



## ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

#### SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Fr. Joseph Ayinpuusa

In our gospel today, Jesus says: "If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple." These words, which Jesus addresses to his disciples and to us, can be deeply disturbing and shocking. So, what is this about? Certainly, the Lord is not telling us to ignore the Fourth commandment, Honor your father and mother. Nor is He telling us to refuse to see God in others. And He is not telling us to ignore God's handwork in our own lives.

The Gospel of Luke presents us an image of Jesus being on his long and ultimate journey towards Jerusalem. Jesus spoke these words on this final journey to Jerusalem where He will die soon on the Cross. While he is on the way people begin to rally behind him. Today's gospel reading begins with this line: "Great crowds accompanied him on his way, and he turned and spoke to them" (Lk 14:25). He wants them to understand implications of being his disciple. The following of Christ is not a lifestyle option to be juggled with the many other interests that touch our lives. It is an invitation not simply to acknowledge Christ, but one which demands total commitment. Such a commitment cannot be made without the detachment that is willing to subordinate everything to the service of Christ. In the concluding words of today's Gospel: "None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions."

Detachment, the ground of discipleship, is illustrated throughout the gospels. Fishermen left their nets, a whole way of life, in order to follow Jesus. The rich young man, anxious to become a disciple, went away saddened because he could not relinquish his riches. Jesus himself, the servant of the Father, refused to put self-interest above his Father's will.

It is within this context that we should understand the words of Jesus concerning father, mother, wife and children. These are indeed the fundamental preoccupation in our lives. They legitimately command our love and loyalty. They cannot, however, displace Jesus as the Lord of our lives. Discipleship inevitably involves the cross. If we take our discipleship seriously, we shall face difficult choices, sometimes painful choices.

#### 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/ Saturday:** Closed  
**Tues., Thurs & Fri.**  
 12 PM - 6:30pm  
**Wednesday:** 2 pm - 8:30 pm  
**Sunday:** 7 am - 2 pm

**PARISH CLERGY & STAFF**

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**Committed Eucharistic Adorers**

Over the years, our parish has encouraged and supported 24 hour-Eucharistic adoration every First Friday of the month from Friday morning right after Mass till Saturday morning 7:30am. What is the deeper meaning of Eucharistic adoration? Eucharistic adoration is a desire for a deeper relationship with Jesus. It is a commitment to be alone with Jesus.

Pope St. John Paul II says the following about Eucharistic adoration: "This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago, is present today in the Eucharist." Every month the parish offers the opportunity to visit the Word made Flesh during Eucharistic Adoration. Now more than ever our parish needs more faithful committed adorers. Over the last few months, a close study shows that the commitment to come for adoration from mid-night to 4am has been lacking. At times, during those critical hours Jesus has been abandoned. We are grateful to the Knights of Columbus who have faithfully kept watch over every month for the safety of the Blessed Sacrament and for the adorers. A number of times, the Knights have noticed that there were no adorers and had to risk the safety of the campus to go for adoration.

Dear parishioners, let me leave you with some reflection by one committed adorer who shares her thoughts as follows: "I want a relationship with Jesus Christ, and so I spend time with Him. I talk to Him about my family, my plans, what brings me joy, my disappointments and struggles. I ask for favors, pray His Mysteries in the Rosary, read His Words with Him... and I tell Him I am sorry. I promise Him I will do good, but we both know how that will go, and so I thank Him (a lot) for His gifts of Confession and the Eucharist. He is my Strength and my Hope, and the fact that He is really present here for me truly takes my breath away."

"When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?" (Mt 26:40) This is an invitation to all of us to commit ourselves to Eucharistic adoration that truly transforms our lives.



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Through the images of the man building a tower and the king marching to war, Jesus counselled his followers to consider the radical cost of discipleship. A building, if it is to reach completion, demands a careful assessment of materials. A military campaign, if it is to be successful, relies on the careful assessment of necessary force. What Jesus is looking for are disciples who, having counted the cost and realistically assessed it, are ready, nonetheless, to be his disciples. So today Jesus is looking at a big crowd and teaches in a way that is meant to distinguish true disciples from the "lip service" disciples. We are asked to ponder in which category we most truthfully belong.

Let us be reminded that, as disciples, we are not left alone. Christ walks with us, Christ walks ahead of us. Without prayer and reliance on Christ, our decisions are frequently driven by a confusion of fear, self-interest and inadequacy.

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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, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

### Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

In this passage, Moses is at prayer before God who tells him that the Israelites are guilty of turning away from God's law. Moses pleads with God to spare the people asking him to remember the Covenant he made with the forefathers. In the end we hear that God relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict upon the people.

#### Psalm: Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

Psalm 51 is the most beautiful Penitential Psalms. The response consists of plea for mercy, a prayer for transformation. The seriousness of the offenses acknowledged requires a thorough conversion (transformation, change of heart, *metanoia*). The psalmist therefore pleads to God for this transformation: "a clean heart create in me, O God."

#### Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

This six verse reading is a bold statement about God's mercy toward sinners. Paul begins this teaching with an expression of gratitude for God's goodness towards him, and for this Paul moves into a personal testimony that shows the extent of God's goodness. Paul states that he is grateful Christ strengthened him and found him worthy to proclaim the Gospel. In other words, Paul is admitting of having been transformed by the grace of God's goodness to what he is now. He was the foremost of sinners, but was mercifully treated. Christ too will transform those who come to believe.

#### Gospel: Luke 15:1-31

In the opening verses of this Gospel, the lines are drawn between the scribes and the Pharisees, who are considered righteous leaders, and tax collectors and sinners, who are social outcasts. To share a meal with the latter group was to share life with them. Thus Luke in this passage sets the stage for a real confrontation. That is the context for the accusation of the religious leaders that "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Typically, Jesus does not deny their accusation but seizes the opportunity to teach about God's unfathomable mercy and compassion using three parables of the lost and found." The best known of these parables is that of the prodigal son. While the parable is clearly about the mercy God shows to the repentant sinner, it also contrasts God's openness with the closed-mindedness of those who consider themselves faithful. Often times we tend to behave like the elder son whose attitude and language is sharply contrasted to that of his forgiving father. The feasting and the joy of forgiveness are worthy meditating upon as consequence of deeply experiencing God's mercy.

#### 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, September 9, 2019

(8 am) Erica Uta (Birthday Blessing)

†Paulina Wong

Chloe-Belle Tauotaha-Amo

(Birthday Blessing)

##### Tuesday, September 10, 2019

(8 am) †Jose Bartolome, Jr.

(Birthday Memorial)

†Paulina Wong

Suzanna Foster (Healing/Blessing)

##### Wednesday, September 11, 2019

†Claudia Borowitz

(Birthday Memorial) &

Hildegard Borowitz

(Birthday Blessing)

†Jun Tantamco

Suzanna Foster (Healing/Blessing)

##### Thursday, September 12, 2019

(8 am) †Apolonia Wong

Jean Hartnett

(Birthday Blessing/Wishes)

Suzanna Foster (Healing/Blessing)

##### Friday, September 13, 2019

(8 am) †Federico Badua

Sharon Pablo-Taylor

(Birthday Blessing)

Suzanna Foster (Healing/Blessing)

##### Saturday, September 14, 2019

(8 am) Suzanna Foster

†Federico Badua

†Paulina Wong

5 pm †Pedro & Paciencia Arzadon

##### Sunday, September 15, 2019

7am †Marcial Taglinao

(Death Anniversary)

9 am **For the People**

11 am †Rodolfo Sonido

(Birthday Memorial)

6 pm Suzanna Foster

†Rest in Peace†

**HEALING / BLESSINGS:** baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, Jack & Ellen Cleghorn, Ernesta Tolentino, Lester Wilson, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Jim Vangrinsven, Linda Eguchi, 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, John Durham, Maggie Bae, Suzanna Foster, Benjamin Bae Sr. & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

**DECEASED:** Carmelita P Salazar, Samuel S. Pascual Sr., John K. Taflinger, Basilia V. Asuncion, Clova Y. Ramos, Bernadette Cypriano, Gilbert Buna Jr., Jesus Caldera, Paulina Wong, Federico G. Badua, Virgilio V. Benitez, Mary Ama, Shiloh John Aiu, Thelma Ruiz, Nestor "Jun" Tantamco, Lawrence Wilson, Anne Nishihara, Evelyn Bolosan & Ted Encarnado.

**Please contact the parish office to set up an appointment & coordination for the following:**  
**Anointing of the Sick**  
**Baptisms** (Sept 8 & 15, Oct 13 & 20, Nov 10 & 17)  
**Baptism Preparation Classes: Oct 6, Nov 3 & Dec 1.**  
**Blessings** (home, auto, religious items, etc...)  
**Funerals**  
**Homebound Communion**  
**Marriages** (at least 6 months before wedding date)



**St. John A&E presents...** Pilgrimage to Israel Discovery with optional 4-night Jordan Post Tour Extension, March 8—18, 2020 with Msgr. John and Deacon Modesto. 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. Book by Sept 10 and save \$200/person.

**Let us serve one another in love!** The One Community Center (OCC) will help in many practical ways to welcome and to serve those who come to our church to encounter Christ. Please remember to contribute toward the completion of your pledge. Mahalo.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	8/26-8/27
Sunday Collection	\$ 13,129.54
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 1,871.50
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 1,281.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)	\$ 13,249.89
Donation- Social Ministry	\$ 10.00
Donation- Charity	\$ 6.00
Donation- Catholic Charities HI	\$ 525.00
Donation- Children's Collection	\$ 7.00
Donation- Peter's Pence	\$ 500.00
Donation- Church in Latin America	\$ 10.00
Candle Sales	\$ 640.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 260.00
<b>Weekend Total:</b>	<b>\$31,489.93</b>

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

If you are a non-practicing Catholic or know of someone who left the Church and is not practicing his or her faith, we invite you and ask you to encourage others to join us for informal listening sessions & an update of the Catholic faith. **Next series will be on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 6:30 pm – 8 pm in classroom 2.** For more info, contact the CRH team at (808) 623-3332 ext. 100 or email: [sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org](mailto:sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org). Everyone is welcome!



**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. 1, 2020 at 9am—3 pm.  
 ♥ Validation Rehearsal: Thurs. Feb. 6, 2020 at 6 pm.  
 ♥ Marriage Validation Ceremony: Sat. Feb. 8, 2020 at 5 pm in the Church. Bishop Larry Silva will be presiding.  
 ♥ For more information, contact Deacon Modesto at [mcordero@rcchawaii.org](mailto:mcordero@rcchawaii.org) or Deacon Romeo at [rganibe@rcchawaii.org](mailto:rganibe@rcchawaii.org).



**RCIA of Christian Initiation of Adults**

- \* Never Confirmed in the Catholic Church?
- \* Do you want to be baptized?
- \* Are you or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a part of the Catholic Faith?
- \* Let us help you with your journey in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation.

Candidates will explore the elements of the Catholic faith in weekly meetings with Catechists in preparation to receive all the Sacraments of Initiations.  
**2019-2020 RCIA classes has started on Wed. Aug 21 at 7 pm.** For more information, contact Deacon Modesto Cordero at (808) 585-3342 or [mcordero@rcchawaii.org](mailto:mcordero@rcchawaii.org) or Deacon Romeo Ganibe at [rganibe@rcchawaii.org](mailto:rganibe@rcchawaii.org).

Hawaii Catholic Conference Presents: **Our Faith, Our Freedom: Preparing your Catholic Advance Healthcare Directive (CAHD)**- making your end of life decisions in advance. Sessions begins on:

- \*Tues. Sept 10 at 9 am at Co-Cathedral, Honolulu.
- \*Sat. Oct 5 at 9 am at Resurrection of the Lord, Waipio.
- \*Tues. Nov 12 at 6 pm at St. John Vianney, Kailua.
- \*Thurs. Nov. 21 at 6 pm at St. Jude, Kapolei.

**Sessions are for all adults, age 18 and older.**  
 For more information and locations, please visit: [https://catholicchawaii.createsend.com/t/ViewEmailInIFrame/lj/D52411E04D3D661E2540EF23F30FEDED/C67FD2F38AC4859C/?tx=0#toc\\_item\\_9](https://catholicchawaii.createsend.com/t/ViewEmailInIFrame/lj/D52411E04D3D661E2540EF23F30FEDED/C67FD2F38AC4859C/?tx=0#toc_item_9)



## PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

Catholic University of America (CUA) is the national university of the Catholic Church in the USA. Today, September 7-8, we will be participating in a National Collection for the CUA. Envelopes are at the back of the Church. You may drop your donation during offertory or donate online through our parish website, "Online Giving." You can learn more at: [collection.catholic.edu](http://collection.catholic.edu).



**SAVE THE DATE:** A Town Hall Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept 10 at 7 pm and Saturday, Sept 14 at 10 am in the Church. Topics: Religious Education, Preschool, Stewardship, Finances & 5 year plan. Come and find out what's happening at SJAE!

**Food pantry-** If you or someone you know needs food assistance, we can help!! Come see on Tuesday, September 24th from 10 am— 12 noon at St. John's parking lot.



St. John's participating in Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program. From Sept 1- 30, customers are invited to make donations of up to \$249 (per person) at checkout. Donations are accepted by Foodland, Sack N Save or

Foodland Farm checkout. At checkout, present your Maika'i card (or provide number) and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to: **St. John Apostle & Evangelist Outreach, #7745**

St. John's Catholic Preschool Open Enrollment is now available enrollment for Keiki's 3-5 years of age (Pre-K & Kindergarten) and an Immediate Open Position: Substitute Teacher. For more information, please contact Amie Quiason at (808) 744-9538 or via email: [aquiason@rcchawaii.org](mailto:aquiason@rcchawaii.org). Space is Limited!



**CONGRATULATIONS to St. John's Catholic Preschool (SJCP) on its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!** SJCP began its service to our church and community on September 17, 1979. Throughout September the school and students will be celebrating with events in our church. Stop on the Lanai after all Masses to see our Keiki's Art Work celebrating our Anniversary! THANK YOU to the years of teachers, aides, substitutes and volunteers who support our Catholic Montessori Preschool.

The Hui O Laulima Food Trolley will be out on all Masses for the month of September. There is a need of nonperishable: SPAM, Corned Beef, Beef Stew, Vienna Sausage, Rice, Oatmeal, Breakfast Items, Soda Crackers, Ritz Crackers, Pancake & Muffin Mix, Cocoa/Coffee, Jellies and Ketchup/Shoyu/Mustard, etc. Thank you for your continued support and kokua.



Oahu Faith Formation Conference- Fri., Sept 20 - Sat., Sept 21 at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa School. Register online: [www.catholichawaii.org/oahufaithconference](http://www.catholichawaii.org/oahufaithconference).

Parents with young children who wish to attend the conference, on Sat., Sept 21, they will offer a morning 10:30 am and afternoon 1:30 pm "Play and Pray" session for children in preschool and grades K-1. Submit forms and payment by Wednesday, Sept. 11. For more information, please contact Chad Chun at (808) 203-6747 or [cchun@rcchawaii.org](mailto:cchun@rcchawaii.org).

The Parish Health Ministry is sponsoring the FLU VACCINATION DAY scheduled on Saturday, Sept. 28th from 9 am at St. John's. Vaccines will be provided by Walgreens. For more info, contact Bonnie Delos Santos at (808) 312-3651 or Elaine Gibson at (808) 497-8366.

**PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE:** Who needs estate planning? Every adult who is legally competent, who owns anything and cares about who receives it at the time of his or her disability or death. Please remember *St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church* in planning your will.

### THIS WEEK: Sept 9 - Sept 15

**Monday-** 7:30 am—Rosary

8 am- Daily Mass

8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)

7 pm- Family Prayer Group (Rm 4)

7 pm- Troop 144 (Rm 5)

7 pm- Charismatic (CH)

**Tuesday-** 7:30 am- Rosary

8 am- Daily Mass

8:45 am- Rosary Prayer Group (CH)

9 am- Women's Bible Study (Rm 2)

9 am- Church Cleaning- Environment

3 pm- Cenacle Prayer (CH)

7 pm- Town Hall Meeting (CH)

7 pm- K of C (Rm 3)

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)

7 pm- 9 am Choir Practice (CH)

7 pm- RCIA- Session #3 The Church (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 1)

6 pm- 11 am Choir practice (CH)

7 pm- Intro to Scriptures (Rm 3)

**Friday-** 7:30 am- Rosary

8 am- Daily Mass

9 am- Church Cleaning- Environment (CH)

4 pm- 2 Hearts (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 Meeting (CH)

3:30 pm - Confession

5 pm- Mass (Saturday Vigil)

**Sunday-** Masses

7 am, 9 am, 11 am & 6 pm

**NO Religious Education:**

**Catechetical Sunday**

**12:30 pm- Baptism Ceremony (CH)**

4 pm - 6 pm Choir Practice (CH)

**CALLS, TEXTS & EMAILS SCAMS!** There has been a scam affecting many parishioners. Please never respond to such email messages or texts from clergy and staff of St. John's. For more information, see the link below. [https://www.malwarebytes.com/scam-call/?utm\\_source=double-opt-in&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=EM-B2C-2019-July1-newsletter&utm\\_content=scam-call](https://www.malwarebytes.com/scam-call/?utm_source=double-opt-in&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EM-B2C-2019-July1-newsletter&utm_content=scam-call)