought this man was made blind as a punishment from God — yet, God chose him to become a witness to Christ's light in the world. His weakness led him to depend on the healing power of Christ. We must also recognize our need for healing and give God the authority to work through us. With that, we will become an instrument of God in the world.

The Gospel continues with various people questioning how the blind man had his sight restored. They wondered from where the Man Who had healed him came. He responds so beautifully, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes... If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything."

How can we not believe in the good works of our God after hearing this testimony? We should be attentive to His good works because He pours them out on us each day. We simply must look through a lens of gratitude to see them.

During these final weeks of Lent, let us ponder God's words, "not as man sees does God see." May we become vulnerable and dependent on our Lord so that He might work through us and transform us; may we say a profound "yes" to that which He is calling us.

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 28, April 11 & 25, May 16 & 30, June 13 & 27

Baptism Preparation Classes: Mar 21, April 18, 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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 15, 2021

†Gonsalves Family

Everett Bates (Birthday Blessing)

Francisco Ortega (Birthday Blessing)

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

(8 am) †Ben Guerrero

†Alfredo, Alfred Jr & Felicitas Cordial

†Jean McGarry

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

(8 am) †Arielle Bhumitra

†Patricia Merideth

Alvin Pascual (Birthday Blessings)

Thursday March 18, 2021

(8 am) †Ben Guerrero

†Nora Roque

†Don Motz

Friday, March 19, 2021

†M/M Charley Jones

†Carey Johnson

†Josefino B. Solano Sr.

(Birthday Memorial)

Saturday, March 20, 2021

(8 am) †Alfred Padilla

†Ernie Rimando

†Violet DeCosta

†Donald Motz

Sunday, March 21, 2021

†Marianne Davidson

For the People

†James & Mildred Mizoguchi

†Eric Umetsu

†Gliceria & Vicente Dumbrique

†RIP

Bishop Larry Silva is ending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which has been in effect since mid-March, 2020. However, anyone who is sick, may have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19, or who has a health condition that would endanger themselves or others by being present in church, continues to be dispensed.

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.

"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 19, 26.

3:00 PM, Good Friday, April 2

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: 7:00 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.

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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:

- ◇ 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



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Special 2 for \$55.

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(808) 623-3332.



VACCINE APPOINTMENT ASSISTANCE



Are you 70 years old or older?

Do you need help to schedule your vaccine appointment?

We have volunteers to help make your vaccine appointment!

1. By phone or face to face
2. Only 10 minutes to complete application
3. Confidential and private
4. Transportation may be arranged.



BE SAFE! GET VACCINE!

Contact: SJAE Parish Office
At (808) 623-3332

Respect Life: "We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life." (*The Gospel of Life* 28)

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.

Join us in praying a special novena March 16 -24 in preparation for the Solemnity of the Annunciation. Let us follow the example of Mary and call upon her intercession to help us open our hearts to say "yes" to God! Please visit usccb.org/resources/Annunciation-Novena%20without%20crop%20marks for the novena, "A Heart Open to God's Will," The Annunciation.



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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.stjohnmililani.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 March 6/ 7

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,996.50
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 5,000.00
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 1,585.50
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 925.00
Donation— Baptism	\$ 50.00
Donation— Social Ministry	\$ 40.00
Donation— Stewardship	\$ 45.00
Donation— Easter Flowers	\$ 1,358.00
Donation— World Mission Sunday	\$ 8.50
Mass Intentions	\$ 710.00
Candles	\$ 524.00

Weekend Total: \$ 22, 242.50

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

Trying New Foods In Timor-Leste



Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia, and many children suffer from stunting, which makes a big impact on a child's growth and future. Home gardens and fishponds are helping families provide better nutrition for their children. What do you eat to stay healthy? What can you do to ensure children have enough food to thrive? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. Rice bowls are still available. Please visit the parish office.

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, 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 Ural, 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 & Channing Fukuda.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Catholic Relief Services Collection— This week, our parish will participate in the annual CRS second collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. Your generous donations will fund CRS's 6 Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please drop your donation during offertory, or donate online through our "Online Giving." Learn more: www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Starting on Monday, March 15th, registration will be open to reserve a seat for Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper), Good Friday (Passion of the Lord), Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) and Easter Sunday. Please visit our parish website to register at www.stjohnmililani.org.

Mass for 500th Anniversary of Catholic Faith in the Philippines— Hawaii Celebration is on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 6:00 PM, Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, Downtown Honolulu, celebrated by Bishop Larry Silva. The Mass will be live-streamed on the Cathedral Basilica social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and Hawaii Catholic TV).

Penance Service at Our Lady of Sorrows, Wahiawa - March 17, 2021 (7:00 PM).

Remember a love one at Easter. Easter Flower Envelopes are available at the back of the church or you may also donate through online giving by visiting our parish website.

Vaccine Appointment Assistance— Do you need help to schedule your vaccine appointment? We have volunteers to assist you by phone or face to face. It's private and confidential. Please call the rectory office at (808) 623-3332.

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

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 30 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.

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.