

# ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

### SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Father Joseph Ayinpuusa

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King next Sunday to mark the end of our Liturgical Year, our readings today draw our attention to the end of time. In our gospel today, we heard Jesus talk about the end of the world and how everything will disappear from the face of the earth. We heard a similar message in our first reading from the prophet Daniel.

As these readings talk about the end of the world, they want us to reflect about our own lives, that our lives here on earth will pass away. However, both Daniel and Jesus do not intend to frighten us but to give us hope. Jesus assures us that we are going to see his second coming, when he will come back to gather his Elect (his chosen ones) and take them back to heaven. And Daniel says, "...at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book."

What it means is that God loves us so much and that he wants us to be with him for ever. The Psalm we sung today was about how God is our inheritance! That's also exactly what our second reading talked about: that by his sacrifice on the Cross, Jesus has won forgiveness for our sins. He has made a way for us to be with him at the right hand of God in Heaven. We are made for Heaven.

That's such a beautiful promise to us. And we are called upon to believe that promise and live what we believe! That is why the readings impress upon us that as Jesus comes back to bring us home, we need to be make ourselves ready to go back with him. But how do we do that? Jesus says: "Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away." Jesus wants us to know that at the end of our lives, God is going to ask us to give an account of our stewardship. However, God's judgment isn't something we should be afraid of. That's why Jesus tells us that nobody knows when the world will end, because that's not what's important. It doesn't matter when the world will end, or when our lives will end. What's important is what we are doing right now. How are we living right now? What are we doing with our lives? God made each one of us for a reason. He has plans for our lives. God has expectations for our lives. He wants us to use the gift of our life to share his love, to make life more meaningful for those around us and lead others to him.

Jesus wants us to be ready when he comes again and the best way to live with Jesus in Heaven is to live with him on earth. Through our daily acts of charity and love for others, we are sharing in the life of Christ.

### 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.***

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Hospitality Grows our Parish

In the last two years, we have taken our Aloha Hospitality Ministry more seriously. When one arrives on our campus, the first thing one notices is a banner that says "Welcome to St. John's: A Place to Feel at Home." Hospitality helps to grow the parish. This year we have gone to a new level of hospitality and welcome to a shared responsibility by all volunteers and clergy as well. We go long ways before Mass on Sundays to greet and welcome all visitors and new parishioners. We offer them leis as a sign of our welcome and hospitality. We realize that only when people feel welcome do they get a sense of belonging. A sense of belonging leads to being actively engaged in the life of the parish, and engagement opens the door to being equipped and formed for ministry and witness in the community in terms of evangelization. In welcoming new parishioners, we prepare them for witness in their own lives, so that they may be ready to evangelize others.

One new component of Hospitality is marking areas in our church space designated for persons with disability with a clear sign. The results have been amazing. There have been very positive comments by persons with disability. One such person said that St. John's was the only parish with reserved space for persons with disability. The person also added that they would not think of going to any other parish because of showing such care for persons with disability.

By practicing hospitality as a way of life, we have actually grown the parish. The results of hospitality have been amazing. From 2014-2018 our parish added 496 new registered households. However, the best measure is not the number of new parishioners, but engagement of volunteers in ministries. Our ministries have grown and so has the number of volunteers serving in these ministries. Just look at the lanai on any given Sunday and you notice volunteers engaged in ministry mainly to serve others. Our daily Mass attendance has increased. We have become a more vibrant parish community more particularly because of our vibrant weekend liturgies that engage parishioners to participate.



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

**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

**PARISH CLERGY & STAFF**

**Pastor** (ext. 111)

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**Deacon** Romeo Ganibe

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*Dcn. Romeo Ganibe*

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## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

#### First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

The Book of Daniel belongs to the apocalyptic literature that is part of biblical writings that point to the day of the Lord and the end times. This passage concerns a vision of “one like the Son of Man coming on the clouds.” The vision is colored by both mythic and royal tones. The Son of Man comes with the clouds, which often accompany revelations of God’s message. God comes riding them as one rides a chariot. The Son of Man is then presented before God (the Ancient One) in royal ritual decorum and once there the Son of Man is installed by God as ruler over the entire universe with everlasting “dominion, glory, and kingship” over “all peoples, nations and languages.”

#### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 93:1,1-2,5

Psalm 93 is a hymn in praise of God’s kingship. Four very important themes converge in these verses to describe this kingship: a military theme, a creation theme, a legal theme and a cultic theme. The response captures the overarching theme: “The Lord is king: he is robed in majesty.”

#### Second Reading: Revelations 1:5-8

In this passage Jesus is first identified as the anointed one (the Christ) and then described as such with themes associated with the Messiah. Christ is therefore “the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth.” All peoples will witness his coming in the clouds. The last verse in the passage affirm that Jesus is indeed the one who has accomplished all revelation as he affirms, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the one who is, who was and who is to come, the almighty.”

#### Gospel: John 18:33-37

The gospel passage is about Jesus being questioned by Pilate regarding his kingship. Jesus answers yes and no because Pilate asks whether Jesus is a political king in the Roman sense. Unlike the kingdoms of this world, Jesus’ kingdom does not need to be defended by his subjects physically. In the end Pilate asks a final question: “Then you are a king?” Jesus answers affirmatively and states clearly that he was born for this and came into the world, “to testify to the truth.” This truth is the foundation of his kingdom as opposed to the other kingdoms characterized by untruth and deception. It is in defense of this truth that Jesus is being tried and is willing to die for it.

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, November 19, 2018**

**(8 am) †**Santiago & Tessie Aquino  
Bernie Grace (Birthday Blessing)

†Naomi Naong

**Tuesday, November 20, 2018**

**(8 am) †**Asako Diana

†Kyung Soon Choe

Ann Walsh (Birthday Blessing)

**Wednesday, November 21, 2018**

**(8 am) †**Tadashi & Mildred Furuta  
Suzanne Foster (Healing/Blessing)

**Thursday, November 22, 2018**

**(8 am)** Richard & Maria Amaral  
(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

†Mary C. Abad

Estrella Mariano, Lydia Pascua &  
Corazon Acebo (Thanksgiving)

**Friday, November 23, 2018**

**(8 am) †**Kyung Soon Choe

Suzanne Foster (Healing/Blessing)

**Saturday, November 24, 2018**

**(8 am)** Bryant DeCosta

(Birthday Blessing)

†Jerry Correa, Sr.

**Sunday, November 25, 2018**

**(7 am)** Maria, Angelica, Ramos &  
Family (Thanksgiving)

**9 am For the People**

**11 am †**Wayne K. Ursal

†Rest in Peace†

*Respect Life:* “Through the Church’s teaching, God invites us to a fuller, richer, deeper way of life and love.”

**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, Rose McNorton, Rosalie Tadda, Bienvenido Roter, Randy Arrojo-Manuwa & Family, Rachel Sullivan, Duane Gonzales, Keahi Paaluhi & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

**DECEASED:** William Slocomb, 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, Deacon Kin Borja & Asako Diana.

**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 Class: Dec 2.**

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

**Funerals**

**Homebound Communion**

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

**The next Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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



We give thanks to our Lord for all his blessings! Join us in gratitude at the 8 AM Thanksgiving Day Mass (Nov 22)! Bring a meal item (labeled with your name) for your thanksgiving table for a blessing before sharing it with your family & friends (i.e. apple cider, dinner rolls, fruit, etc.) Our Liturgical Environment Ministry will place the item on the sanctuary with you. Mahalo for your Kokua and participation in our Thanksgiving Day Mass!



† **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** †

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

*Monday, Nov. 19, 2018 ~ Mililani Mortuary Park Mauka*

*Visitation: 5:30 pm*

*Prayer Service: 6:30 pm*

*Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018 ~ Mililani Mortuary Park*

*Burial: 10:00 am*

**Fr. Edward Turner (RIP)**

*Thursday, December 6, 2018 ~*

*Resurrection of the Lord Parish, Waipio*

*Memorial Service: 7 pm*

Advent & Christmas Schedule

**Misa de Gallo— December 16-24 (5:00 am)**

Dec. 16— Msgr. John Mbinda

Dec. 17— Fr. Edmund Barut

Dec. 18— Fr. Norlito Concepcion

Dec. 19— Fr. Rheo Ofalsa

Dec. 20— Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa

Dec. 21— Fr. Paul Li

Dec. 22— Fr. Alfred Guerrero

Dec. 23— Fr. Zeno Katua

Dec. 24— Bishop Larry Silva



St. John's Penance Service—Thursday, Dec 13th – 7 pm  
**To fulfill your Christmas Obligation, please plan on attending one of the following masses:**

**Christmas Eve Masses— December 24- 6pm & 12 Midnight**  
**Christmas Day Masses— December 25- 7am, 9am, & 11am**  
**No 6:00 PM Mass**

Dec. 27— St. Apostle & Evangelist Feast Day and Celebration of Msgr. John's 50th Anniversary of Ordination.  
 Mass of Thanksgiving, 6 pm. Presider: Bishop Larry Silva.

Central Vicariate Penance Service

Wednesday, December 5, 2018—7 pm,  
 Resurrection of the Lord, Waipio

Wednesday, December 12, 2018—7 pm  
 St. Elizabeth, Aiea

Thursday, December 13, 2018—7 pm  
 St. John A&E, Mililani

Tuesday, December 18, 2018—7 pm  
 Our Lady of Sorrows, Wahiawa

Wednesday, December 19, 2018—7 pm  
 Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pearl City

Thursday, December 20, 2018—7 pm  
 St. Michael, Waialua

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	11/ 10 - 11/ 11
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 12,958.38</b>
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,330.35
<b>Children's Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1.00</b>
<b>Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)</b>	<b>\$ 988.50</b>
<b>One Community Center</b>	
<b>Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)</b>	<b>\$ 4,943.25</b>
<b>Candle Sales</b>	<b>\$ 466.00</b>
<b>Donation— Social Ministry</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>Donation - Mass Intentions</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>
<b>Donation— All Souls' day</b>	<b>\$ 15.00</b>
<b>Donation— Angel Tree Network</b>	<b>\$ 70.00</b>
<b>Donation— Youth &amp; Young Adults</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>
<b>Donation - Charity</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>

**Weekend Total: \$ 22,042.48**

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



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.



# PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 22 & 23 in observance of Thanksgiving.

## Catholic Campaign for Human Development- CCHD Collection

Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in seven people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. **Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins.** Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please drop your donation during offertory or you may also donate online through our parish "Online Giving." Please be generous. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).



**33rd Annual Mililani Holiday Parade-** Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 9:00 am—10:30 am. Show your St. John SPIRIT-LED Christmas Spirit and join the parish at the parade. Report to Mililani High School Stadium at 7:30 am. Wear comfy walking shoes and red shirt.

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation in the Diocese of Honolulu.)** Masses: Friday, December 7, 7 pm (Vigil) and Saturday, December 8, 8am.

**SJAE Seniors-** Get in the holiday spirit! Come out and register this weekend after all Masses for the **Senior Adult Ministry Christmas Party.** Fun-filled event will be on Saturday, Dec 8 from 10:00am—12 noon in rooms 2 & 3. Games, singing, food and fellowship. Questions, call Connie Murphy at 625-7773.



**The Angel Tree:** Only 5 weeks until Christmas! We need volunteers to receive gifts on Dec 1/2 and Dec 8/9. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pearl Bates at 623-3332 ext. 203 or email [pebates@rcchawaii.org](mailto:pebates@rcchawaii.org).

**Join St. John's Choir at the Advent/ Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 19th at 7 pm in the church.**

**Little Bethlehem Christians (LBC)** is a group that represents Christian Families who live in the Holy Land of Bethlehem that make their living as wood carvers. The Alshouri Family, representing this group, will display a collection of hand-carved olive wood religious items for sale on **December 22nd & 23rd after all masses.** All profits will support Christianity in the land of Christ.

**Planting Seeds for the Future:** How long has it been since you updated your will? Does it still express your wishes Does it leave a gift to your church to carry on its ministry after your death?

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


## THIS WEEK:

### Nov 19 – Nov 25

**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)  
3 pm— Cenacle Prayer Group (CH)  
6:30 pm— Catholics Returning Home Team Mtg. (Rm 2)  
7 pm— PPBC (Rm 1)  
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 pm— No RCIA  
7:30 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

**Thursday**— Office Closed  
Happy Thanksgiving!   
7:30 am— Rosary  
8 am— *Daily Mass*  
8:45 am— Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
9 am— Church Cleaning (Group)

**Friday**— Office Closed  
7:30 am— Rosary  
8 am— *Daily Mass*  
8:45 am— Rosary Prayer Group (CH)  
9 am— Church Cleaning (Environment)  
4 pm— 2 Hearts (CH)

**Saturday**— 7:30 am— Rosary  
8 am— *Daily Mass*  
8:45 am— Rosary Prayer Group  
9 am— Catholic Women's Bible Study (Rm 1)  
9:30 am— Fil-Am Membership Mtg (Rm 2)  
3:30 pm - Confession  
5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)

**Sunday**— Masses

7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm

**NO Religious Ed. Classes**

12:30 pm - Baptism Ceremony (CH)

4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)