

# ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!**

## SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

**By: Deacon Modesto Cordero**

*“Having a pure heart!”*

Our readings this weekend demands that we examine our lives, lest we fall into the trap of trivial worries that amount to scrupulosity and a loss of sound relationships to others. The letter of James points to the heart of what our religion must be: caring for the poor and widows while keeping away from worldly values. Caring for those whom society deems the least constitutes following God’s commandments, as Moses said in Deuteronomy, without adding nor subtracting anything from them. Love of God and love of neighbor should be our core values, out witness to the world. To be faithful to the intent of God’s commandment requires one to have a pure heart.

In the Gospel Jesus speaks about how we should place more importance to what matters of the heart and not the small stuff. He talks about attitudes we (his disciples) should develop and live, every day of our lives. He makes clear that who we are, what we believe, how we respond to life’s challenges begin within our hearts, the place where God dwells inside every one of us. Equally, the evil we are capable of, the hurt we inflict on others, the degrading of the world that God created also begin within our hearts – when God is displaced by selfishness, anger, greed, hatred. Jesus challenges us to look into the depths of our hearts to realize exactly what we feel passionate about, what we truly believe, what we are called to do with this life God has given us.

Finally, Jesus call us to worship God with the integrity of our hearts, to live the words of the prayers that have become rote in our lives, to embrace the true gospel “traditions” of compassion, mercy, and forgiveness. Words and rituals help us express our faith – but faith begins within ourselves, in our beliefs and perspective of the world and our attitudes toward others. Faith is centered in our hearts, in that most personal of spaces where God dwells inside of us.

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekday** (Mon - Sat): 8:00 AM

**Sunday:** (Sat. Vigil) 5 PM,  
(Sun) 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 6 PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturdays:** 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM  
(or by appointment)

## 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.***

**Parish Rectory Hours**

**Monday:** 12:00 PM-4:30 PM  
**Tues. - Fri.:** 9:00 AM-4:30 PM  
**Saturday/Sunday:** Closed

**Outreach Office Hours**

**Tuesday:** 9 AM to 12 PM  
**Friday:** 9 AM to 11 AM  
**FOOD PANTRY Hours**  
**Tues.—Fri.:** 9 AM to 11 AM

**Religious Ed Office Hours**

**Monday:** Closed  
**Tues.—Fri.:** 12 pm - 6:30 pm  
**Saturday:** Closed  
**Sun:** 7:00 am - 1:00pm

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

Pope Francis' Document *Evangelii Gaudium*:

What You Need To Know (Part 3)

### 6) What is Pope Francis' main message in *Evangelii Gaudium*?

As suggested by the document title (*The Joy of the Gospel*), the main theme involves the need for a joyful proclamation of the Gospel to the entire world. The central message of the document may be summarized in the following four points:

+The Apostolic Exhortation is written around the theme of Christian joy in order that the Church may rediscover the original source of evangelization in the contemporary world.

+Pope Francis offers this document to the Church as a map and guide to her pastoral mission in the near future.

+It is an invitation to recover a prophetic and positive vision of reality without ignoring the current challenges.

+Pope Francis instills courage and urges us to look ahead despite the present crisis, making the cross and the resurrection of Christ once again our "the victory banner".

### 7) What are significant themes in the document?

The document contains the seven significant themes:

1. The reform of the Church in its missionary work;
2. The temptations of pastoral agents;
3. The Church as the totality of the People of God which evangelizes;
4. The homily and its preparation;
5. The social inclusion of the poor;
6. Peace and social dialogue;
7. The spiritual motivations for the Church's missionary action.

The glue that holds these themes together is the merciful love of God which goes forth to meet every person in order to manifest the heart of his revelation.

*Msgr. John S. Mbinda*

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

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

This passage contains the healing miracles that comfort the exiles as they return: "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared, then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing." The healing is not only human but also transforms the desert with streams of water.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146:6-10

Psalm 146 is a psalm of praise for the healing power of the Lord, especially for opening the eyes the blind. Thus, the psalmist praises the God of Jacob who give sight to the blind and raises the lowly: "Praise the Lord, my soul."

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

James in this passage continues the exhortation of last Sunday, this time using the patriarch's name of Judah from Genesis 49. The name Judah means the Lord of glory. This is an exhortation on the right treatment of the poor. James argues that because God has chosen the poor, they must be given preferential attention as God does.

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

The Gospel passage is a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy in the first reading. Thus Jesus brings about physical healing, of all ailments which are symbolic of interior suffering, consisting often of blindness to the needs of the neighbor, the inability to hear God's voice or to speak words of praise and compassion. While walking through the Ten Cities Region (Decapolis), people bring to Jesus a deaf and dumb person asking him to heal him. The point of healing the deaf and dumb person is a metaphor for the healing of all God's people so they can hear and speak God's word.

Follow Msgr. John's Homilies! Blog  
(text): [www.sundayhomily.com](http://www.sundayhomily.com)  
Podcast (audio):  
<https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda>

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Monday, September 3, 2018**

**(8 am) †**Mary C. Abad  
Maria Amaral (Birthday Blessing)  
Suzanne Foster  
(Healing & Blessing)

**Tuesday, September 4, 2018**

**(8 am) †**Roman Ramos  
† George Sullivan  
May Marcos

**Wednesday, September 5, 2018**

**(8 am) †**Wilfredo Alfaro  
†Thomas & Claudia Borowitz  
Suzanne Foster  
(Healing & Blessing)

**Thursday, September 6, 2018**

**(8 am) †**Fr. Ed Turner  
†George Sullivan  
†Bonnie Olson

**Friday, September 7, 2018**

**(8 am) †**Feliciano Dona  
May Marcos  
Suzanne Foster  
(Healing & Blessing)

**Saturday, September 8, 2018**

**(8 am) †**Cesar Recio Guce  
† Dr. Minerva Singson Mercado  
Eva Dario Artus (Birthday Blessing)

**(5 pm) †**Fernando Lopes

**Sunday, September 9, 2018**

**(7 am)** Erica Utu  
(Birthday Blessing)

**9 am For the People**

**11 am †**Faustina Ramos

**6 pm** Chloe-Belle Tauotaha-Amo  
(Birthday Blessing)

**†Rest in Peace†**

**HEALING / BLESSINGS:** Shirley Del Rosario, Carol Towne, Darrlyn & Ron Bunda, baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, Jack & Ellen Cleghorn, Ernesta Tolentino, Lester Wilson, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Jim Vangrinsven, Dollie McGarry, Suzanne Foster, Linda Eguchi, Mario Pichon, Leora Hernandez, Alan Cadiux, Deacon Modesto Cordero, Rose McNorton, Rosalie Tadda, The Hett Family, Bienvenido Roter, Randy Arrojo-Manuwa & Family, Rachel Sullivan & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

**DECEASED:** Janie Andrews, Theodoro Melegrito, William Edward Souza Jr., Floriano Castaneda Jr., Benjamin P. Espanto, Hading Aranaydo, Nelson Pulmano, Jackie Revillo, Felisa Rapisura, Tina Aguinaldo, Sterling Kaahaaina, George Sullivan, William Slocomb, Laura Efurud, Kekiai Hett, Fr. Ed Turner, Raymond Akiona Sr., Anthony L. Dela Cuesta, Rodney Alfaro & Dolores Elema.

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

**Anointing of the Sick**

**Baptisms** (Upcoming ceremony dates)

**Sept 16 & 30, Oct 21 & 28, Nov 18 & 25.**

**Baptism Preparation Classes: Oct 7, Nov 4 & Dec 2.**

**Blessings** (home, auto, religious items, etc...)

**Funerals**

**Homebound Communion**

**Marriages** (at least 6 months before wedding date)

**The next 24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

will be held on *Friday, September 7*, immediately after the 8 am Mass, ending at 7:30am on *Saturday, September 8.*



**St. John Apostle & Evangelist**

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† **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** †

**William F. Slocomb (RIP)**

*Wednesday, September 19, 2018 ~ Mililani Memorial Park ~ Makai Chapel*

*Visitation: 9:00 am*

*Funeral Service: 10:00 am*

**Rodney Academia (RIP)**

*Saturday, September 22, 2018 ~ Mililani Memorial Park ~ Makai Chapel*

*Visitation: 10:00 am*

*Prayer Service: 11:30 am*

*Burial: 12:30 ~ Mililani Memorial Park*

**Nathan Camit RIP**

*Friday, October 12, 2018 ~ Mililani Memorial Park ~ Makai Chapel*

*Visitation: 9:00 am*

*Memorial Service: 10:45 am*

*Burial: 11:30 am ~ Mililani Memorial Park*

**Fr. Edward Turner (RIP)**

*Wednesday, August 29, 2018*

*~ St. Bernadette Parish, FL*

*Funeral Mass: 10:00 am*

*Memorial Service in Hawaii with his remains*

*(cremated) in December 2018 at*

*Resurrection of the Lord Parish, Waipio.*

*The exact date of the Memorial Service is pending.*

**Condolences can be sent to:**

Theresa Collins (sister) c/o Elizabeth Ogg

20091 SW Matera Way,

Port St. Lucie, FL 34986-1736

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE 8/25 — 8/26**

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 12,659.38</b>
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,349.35
<b>Children’s Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2.00</b>
<b>Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)</b>	<b>\$ 960.50</b>
<b>One Community Center</b>	
<b>Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)</b>	<b>\$ 10,057.75</b>
<b>Candle Sales</b>	<b>\$ 699.00</b>
<b>Donation– Catholic Charities Hawaii</b>	<b>\$ 3,474.50</b>
<b>Donation– Charity</b>	<b>\$ 22.00</b>
<b>Donation– Social Ministry</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
<b>Donation– Funeral</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Donation– Stewardship</b>	<b>\$95.00</b>
<b>Donation- Mass Intentions</b>	<b>\$ 640.00</b>

**Weekend Total: \$31,479.48**

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

Dear Parish Family,

I wanted to write to thank you all so much for your kindness and generosity to me! It was such an honor to have been sent off with your blessings on Sunday. My family and I are truly overwhelmed by your graciousness. This had been a possibility for a long time, but things came together very quickly at the last minute! I’m sorry that I didn’t get to thank and say goodbye to everyone personally. I will miss all of you, *especially my Teens in Life Teen*. Please know of my deep gratitude to you all for your constant prayers and support. I will remember you in my prayers as well. If you would like to contact me, I have left my contact information with the Parish Office.

May our Lord bless you richly and may Our Lady keep you safe in her arms forever.

Mahalo,

*Taylor K. Mitchell*

Seminarian, Diocese of Honolulu





# PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

**Catholic University of America (CUA)** is the national university of the Catholic Church in the USA. On **September 8-9**, we will be participating in a National Collection for the CUA. Envelopes are at the back of the Church. You may drop your donation during offertory or donate online through our parish website, "Online Giving." You can learn more at: [collection.catholic.edu](http://collection.catholic.edu).

*Next weekend, the Parish Health Ministry will be on the lanai after the 5 pm Mass on Saturday and all morning Masses on Sunday to provide free blood pressure screening.*

**CALLING ALL ST. JOHN'S SENIOR PROCRASTINATORS!** Never fear - there is **STILL** time to come to the SJAE Senior Social on Saturday, Sept 8, from 10 a.m. until noon in SJAE Classrooms #1 and #2. Even if you didn't sign up, you can still come by calling Connie Murphy at 808-625-7773.

**Faith Matters!** Do you feel like you don't know enough about your Catholic faith or about the Bible? Don't worry - help is on the way! **Msgr. John and Fr. Joseph will begin a year-long study of Catholicism and Scripture beginning on Thursday, Oct 4.** Msgr. John will be teaching **Catholicism 101: Why Be Catholic?** And Fr. Joseph will be teaching an **Introduction to Scripture.** Both classes will run from Oct 2018 - Sep 2019 from 7-9 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. Have questions or want to register now? Call SJAE Office at 808-623-3332 or a/cil [sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org](mailto:sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org).

**Help Wanted:** St. John's Preschool are currently seeking substitute teachers and substitute teacher aides for the 2018-2019 school year. Familiarity with ECE and flexible schedule preferred. Call 744-9538 for more information.

**Rosary Making Ministry:** The next gathering is on **Saturday, September 15th** at 10 am on the Church Lanai. Everyone is welcome.

St. John's participating in **Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program.** From September 1- 30. Customers are invited to make donations of up to \$249 (per person) at checkout. Donations are accepted by Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farm checkout. At checkout, present your Maika'i card (or provide number) and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to:

**St. John Apostle & Evangelist Outreach, code#77455**

## Interested in joining the Scouts?

All interested boys ages 11-17 yrs. old (Boy Scouts—Troop 144) are welcome.

**Please contact Troop 144:**

(808) 292-0793, (808) 228-8324,  
(808) 230-1778

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**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 towards others.

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

## **THIS WEEK: Sept 3– Sept 9**

**Monday**– Parish Office Closed  
(Labor Day Holiday)

7:30 am– Rosary  
8 am– *Daily Mass*  
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
7 pm - Charismatic PG (CH)  
7 pm– Family Rosary Prayer Group (Chapel)  
7 pm– 4th Degree Knights (Rm 2)

**Tuesday**– 7:30 am– Rosary  
8 am– *Daily Mass*  
8:45 am—Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
9 am–Church Cleaning–Environment (CH)  
9 am– Women's Bible Study (Rm 2)  
3 pm—Cenacle Prayer Group (CH)  
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)

**Wednesday**– 7:30 am– Rosary  
8 am– *Daily Mass*  
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
9 am– Hui (Rm 5)  
6 pm- OLPH Prayer Group (CH)  
7 pm– Choir Practice (CH)  
7 pm: RCIA: #3 The Church (Rm 3)  
7:30 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

**Thursday**–7:30 am– Rosary  
8 am– *Daily Mass*  
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
6:30 pm– 11 am Choir Practice (CH)

**Friday**– Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 am– Rosary  
8 am– *Daily Mass*  
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
9 am– Church Cleaning (Environment)

**Saturday**– 7:30 am– Rosary  
8 am– *Daily Mass*  
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
9 am– Women's Catholic Bible Study (Rm 1)  
9 am– Church Cleaning (Group 4)  
10 am– Senior Social (Rms 2/3)  
3:30 pm - Confession  
5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)  
5 pm– Blood Pressure Screening (Church Lanai)

**Sunday**– Masses

7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm  
Blood Pressure Screening (Church Lanai)

## **"B" Schedule- Religious Ed. Classes**

4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)