

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Deacon Romeo Ganibe

Today, we are celebrating the **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**. The Church sets the Holy Family before us as a model of what our families should be like. And while it's a day to take a close look at the Holy Family, to admire the Holy Family, and to give thanks to God for them and for their example, it's also a chance for us to look at our individual families. And not just in a superficial way, but to actually think about what can/should/will make our families holy.

Our holiness comes from our connection to God, from our relationship with God. A holy family walks with God. And just as that Holy Family welcomed God, we are to welcome the gift of each other that God has given us. When we look at our own families we see many ways we can live out that call to service. Husbands and wives serve each other to achieve their salvation. To be a parent is to be a servant. We pray for and with each other.

We learn from the Holy Family that we are to walk with God, that we are to serve each other. And if we do this, then we make our little corner of the world holier. We allow God to make our lives holy.

Thank you, Jesus, for helping us build holy families. Mary and Joseph, please pray for us --- that our families may come to reflect the best in yours.



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

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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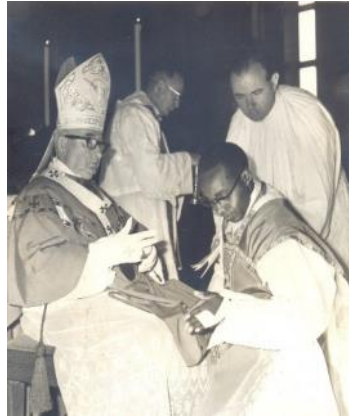
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The Joy of 50 Year of Priesthood

December 27 this year, as we celebrate the feast of St. John Apostle and Evangelist, the patronal saint of our parish, I celebrated with you the joy of my 50 years as a priest. As I look back over these 50 years, I feel that God has been so generous to me. The journey that I started on December 14, 1968 has been extraordinary. I vividly remember that Ordination day at the Basilica of the Holy Family in Nairobi as I lay prostrate to give myself totally to God as the congregation prayed the Litanies of the Saints asking for their intercession for me. I remember being called forward for the prayer of Ordination by Archbishop John J. McCarthy followed by the imposition of hands by the archbishop and all the priests present. I recall the archbishop consecrating my hands with Holy Chrism and binding them with a purificatory. With my hands still bound, I was called to kneel before the archbishop to declare my obedience to him and all his successors. This whole day was deeply moving. My soul glorifies the Lord for that day of my ordination; that day that God set me apart to serve his people.

The highlights of my 50 years of priestly ministry may be divided into three: 1) Faith formation of adults (priests, religious men and women and lay Catholic) from 1976 to 1982; 2) Official of the Vatican Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity from 1986 to 2006 and 3) Pastor of St. John Apostle & Evangelist from 2011 to present. These three moments for me have been the most enriching in my vocation. I saw growth in the people I served and the people also helped to deepen my priestly vocation. Let me just highlight my experience here at St. John Apostle & Evangelist. Being pastor here at St. John's gave me a challenge to first get to know where the parish was and what the needs were and how to realize these needs. Our Parish 5-Year Planning was an important process for the whole parish to identify the priorities and plan together on a strategy of implementing these priorities. This also gave me the opportunity to reform the parish in view of these priorities in order to be the parish that God intends for us to be in the 21st century. These seven years as your pastor have been my best productive years, thanks to your challenge that drove me to be more creative in responding to the emerging needs. St. John's is a wonderful parish to lead, only if one is humble enough to tap the many resources you all bring into our parish family. The joy of my priesthood is due to you for making me a better priest in these seven years here at St. John's.

May God bless all who have touched my life in my priestly ministry these 50 years. A blessed Christmas season and Happy New Year 2019.

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, JANUARY 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

This passage from Isaiah is song in praise of Jerusalem. It was written during the restoration of the ruined city after the captivity in Babylon. The prophet dreams that the former glory (vv 1-4) and prosperity (vv 5-7), such as king Solomon had achieved, would again belong to the Jewish people. This dream was never fulfilled literally, but was more than fulfilled by the coming of Christ.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Psalm 72 looks back to the reign of King Solomon, characterized by the greatest peace, prosperity, power, and justice Israel had ever known. It also looks forward in hope to another king who would be like Solomon, but who would embrace the entire world. The response: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you" anticipates that hope.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

Paul in this passage refers to the mission of the Church, the calling of all humankind into union with God, as a mystery. The reading underlines the universal nature of salvation in God's plan. Therefore God wills that all cultural barriers be broken down, and all men and women without exception come to know God's love, because the same promise has been made to them through the Gospel.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

This Gospel story about the wise men from the East in a certain sense anticipates the rejection of Jesus by the Jewish leaders as contrasted with his manifestation to and acceptance by the gentiles. The prophecy quoted in v 6 (adapted from Micah 5:1 and 2 Sam 5:2) points to Jesus as fulfilling the messianic hope symbolized by King David. More significantly, the entire story echoes the coming of the Queen of Sheba (Ethiopia) to King Solomon (1 Kg 10:1-13), and shows Jesus as the "new Solomon" whose wisdom draws even the wisest of the world to humble submission.

Follow Msgr. John's Homilies! Blog

(text): www.sundayhomily.com

Podcast (audio):

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

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

Monday, December 31, 2018

(8 am) †Cristina C. Falke

Suzanne Foster

(Healing/Blessing)

Ellen Dona (Blessing)

Tuesday, January 1, 2018

(8 am) Renee & Myrna De Vega

(Blessings)

†Lilia Patetico

Wednesday, January 2, 2018

(8 am) †Lydia S. Agbayani

Suzanne Foster

(Healing/Blessing)

Thursday, January 3, 2018

(8 am) †Mrs. Asako Diana

Friday, January 4, 2018

(8 am) †Feliciano Dona

Suzanne Foster

(Healing/Blessing)

Saturday, January 5, 2018

(8 am) †Jodie J. Mendes

†Annette Mitchell

Rosalie Tadda

(Birthday Blessing)

(5 pm) †Bella Rillamas

(Death Anniversary)

Sunday, January 6, 2018

(7 am) †Emerson Masa

9 am **For the People**

11 am Taylor Mitchell

(Safe Travels & Thanksgiving)

6 pm †Annette Mitchell

†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 Paaluhī & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: 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 Ono Diana, Trixie Kato, Claro P. Bumanglag, Jodie J. Mendes, Vergelio C. Topinio, Clara Diane White, Lydia S. Agbayani, Fredrico Soliven & Annette Mitchell.

The next Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will be held on *Friday, January 4*, immediately after the 8 am Mass to 7:30am on *Saturday, January 5*.



Please be advised the breezeway leading to the Parish Center is closed. Please use the church lanai to get through to the Parish Center.



† **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** †

Vergelio C. Topinio (RIP)

Sunday, January 6, 2019 ~ Mililani Memorial Park- Makai Chapel

Visitation: 5:30pm — Prayer Service: 6:30pm

Monday, January 7, 2019 ~ St. John's A&E

Visitation: 10:30am — Mass: 11:00am

Burial: 12:30pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park

Federico N. Soliven (RIP)

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 ~ Mililani

Memorial Park- Makai Chapel

Visitation: 10:00am- Prayer Service: 11:30am

Burial: 12:30pm- Mililani Memorial Park

Clara Diane White (RIP)

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 ~ Mililani

Memorial Park- Mauka Chapel

Visitation: 9:00am

Funeral Prayer Service: 10:30am

Burial: 12:30pm- Mililani Memorial Park

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

Anointing of the Sick

Baptisms (Upcoming ceremony date) **Jan 13 & 20, Feb 10 & 17, Mar 10 & 17, April (No Baptism).**

Baptism Preparation Class: Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 7.

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

Funerals

Homebound Communion

Marriages (at least 6 months before wedding date)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	12/21—12/24
Sunday Collection	\$ 27,841.93
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,007.35
Children's Collection	\$ 3.00
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 658.20
One Community Center	
Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 7,169.50
Candle Sales	\$ 857.00
Donation— Misa de Gallo (Dec 21)	\$ 262.00
Donation— Misa de Gallo (Dec 22)	\$ 345.30
Donation— Misa de Gallo (Dec 23)	\$ 414.00
Donation— Misa de Gallo (Dec 24)	\$591.61
Donation— Weddings	\$ 200.00
Donation - Mass Intentions	\$ 10.00
Donation— Seminarian Education	\$ 10.00
Donation - Charity	\$ 19.00
Donations- Christmas Flowers	\$ 440.00
Donation— Christmas	\$ 27,410.75
Donation— Social Ministry	\$ 140.00
Donations- Immaculate Conception	\$ 93.00
Donation— Retirement Fund	\$ 20.00
Donation— Stewardship	\$ 95.00
Donation— Youth & Young Adult	\$ 60.00
Donation— Catholic Charities HI	\$10.00
Weekend Total:	\$ 68,657.64

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





PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 31 in observance of New Year's Eve and Tuesday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day.

Effective Wednesday, January 2, 2019, the Kipapa Dr. entrance to the church parking lot will be closed. Please use the Kuahelani Ave. side to enter and exit the church parking lot. Mahalo!

Faith Matters: The next Catholicism 101 and Introduction to Scriptures classes will be held on Thursday, January 3 at 7 pm in classrooms 1-3.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: The next 24 hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on Friday, January 4th, after the 8 am Mass, ending at 7:30 am on Saturday, January 5th.

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.

Want to volunteer as a chairperson for Kūpuna Kōkua Ministry? Must be 55 years of age. Please contact Yolanda at (808) 220-8997.

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: Sat. Feb. 2, 2019 at 9am—3 pm.
 - Rehearsal: Thurs. Feb. 7, 2019 at 7 pm.
- Marriage Validation Ceremony: Sat. 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.



Planting Seeds for the Future: Grandpa didn't have a will, but Grandma does. She had to settle Grandpa's estate without one, and she now knows how important a will really is. Do you have a will?

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

THIS WEEK: **Dec 31 – Jan 6**

Monday— New Year's Eve: Office Closed

7:30 am— Rosary
8 am— Daily Mass
8:45 am— Rosary Prayer Group (CH)

Tuesday— New Year's Day: Office Closed

7:30 am— Rosary
8 am— Daily Mass
8:45 am— Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am— Church Cleaning— Environment
3 pm— Cenacle Prayer (CH)
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 (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— 7:30 am— Rosary

8 am— Daily Mass
8:45 am— Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am— Church Cleaning— Group 4
6 pm— 11 am Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm— Faith Matters— Catholicism 101 (Rm 1-2)
7 pm— Faith Matters— Intro to Scriptures (Rm 3)

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
9 am— Catholic Women's Bible Study (Rm 1)
3:30 pm— Confession
5 pm— Mass (Saturday Vigil)

Sunday— Masses

Aloha Sunday—Hosting— Marriage & Family Commission

Baptism Prep Class (Rm 3)

7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm

RE Classes: "A" Schedule

4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)