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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

This Sunday we hear some of the most difficult teachings of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Today's gospel continues the Great Sermon of Jesus from where we left off last Sunday. After speaking about the persecution and violence that will be visited on the disciples, as was done to the prophets of old, Jesus now speaks to the disciples about how they are to respond to the hostility. He begins: "But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you..." (6:27-29). The disciples lived in a society that hated them and treated them with hostility. What Jesus is asking them is that they should not return hatred for hatred or hostility for hostility.

By nature, we love only friends and dear ones. Loving enemies is not only something we do not do, but something that we can hardly do. But Jesus today presents the Golden Rule and even raises it up to a higher level. Not only should we treat others as we would want to be treated, not only should we love those from whom we expect love in return, but also, we are called to love our enemies and lovingly treat people whom we know will not treat us in the same loving way. The story of David (in the first reading) illustrates this point. Saul hated the much-admired David; he had become insanely jealous of him. He pursued him to get rid of him. When David had the opportunity to assassinate Saul who was asleep together with his soldiers, he refused to do so. Such was David's noble heart. Jesus, in today's Gospel makes another step forward: he will invite us to go beyond the same forgiveness. He will demand from his disciples not only to do no harm to the enemy but that they take the initiative to meet him to help him out of his condition. "Give to everyone who asks you; ... do good to those who hate you..." (6:30).

Reflecting on these readings, I am conscious of the fact that Jesus raised the bar higher and higher for His disciples. The goal which Jesus places before us is to be like the loving, divine Father, who forgives, loves, and cares for us even while we are sinful. We are also called to be like the One who calls us to be His disciples. We may find this too much to achieve. There is no way we can be as forgiving, as loving, and as caring as God. We will fail. The fact that we will not achieve such a high level of concern for others is not what is to be the focus of our attention. Our attention should be on the One Whom we are trying to imitate. The more we strive to keep our eyes on Jesus, our Master-Teacher and upon his Father, the more that Jesus can, and will fill in the gaps.

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

Lenten Prayer Challenge 2019

Lent is only 8 days from this Sunday. It is a season of transformation. As always, it arrives suddenly and without a plan we can easily end up without being transformed by God's grace. This year I would like to help you with a challenge which is actually a commitment to prayer.

What is prayer? Prayer is the lifting up of our hearts and minds to God. Prayer is how we get to know God. It is how we talk to and listen to God. Prayer is about relationship. It is unique for each one of us, yet it is up to each of us to make sure the relationship exists. Prayer is a gift of time to God. After we begin to pray on a regular basis, we can see how God has entered our lives in tangible ways, meeting our needs when we least expect it.

How do I begin? Start each day with prayer. Acknowledge that you are open to God's plan for your life for this one day and in so doing, turn your entire day into one long prayer. Every thought, every worry, every smile of thanksgiving becomes communion with the One who loves you. Every thought, every great idea, every brainstorm, is the voice of God speaking through your life, if only we take the time to listen.

Some Ideas: This season of Lent, open yourself to God's love for you. Take the time to speak and listen to God each day. Here are some ideas for praying these 40 days of Lent:

Attend a weekday Mass

Ready scripture daily

Read the Magnificat Lenten Companion Daily

Spend time in prayer in our Adoration Chapel

Pray the Rosary

Attend Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7 pm

Attend our Lenten Mission Retreat: Monday & Tuesday April 1& 2, 7pm

Attend St. John's Penance Service, Wednesday, April 3, 7pm

Use St. John's Parish App for prayers

Listen to and reflect on Catholic Audio Books or CDs

Watch a Catholic DVD as a family

On Ash Wednesday each of you will receive a one page suggestion on what you can do during this season of Lent to allow God transform you.



<p>Parish Rectory Hours Monday: 12:00 PM-4:30 PM Tues. - Fri.: 9:00 AM-4:30 PM Saturday/Sunday: Closed</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>Religious Ed Office Hours Monday: Closed Tues.—Fri.: 12 pm - 6:30 pm Saturday: Closed Sun: 7:00 am - 1:00pm</p>
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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, MARCH 3, 2019

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 17:4-7

The first reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus uses four concrete examples to illustrate how good or bad results from a sieve, a furnace, a kiln and an orchard can be compared to how speech reveals a person's inner defects, flaws, and quality of life. So just as the orchard is judged by the quality of its fruit, similarly a person's words betray his character.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

This psalm of thanksgiving original used at the morning sacrifice focuses on the theme of moral retribution. The Lord is praised for his mighty deeds, especially in rewarding the righteous with prosperity, so that they become like fruitful trees. However, this interpretation needs to be balanced with that of other books of Scripture in Psalm 73 as well as the Book of Job that show that the righteous do not always prosper.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

In this passage, Paul continues to help the Corinthians understand the true teaching on the resurrection. They had thought that once they have been introduced to the resurrection by baptism, there was no need for a resurrection after death. That is why Paul used the phrase "Christ the first fruit" that makes all other final resurrections of the dead possible at this second coming.

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

In the Gospel Jesus uses four short parables to illustrate the positive or negative role played by words and deeds in our witness as his followers. Jesus is very hard on hypocrisy because it is fake and counter witness. He underlines the importance of authentic leaders who are expected to give good example to those put into their charge. In one example Jesus shows that it would be so easy for a blind guide to lead followers into spiritual disaster and ruin. The message is clear. "There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor gain a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit."

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(text): www.sundayhomily.com
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<https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda>

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 25, 2019

(8 am) †Agnes DeJesus

†George & Dorothy

Ladenburger

Jim Walsh

(Birthday Blessing)

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

(8 am) †Agnes DeJesus

Richard & Maria T. Amaral

(Blessings/ Thanksgiving)

†Richard L. Unciano

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

(8 am) †Agnes DeJesus

Thursday, February 28, 2019

(8 am) †Howard L. Beck

†Agnes DeJesus

†Joseph Christian Domanguera

Friday, March 1, 2019

(8 am) †Feliciano Dona

†Agnes DeJesus

Saturday, March 2, 2019

(8 am) †All Souls in Purgatory

(5 pm) Kiane Duran-Vergaaf

(Birthday Blessing)

Sunday, March 3, 2019

(7 am) †Richard L. Unciano

9 am *For the People*

11 am †Wayne K. Ursal

6 pm †Agnes DeJesus

†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 Paaluhu, Marcelino Esdicul, Sr. & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Kyung Soon Choe, 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, Erwin A. Azada, Winston Kekina, Howard L. Beck, Delphine Brothers, Richard L. Unciano & Agnes DeJesus.

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

Anointing of the Sick

Baptisms (Upcoming ceremony date) **Mar 10 & 17, April (No Baptism), May 12 & 19, June 9 & 16.**

Baptism Preparation Class: Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5 & June 2.

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

Funerals

Homebound Communion

Marriages (at least 6 months before wedding date)

Respect Life: "Abortion affects countless marriages more than many people recognize. But there is no doubt that God will bring great healing to those who trust in his infinite mercy. If a past abortion can be acknowledged and addressed, a married couple can make great strides in experiencing even more fully God's design that 'the two shall become one' (Mt 19:5)"

"Healing within Marriage from an Abortion"
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
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† **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT** †

Richard Leonillo Unciano (RIP)

*Tuesday, February 26, 2019 ~ St. John A&E
Visitation: 9:30 am ~ Mass: 10:00 am
Burial: 1:00 pm ~ National Memorial
Cemetery of the Pacific*

Effective Mar. 1st, the cost of church and home candles will be \$5.

Save the date:

Fr. Ricky Manalo will be speaking here on March 12—13 at 7 pm.

Topic: Finding Christ Today in our Complex World.



Today's world and lifestyles are very complex: there are many cultures, opinions (left and right), and modern means of communicating (often interacting and competing with one another.) And then there is the postmodern experience that nobody ever has enough time! This presentation will provide three lenses through which Christians view the world around them (the traditional, the modern and the postmodern) with an eye towards applying these lenses to our own Christian life and baptismal calling. As in all of Fr. Ricky's presentations, music will be offered before, during and at the end.

Fr. Ricky Manalo is a Paulist Priest, a wonderful & accomplished composer, pastoral musician, theologian & presenter.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

2/16-2/17

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,271.43
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 365.75
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 909.10
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 53,594.00
OCC Capital Campaign— Atherton Family Foundation (Non Assessed)	\$ 25,000.00
Donation - Charity	\$ 133.00
Donation— Children's Collection	\$ 2.00
Donation— Social Ministry	\$ 30.00
Donation— Mother's & Father's Day	\$ 20.00
Candle Sales	\$ 577.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 130.00

Weekend Total: \$ 93,032.28

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

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PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

Food Pantry- If you or someone you know needs food assistance, we can help! Come see us on **Wednesday, February 27** from 10 am—12 noon at St. John’s parking lot.

Young Adults (ages 18—35) are invited to a Social Night, Sunday March 3rd at 7:30 pm in classroom 4. Join us for refreshments and fellowship!

Daughters of St. Paul Pauline Book Store & Media will be having a book fair on the weekend of March 9 and 10. They will bring Bibles, prayer books, lives of the saints, spiritual reading, kids books, movies and music. Also, they will highlight a Lenten book called “Plan of Life” by Roger Landry and a Jesus comic book, graphic novel for all ages.



Attention Men of St John the Apostle and Evangelist:

The Men’s ACTS retreat is currently planned for **August 22—25, 2019, at the St Anthony Retreat Center in the beautiful Kalihi Valley.** This retreat has enriched the lives of many people in at least 27 states in the U.S., and several countries throughout the world. This

retreat will help your personal, spiritual growth! If you are seeking answers about your spiritual journey and/or wish to deepen your faith, please consider attending this wonderful retreat. **Contact Armando Lopez at (808-799-4740)** for additional information or to sign up today.

2019 Lent and Easter Parish Events:

Ash Wednesday, March 6 Masses at 8am, 5pm, 7pm	Holy Thursday, April 18 (No 8am Daily Mass) Morning Prayers- 8am
Stations of the Cross, March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 & 12, 7pm Frugal Meal sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and other parish ministries after Stations of the Cross.	Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7pm Adoration after Mass until 12 midnight
Finding Christ Today in our Complex World with Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP Tues. Mar 12& Wed. Mar13, 7pm	Good Friday, April 19 (No 8am Daily Mass) Morning Prayers- 8am
Parish Lenten Mission, April 1-3, 7pm Speaker: Fr. Paul McDonnell, O.S.J	Stations of the Cross, 3pm Passion of the Lord, 3:30pm
Lenten Penance Service: Wednesday, April 3, 7pm	Holy Saturday, April 20 (No 8am Daily Mass) Morning Prayers- 8am
Palm Sunday, April 14 Regular Sunday Schedule	No Confession Easter Vigil, 7pm Easter Sunday, April 21 Masses at 7am, 9am, & 11am No evening Mass

THIS WEEK:
Feb 25 – March 3

Monday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am- *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
7 pm– Charismatic (CH)
7 pm– Family Prayer Group (Rm 4)
7 pm– Troop 144 (Rm 5)
Tuesday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am- *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
3 pm– Cenacle Prayer (CH)
6:30 pm– CRH Meeting- #5 (Rm 2)
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)
Wednesday– 7:30 am– Rosary
8 am– *Daily Mass*
8:45 am– Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
10 am– Food Pantry (Parking lot)
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#23 “Lent overview” (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 5)
6 pm– 11 am Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm– Stewardship Council (Conf Rm)
Friday– Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (CH)
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)
10 am– Healing Grace Ministry (Rm 2)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)
Sunday– Masses
7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm
Aloha Sunday– OLPH, 2 Hearts, Rosary Group.

RE Classes: “B” Schedule

2 pm– Baptism Prep Class (Rm 3)
4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm– Young Adult Social (Rm 4)

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.