

# ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

### SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Deacon Modesto Cordero

#### Celebrating the Ascension of the Lord!

This weekend our church celebrates the last of Jesus' earthly mysteries: *The Ascension of the Lord*. This celebration is one of the great truths of our creed that "he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." The Ascension means that Jesus has gone before us — to open up the gates of heaven for us! So that we can conquer sin and death! The Ascension means that we can live now every day with the hope of heaven; knowing that where Jesus has gone, we can follow — into the highest heavens! Jesus' ascension is also the start of our mission, the mission that Christ gave to his Church! In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus assures his disciples, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." These words apply to us today. These words are a call for evangelization, to spread the Good News, Jesus is asking us to be his witnesses to. On one level, that's a challenge—because becoming witnesses of Jesus in a certain way means to become a "martyr." Martyrdom requires sacrifice.

However, there are various types of martyrdom. Like the martyrdom of not having the last word. The martyrdom of forgiving those who have done us wrong and the everyday martyrdom of simply being a witness to the Gospel – which often involves something we find increasingly elusive: mercy. The feast of the Lord's ascension reminds us that the personal body of Jesus disappeared from our view in order that his Mystical Body might appear to us, thanks to the sending of the promised Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength we need to continue Jesus' mission, to be his apostles, to be his witnesses. We are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth – to use our time and talents to spread the Good News of salvation.

So, where do we begin? The answer has been before us all along. Over the last few weeks, what has been the one recurring theme in the Sunday readings? LOVE! Love one another. We have heard it again and again in the readings, and for a good reason. That is where we begin making that choice, living that choice, and making that choice visible to a doubting and disbelieving world—a world that is increasingly turning away from Christ. Jesus wants to lift everything up to God! He wants to draw all people to heaven. And he wants to do these things —through his Church, through the witness of our lives. May the Lord bless you!

### 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*

# 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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**“He Ascended into Heaven”**

In the Creed, we confess our faith in Christ who "ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father". But what exactly do we mean by saying that he ascended into heaven? We mean that the Risen Lord is not only totally alive, but also that the Father has placed Christ at His right hand, an expression that signifies the Father glorifying Christ and making him the Lord of all creation. As we read in the Gospel of Matthew, to him "is given all power in heaven and on earth" (Mt. 28.18). Paul in his Letter to the Ephesians underlines the mystery of Christ being glorified. He says, God "put all things beneath his feet, and gave him as head over all things to the Church which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way" (Eph 1:22). The ascension, however, does not mean that Jesus renounced his humanity. He remains one of us and head of his Body, the Church. The celebration of the ascension is an expression of our Christian hope that where, He our Head has gone before us, there we, his Body will one day follow, to live forever in the Kingdom of the Father.

We must not think of the Ascension in terms of Christ going up and away from us and from the world, in purely scientific physical terms. That is the image I had as I was growing up; the image normally presented to us by artists. The Ascension is not to be understood literally as if Jesus floated up into the sky between clouds to "heaven", as if heaven is a physical place. The Ascension is the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to be always with us; with his Church. Above all it is a relationship with the Father, and God is everywhere in the whole universe. The Ascension needs to be seen as part of the Paschal Mystery of Christ: the suffering and death; the resurrection; ascension; and the sending of the Holy Spirit. If the resurrection points to the crucified Jesus risen and alive, the Ascension points to the Risen Lord who now enters into the fullness of Father's glory sharing equally the glory of the Father. In the language of faith, the ascension means "the entry" of Jesus into the complete and definitive communion with the Father, and there interceding for us. Jesus Christ enters into the fullness of the Father's glory, and makes it possible for those who belong to his Body, the Church, to follow where He the Head has gone.



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 “Be generous and you will be prosperous; help others and you will be helped.” (Good News Translation) - Prov 11:25  
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## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019

### Pentecost Sunday

#### First Reading: Acts 2:1–11

The Jewish feast of Pentecost was one of three major pilgrimage festivals of Israel. Originally this was an agricultural feast marking the end of the grain harvest. It was also called the Feast of Weeks because it was celebrated seven weeks or 50 days after the Passover. The text mentions several manifestations of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit: thunder that at times accompanied God's presence; strong wind and the tongues of fire. All these phenomena were audible and visible to all in the room. As all in the room received the Holy Spirit, they began to speak in other languages - languages that foreigners could understand. This was a manifestation of the universal presence of and power of the Holy Spirit.

#### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104:1, 24, 29–30, 31, 34

Psalm 104 is a hymn of praise. It begins with a call to praise God. The call "to bless the Lord" is addressed to someone other than the psalmist. The psalm is divided into two parts. Part one speaks of God as the wondrous Creator of the world in all its manifestations, while the second describes God's providential care for all living things.

#### Second Reading: Romans 8:8–17

In this passage, Paul contrasts two ways of living in the flesh and in the spirit. When Paul refers to the flesh, he is not thinking of specific sexual behaviour. He is speaking of human nature in all the limitations that sometime incline one away from God. On the other hand, life in the spirit is attuned to God. Paul's denunciation of life in the flesh is clear. It is a separation from God and cannot please God. Life in the spirit is a form of union with God. Separation from God is death, while union with God is life.

#### Gospel Reading: John 20:19–23

The gospel passage is about the appearance of Jesus on the evening of his resurrection. The doors were lock and Jesus appears suddenly to frightened disciples and says, "Peace be with you." He says this to those who only three days ago had denied and abandoned him, leaving him to die alone. Now Jesus extends a sign of forgiveness to them. Lest they doubt the gravity of their sins or the reality of his forgiving presence, Jesus shows them the wounds on his hands. He confirms that he suffered all this for them and for all humanity. Then Jesus "breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them," thus empowering them to forgive just as he has forgiven them; the power to bring about reconciliation and peace in the Christian community and in the world.

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, June 3, 2019**

(8 am) †Luther Fernandez

†Jorge Fernandez

(Death Anniversary)

Christ Rodriguez-Zuazo

(Spiritual Healing)

**Tuesday, June 4, 2019**

†Souls in Purgatory

Haley Evile

(Birthday Blessing/Thanksgiving)

Christ Rodriguez-Zuazo

(Spiritual Healing)

**Wednesday, June 5, 2019**

†James & Mildred Mizoguchi

†Eric Umetsu

Christ Rodriguez-Zuazo

(Spiritual Healing)

**Thursday, June 6, 2019**

†Vergelio Topinio

†Pedro E. Corpuz

(Death Anniversary)

Christ Rodriguez-Zuazo

(Spiritual Healing)

**Friday, June 7, 2019**

Christ Rodriguez-Zuazo

(Spiritual Healing)

†Feliciano Dona

†John & Francis Clarke

**Saturday, June 8, 2019**

(8 am) Christ Rodriguez-Zuazo

(Spiritual Healing)

Ann Swider (Birthday Blessing)

Med Racibe (Birthday Blessing)

5 pm †Vergelio Topinio

**Sunday, June 9, 2019**

(7 am) †Tina Aquinaldo

9 am **For the People**

11 am †Christ Rodriguez-Zuazo

6 pm †Bernadette Cypriano

†Rest in Peace†

**HEALING / BLESSINGS:** baby Mairenuí Taotaha-Amo, Jack & Ellen Cleghorn, Ernesta Tolentino, Lester Wilson, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Jim Vangrinsven, 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., Lillian Chalmers, Alfred Fajota, Deacon Modesto Cordero, Frederico Badua & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

**DECEASED:** Annette Mitchell, Winston Kekina, Agnes DeJesus, William K.M. Ahuna, George Makio, Violeta D. Solis, Byron Schubert, Benjamin Cockett, Jr., Emma Carnate, Lucia L. Bautista, Carmelita P Salazar, Zamuel S. Pascual Sr., John K. Taflinger, Basilia V. Asuncion, Carmen Fajota, Clova Y. Ramos, Bernadette Cypriano, Gilbert Buna, Jr., & Jesus Caldera.

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

**Anointing of the Sick**

**Baptisms**

(June 9 & 16, July 14 & 21, Aug 11 & 18, Sept 8 & 15)

**Baptism Preparation Classes: July 7, Aug 4, & Sept 1**

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

**Funerals**

**Homebound Communion**

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

**St John Catholic Preschool Open**

Enrollment is now available for Keiki 3-5 years of age. For more information, please contact Amie Quiason at (808) 744-9538 or via email at [aquiason@rcchawaii.org](mailto:aquiason@rcchawaii.org).

Space is limited, so act quickly.

**The next Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, June 7, immediately after the 8 am Mass to 7:30 am on Saturday, June 8.**



If you or someone you know needs food assistance, we can help!! Come see on **Tuesday, June 25th from 10 am—12 noon** at St. John's parking lot.

† **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT** †

**Bernadette Cypriano (RIP)**

*Saturday, June 15, 2019 ~ St. John A&E, Mililani*

*Visitation: 10:00 am ~ 11:00 am—Mass*



**St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church**



Have a little extra time and the **desire** to help our Kupuna? If so, our **Seniors Team** has a **perfect volunteer opportunity for you!**

**We need volunteers to visit and escort seniors. Training, liability coverage and support provided by Catholic Charities. Please consider helping!**

**For more information, call Diane Nishijima at 294-8013 or email: [nishijimg001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:nishijimg001@hawaii.rr.com).**



**St. John A&E presents... Pilgrimage to Israel Discovery with optional 4-night Jordan Post Tour Extension, March 8—18, 2020 with Msgr. John. For more information, please contact Jolly at (808) 623-3332 or go to the parish website and click on the link for the travel brochure.**

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**5/25-5/26**

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 12,975.44</b>
Online Donation (WeShare)	<b>\$ 2,232.50</b>
<b>Building, Equipment, &amp; Maintenance (BEM)</b>	<b>\$ 675.03</b>
<b>OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)</b>	<b>\$ 24,438.00</b>
<b>Donation— Funeral</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Donation— Catholic Comm. Campaign</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
<b>Donation— Children's Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2.00</b>
<b>Donation— Father's Day</b>	<b>\$ 655.00</b>
<b>Donation— Stewardship</b>	<b>\$ 95.00</b>
<b>Candle Sales</b>	<b>\$ 440.00</b>
<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>

**Weekend Total: \$ 41,767.97**

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

**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. & 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.



**Save the date!** Free 30 min community event!! Promoting healthy living, socialization, and spiritual enhancement. **First Annual Family Fun Walk & Health Fair.** Sponsored by the Parish Health Ministry. **Saturday, July 20, 2019, 8:30am— 12 noon, at Kipapa Park—Mililani.**



# PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio and print media. Half of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message and support the collection. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or you may also make a donation online by visiting our parish website, clicking "Online Giving." To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).



**SAVE THE DATE:** A Town Hall Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 4th at 7 pm and Saturday, June 8th at 10 am in the Church. Come on out! Socialize with fellow parishioners and learn what's happening at St. John A&E.**

**The Hui O Laulima Food Trolley will be out this weekend.** There is a need for non-perishable, single-sized serving foods: cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, jam, fruit, ramen, rice (5 lb bags), canned goods (meats, sauces, soups, pasta, veggies, beans, fruit), mac & cheese, etc. Thank you for your continued support and Kokua.

**Healing Grace Ministry for Widows and Widowers will be offering the Season of Hope Spring Session.** Saturday, June 8th at 10:30 am in room 6. Please email Abbie: [healinggrace808@gmail.com](mailto:healinggrace808@gmail.com) for more information.

Honor your father, living or deceased, this Father's Day, June 16th, by making a Mass offering. All the names will be published as an insert in the June 8/9 bulletin. **Please PRINT LEGIBLY.** Envelopes are available at the back of the church. The deadline to submit your father's name for publication is Monday, June 3.

**Faith Matters: The next Catholicism 101 and Introduction to Scriptures classes will be held on Thursday, June 6th at 7 pm in classrooms 1-3.**

**Women's Guild annual retreat with the Knights of Columbus is on Saturday June 8, 2019.** Carpool leaves St. John's at 8:30 am and returning at 3 pm. Please sign up on the Women's Guild website and bring a potluck dish for lunch. Contact Ellen Cleghorn or John Loughlin if you have any questions. All Parishioners are invited!

**Hawaii Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) are now available.** Income requirements are based on eligibility. Qualifying Seniors are able to receive SFMNP benefits. Please contact Pearl Bates for more information at (808) 623-3332 ext. 203.

**Rosary Making Ministry: The next gathering is on Saturday, June 22 at 10 am on the church lanai.** Everyone is welcome.

**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:**

### **June 3 - June 9**

**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- Catholics Returning Home (Rm 2)

7 pm- Town Hall (CH)

7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)

**Wednesday**— 7:30 am- Rosary

8 am- *Daily Mass*

8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)

9 am- Hui (Rm 3)

6 pm- OLPH Prayer Group (Rm 2)

7 pm- Combined Choir Practice (CH)

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)

6 pm- ACTS Retreat Team Mtg. (Rm 4)

7 pm- Catholicism 101 (Rms 1-2)

7 pm- Introduction to Scriptures (Rm 3)

**Friday**— 7:30 am- Rosary

8 am- *Daily Mass*

8:30 am- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (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)

10 am- Town Hall (CH)

10:30 am- Healing Grace (Rm 6)

3:30 pm - Confession

5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)

**Sunday**— Masses

7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm

4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)