

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Monsignor John Mbinda

This Sunday, we celebrate Solemnity of Jesus Christ King of the universe. The first reading points to Jesus who saves others by his own death and resurrection, and thereby enters into the glory of the Father. The Book of Revelation shows that the glorification of Christ does not come at a cheap price. The King of all creation, is revealed to us on the cross for the love of the Father. Christ is a King with a difference, a King who brings justice; a King who brings love and peace; a King who heals all who believe in him by his suffering, death and resurrection.

The Gospel passage from John, presents to us one of the most dramatic scenes in the New Testament. In this passage, an arrogant Pilate is perplexed by Jesus' claim to be king; a different kind of king he could not deal with. When asked if he is a king, Jesus does not claim the title, but says, "My kingdom does not belong to this world." Jesus further shows that his kingship is one that witnesses to the truth, which implies the revelation of God's wisdom. Jesus speaks the truth about God and humanity, and defends that truth with his own blood on the Cross. Accepting such truth leads to freedom; to salvation; to the healing of our inner life.

The message is straight forward. We can accept or reject the author truth and life, or we can reject him cynically like Pilate and the secular world. This solemnity challenges us to let Jesus transform us into his own image, as instruments of justice, peace and love; as instruments of God's mercy, compassion and forgiveness.

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

Beyond Hospitality

In follow up to the article on hospitality, I wanted us to reflect on what more we can do after welcoming our new parishioners before the Sunday Mass. Greeting them with a lei before Mass is meaningful, but what happens next? The first thing our hospitality ministers need to do is meet them after Mass and give them a registration form as they do not know where to find them. This past Sunday I met one new parishioner who was walking away with a lei and I asked her where she came from and said she had just moved to Mililani from Waipio. She wanted to register, and so I gave her the registration form which she completed and gave to me. We have to make an effort to encounter them before they leave the campus. If I am new in the parish and I receive a lei and no one bothers to talk to me after Mass, I might not come back because I do not matter at all!

Beyond hospitality in the Church, the first step the pastor takes after receiving a registration form is to send a letter of welcome to the new parishioner. A letter from the pastor is not enough. In the 2017 and 2018 we started meeting with new parishioners, mainly to introduce them to our parish. We have had two such meetings that take place after the 11 am Mass on the rectory lanai with a light lunch. Hospitality ministers, parish staff two of us priests are usually present.

Along with self-introduction, the new parishioners share a little about themselves and what they like about our parish. We also introduce our parish to the new parishioners using our well-researched parish brochure that contains all the beautiful art work in our church. In this way we engage our new parishioners so that they feel a sense of belonging. Part of engaging new parishioners is also to lead them share the talents and gift they bring along to the parish. In that process, we help them to identify what their contribution to the life of the parish would be in terms of ministry



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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

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

In these three verses, the prophet Jeremiah foretells the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation to Israel. That promise is for all people since it mentions both the Northern kingdom and Southern kingdom of Judah. The promise of salvation will only be fulfilled in the true Messiah, Jesus Christ.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25:4-5,8-9,10,14

Psalm 25 opens with a prayer "Your ways, O Lord make known to me." The psalm refers to the ways of righteousness and wisdom; to God's ways of acting. Here the psalmist asks for insight into God's saving ways and remains open before God. "To you, O Lord, I lift my soul."

Second Reading: 1 Thess 3:12-4:2

The passage first outlines Paul's relationship with the Thessalonians, expressing his desire that they continue to grow. The second part is an exhortation asking the Thessalonian community to conduct themselves according to the teaching handed on to them by Jesus Christ through the Church.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28,34-36

The gospel speaks of the cosmic events and the distress these events will cause on earth. These apocalyptic cosmic events portray the end times ushering in God's entry to restore chaos into order; they foretell the coming salvation. That is why Jesus tells his audience to stand erect and raise up their heads. For the faithful ones, this will not be a time of punishment. So Jesus exhorts us to be aware, to take heed, to be alert so as not to be caught by surprise. This will be a day of punishment for the wicked.

Follow Msgr. John's Homilies! Blog

(text): www.sundayhomily.com

Podcast (audio):

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

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Monday, November 26, 2018(8 am) Leslie Razon-DeCosta
(Birthday Blessing)

Suzanne Foster (Healing/Blessing)

†Stanley Miranda

Tuesday, November 27, 2018(8 am) Milagros Cortel
(Birthday Blessing)

†Julieto "Jolly" A. Gamboa

†Asako Diana

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

(8 am) †Kyung Soon Choe

Suzanne Foster (Healing/Blessing)

†Stanley Miranda

Thursday, November 29, 2018(8 am) Primo Pablo
(Birthday Blessing)

†Pedro Taglinao

†Asuncion A. Vitug

Friday, November 30, 2018(8 am) Suzanne Foster
(Healing/Blessing)

†Stanley Miranda

†Vergelio & Venancio Topinio

Saturday, December 1, 2018(8 am) Derek Foglesong
(Birthday Blessing)

Sebastian Perez (Healing)

Mesina Sala Family (Blessings)

(5 pm) †Frank Tadda
(Birthday Memorial)**Sunday, December 2, 2018**

(7 am) †Kyung Soon Choe

9 am **For the People**

11 am †Wayne K. Ursal

6 pm †Julieto "Jolly" A. Gamboa

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

DECEASED: William Slocumb, 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 date) **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)

† **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT** †

Fr. Edward Turner (RIP)
 Thursday, December 6, 2018 ~
 Resurrection of the Lord Parish, Waipio
 Memorial Service: 7 pm

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.*



Healing Mass



Monday, December 3, 2018
 7:00 pm—9:00 pm, St. John A&E Parish
 Praise & Worship begins at 7:00 pm
 Mass starts at 7:30 pm
 Celebrant: Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa
 Sponsored by St. John's Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group

For information: Victoria Achaval 623-8860 and Stephen & Helen Uyehara 623-7423

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



The Angel Tree: Only 4 weeks until Christmas! We need volunteers to receive gifts on **Dec 1/2 and Dec 8/9.** If you would like to volunteer, contact Pearl Bates at 623-3332 ext. 203 or email pbates@rcchawaii.org.

The Angel Tree gift distribution tags was very successful. Due to favorable response, all tags were taken on the first weekend. Thanks to all of your continued support of this worthwhile project.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

11/ 17 -
 11/ 18

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,116.68
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,349.35
Children's Collection	\$ 53.00
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 582.50
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 4,708.93
Candle Sales	\$ 602.00
Donation - Mass Intentions	\$ 30.00
Donation— Angel Tree Network	\$ 300.00
Donation— Baptisms	\$ 80.00
Donation— Catholic Campgn For Hum. Dev.	\$ 240.00
Donation - Charity	\$ 25.00

Weekend Total: \$ 21,087.46

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

Please support St. John's Knights of Columbus, Council 14663



Zippy's tickets (Zippy's Famous Chili, Portuguese Bean Soup, Meat Sauce or Zippy's Pancake Mix.)
 Cost is \$9 per ticket. Please see a Knight on the church lanai.

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



PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

Catholic Campaign for Human Development- CCHD Collection

Thank you for your generous support last week to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on "How to Give."

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.

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—Senior Adult Ministry Christmas Party will be a fun holiday event—plan on attending—**Saturday, Dec 8 from 10:00am—12 noon in rooms 2 & 3. Come on out and have a good time with other SJAE Seniors!!** Call Connie Murphy at 625-7773.

Everyone is invited to the Parish Advent & Christmas Concert St. John's Choirs is 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.

The Parish Health Ministry and Philippine Nurses Association of Hawaii would like to thank all the speakers and parishioners who participated in the Healthy Heart Healthy Family Program.

St John A&E Marriage Validation

- Are you a Catholic who exchanged marriage vows in the presence of an authorized civic official or a minister from another religious tradition?
- Are you seeking to have your marriage officially recognized and blessed by the Church known as *Convalidation of a Marriage*?

SAVE THE DATES:

- Marriage Validation Retreat: Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019 at 9am—3 pm.
 - Rehearsal: Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019 at 7 pm.
- Marriage Validation Ceremony: Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019 at 5 pm in the Church. For more information, contact Deacon Modesto at mcodero@rcchawaii.org or Deacon Romeo rganibe@rcchawaii.org.



THIS WEEK:

Nov 26 – Dec 2

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 (Parking lot)
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)
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— RCIA #13 Advent overview & Rite & welcoming acceptance (Rms 2/3)
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 2)
7 pm— Stewardship Council (Conf Rm)

Friday— 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*
8:30 am— *Mililani Christmas Parade (Mililani High School Stadium)*
8:45 am— Rosary Prayer Group
9 am— Catholic Women's Bible Study (Rm 1)
9:15 am— Liturgical Movement Ministry (Rm 4)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)

Sunday— Masses

7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm
9 am Mass- RCIA: Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming
Aloha Sunday— Hosting: Kupuna Kokua, Hui & Parish Health Ministry

"B" Schedule Religious Ed. Classes

2:00 pm - Baptism Prep Class (Rm 3)
4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)

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.