

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

Deacon Modesto Cordero

“Come out!”

We are nearing the end of Lent. Throughout this time of Lenten fasting, our intention has been to stay away from those material things that keep us away from living closer to Christ. By removing indulgences of food, drink, and possessions, we are able to focus on what gives our life direction and purpose, our relationship with Jesus.

The readings this weekend give us a profound sense of death to life, dying to rising. They speak about three different meanings of death. For the prophet Ezekiel, death means to be in exile. Now, he doesn't speak about physical death. He speaks of spiritual death, a death many of us might suffer from... without even realizing it.

In Paul's letter to the Romans, we heard, ***“The One who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies, through his Spirit dwelling in you.”*** Paul also speaks about death as living in sin. He says that those of us who look at life on strictly human terms – ***“Living according to the flesh”*** - cannot please 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/](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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We look forward to connecting with you!

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The Gospel of John shares the story about the death of Lazarus, Jesus' beloved friend. In all three readings, there is a spiritual death suggested and a rising to new life. This, of course, looks forward to the Paschal Mystery, the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ which we will soon celebrate in its fullness during the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil. But what does this mean to us today on this fifth Sunday of Lent, one week before the start of Holy Week?

It is a call to all of us to be open to the graces offered to us that will raise us up from spiritual deadness to new life. No matter where we are right now in our spiritual life, we can all benefit from the graces to raise us up from death to life. And as Catholics, we are so blessed beyond measure to have access to grace through the Sacraments. It is through the Sacraments that we are brought from death to life.

In our daily lives and in our own circumstances, we experience the Paschal Mystery, death to life, over and over. Through difficult times in our lives, we experience suffering and even a form of death, but we also experience resurrection when we are raised up. As Catholics, we need to unite our sufferings to the cross of Christ so we can be united to his resurrection.

As it has been said, there is no Easter Sunday without going through Good Friday. The story of the raising of Lazarus challenges us today to look at our lives, attitudes, and perhaps those sinful habits that keep us falling into the tomb of hopelessness and decay. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "**Lazarus, come out!**" Lazarus came out, raised back to life, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said, "**Untie him and let him go.**"

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, Jesus stands at the entrance of our tombs of spiritual deadness. He says to each of us: "**Come out.**" "**Come out**" from all that causes death and unite yourselves with the love of God. No matter where we are right now in our life, He wants to untie us and let us go free in him.



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU
WITNESS TO JESUS

March 12, 2021

Reverend Stephen Macedo
St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church
95-370 Kuahelani Avenue
Mililani, HI 96789-1103

Dear Father Macedo and Parishioners,

Peace be with you!

As you know, in 2020 we initiated an annual second collection for the support of our retired diocesan priests. Your parish contributed **\$6,444.50**, and the entire collection took in \$165,627.02. We are most grateful to all of you who contributed. Your generosity will help us replenish our pension fund, subsidize housing, and pay medical and long-term care needs for the priests who served our diocese and our parishes so well for so many years. Mahalo for your generosity!

May the Lord bless you always!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu

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: 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 22, 2021

†Channing Fukuda

†Irene Nagata

Todd & Rhonda Kimura

(Anniversary Blessing)

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

(8 am) †Carey Johnson

Earl Sauget (Birthday Blessing)

Yolanda Morreira

(Birthday Blessing)

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

(8 am) †Lorna Tulang

Fr. Marvin Samiano (Healing)

Mona DeCosta

(Birthday Blessings)

Thursday March 25, 2021

(8 am) †Juan Ortega

†Virgilio Q. Pantaleon

Thomas "Kimo" Taum (Healing)

Friday, March 26, 2021

†Channing Fukuda

†Fe Guadalupe Villareal

†Maria D. Rivera

Karen & Florante Magana

Saturday, March 27, 2021

(8 am) †Channing Fukuda

†Antonio & Florentina Pecho

Leah Asano (Healing)

Jack Whorisky (Special Intentions)

Sunday, March 28, 2021

†Maria G. Sablan

For the People

Patricia Rodriguez

(Birthday Blessing)

†Channing Fukuda

†RIP

Effective Easter Sunday, April 4 (or as of the Easter Vigil, April 3), 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 26

3:00 PM, Good Friday, April 2

HOLY THURSDAY, April 1

Morning Prayers, 8:00 AM (No daily Mass)

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

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

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2

Church Offices Closed

Morning Prayers, 8:00 AM (No daily Mass)

Stations of the Cross, 3:00 PM

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

HOLY SATURDAY, April 3

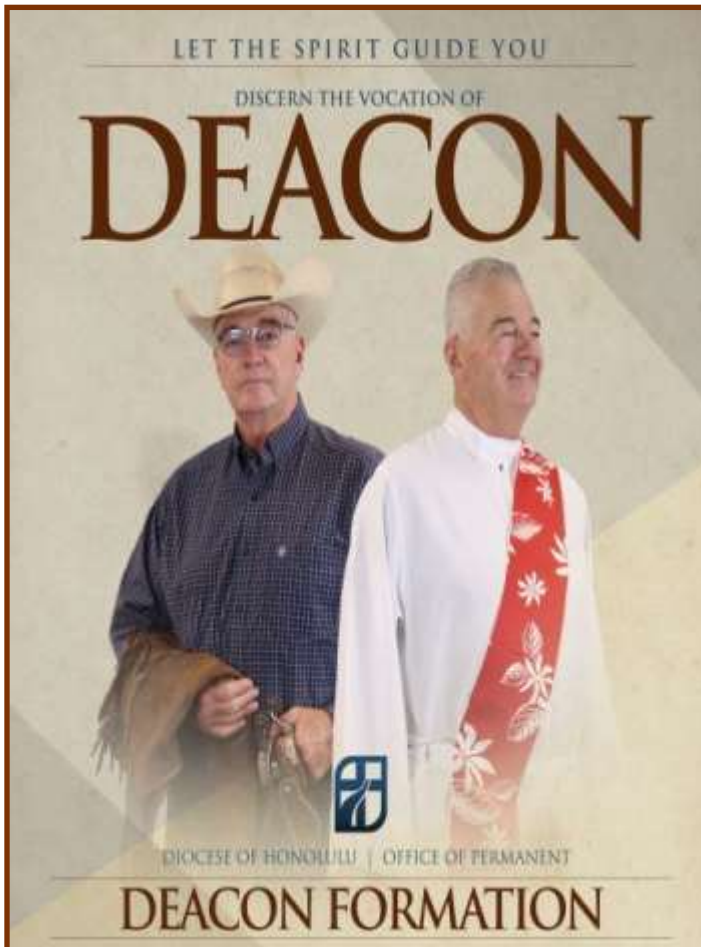
Morning Prayers, 8:00 AM (No daily Mass)

No Confession

Easter Vigil, 7:00 PM (Livestreamed)

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4

Masses: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM (Livestreamed), 6:00 PM Mass



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.



Are you registered with SJA&E Church?

Have you received First Holy Communion?

Are you active in the Catholic Faith?

Is so, please consider serving as an Altar Server.

If you are interested, please email:

Angela- altarssjae@gmail.com



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.



VACCINE APPOINTMENT ASSISTANCE



Are you 65 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: "To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (*The Gospel of Life* 84).

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.

"...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.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 13/14

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,333.75
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,203.00
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 577.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 2,556.56
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	
Atherton Foundation—	\$25,000.00
Donation— Youth & Young Adults	\$ 150.00
Donation— Stewardship	\$ 25.00
Donation— Easter Flowers	\$ 420.00
Donation— Catholic Relief Services	\$ 738.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 310.00
Candles	\$ 190.00

Weekend Total: \$ 41,503.31

"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!

Community in Madagascar



Poor nutrition can lead to devastating long-term consequences for individuals, communities and entire countries. That's why communities

must work together to ensure that all children have access to better food and nutrition. New planting and cooking techniques are helping many communities in Madagascar improve the health and wellbeing of their children. How does your community work together for the good of others? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

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: 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, Jonathan N. Guerrero & Negrís Indasio.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, March 26th in observance of the Prince Kuhio Holiday.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection— Thank you for your generous support and for helping *Jesus in Disguise*. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. Learn more: www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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— Are you 65 years old or older? 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, Friday, March 26, and 3:00PM, Good Friday, April 2.

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 non perishable 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: When your attorney prepares your estate planning documents, you can include your church as the final beneficiary to receive remaining benefits after other beneficiaries are remembered.

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