

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

95-370 Kuahelani Ave. Mililani, Hawaii 96789 • Office: (808) 623-3332 • Fax: (808) 623-3286

Email: sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org Website: www.stjohnmililani.org



NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Monsignor John Mbinda

We often wonder why Jesus was so successful in his ministry. The readings of this Sunday give away the answer to that question. The words we use may lead others astray, or bring them closer to God. 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 say more about his character.

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 harsh on hypocrisy because it is fake and counter-witness. He underlines the importance of authentic leaders who are expected to give a 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 history of the Church has many examples of blind guides both civil and religious. 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". The two images of the blind guide and the rotten tree are related. Both images challenge us to let our words be matched by the uprightness of our deeds and character. We are called upon to speak and give witness to what we say. Elsewhere in the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that, "By their fruits, you shall know them."

The message we take home may be summed up in three points.

- 1) The integrity of Jesus and his union with the Father in prayer was the secret of his success.
- 2) Only filled by his Spirit can we speak and act in a manner that truly witnesses to Christ.
- 3) Just as Jesus, the key to authentic witness is only found in faithfulness and union with God.

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"
- Open the App and Enjoy!

You can also find our app from the website below or use the QR Code

www.ParishSolutionsCo.com/JohnHI

Pastor's Corner

The Origins of Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, each year occurs 6 1/2 weeks before Easter (between February 4 and March 11, depending on the date of Easter). In the early church, the length of the Lenten celebration varied, but eventually it began 6 weeks (42 days) before Easter. This provided only 36 days of fasting (excluding Sundays). In the 7th century, 4 days were added before the first Sunday of Lent in order to establish 40 fasting days, in imitation of Jesus Christ's fast in the desert. That is how we got Ash Wednesday, but there is more from church tradition.

It was the practice in Rome for penitents to begin their period of public penance on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. They were sprinkled with ashes, dressed in sackcloth, and obliged to remain apart until they were reconciled with the Christian community on Holy Thursday. When these practices fell into disuse (8th-10th century), the beginning of the penitential season of Lent was symbolized by placing ashes on the heads of the entire congregation.

Ash Wednesday marks the onset of Lent, the 40-day period of prayer, fasting and abstinence. It is also known as the 'Day of Ashes'. So called because on that day at church the faithful have their foreheads marked with ashes in the shape of a cross, as a sign of commitment to identify with the passion and death of Christ on the Cross. The exact origin of Ash Wednesday is not clear, but the custom of marking the head with ashes on this Day is said to have originated during the papacy of Gregory the Great (590-604).

Originally the use of ashes to symbolize penance was a matter of private devotion. Later it became part of the official rite for reconciling public penitents. In this context, ashes on the penitent served as a motive for fellow Christians to pray for the returning sinner and to feel sympathy for him. Still later, the use of ashes passed into its present rite of beginning the penitential season of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Putting a 'cross' mark on the forehead was in imitation of the spiritual mark or seal that is put on a Christian in baptism. This is when the newly born Christian is delivered from slavery to sin and the devil, and made a slave of righteousness and Christ (Rom. 6:3-18)

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

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)
 Msgr. John Mbinda
 jmbinda@rcchawaii.org
Parochial Vicar (x 104)
 Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa
 jayinpuusa@rcchawaii.org
Deacon Modesto Cordero
 mcordero@rcchawaii.org
Deacon Romeo Ganibe
 rganibe@rcchawaii.org
Parish Office Administrator (x 103)
 Jolly Guerrero-Tano
 jollygt@rcchawaii.org
Parish Secretary (x 100)
 Dominique Kekiwi
 dkekiwi@rcchawaii.org
Outreach Department (x 203)
 Pearl Bates
 pebates@rcchawaii.org
RCIA Coordinators
 Dcn. Modesto Cordero
 Dcn. Romeo Ganibe
Religious Ed. Director (x 206)
 Julie Quiroz-Zamora
 jquiroz@rcchawaii.org
Acting Preschool Director
 Amytes Quiason (744-9538)
 aquiason@rcchawaii.org

.....
 "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 10, 2019

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4—10

This passage contains one of the most important confessions of faith in the first part of the Old Testament. The passage shows that this profession of faith was part of Jewish celebration of the First Fruits, acknowledging that the land itself was a gift from God. The celebration consisted of action (offering of the basket containing the produce) and the reciting of the saving action of God for his people. The writer shows that this tradition originates from Moses as Israel journeyed towards the Land of Promise (salvation). What is your plan for showing gratitude to God for the “land”: the gifts, talents and treasure God has given you, the source of your income during the Season of Lent?

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 91:1—2, 10—11, 12—13, 14—15

Psalm 91 is certainly a prayer used a worshiper in a liturgy. The worshiper is first called and told to how to turn to God in trust. The phrase “shelter of the most high” is in reference to a sacred place or shrine where the worshiper is at prayer, calling upon God: “Be with me, Lord when I am in trouble.” Do you turn to God in prayer when in trouble?

Second Reading: Romans 10:8—13

In this passage Paul puts together three themes. 1) He stresses singular importance of faith as the basis of salvation. 2) He reinterprets the Scripture from the point of view of Christ. 3) He proclaims the universal character of salvation through Christ. These three themes underline the centrality of Christ in the mystery of salvation and the need to accept the Gospel for one to open oneself to Christ’s saving power. The bottom line is that faith in Christ is salvific, effecting the saving works of Christ. What is your plan (personally and as family) for deepening your faith in the mystery of salvation this Lent?

Gospel: Luke 4:1—13

The Gospel passage is account of the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness. The wilderness was a dangerous place inhabited by wild animals, a refuge of bandits; the abode of demons. It was also a symbolic place of Israel’s testing (cf. Deut 8:2). The account shows certain similarity to the Israelites in the desert, but unlike them, Jesus does not give into the test. The temptations happen in three places: the wilderness; on a high mountain; and on the parapet of the Temple in Jerusalem. In each of the temptations Jesus is challenged to prove he is the Son of God and three times Jesus resists and quotes Scripture to show his faithfulness the Father (cf. Deut 8:1-3; Deut 6:13; Ps 91:11-12). How do you face temptations when you encounter them?

Follow Msgr. John’s Homilies! Blog

(text): www.sundayhomily.com

Podcast (audio):

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 4, 2019

(8 am) †Hildo Mercado

†Vera Okuna

Annabel Wilson

(Birthday Blessing)

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

(8 am) †Hildo Mercado

†Richard L. Unciano

Florcita Hintze

(Birthday Blessing)

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

(8 am) †Hildo Mercado

Emma Carnate (Healing)

Thursday, March 7, 2019

(8 am) †Hildo Mercado

†Alfredo & Felicitas P. Cordial

Friday, March 8, 2019

(8 am) †Hal L. Hintze

Saturday, March 9, 2019

(8 am) †Howard L. Beck

(5 pm) †Hildo Mercado

Sunday, March 10, 2019

(7 am) Camryn Grace

(Birthday Blessing)

9 am For the People

11 am †Wayne K. Ursal

6 pm †Sala Mona Duldulao

†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, 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: 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: “Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living.”



USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Every Life is Worth Living Prayer,” www.usccb.org/worth-living

Encounter Lent

Join our faith community– and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States– in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. During the 40 days of Lent, we will encounter the needs of the world. And don’t forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app!!



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	2/23-2/24
Sunday Collection	\$ 13,081.08
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 4,228.45
Building, Equipment, and Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 925.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 54,991.25
Donation - Charity	\$ 42.05
Donation– Children’s Collection	\$ 2.00
Donation– Social Ministry	\$ 100.00
Donation– Stewardship	\$ 95.00
Candle Sales	\$ 613.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 300.00
Weekend Total:	\$ 74,377.83

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

BUILDING A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY OF LIFE-LONG LEARNERS

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & BANGLET CATHOLIC CHURCH

SAINT JOHN'S CATHOLIC (MONTESSORI) PRESCHOOL

95-370 KUAHELANI AVENUE, MILILANI, HI 96789 • (808) 744-9538

St. John Catholic Preschool has an immediate assistant teacher position open. If you are an early education teacher (Montessori is a plus). Please visit the catholichawaii.org/careers and click on “search current job openings.”

St. John Catholic Preschool has an immediate preschool opening for a child between the ages of 3-6 years old. If you have just moved to this area or know a family that is in need for a quality Montessori Preschool education, please contact (808) 744-9538.




PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

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.

Lent is coming SOON! Need some good Catholic reading to start your Lenten journey? If so, the SJAELibrary Cart will be available after all Masses on March 16 - 17. Stop by, browse and start your reading Lenten journey!

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 Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm Adoration after Mass until 12 midnight
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.	Good Friday, April 19 (No 8am Daily Mass) Morning Prayers- 8am Stations of the Cross, 3pm Passion of the Lord, 3:30pm
Finding Christ Today in our Complex World with Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP Tues. Mar 12 & Wed. Mar13, 7pm	Holy Saturday, April 20 (No 8am Daily Mass) Morning Prayers- 8am No Confession Easter Vigil, 7pm Easter Sunday, April 21 Masses at 7am, 9am, & 11am No evening Mass
Parish Lenten Mission, April 1-3, 7pm Speaker: Fr. Paul McDonnell, O.S.J	
Lenten Penance Service: Wednesday, April 3, 7pm	
Palm Sunday, April 14 Regular Sunday Schedule	

Diocese of Honolulu 2019 Lenten Regulations:

In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both days Ash Wednesday (March 6th) and Good Friday (April 19th).

FASTING : To fast means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (excepting water and medicine) is not permitted on fast days.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT: Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday. To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

Planting Seeds for the Future: Proper estate planning can reduce administrative time, expense and inconvenience. Careful estate planning can also be one of the best gifts you give your family.

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

THIS WEEK: Mar 4- 10

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)
7 pm- 4th Degree Knight (Rm 3)

Tuesday- 7:30 am- Rosary
8 am- Daily Mass
8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am- Women's Bible Study (CH)
9 am- Church Cleaning- Environmental
3 pm- Cenacle Prayer (CH)
6:30 pm- CRH Meeting- #6 (Rm 2)
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)

Wednesday- Ash Wednesday
7:30 am- Rosary
8 am- Daily Mass
8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am- Hui (Rm 5)
10 am- Food Pantry (Parking lot)
5 pm- Mass
6 pm- OLPH Prayer Group (Rm 2)
6:30 pm- Young Adult Faith Night (Rm 4)
7 pm- Mass
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 3)
6 pm- 11 am Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm- Catholicism 101 (Rms 1-2)
7 pm- Intro to Scriptures (Rm 3)

Friday- 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)
7 pm-Stations of the Cross (CH)
7:30 am- Frugal Meal (CH Lanai)

Saturday- 7:30 am- Rosary
8 am- Daily Mass
8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group
9 am- Catholic Women's Bible Study (Rm 1)
9:15 am- Liturgical Movement Ministry (Rm 4)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)
5 pm- St. Pauline Book Fair (CH Lanai)

Sunday- Masses
7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm
St. Pauline Book Fair (CH Lanai)

RE Classes: "B" Schedule
12:30 pm- Baptism Ceremony (CH)
4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)