

# ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

### SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

**By: Father Joseph Ayinpuusa**

#### WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO FOR YOU?

A friend asked me this question: "Father, you people say God is all-knowing, loving, and caring. If that is the case, why do you still ask God for your needs?" My answer to him was "You are right; we express our faith in a God who is all-knowing, loving and caring. He knows what we want and what we need. Hence, Prayer does not inform God. However, prayer involves God. God wants us to invite him to become involved in our day-to-day lives. Secondly, we need to tell him our needs because he wants to know how much faith we have in him. Bartimaeus was very persistent in calling for the attention of Jesus despite the discouragement of the crowd. His persistence and his throwing away his cloak showed his deep faith in God.

While God certainly knows our deepest need, many times we don't know what we need. Last Sunday James and John, with a wrong attitude and motive, made a request for something that Jesus felt they did not need and they were reprimanded. Today, the blind man, Bartimaeus knew what he needed and he expressed it. He needed God's mercy and to be able to see. The Lord granted his request upon seeing his humility and strong faith and his desire to be a disciple of his.

Prayer is not a monologue but a dialogue between two friends, or a loving Father and his beloved daughter/ son. You talk to him and also listen to him. In prayer, as God listens to our request, he in turn tells us what we really need. That is why the Mass is the best and greatest of prayers. We come to commune with our loving Father, where Jesus the High Priest offers himself to his Father on our behalf, brings our supplication to His Father. But he does that after he has listened to us and instructed us to know what is his Father's will for us and what we really need.

The story of Bartimaeus is our story too. We have our various blindness, both physical and spiritual. That is why we are all here in Church responding to the call of Christ just as Bartimaeus did when Christ called him to come after he had cried out asking Jesus to have mercy on him. Do not come to Church and go home without telling God what you are coming for. We have to be clear with what we need.

Finally, prayer makes us commit ourselves to the Lord. Bartimaeus after receiving his healing, did not go on his own way, but rather "followed" Jesus on Jesus' way. He became a disciple of Jesus. The encounter with Jesus was so life changing for Bartimaeus that Jesus' way became his way; his whole way of life revolved around Jesus. We share in the common priesthood of Christ. At the end of Mass we are told "go in peace glorifying God by your life."

### 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.***

### SJAE MOBILE APP

Download our **FREE** app with these easy steps through *Apple App Store* or *Google Play Store*:



• Search keywords: **ST. JOHN MILILANI**

- Click "GET" or "Download"
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**[www.ParishSolutionsCo.com/JohnHI](http://www.ParishSolutionsCo.com/JohnHI)**

**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****Making a Return to the Lord**

“**H**ow shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?” (Psalm 116:12).

After such successful renewal weekend, I wanted to say thank you to all parishioners who submitted their commitment cards with great generosity. At times it is important to see why the Church speaks about treasure. It may come as a surprise that while the Bible has about 500 verses on prayer and fewer than 500 verses on faith, there are over 2,300 biblical verses dealing with money and possessions. Without apology, Jesus says more about money and possessions than he does on any other subjects including heaven and hell. Jesus knew the human heart so well. He knew the way money gets hold of our hearts and the way at times we forget the giver of all we possess.

We give to God because He first gave us all we possess. “What do you possess that you have not received? But if you have received it, why are you boasting as if you did not receive it?” (1 Cor 4:7). We have been abundantly blessed by God. Each time we come to Mass on Sunday, we come intentionally to express gratitude to God. Shortly before the consecration, the priest and the congregation exchange a dialogue of thanksgiving. The priest says, “Let us give thanks to the Lord our God”, and we respond, “It is right and just.” The priest continues to pray, “It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.” The Mass is also called Eucharist because it is the highest form of thanksgiving prayer.

Just as the Father sacrifices His Son on the Cross for our salvation, our thanksgiving to God needs to be sacrificial and not just a tip to God! One of the tensions in our stewardship lies in God giving us so much, and turning around to give to God the leftovers! Should we not rather give to God first, and then manage the rest? Well, that is a challenge. Count your blessings first, and then write down your annual commitment to God. May God bless you and family abundantly.

*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, NOVEMBER 4, 2018

### Thirty—First Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

This passage contains what is considered to be the most significant prayer of the Jewish people. It is a profession of faith in one God to whom belongs Israel's exclusive and undivided attention, commitment and worship. "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" Following this prayer is a call to commitment. The profession of faith in this passage is expressed within a summons to obedience. Twice Israel is called to hear, to listen and obey. This obedience ensures blessings of long life and prosperity.

#### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

This is a psalm of praise for deliverance. It makes use of an array of metaphors to characterize God: "rock", "fortress", "stronghold", "shield" and "horn of salvation." These descriptions indicate that God's power is impregnable and that no enemy can triumph over God.

#### Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

This passage continues to highlight the extraordinary quality of Christ's high priesthood whose reflection started last Sunday. The passage underscores the excellence of Jesus' high office by contrasting its divine character with the very human character of the levitical priesthood. Different from levitical priests, Jesus' high priesthood remains forever. It is marked by faithfulness. While levitical priests continually offered sacrifices, Christ offers his most effective sacrifice once and for all.

#### Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

The gospel passage follows upon the theme of commitment and obedience introduced in the first reading. Here a learned scribe asks Jesus to identify the first commandment of the law. He is not testing Jesus, but simply wants to be reaffirmed. But behind that question, it is important to know that the concern for legal faithfulness had developed some 613 commandments, but only professionals were able to establish some priority among those laws. All laws were binding, but not all of them had the same weight and importance. Thus the scribe genuinely wanted some clarity from Jesus. His answer was very faithful to his own Jewish faith. Here Jesus does not offer one commandment, but two: 1) the affirmation of faith found in the first reading (Deuteronomy 6:5); and 2) "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (quoted from Leviticus 19:18). By so doing Jesus shows the essential interrelation between faithfulness to God and love of neighbor.

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, October 29, 2018**

(8 am) †Henry & Lucy Aki

Guillermo Wilson A. Andrea

(Birthday Blessing)

†Lea Tolentino

**Tuesday, October 30, 2018**

(8 am) †Wayne K. Ursal

†Hugo Ryan Gebaur, Jr.

Joseph Tiu (Healing)

**Wednesday, October 31, 2018**

(8 am) †Thomas Borowitz

†Carlos Buccat, Jr.

Suzanne Foster

(Healing & Blessing)

**Thursday, November 1, 2018**

(8 am) †Albert Porras, Jr.

†Violet Porras

Liya Lamanilao

(Birthday Blessing)

**Friday, November 2, 2018**

(8 am) †All Souls' Day

**Saturday, November 3, 2018**

(8 am) Adrienne Gregory

(Birthday Blessing)

†Hugo Ryan Gebaur, Jr.

†Feliciano Dona

(5 pm) †Trini Galila

**Sunday, November 4, 2018**

(7 am) †Teopista Tulang

9 am **For the People**

11 am †Wayne K. Ursal

6 pm †Abraham Miram

†Rest in Peace†

**HEALING / BLESSINGS:** Shirley Del Rosario, Carol Towne, Darrlyn & Ron Bunda, baby Mairenui 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, Duane Gonzales & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

**DECEASED:** Sterling Kaahaaina, George Sullivan, William Slocumb, Laura Efur, Kekiai Hett, Fr. Ed Turner, Raymond Akiona Sr., Anthony L. Dela Cuesta, Rodney Alfaro, Dolores Elema, Victor C. Librizzi, Santiago Tumpap, Jeremy M.H. Kunishige, Joseph Terry, Sr, Pablo Santos, Kyung Soon Choe, Alvin Yasui, Wayne Ursal, Hak Hoon Kim, Leo Keli & Cherie F. Castillo.

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

**Anointing of the Sick**

**Baptisms** (Upcoming ceremony dates) **Nov 18 & 25, Dec 9 & 16.**

**Baptism Preparation Classes: Nov 4 & Dec 2.**

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

**Funerals**

**Homebound Communion**

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

Adult Faith Formation

**Thursday, November 1 at 7:00 pm in classrooms 1-3.**

1. Catholicism 101: Origins of Catholic Liturgy; Why pray for the dead? And Development of the Liturgical Calendar
2. Introductions to Scriptures: The Pentateuch: Exploring the bible's First five.



The next Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will be held on *Friday, November 2*, immediately after the 8 am Mass to 6 pm and 8 pm to 7:30am on *Saturday, November 3*.



**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**10/20-10/21**

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 12,796.39</b>
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,620.45
<b>Children's Collection</b>	<b>\$ 6.00</b>
<b>Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)</b>	<b>\$ 667.10</b>
<b>One Community Center</b>	
<b>Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)</b>	<b>\$ 5,983.00</b>
<b>Candle Sales</b>	<b>\$ 485.00</b>
<b>Donation— CRS Rice Bowls</b>	<b>\$ 174.30</b>
<b>Donation— Social Ministry</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>
<b>Donation - Mass Intentions</b>	<b>\$ 90.00</b>
<b>Donation— All Souls' day</b>	<b>\$ 1,189.00</b>
<b>Donation— Funerals</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>Donation— World Mission Sunday</b>	<b>\$ 430.00</b>
<b>Donation - Youth and Young Adults</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>

**Weekend Total: \$ 25,701.24**

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

✠ **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✠

**Cherie Felicita Castillo (RIP)**

*Wednesday, October 31, 2018 ~ St. John's A&E*

*Visitation: 10:00 am*

*Mass: 11:00 am ~ St. John A&E, Mililani*

**Kyung Soon Choe (RIP)**

*Wednesday, November 14, 2018 ~ St. John's A&E*

*Visitation: 9:00 am*

*Mass: 11:00 am ~ St. John A&E, Mililani*

*Burial: 12:30 pm ~ Mililani Mortuary Park*

**Julieto "Jolly" Aspera Gamboa (RIP)**

*Monday, November 19, 2018 ~ Mililani Mortuary*

*Park Mauka*

*Visitation: 5:30 pm*

*Prayer Service: 6:30 pm*

*Tuesday, November 20, 2018 ~ Mililani Mortuary*

*Park*

*Burial: 10:00 am*

**Celebrate Respect Life Month!**



You're invited to join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month this October with the message "Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent!"

Learn more at [www.usccb.org/respectlife](http://www.usccb.org/respectlife).

"To the survivors of abuse and the families who have lost a loved one to abuse, I am sorry. You are no longer alone." Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, President of the USCCB  
<http://bit.ly/2NkMNzd>

**"40 Days for Life"**

*The fall 40 Days for Life Campaign of prayer, fasting and outreach to protect all innocent life extends from Sept. 26 through Nov. 4, 2018.*

*Community outreach includes group prayers and physical presence at the facility, located at 1350 S.*

*King Street, appealing to God to end anti-life procedures in Hawaii and our nation.. You may sign-up online at: [www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu/](http://www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu/)*

*Each parish ministry is encouraged to select one day & time for the ministry members to participate together as a group. Contact Mary Smart, cell: 741-2358 for more information.*





# PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card!

We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card, it is not too late! Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of **St. John Apostle & Evangelist**. Please take this opportunity to follow where God is leading you in the coming year.

**THANK YOU** for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised \$ 430.00. You may stay connected year round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting [MISSIO.org](http://MISSIO.org).

**Food Pantry**- If you or someone you know needs food assistance, we can help! Come and see us on **Tuesday, October 30, 2018** from 10 am—12 noon at St. John's parking lot.

**The Hui O Laulima Food Trolley** will be out *next weekend*. There is a need of nonperishable: 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. Thank you for your continued support and kokua.

**All Souls Day Masses**, commemorating all those who have gone before us, will be on **Friday, November 2, at 8:00 am & 7:00 pm**. We hope to see you as we gather in prayer for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

**The Parish Health Ministry** in collaboration with the Philippine Nurses Association of Hawaii, will be holding **The Healthy Heart Healthy Family Program "Eat in a heart healthy way- even when time or money is tight" and "Take control of your health: Enjoy living smoke free" on November 3rd from 1 pm - 3 pm in room 6**. To register: Call Bonnie (808) 425-5529 or Marianela Jacob (808) 255-9198.

The 2018 General Election survey of candidates for public office is available on the parish website. Click on this weekend's bulletin.

Do you like to read? Interested in helping with the SJAE church library? If so, please call or email Deb Zedalis, (808) 348-2973, [dzedalis@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:dzedalis@hawaii.rr.com).

**Be an Angel and Volunteer to help with this year's Angel Tree!** Angel Tree gift tags will be distributed in just 3 weeks! **This year we will provide gifts to Catholic Charities (CCH), Honolulu Community Action Program (HCAP), Seminarians, Seniors and St. John's Local Outreach.** We need volunteers to distribute tags and receive gifts. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pearl Bates at 623-3332 ext. 203 or email [pebates@rcchawaii.org](mailto:pebates@rcchawaii.org).



## THIS WEEK:

### Oct 29 - Nov 4

**Monday**— 7:30 am— Rosary  
8 am— *Daily Mass*  
8:45 am— Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
7 pm - Charismatic Prayer Group (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)  
10 am— Food Pantry— (CH parking lot)  
3 pm—Cenacle Prayer Group (CH)  
7 pm— KC Council Meeting (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)  
5:30 pm— Children's Choir Practice (CH)  
6 pm- OLPH Prayer Group (Rm 2)  
6:30 pm— Young Adult Faith Night (Rm 4)  
7 pm— Combined Choir Practice (CH)  
7:30 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

**Thursday**— All Saints Day  
7:30 am— Rosary  
8 am— *Daily Mass*  
8:45 am— Rosary Prayer Group (CH)

**Friday**- "All Souls" Day  
7:30 am— Rosary  
8 am— All Souls' Day Mass  
8:30 am— Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel)  
8:45 am— Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
9 am— Church Cleaning (Environment)  
7 pm— All Souls Day Mass  
8 pm— Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel)

**Saturday**- 7:30 am— Rosary  
8 am— *Daily Mass*  
8:45 am— Rosary Prayer Group  
9 am— Catholic Women's Bible Study (Rm 1)  
10 am— Parish Health Ministry (Rm 6)  
1 pm— Healthy Heart Healthy Family Series (Rm 6)  
3:30 pm - Confession  
5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)

### **Sunday— Masses**

7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm

Aloha Sunday refreshments after all morning Masses

Fil-Am Fundraiser: Lumpia Sunday! (after all Masses on the breezeway)

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

2 pm— Baptism Prep Class (Rm 3)

4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)

**Planting Seeds for the Future:** Have circumstances changed since you last updated your estate plan? Do your current estate planning documents carry out your commitments to your church?

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