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Audio Visual Ministry

Assures All Can Participate

The acoustics of the vast cathedrals and churches of Europe once compelled early Church musicians to create prayerful chants so the congregations could hear the words being sung. With no audio systems in place, those near the back of the church had little chance to understand what was going on at the altar.

And in the vastness of those buildings with no artificial lighting to brighten the interiors, everyone was at a loss for being able to see what was taking place at the front.

Those huge cathedrals would have benefited from the work of our Audio Visual Ministry, which ensures that everyone can follow church activities at St. John Apostle & Evangelist. The Audio Visual Ministry prepares PowerPoint slide shows and music videos, and also operates the sound board.

Francis Taglinao leads the ministry — it was organized in August 2010 and put into operation at a 6 p.m. Sunday Mass that October.

“We have a PowerPoint with all the readings and the lyrics to the songs on a projection screen, so the people can follow the singing and all the parts of Mass and participate,” Francis says. “We also can help with the music by working on the audio system to increase or lower the volume for the choir. We have two projectors on each side of the church so the people can see completely.”

Francis and his team cover each Mass, from the 5 p.m. Saturday, to the 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 6 p.m. Masses on Sunday.



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“When we started, we just projected the prayers,” Francis says. “Some of the congregation asked about the songs, so we added more and more. Now the whole Mass is projected.”

Francis has computer knowledge to prepare the visual material, but when the audio system was being installed in the church, he attended a training session to begin helping the choir with the sound. After about a year, Francis put out a call for volunteers to run the systems. He prepares the PowerPoint slides, and the volunteers operate the projectors during Mass.

“For me, I’m happy when I’m serving,” Francis says. “It’s kind of a relaxing time.”



“I joined the Audio Visual Ministry to be involved in the church,” says volunteer Jack Martell. “Now that we have become a stewardship parish, it has become more, as I’m now committed to do well to help our parish in enjoying a better Mass and feeling more a part of the church community. It feels good to be able to provide my time and talent.”

Not only does the Audio Visual Ministry help with Mass, but it also assists with audio and any presentations when there are guest speakers at St. John Apostle & Evangelist, or other special events.

Francis also assembled presentations for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil for the congregations to view before the services started.

When St. Marianne was canonized, her relic was brought to St. John for veneration.

“We had a special Mass and we took care of the audio and had a

PowerPoint during that time,” Francis says. “We had a presentation about how St. Marianne came here and how she became a saint in Hawaii.”

Francis notes that he is always looking for volunteers. Now that several of his original team members have moved from Hawaii, the ministry is in need of members to make sure all the Masses are served.

Anyone interested in the Audio Visual Ministry may contact Francis Taglinao at sjae.av@gmail.com.



A Letter From Our Pastor

Our Lives Are Filled With Examples of **Good Stewardship**

Dear Parishioners,

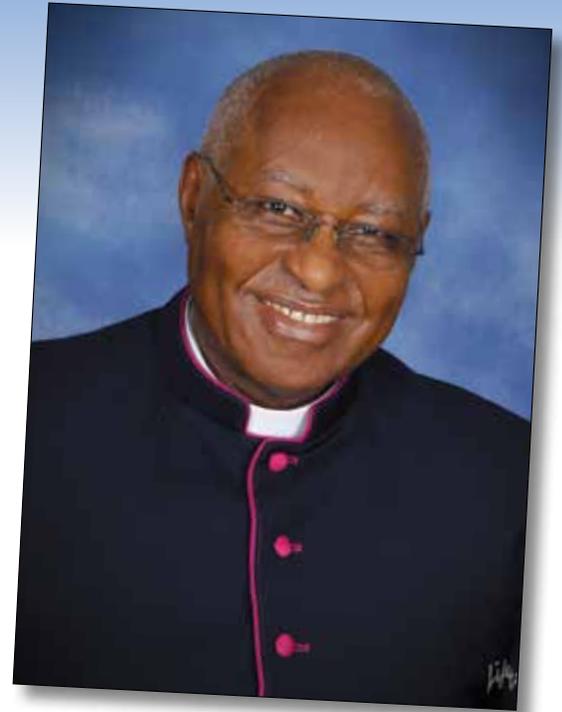
We do not have to look very hard to find examples of stewardship in our lives. It starts right here in our own parish. Think of the people who serve us in so many ways. There is a group of wonderful people who are here at the parish, sometimes every day, helping to make our faith community operate effectively, especially in terms of worship and liturgy. Then, of course, there are those who serve tirelessly and selflessly with our many parish ministries, which reach out to those around us — to those in need.

This kind of service — discipleship — is exactly what Christ was saying when He told us to “Love your neighbor.” Think of others in our Church, our communities and our lives who show us what it means to be a good steward. One of the first who comes to mind is our Holy Father, Pope Francis. His very life is a testament to what it means to serve — to be a good steward. In one of his recent homilies, the pope

said, “Real power is service. Jesus reminded us ‘He came not to be served, but to serve,’ and His service was the service of the Cross. For the Christian, getting ahead, progress, means humbling oneself. If we do not learn this Christian rule, we will never, ever be able to understand Jesus’ true message.” That is my message for both you and me — we must be willing, at times, to put our own comfort and desires aside for the needs of others. That is what true stewardship is really all about.

Summer is upon us — we are entering that time of year when things slow down a bit, and we tend to live life at a more relaxed pace. Nevertheless, it is not a time to let our faith lives slow down. In fact, it is a great time to enrich and focus on our faith and our God.

God’s creation is all around us. As we enjoy the summer season and bask in the sun, I hope you will take time to



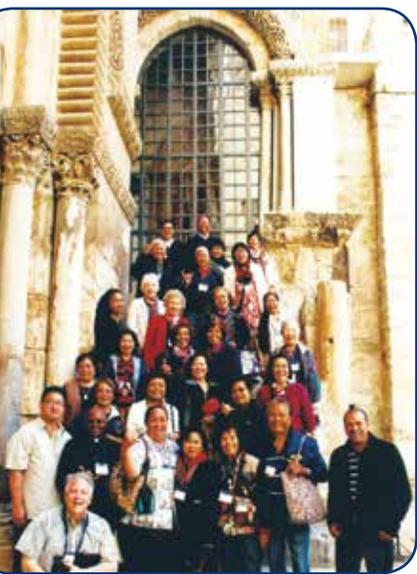
remember the wonders of His creation and His glorious gifts. We also must strive to renew our efforts to be good stewards every day by continuing to serve others, and to be thankful for the many living examples of stewardship we see at our parish and in our daily lives.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Msgr. John S. Mbinda
Pastor

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

A Spiritual &



Pilgrims visited the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.



One of the most moving experiences for the group was walking up Via Dolorosa, also known as the "Way of Sorrows."

To travel to the Holy Land is to walk in the footsteps of Christ – footsteps that lead from His birth in Bethlehem to His ministry throughout the Judean Desert, across the Sea of Galilee, up Mount Tabor, and back into Jerusalem. To follow in Christ's footsteps also means walking the painful road to Golgotha and, ultimately, meeting again on the road to Emmaus. To travel to the Holy Land is to be reminded of the foundation of our Catholic faith – a foundation that is as solid as the rock on which Christ instructed Peter to build the Church. Ultimately, traveling to the Holy Land is not so much about taking a trip, but about making a pilgrimage.

"We traveled not as tourists," Msgr. John Mbinda says. "We weren't just visiting, or seeing the sights. We traveled as pilgrims immersed in the spirituality of discipleship and stewardship. It was about taking every experience into our heart and allowing it to change and transform us."

As such, traveling under the mantle of stewardship was the means to add another, richer dimension to the pilgrimage, since members of the group not only journeyed to witness and prayerfully reflect on the historic events which happened over 2,000 years ago, but in visiting the sights, members also identified their role in Christ's ministry today. To accomplish this, the pilgrimage unfolded in a progressive way, beginning in Bethlehem and ending on the road to Emmaus.

The group's first full day in the Holy Land began with a visit to Shepherds' Fields to imagine the glad tidings of Jesus' birth before heading to Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity. From there, the group spent a couple of days visiting sites of Jesus' early ministry: Nazareth, which included a visit to both the Church of the Annunciation and the Church of the Wedding at Cana (where couples in the group renewed their marriage vows); the Jordan River and a visit to the baptismal site; the Mount of Beatitudes, the place in which Jesus gave us His social teachings; the Sea of Galilee, which involved a boat ride on the sea; and a dizzying ascent to the Church of the Transfiguration at the summit of Mount Tabor – a site which offered a breathtaking view of the hills of Nazareth to the west, the West Bank to the south, the Jordan valley to the east, and Galilee to the north.

"I have so many wonderful memories, but one of my favorite was the visit to Mount Tabor," says Jolly Guerrero-Tano, who was one of the travelers. "To get there, we rode on a bus that circled the mountain as it ascended and, at a certain point, we had to continue on foot. The view from the top of the mountain was spectacular. Amazingly, for over an hour, we had the church to ourselves, and being able to celebrate Mass there made it all very moving. Really, this entire experience changed me. I am not the same person."

When the group arrived in Jerusalem, the journey shifted from following in the footsteps of Jesus' ministry, to following in His footsteps leading to His passion, death and resurrection. They visited the Mount of Olives, the Western Wall (a remnant of the Temple in which Jesus preached), and the Garden of Gethsemane; they processed up the Via Dolorosa



Experience



During the pilgrimage, His Excellency Bishop William H. Shomali, Auxiliary Bishop of Jerusalem, on behalf of His Beatitude, Faud Twal, Patriarch Grand Prior of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (EOHSJ), Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, decorated Msgr. John S. Mbinda with the Order's Pilgrim Shell. Msgr. John Mbinda became a Knight of the Order in September 2014. The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is a Roman Catholic order of knighthood under the protection of the Pope.

(the Way of Sorrows), along the way passing the 14 Stations of the Cross; they entered the Church of the Holy Sepulchre which, since it is identified as the place of the crucifixion, was a profound experience for many; and they visited the empty tomb – He is risen, indeed!

Ultimately, all who journeyed on this pilgrimage came back a different person, including Msgr. John. When asked for his favorite memories, he mentions the deeply emotional ones such as celebrating Mass at Mount Tabor, walking the Via Dolorosa, or kneeling in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre at the precise location where Jesus' cross stood. But he also has fond memories of swimming in the Dead Sea, visiting the Holy Child Program in Bethlehem, and being able to celebrate Mass at a different site each day. He also likes to remember a special day on the Sea of Galilee.

"We got into a boat, the kind that would have been used in Jesus' time," Monsignor says. "Then, halfway across the Sea of Galilee, our guide turned off the boat. It was quiet, with the



The group who traveled to the Holy Land walked in the footsteps of Christ.

only noise coming from the waves gently rocking the boat. For five minutes we sat there in silence, internally seeing, hearing and feeling – it was a very moving moment for me."

One of the most beautiful aspects about this pilgrimage was how it ended, for on the very last day in the Holy Land, the group traveled on the road to Emmaus, where they not only celebrated a special Mass at the site of the post-resurrection revelation of Jesus to His disciples, but where they were also commissioned to go and share the Good News. In many ways, ending the pilgrimage in Emmaus linked Christ's resurrection with the role that each of us has to go out and be disciples to all the nations.

"The breaking of the bread during the Eucharist is a moment of disclosure, a moment in which Christ reveals Himself," Msgr. John says. "And on the road to Emmaus, after Jesus revealed Himself to the disciples, they left to go tell others. That's why it was the perfect way to end our trip. After following in the footsteps of Christ's birth, death and resurrection in this pilgrimage, we were commissioned to go and do the same – to proclaim and to witness."

Ultimately, the pilgrimage to the Holy Land was a journey on so many levels – physically (it took two days of travel just to get there), mentally (coping with the reality of Christ's passion, death and resurrection), and spiritually (to walk in Christ's footsteps is to be transformed) – but perhaps the most important part of the journey is reflected in the following Scripture that was included in their travel itinerary – "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10).

The trip may be over, but the pilgrimage continues as members of the group are commissioned, like all of us, to continue Christ's ministry here on earth and to be His hands and feet to witness, share and proclaim as we strive to be good stewards of His many gifts.



Financial Report

for period ending
March 31, 2015

	Previous Fiscal Year	PERIOD ENDING		Current Fiscal Year
	Actual 7/1/2013-6/30/2014	July 2014 - March 2015 Actual	Budget	Budget 7/1/2014-6/30/2015
RECEIPTS				
Sunday Collection	701,140	592,318	529,500	706,000
Immaculate Conception	1,365	3,819	1,500	1,500
Christmas	39,013	39,305	39,000	39,000
Easter	29,269	50	-	32,000
BEMO	76,346	53,211	67,500	90,000
Sacramental Offerings	8,673	9,500	11,625	15,500
Candle Sales	6,613	20,369	16,500	22,000
Book Sales	-	5,320	5,700	7,600
Religious Education Fees	5,510	7,065	5,138	6,850
Retreat & Workshop Fees Inc Youth Activities	-	4,646	3,938	5,250
Occasional/Other Donations	21,643	21,437	49,733	66,311
Fundraising Revenue Subject to GET		1,125	1,875	2,500
Interest Income	4,725	4,547	3,375	4,500
WGH Rebate	66,482	23,341	36,055	48,073
Grant Funds (See TR Donations Below)			26,250	35,000
TOTAL RECEIPTS	960,778	786,054	797,688	1,082,084
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Operations	351,261	318,156	318,173	431,375
Diocesan Assessment	49,368	93,699	89,383	119,177
Religious Contracts	24,829	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rectory	61,828	34,188	47,414	63,219
Parish Council	14,231	-	-	-
Property/Facilities	69,668	66,536	65,890	87,853
Liturgy	28,238	46,606	33,497	44,660
Religious Education (K - 8) Inc Prayer Groups	73,177	84,739	83,598	111,466
Confirmation	10,184	7,353	12,966	17,289
RCIA	3,266	1,082	1,331	1,774
Social Ministries Inc Hui	978	1,436	1,046	1,396
Outreach include Weinberg	38,928	33,608	40,931	54,574
Pro-Life Ministry	2,762	2,328	2,340	3,121
Youth Ministry	25,462	12,888	21,208	28,278
Faith Formation	30,034	19,754	42,709	56,946
Stewardship Development	2,806	54,001	45,716	60,956
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	787,021	776,374	806,202	1,082,084
NET OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	173,757	9,680	(8,514)	-
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED DONATIONS				
Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation: With Grateful Hearts Grant	21,750	11,165		
Stewardship Development	20,510	23,147		
Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation Grant Outreach	10,000			
Building Fund Collection (Future Construction)		7,309		
TOTAL TEMP. RESTRICTED DONATIONS	52,260	41,621		
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	226,017	51,301		

Notes:

1.) Budget for the period is generally three fourths of the annual budget. Budget for Holiday collections, i.e. Christmas, Easter, etc. is reported in the period the holiday falls.

2.) Temporarily restricted donations include grants from Weinberg and With Grateful Hearts. Accounting guidelines encourage nonprofits to recognize donations when pledged/received and to release restrictions when expenses are incurred.

3.) Change in Net Assets does not include non-cash income - change in value in Land & Building.

4.) Please direct questions about this report to the Finance Council.

First Communion

at St. John Apostle & Evangelist

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Congratulations to our students who made their First Communion this spring here at
St. John Apostle & Evangelist!



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First Communicants:

Ashlee Acob
Aidan Aquino
Jolie Barretto-Valmoja
LeBranne Bautista
Brody Betz
Riley Boniog
Amerie Braithwaite
Sara Burgess
Dalen Calistro
Jacob Callangan
Raika Castillo
Tycen Cavaco
Alyssalia Chong-Gum
Sofia Combalcer
Munro Davis
Angelina Dulay
Josiah Domingo

Deacon Evans
Renzel Farinas
Dasia Flores
Kapana Forman
Aleena Geronimo
Lauren Gutierrez
Wilfred Jibke
Ysabella Joson
Vanessa Kalis
Emmitt Kawai
Kamaili Kema
Lillian Kormos
Dylan Ladds
Shayna Manchin
Cyshalynn Mandawe
Aaron Martinez
Adrei Martinez
Adrienne Martinez

Henry Maxwell
Madison Muniz
Leira Onato
Chaeli Pablo
Kaden Penetrante
Exodus Ramos-Pacanza
Jairus Rhoades
Jariahlynn Rhoades
Brian Rosales
Matthew Santa Ana-Gaviola
Genel Sepada
Vinaia Somsanith
Damontez Strong
Kristina Suarez
Leichelle Suarez
Alexsandra Woode
Alyssa Yagyagan-Navasquez

Confirmation at St. John Apostle & Evangelist

Congratulations to our St. John Apostle & Evangelist Confirmandi!



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(Top row, from left) Taylor Mitchell (Catechist), Angelo Ruiz, Mycah Taijeron, Justin Banaga, Dane Yamashiro, Andrew Hipolito, Mason O’Blaney, Max Lohman, Antonio “Mana” Manrique-Chung, Mary Daly, Garrison Gabriel, Dominique Aiu-Taber, William Domingo, Jacob Kippen, Blaszen Ferreira, Martina Segura. (Middle row, from left) Deacon Wallace Mitsui, Alexander Rambaud, Braden Betz, Faith Ku’uleiokalani Cleghorn, Aaron Saler, Prescott Asuncion, Bradley Nakamura, Hunter Aiu, Caleb Burnett, Noah Evile, Kaela Calderon, Jorge Foglesong, Ryvin-Lee Galvez, Micah Nagaishi-Lyman, Chanel Rich Aguilar, John Daves, Deacon Modesto Cordeiro. (Bottom row, from left) Julie Quiroz-Zamora (RE Director), Leshia Panoncillo, Jarrett-Tyler Sanchez, Preston Baumgardner, Karli Murakami, Caitlin-Carla Gonzales, Ashley Queen Ganti, Logan Carlos, Rayn Kauanoemalie Young, Kiarra Bae, Caitlyn Resurreccion, Leinani Roylo, Nichole Raymundo, Mia Raguindin, Caitlin Alviar, Nichole Kamalani Getz, Nicole Antos, Terry Silva (Confirmation Coordinator). (Seated in front, from left) Msgr. John Mbinda (Pastor of St. John Apostle & Evangelist Parish), Most Reverend Larry Silva (Bishop of Honolulu), Rev. Boniface Waema (Parochial Vicar of St. John Apostle & Evangelist Parish)

The Newest Members of Our Faith Family

We congratulate the newest members of our St. John Apostle & Evangelist family who entered into full communion with the Catholic Church this past Easter!

Drew Bolan
Marialei Cardenas
Austin Magalion
Stephen Millwood
Talasia Roberts
Myrla Romero
Connie Rosario
Barbara Silva



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Jason Sowka
Nara Springer
Vilma Tamayo-Navarro
Kianna Uno
Aaron Vasquez
Robert Ventura
Alex Woode