

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Monsignor John S. Mbinda

God has an incredible dream for each of us. The readings of this Sunday are about that dream and its fulfillment in Jesus Christ who uses just one word in Aramaic “Ephphatha” (be opened) to heal the deaf and dumb person. The first reading from the prophet Isaiah highlights the vision of the return of the Israelites from the Babylonian exile. This incredible vision is about what the Lord in his compassion will soon do for his people. Their broken hearts will be healed and their dignity as a nation restored. Isaiah uses the image of healing and restoration of all creation in God’s justice and care. Thus “streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe.” The Gospel passage is clearly the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy in Christ: opening the ears of the deaf and loosening the tongues of the dumb.

Isaiah’s prophecy predicts happier and better times to come, when God will destroy all barriers: the blind will see, the deaf will hear, the lame leap like lambs, and the dumb will speak. While both Isaiah and the Gospel point to physical healing, the ailments listed are also 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 the miracle becomes a metaphor for the healing of all God’s people without exception. The deaf and dumb person, like the people in the gospels who are brought, or who come to Jesus for healing, represents each one of us and poor suffering humanity as a whole. That image of Jesus standing alone with the person, holding his face between his hands to heal him, is an image of God embracing the whole of creation in his tender touch, gazing with profound compassion into the eyes of each of us, longing to heal us all of our deafness and our speech impediment.

We are therefore challenged to follow the same example. James in the Second Reading challenges us when he speaks with irony of people who welcome the well dressed with gold rings, while ignoring the poor man, who is poor only in the eyes of this world but rich before God who makes no distinctions. On the contrary, God breaks all barriers and calls all to the universal table fellowship of the kingdom. The questions we need to ask are: do we in our parish community have wounds of division that need to be healed? Do we have members who feel excluded?

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

Letter of Bishop Larry Silva to Diocese - on Clergy Sex Abuse Scandal

In his homily here at St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church at the 5pm Mass, Saturday, September 2, 2018, Bishop Larry Silva started by saying the following: "Our Catholic Church is in one of the greatest storms in its history. Many clergy, who were trusted by others because they were presumed to be spiritual leaders, have sexually abused minors."

Bishop Larry was referring to the recent allegations of clergy abuse of minors, an issue he had addressed in a recent letter of August 24, 2018, addressed to the clergy, religious and all parishioners in the Diocese of Honolulu. This letter may be found on the Diocese of Honolulu website: www.catholicahawaii.org. In the bulletin of this Sunday you will find the letter of Bishop Larry Silva inserted. I urge you to take time to read this letter carefully. We would like you to be informed by the Bishop rather than getting comments from the media.

The letter alerts the clergy, religious and parishioners in the diocese on the seriousness of these allegations. The letter refers to a Cardinal who has been demoted because of credible accusations of abuse of minors using his power to gain sexual favors from various priests and seminarians - while all the while getting Church promotions and prestige.

The letter goes on to refer to the serious situation in Pennsylvania where the Grand Jury there has put together 1,000 sexual abuse claims in six dioceses lasting over 60 years. These claims involve both clergy and other church workers. The seriousness of the matter is that while these abuses happened, some bishops covered up.

Dear parishioners, at this very critical and sad moment, we need to encourage one another. We pray for the healing of the victims of these abuses as well as their perpetrator and those in complicity that they will face justice.

The peace of God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.



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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 16, 2018

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9

Although this passage is one of the Servant Songs of Isaiah in form and content, it sounds like a personal lament. We listen to the prophet as he recounts the abuse suffered, but that lament is followed by the affirmation of confidence in divine providence. The opening verse sets the stage for what follows: "The Lord God opens my ears that I may hear." It is that openness to God's will that is tested by various torments afflicted upon the Servant of the Lord. No reason given for the suffering, and thus, being innocent, the Lord is his help.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116:1-2,3-4,5-6,8-9

Psalm 116 is a prayer of the poor and suffering in thanksgiving to the Lord. "I fell into distress and sorrow, and called upon the name of the Lord... I was brought low, and he saved me." Thus believer will walk in confidence before the Lord even in midst of danger.

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

This passage addresses the misunderstanding in the Christian community regarding faith. Some within the community seemed to be satisfied with simply a belief articulated in a formula. But the passage tells us that authentic faith must also be practical, that is expressed in action. Moreover it must express itself in more than just acts of worship. The passage touches on the central question of what kind of faith will save us. The passage therefore helps us to see the relation between faith, work and salvation. Along with our faith and our going to Church on Sunday, we need to engage in corporal works of mercy.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

The gospel passage consists of two separate episodes. 1) First there is a discussion about the identity of Jesus. Here Jesus addresses the disciples alone. Peter takes the initiative to confess the identity of Jesus. 2) Only after Jesus is identified as the Christ (the anointed one) does he then predict his forthcoming suffering, death and resurrection. Since Peter seems to misunderstand the kind of Messiah he is, Jesus rebukes him, then summons the whole crowd to teach them on the implications of being his followers: self-denial, taking up the cross and following him.

Follow Msgr. John's Homilies! Blog

(text): www.sundayhomily.com

Podcast (audio):

<https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda>

Mass Intentions  *for the Week*

Monday, September 10, 2018**(8 am) †**All Souls in Purgatory

†Bonifacio & Dolores Rivera

Suzanne Foster

(Healing & Blessing)

Tuesday, September 11, 2018**(8 am) †**Daniel A. Fernandez

†George Sullivan

†Antone "Tama" Hall, Jr.

Wednesday, September 12, 2018**(8 am) †**Wilfredo Alfaro

Suzanne Foster

(Healing & Blessing)

Jordan Tano (Birthday Blessing)

Thursday, September 13, 2018**(8 am)** Sharon Taylor

(Birthday Blessing)

†Augusto Dickson

†William & Elizabeth Castro

Friday, September 14, 2018**(8 am) †**Florencia Silva Solano

Louis Smith (Birthday Blessing)

Suzanne Foster

(Healing & Blessing)

Saturday, September 15, 2018**(8 am)** Monica Pangelinan

† Marcial Taglinao

Kaylan Samson (Birthday Blessing)

(5 pm) Leslie Hoe (Healing)**Sunday, September 16, 2018****(7 am) †**Paul Lapa**9 am For the People****11 am †**James & Mildred Mizoguchi**6 pm** Suzanne Foster

(Healing & Blessing)

†Rest in Peace†

HEALING / BLESSINGS: Shirley Del Rosario, Carol Towne, Darrlyn & Ron Bunda, baby Mairenuí Taotaha-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, Rose McNorton, Rosalie Tadda, The Hett Family, Bienvenido Roter, Randy Arrojo-Manuwa & Family, Rachel Sullivan & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Janie Andrews, 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, Victor C. Librizzi & Santiago Tumpap.

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, October 5*, immediately after the 8 am Mass, ending at 7:30am on *Saturday, October 6.*



St. John Apostle & Evangelist

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE 9/1 — 9/2

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| Sunday Collection | \$ 15,869.20 |
| Online Donation (WeShare) | \$ 2,392.10 |
| Children’s Collection | \$ 7.00 |
| Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM) | \$1,311.50 |
| One Community Center | |
| Capital Campaign (Non Assessed) | \$ 11,112.64 |
| Candle Sales | \$ 514.00 |
| Donation– Catholic Charities Hawaii | \$ 222.50 |
| Donation– Charity | \$ 100.00 |
| Donation– Social Ministry | \$ 20.00 |
| Donation– Funeral | \$ 500.00 |
| Donation– Youth & Young Adults | \$30.00 |
| Donation- Mass Intentions | \$ 115.00 |

Weekend Total: \$ 32,193.94

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

† **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)

*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*

Religious Education Announcements:

Note- NO CLASSES on Catechetical Sunday, September 16th

Classes will resume on Sunday, Sept 23rd
“A” Schedule & CYM EDGE
LIFE TEEN will begin on Sunday, Sept 30th
“B” Schedule 10:30 am—12:30 pm.

Please adjust your calendar accordingly.
For more information, contact Julie
(808) 623-3332 ext 206 or
email: jquiroz@rcchawaii.org





PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

Catholic University of America (CUA) is the national university of the Catholic Church in the USA. This weekend, 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.



Parish Health Ministry- Flu Vaccine Administration for our parishioners will be on Saturday, Sept 29th from 9 am—12 noon on the Lanai. We thank Walgreens Pharmacy for providing us the Flu Vaccines and Administration. Sign ups will be available on Sundays, Sept 15th and Sept 22nd, after all Masses.

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 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. Have questions or want to register now? Call SJAE Office at 808-623-3332 or email 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

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.

THIS WEEK: Sept 10 - Sept 16

Monday— 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)

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 pm— K of C (Rm 3)
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)

Wednesday— 7:30 am— Rosary
8 am— *Daily Mass*
8:45 am— Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
6 pm— OLPH Prayer Group (CH)
7 pm— Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm: RCIA: #4 The Prayer (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)
9 am— Church Cleaning (Group 3)
6:30 pm— 11 am Choir Practice (CH)

Friday— 7:30 am— Rosary
8 am— *Daily Mass*
8:45 am— Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
4 pm— 2 Hearts (CH)

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)
10 am— Rosary Making (CH Lanai)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm— Mass (Saturday Vigil)
5 pm— Sign ups for Flu Vaccine (Church Lanai)

Sunday— Masses

7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm
Sign ups for Flu Vaccine (Church Lanai)
12:30 pm— Baptism Ceremony

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

4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)



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

August 24, 2018

To the Clergy, Religious, and Parishioners of the Diocese of Honolulu

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Peace be with you!

Satan is dancing with great joy! A Cardinal of the Catholic Church is now a former Cardinal because of credible accusations of abuse of minors and using his power to gain sexual favors from various priests and seminarians – while all the while moving up the “ladder” of the hierarchy in respect and prestige. A Pennsylvania Grand Jury report shocks the nation by putting together sexual abuse claims in six dioceses over 60 years, indicating 1,000 minors who were abused by priests or other Church workers and that some bishops covered up the abuse. Some non-Catholics are wondering why anyone would remain a Catholic, and some Catholics have had their faith shaken to the core, doubting the integrity of the bishops and of priests. The Church, which teaches the importance of chastity, the value of every human life from conception to natural death, and the sanctity of marriage between one man and one woman, has had its moral authority questioned because of the immorality of many in authority. Some clergy and others now want to have nothing to do with caring for our youth, because they are afraid of being falsely accused of impropriety. Satan is reeling with delight!

This is not to say that “The devil made them do it.” Each guilty person had the free will and the ability to resist temptations to sin and criminal behavior but decided to engage in it anyway. The point is that we must now resist the temptation to dance with the devil! It will lead us farther away from the light and further into darkness.

Yes, anger is legitimate because of these sins and failures and when it motivates us to find ways to eliminate this scourge once and for all; but it crosses the line into the diabolical when the anger is cultivated for its own sake and becomes a weapon that unjustly judges the many faithful and dedicated priests who serve us, leaves our youth abandoned, or even questions the teachings of the Church because of the failings of its teachers.

While Pennsylvania has been the focus of the recent round of scandalous news, we have to shamefully admit that abuse of minors by clergy and Church workers took place here in Hawaii as well. Some who are living among us are bearing the deep wounds of this abuse, or they are no longer among us because they have given up on us. To them I, as the bishop of this diocese, offer my sincerest apologies for the actions of those who wounded not only their psyches but

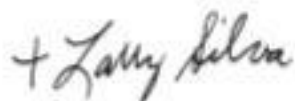
their very souls, in many cases driving them away from a Church that is meant to embrace them in the name of Jesus.

I want to assure you that we are doing all we can to see that these things never happen again and to reach out compassionately to those who were victims of these sins and crimes. The Diocese of Honolulu has had policies and procedures for dealing with these crimes even before the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued our *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* in 2002. We have a full time Director of Safe Environment, and we have trained everyone who has contact with children or youth – including all clergy – to safeguard our youth, respect proper boundaries, and report any suspected violations of our standards. An outside auditor has audited our compliance with this program annually since 2004, and we have been in full compliance every year. We have a Victim Assistance Coordinator who helps those who have been abused find a voice and work toward healing. Please see our diocesan website: www.catholichawaii.org and at the bottom of the home page click on “Child and Youth Protection” for more information. We are doing all we can do to make sure these patterns of abuse do not continue one more day.

Above all, let us dedicate ourselves to prayer and fasting, first for the healing of all survivors of this terrible abuse, and then for our beloved Church, that true reform and healing may be hers as well. Let us never be afraid to be with our youth, who need and want the guidance of good role models, both clerical and lay.

Finally, I have further thoughts about this matter that I have put into a more extended reflection. I encourage you to read it on the diocesan website under “Child and Youth Protection.” Let us put our faith in the Lord Jesus, who alone can heal what seems impossible to heal and who can even raise the putrid death to life again. Let us dance with him, because he alone will dance us into the light and into the fullness of truth.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Silva".

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu