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ST. JOHN
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DAILY MASS: Monday-Saturday: 8:00am

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7am, 9am, 11am & 6pm

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:30pm

or by appointment

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 12:00pm-4:00pm

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Saturday & Sunday - Closed

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Giving Generously and Proportionately Part 1

Stewardship as a way of life implies living each day in gratitude for all the blessings that God has given to us. It also implies giving generously and proportionately. The roots of stewardship can be found in the Bible, which tells us over and over that God is the Creator and Giver of all gifts. It is our responsibility to show our gratitude to God for these gifts, by giving back to Him the "first fruits." We do not own the gifts God gives to us. We are only here on earth to use those gifts to do God's work.

In 1992 the U.S. Catholic Bishops released a pastoral letter on stewardship entitled: Stewardship: A Disciple's Response. The Bishops described a Christian steward as one who: receives God's gifts gratefully; cherishes and tends them responsibly; shares them in justice and love; and returns them to God. Sharing our gifts and returning them to God means giving generously of our time, talent and treasure. We give to God by sharing with our Church and with those in need. Time and talent can be shared by becoming involved in parish life, volunteering and offering a helping hand. Treasure can be shared by making a conscious effort to make a financial gift to God first, before we pay the bills and buy the things we want. When we give to God only after all of our personal spending we end up throwing Him the loose change or having nothing left at all to give. When we give to God first we are making a gift of faith, trusting that God will provide for our needs. We are truly giving Him the "first fruits" just as God asked us to do in the Bible.

Stewardship as a way of life in which one gives generously and proportionately cannot be understood clearly unless we understand every aspect of stewardship. This catechesis introduces some of the keys aspects of stewardship.

Scripture Based: All of the teachings of stewardship come directly from the Gospels, the Old Testament and the New Testament. Stewardship is not a new fad, or environmental word. Stewardship is the way God has expected His people to live since the beginning of time.

Dependence on God: Stewardship is recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God. We can take credit for nothing. Everything we have and everything we do is a result of some gift that God has placed into our hands.

Gratitude: Stewardship is living a life of gratitude - taking the time every day to recognize the gifts that God has given and to be grateful for them.

Giving Back: Stewardship is returning a portion of our gifts to God. The gifts we return are our time, our talent and our treasure. We return these gifts not because God or our Church needs them but because we feel an overwhelming need to show our love and gratitude to God.

Part 2 of this catechesis will outline more aspects of stewardship that help us to understand the deeper implications of stewardship as a way of life.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda
Pastor

VISION STATEMENT

*We are called to **develop a deeper relationship with Christ.** Such a relationship is fostered through active participation in: the Sacraments, the Word, Renewal programs, ministry/service, fellowship and other **Spirit-led** activities. We will dedicate our time, talent and treasure to install in our Parish community these basic building blocks of Christian living, **to live out the Lord's commands and to preach the Good News to all through our words, deeds and lives.***

Next Sunday Readings: January 26
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

The context of this prophecy relates to a significant event promising a new era after a disastrous period of misery resulting from war or a foreign invasion. Tradition has always related the prophecy to the coming of the Messiah who comes as a great light for a people who had been walking in darkness. The Messiah reverses the situation of gloom and distress into one of abundant joy and great rejoicing.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

These verses of psalm 27 offer further poetic reflections on the theme of light. The psalmist hopes and trusts that the Lord who is the light and salvation will bring rescue and protection from all enemies. To be in the presence of the Lord in his goodness is a proof of his love as well as the reward of fidelity.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

There is no doubt that there were serious divisions within the Corinthian congregation. In this passage, Paul addresses these factions by calling on all who are quarrelling to remember that they belong to Christ, not to any particular apostle who may have baptized them. It is the death and resurrection of Christ, symbolized in their baptism, which brings them together and is the secret of their salvation.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

The relationship between the ministry of John the Baptist and that of Jesus is the focus of this reading. At first, Jesus preached a message quite similar to that of John the Baptist: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." The difference was that in Jesus, this gospel was to be fulfilled. The calling of his first disciples, four ordinary fishermen from Galilee, was the beginning of this fulfillment - the creation of a community of those who would follow him. His healing ministry was also a sign that the reign of God had already begun.

*Msgr. John's Sunday homilies are available on the following updated links: **Blog (text):** <http://www.sundayhomily.com>*

***Podcast (audio):** <http://streaminghomilies.podbean.com>*

*On iTunes, under Podcast search for: **streaming homilies**, subscribe free to get the homilies weekly.*

***Boohomily (audio):** <http://audioboo.fm/jmbinda>*

"If our prayer is resolutely united with that of Jesus, in trust and boldness as children, we obtain all that we ask in his name, even more than any particular thing: the Holy Spirit himself, who contains all gifts."(CCC 2742)

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Healing/Blessings: Sally Bordfeld, Leilani Mueller, Hilda Gomez, Bernadette Uyeda, Charmaine Molina, Melody Ramos, Ken Enomoto, Cely Deveraturda, John "Mike" Culkin, Guillermo Uytingco, Anthony Scarpelli, Shirley Shimaoka, Pearl Bates, Pat Nazareth, BJ Sagocio, and everyone mentioned in our Prayer Intentions Book.

Deceased: Moses Dela Cruz, Delores Mertl, Hugo Gebauer, Justina Esperanza Antonio, Josephine Vincent, Helen Ughoc, Fujiko Kosierowski, Albert Sieben, Jr., Gladys Naone, Millard Beck, Rhoda Sanders, Marie Paz Bartolome, Bernadette A. Uyeda, Victor Ventigan, Jr., Kenneth J. Ferreira, and Rainfredo J. Llamido.

Mass Intentions:

Monday, January 20, 2014

8am Mass Albert Sieben (RIP)
Gaudencio Villegas (RIP)

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

8am Mass Leonardo Redira (RIP)
Peter Gallogly (Birthday)

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

8am Mass Albert Sieben (RIP)
Chuck Burns (RIP)

Thursday, January 23, 2014

8am Mass Ernest K. Nakamasu (RIP)
John Baker (RIP)

Friday, January 24, 2014

8am Mass Aiden and Conor MacMannis (RIP)
John Monica (Healing)
Luzviminda Otico (RIP)

Saturday, January 25, 2014

8am Mass Amelia Gabriel (RIP)
Andrew, Kathryn, and Jack MacMannis (Peace)
5pm Mass Rosa Marie Prieto Korn (RIP)

Sunday, January 26, 2014

7am Mass Avelina G. Dulay (RIP)
9am Mass For the People
11am Mass Rita Jankowski (RIP)
6pm Mass Antonio Achaval (RIP)

Parish News & Announcements

Church offices will be closed on Monday, January 20th, in observance of Martin Luther King Day

Three Honolulu pro-life events in January will mark the U.S. Supreme Court's Jan. 22, 1973, Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion in the United States.

A Luminary Ceremony and Prayer Service, 5:30-8 p.m., Jan. 22, at the Hawaii state Capitol will honor the millions of babies lost to abortion. The event is being sponsored by Aloha Life Advocates, formerly Hawaii Right to Life, and the Pearson Foundation of Hawaii Pregnancy Problem Centers.

Whole Life Hawaii is hosting "Cultures of Life: A Celebration," 7:30-9 p.m., Jan. 22, at St. Andrew's Priory in Honolulu. The keynote speaker is former Miss America Angela Baraquio. To reserve a free seat, email danielle@iamwholelife.com.

The annual March for Life which is being held at the State Capitol on January 25, 2014 from noon - 4:30 p.m.. **Saint John A&E will have a bus that will leave the Church at noon with an expected return time of approximately 4:30 p.m.. Sign up for the bus at the back of the Church or go to the Respect Life table after the January 18/19 Masses for more information. Please sign up early, there is limited space available.** A flyer with the schedule of events is available at the church entrance.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: There will be a special collection for the Church in Latin America (CLA) and Black and Indian Missions (BIM) on the weekend of January 25 and 26. The Collection for the Church in Latin America, through youth and young adult ministry and catechesis programs, empowers the people of Latin America to deepen their faith and share it with each other and the world. The Black and Indian Mission Collection exists to help diocesan communities to build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please drop your donation in the collection basket during offertory.

Marriage Recognition Event:

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) and the Parish Pastoral Council team plan to recognize those parishioners wed 50 years or more in 2014 on World Marriage Day, February 8th and 9th. Special recognition will be given to those celebrating their 1st or 50th anniversary and those preparing for convalidation in 2014. There are forms at the church entrance for you to complete. We are hoping you will join in this year's event.

An ACTS Retreat sponsored by Prince of Peace Catholic Community, Hickam will be held on January 23-26 (Men) at Camp Erdman on North Shore or February 13-16 (Women) at St. Anthony Retreat Center on Oahu. It will be an opportunity for spiritual renewal and the making of many friends. For more information, please pick up a flyer at the church entrance or call Cece Kasberg, at 808-449-1754.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kenneth J. Ferreira (RIP)

Monday, January 27, 2014 ~ Mililani Mortuary Mauka
5:30pm ~ Family and Public Viewing;
6:30pm ~ Prayer Service
Tuesday, January 28, 2014
10am ~ Burial at Mililani Memorial Park

Rainfredo J. Llamido (RIP)

Monday, February 3, 2014 – Mililani Mortuary Mauka
6:30pm ~ Wake Service
Tuesday, February 4, 2014
St. John Apostle and Evangelist
9:15am ~ Family Viewing; 9:30am ~ Public Viewing;
10:30am ~ Final Viewing (Family); 10:45am ~ Funeral Mass; 12:30pm ~ Burial at Mililani Memorial Park

Sunday Collection January 11/12 2014		
	Weekly Goal	Actual Amount
Sunday Offering		
	Building, Equip., Maintenance and Outreach	
	\$12,647.00	\$12,251.43
	\$1,470.00	\$942.00
<i>"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce." PROVERBS 3:9</i>		