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## Coming up Next in Religious Education

When social media connection is only a touchscreen away, countless hours of TV and movies are available for streaming right at your fingertips, and you can never run out of cute kitten videos on YouTube, faith formation may seem dull in comparison. Director of Religious Education Julie Quiroz-Zamora believes it doesn't need to be this way.

"How blessed are we to be Catholic!" Julie says.

New to Religious Education this year is **"Kick-Off: The Great Adventure"**, an all-day event to kick-start the year for middle school students on Aug. 1. The day will feature a combination of games, prayer, talks, and videos produced by Dynamic Catholic, as well as team-building exercises.

"We want to make the middle school adventure here at St. John's exciting," Julie says. "If you're walking in Jesus' shoes, you know that his His life was never boring or dull! He was never wondering what to do next. The Scripture speaks of His miracles, His love and His great sacrifice for all mankind. The first 'Super Hero!'"

The event will take place at the Waialua Benedictine Monastery overlooking the North Shore coastline. The fee is a manageable \$15 per student. Food, transportation, snacks, and t-shirt will be included. The day begins by gathering at the church at 7 a.m. to arrive at the site by 8 a.m. After a full day's activities, the youth will return for the 5 p.m. parish Mass. Their families are invited to attend the Mass and to join in a potluck afterward. The day will be one of making connections.

"When these students start classes they'll be at a level where everyone will know one another," Julie says. "Some barriers have been broken down and they have established



*The Rite of Christian Initiative for Children also begins this fall! Pictured here is last year's class with volunteers.*

## Coming Up Next in Religious Education *continued from front cover*

friendships. These teens will get to meet their instructors as instructors begin to build a relationship with their students.”

**Kick-Off: The Great Adventure** will be staffed by the middle school Religious Education catechists – Grade 6: Josephine Pablo & Patrick Guzman; Grade 7: Scott & Debi Tulang-DeSilva; Grade 8: Heidi Sparks & Vanessa Stone-Pascua; FRE-6-11: Gene Lumantas and Ana Lokelani. Confirmation catechists Taylor Mitchell and Gabe Ganibe have assisted us with the planning of this day and will join the team in putting on *The Great Adventure*. Julie shares the philosophy behind their mission.

“We want the student participants to continue on their faith journey and to gain a deeper understanding and strength in their Catholic beliefs,” she says. “They will learn and share in the stewardship of our Catholic Church and our parish. They are our future church.”

Also new this year is our **Children’s Choir Program**. This is open to children in grades two through eight. Children who love to sing are welcome to sign up. This choir’s formation was inspired by our children’s performances at the holiday liturgies.

“The children’s voices were so joyful and inspiring, it left the Mass attendees very happy. The comments were positive and encouraging, so a group of parents and catechists have stepped forward to lead this program.”

The Children’s Choir will join the adult choirs on occasion, and participate at church functions upon invitation. They will do outreach in the broader community, to sing at elderly homes, perform in the Mililani Christmas Parade, and other seasonal activity.

The Choir is also looking for children who play musical instruments to round out the group – ukulele, guitar, wind and string instruments, and piano. Further information and sign-up forms can be found at the Religious Education Office, Rectory Office and on the fellowship lanai after Masses at 7, 9 and 11 a.m. on Sunday.

**Religious Education** classes begin on Sunday, Aug. 2 with A schedule at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. B schedule classes begin on Sunday, Aug. 9 at 8:15, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Parents may pick up registration forms in the Religious Education Office, Rectory Office and on the Fellowship Lanai after Masses at 7, 9 and 11 a.m. on Sunday. For our youth in



*Some of the members of the planning team for “Kick-Off: The Adventure” – (from left) Taylor Mitchell, Julie Quiroz-Zamora, Ana Lokelani, Gene Lumantas, and Debi Tulang-DeSilva.*

grades 9-12, Confirmation classes begin with A schedule on Aug. 2 and B schedule on Aug. 9, classes begin at 10:30 a.m. Further information will be distributed at the Parent Orientation Meetings to be held on Sundays, July 5 and July 19 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. here at the parish. Schedules will be posted for parents to refer to when registering their student.

We are also planning a pilot program to help families and students in grades 2-8 that miss Religious Education classes. Added to this program is Adult/Family Catechesis. More information will be shared with you when we finalize the program. This is being developed in response to parent requests for Adult/Family Catechesis.

“We are also putting out a call for volunteers!” Julie says. “The RE program continues to need volunteers as classroom aides, substitute catechists, and co-lead catechists. The willingness and dedication of volunteers is essential to the program. Don’t be afraid to help – we will train you! As catechists and classroom aides, there has to be a desire to help change the world for our children, to create wonderful possibilities for them to grow in their faith, inspire them to live their Catholic faith, and evangelize others on their journey to God.

For information on any of the events and activities listed above, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Julie Quiroz-Zamora at the parish office, 808-623-3332 ext. 205 or ext. 204, or by email at [jzamora@stjohnmililani.org](mailto:jzamora@stjohnmililani.org).

A Letter From Our Pastor

## We Provide the Gifts, God Performs the Miracles

Dear Parishioners,

It is human nature to try to neatly place things into categories. If we categorize the miracles performed by Christ, the two largest groupings might fall under the headings “Healing” and “Feeding.”

This is exactly what we are about here at St. John Apostle & Evangelist. At the base of all our liturgies is the Eucharist, when we come together in communion with the Lord and with one another to be both fed and healed. Even one of Christ’s most famous miracles – the Feeding of the Multitude – involved both healing and feeding from a spiritual and a literal perspective.

The reason the large crowd gathered was because Jesus’ reputation as a healer had spread and grown. He felt compassion for that crowd, which is another way of saying He loved them and felt sorry that they were hungry due to their willingness to sit and be with Him for so long. Recognizing it was late in the day and that many of them had not eaten, Jesus literally fed them – but that day, He didn’t stop with physical nourishment. He also fed them spiritually with His words, and simultaneously, healed their wounded hearts by preaching a message of hope and forgiveness in the midst of a dark and hardened world.

The narrative of Christ taking a small amount of food and using it to feed thousands is familiar to all of us.

It is reported in all four Gospels. However, I would like to highlight one aspect of that miracle. It all started with one boy who was willing to share what little he had. Because the boy made the gift of his fishes and loaves, the Lord took it and multiplied it many times over, nourishing so many more people than what that little bit initially could.

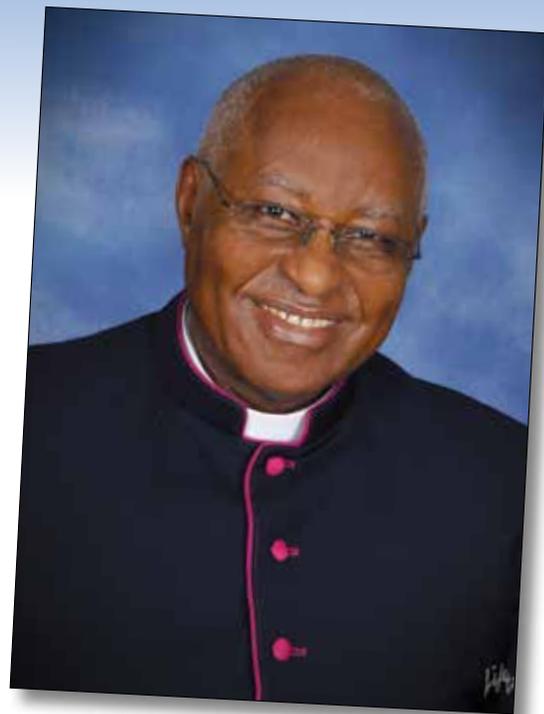
Isn’t that what we as a parish are called to do? We make gifts of our time, our talent, and our treasure as good stewards – but nevertheless, it is God who takes those gifts and performs miracles with them. Our goal is to give what we have so that Christ might use it, multiplying it to feed, to heal and draw a multitude of people closer to Him.

The reality is that without the gifts, there can be no miracles, and without miracles, we are a hungry and broken people. Christ has come to renew, nourish, fulfill, and restore – and that, brothers and sisters, is what Christianity is all about.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Msgr. John S. Mbinda  
Pastor



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# “Life Has Never *St. John’s Catholic Cha*

An aura of peace and joy surrounded them. They lifted their hands and voices in prayer and song. These were the “charismatics,” those people she had always thought were “crazies.” Yet, surrounded by them, Inday Ramos came to recognize these “charismatics” are godly brothers and sisters in Christ and as God’s vessels to draw others to Christ through His Holy Spirit, helped her realize how little she knew about her God and His love. She opened wide her heart to God, to live a new life in the Holy Spirit. That was sixteen years ago when she attended her first Life in the Spirit Seminar conducted here at the Parish by St. John A&E Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group.

“Life has never been the same since I had that beautiful encounter with my Lord Jesus Christ and accepted new life in the Spirit,” says Inday, Servant Leader. “I have become hungry for God’s Word and for deeper prayer time with Jesus.”

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal is a movement in the Church that began shortly after the Second Vatican Council. Today, the Catholic Charismatic Renewal exists in over 238 countries and it has touched over 120 million Catholics.

In Hawaii in the early 1970s, the Maryknoll Sisters prayed for baptism in the Holy Spirit, and the effects were almost immediate as they encountered God in a totally new way. The fire lit within them would affect countless others in Hawaii!

Jane and Ray Beauchemin started St. John’s Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group in 1975. Obedient to the Holy Spirit and supported by parish pastors, the Prayer Group remains active in the parish and its members serve in many ministries.

“There are many parishioners whose lives have been touched and renewed in the baptism in the Holy Spirit,” Inday says. “We are brothers and sisters in Christ who gather as God’s family to give thanks and praise, to pray for one another, and to support and encourage one another to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, through the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives”.

The motto of the Prayer Group is from Ephesians 4:12, “... to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” The group’s purpose is to help individuals deepen their relationship with God, experience the baptism in the Holy Spirit, foster their gifts, and to provide an environment to enrich their spiritual growth.

Every Monday at 7:30 p.m. the group gathers at the church. Weekly prayer meetings provide an opportunity for praise and worship, listening to God’s Word, sharing testimonies, intercessory prayer, and instruction for spiritual growth.

A monthly Charismatic Mass with a healing service occurs on the second Monday of each month. To continue their spiritual growth, the prayer group members also attend monthly



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## Charismatic Prayer Group

workshops, the annual Life in the Spirit Seminar and a Bible study for their group.

“Members pray for one another for strength, healing and grace to endure challenges and overcome obstacles hindering a relationship with Jesus,” Inday says. “We have to be sensitive to the leadings of the Holy Spirit and to be obedient to God’s calling to serve the members of the Body of Christ.”

The fruits experienced by the Prayer Group have been beyond all understanding. One sister in Christ with a rare ailment that paralyzed her from the waist down recovered and was able to walk again after members of the group prayed over her.

Inday’s mom was prayed over before a biopsy for a prognosis of an apparent lump in her mammogram result. The “would-be lump” turned out to be a water bubble.

When Inday at one time was experiencing intense chest pain, a brother in Christ during a leadership retreat she attended told her the Lord said she would be healed if she “asked for and believed in His healing power.” She accepted it in great faith and the pain was immediately gone. Inday cites Mark 5:28-29, 34, which reads: “She said, ‘If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured.’ Immediately her flow of blood dried up. She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. He said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction’.”

Inday had witnessed many healings of others, but “this time, God favored me with His divine healing!” The miracles of healing by Jesus more than 2,000 years ago continue to happen in present time if we have faith in Jesus, our Lord and Divine Healer.”

Those baptized in the Holy Spirit experience many new blessings. For Inday, like her brothers and sisters who have been in the Charismatic renewal, Scripture came alive. Also, God strengthened her in proclaiming herself a Catholic at her workplace and in public places outside of home and church.

“Gifts from God are not for one to keep, but to share with others,” Inday says. “At the prompting of the Holy Spirit, I share these songs at our meetings and to others in the Body of Christ.”

Inday invites everyone to join the Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group as they journey together to one day be home in the place Jesus prepared for us!

“It is such a breath of fresh anointing every Monday when I come to our weekly meeting,” Inday says. “Together, we continue on our faith journey in Jesus through His Holy Spirit.”

For more information about the Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group at St. John, please contact Helen and Steve Uyehara, Servant Leaders of Music and Praise and Worship, at 808-623-7423 or [bigbabyspark@hotmail.com](mailto:bigbabyspark@hotmail.com), or contact Victoria Achaval, Servant Leader of the Prayer Group, at 808-551-8299 or [mfachavalhawaii@aol.com](mailto:mfachavalhawaii@aol.com).



# “We Have a Call to Spread Our Faith”

## *Welcoming Presenter Paul J. Kim*

When questioned about his upcoming trip to Hawaii, Paul J. Kim responded with a simple question, “Who doesn’t love Hawaii?” His love for the island is what led him to pursue the topic of one of his two upcoming programs at St. John Apostle & Evangelist, *Renew the Ohana, Starting With Me*. In this presentation, Paul will highlight the hope and renewal that is possible, with God’s grace, when people make the decision to face the unresolved problems in their lives, families, and communities.

“There are a lot of struggles unique to the island,” Paul notes. “There are a lot of troubling issues that stand in stark contrast to the natural beauty of Hawaii’s culture and environment. I want to emphasize the fact that God has a plan for the Ohana and that He wants to unite the family from within. We all have a part to play in the process of renewing the broken parts of our culture, and I want to help people to see God’s plan to do this and how Jesus did it.”

The second of Paul’s programs is aptly titled *Don’t Apologize for Being Catholic*. In this presentation, Paul reminds us of the beauty, richness and power of our Catholic Identity.

“As Catholics, we have a call to spread our faith and be joyful witnesses to it,” Paul says. “So what does that look like in a culture that doesn’t seem to care or have an appetite for religion? More than ever, this generation is hungry for beauty, truth and love, which ultimately stems from a hunger for God, whether they realize it or not.”

Paul’s talk engages this problem head-on, emphasizing how Catholics must rediscover the call in each of their lives to evangelize and spread the faith, through their example in day-to-day life and on social media.

The last time Paul was on the island, his wife Maggie was pregnant with their first child. This time around, they will have a newborn named Audrey by their side.

“I fell in love with the island culture after going there not only on a honeymoon with my wife, but also prior to that with youth ministry,” Paul says.

In his talks, Paul will utilize examples and stories from Scripture, Catholic tradition, pop culture, and his own counseling experience to form a presentation and prayer experience that has left countless people inspired.

“I’m excited to be able to visit Mililani again,” Paul says. “It really feels like I’m just coming back home.”

For more information on Paul J. Kim and his presentations, you can visit his website at [www.pjkmusic.com](http://www.pjkmusic.com).



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### **SPEAKER SESSIONS**

Wednesday, July 22 at 7:00 PM  
*Renew the Ohana, Starting with Me*

Thursday, July 23 at 7:00 PM  
*Don’t Apologize for Being Catholic*

### **PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

6:30-7:00pm  
*By St. John Young Adult FaithLife Band*

# RCIA:

## *A Process for Now and Always*

Deacon Modesto Cordero wants would-be Catholics to know that joining the Church is like preparing for a marriage.

“We want it to be forever,” he says.

Starting next month, those in our parish who have been considering joining the Church are invited to start the process of Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, commonly called RCIA.

“The RCIA process is a discernment process,” Deacon Cordero says. “We are always seeking something. People that come to the Church, they’re seeking to find God in their lives or to bring God back into their lives.”

Classes begin Aug. 12 and continue each Wednesday through May of 2016, guiding candidates through not only the process of discerning whether Catholicism is right for them, but also initiation into the Church and a debriefing process afterward known as mystagogy.

“When people come into our process, there are two parts – you coming into your own discernment at the same time that we, the Church, are also looking at you to see if we feel that you’re ready for it,” Deacon Cordero says. “We want to know that you are comfortable, that you are prepared for it. We tell people there’s no need to be embarrassed or ashamed, if you’re not ready, take all the time you need. That’s why we call it a ‘process’ and not a ‘program.’ You can come back and continue on when you’re ready. Pray and discern and let us help you discern through that process. You are not alone, you are not doing this by yourself.”

In addition to the weekly classes, candidates take part in community service



*Msgr. John Mbinda confers a blessing onto a RCIA candidate as she stands with her sponsor at the altar. The next RCIA group will begin Aug. 12.*

and a retreat that allows them to take a “timeout” from normal life and delve more deeply into the spiritual side of their decision. For Deacon Cordero, being involved in such activities has allowed him to reflect on his own faith journey.

“I’ve always been moved with this process, and I always start every year by telling the candidates the same thing – I am a cradle Catholic,” he says. “Someone made the decision for me when I was born that I was going to be a Catholic and as an adult, I decided this was what I wanted to do,” he says.

Deacon Cordero says one candidate who has always been memorable for him was a 17-year old boy who came into the process after having had a friend who was a Catholic.

“He decided on his own to get to know Jesus and become a Catholic,” he says. “That humbled me and makes me to see how much people are in need of God. As cradle Catholics, we have it all

along and others are out there seeking and looking and practicing other religions and they still feel lonely and empty. When they come to our church, they see what we have and that we have the Eucharist. That’s the biggest reward I can have through this process.”

Current Catholics who also want to share in those rewards are encouraged to serve as volunteers. Teachers, assistants, and sponsors are all needed to make the process a success.

“Every candidate needs a sponsor, especially those who are coming for the first time into the Church and they don’t have any Catholic friends,” Deacon Cordero says. “If people are out there in our parish and they think this is something they would like to do, please contact me. I always try to find someone they can relate to.”

Please contact Deacon Modesto Cordero at 808-585-3342 or [mcordero@rcchawaii.org](mailto:mcordero@rcchawaii.org) to learn more.



# St. John's Catholic Preschool

## 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
<b>INCOME</b>				
Tuition and Fees	423,639	371,453	386,402	484,690
Discounts	(2,748)	(5,431)	(1,016)	(1,270)
Other Regular Income	3,495	275	160	200
Fundraising Revenue subject to GET	4,865	2,735	11,250	15,000
Unusual Income-Donations/Interest/Dividends	2,560	2,778	11,453	15,270
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>431,811</b>	<b>371,810</b>	<b>408,249</b>	<b>513,890</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
Employment Costs	407,368	302,270	322,827	422,086
Professional Services	14,380	9,174	11,726	15,474
Insurance	1,607	1,903	1,215	1,620
Leadership Development	3,861	1,629	6,400	8,100
Supplies and Other Services	24,998	26,602	24,025	30,057
Fundraising Expenses	3,000	2,335	2,250	3,000
Repairs and Maintenance	19,103	15,237	14,327	19,103
Utilities	12,896	10,133	10,387	13,850
Taxes	523	232	450	600
Miscellaneous	1,196			
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>488,932</b>	<b>369,515</b>	<b>393,607</b>	<b>513,890</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>(57,121)</b>	<b>2,295</b>	<b>14,642</b>	

In fulfillment of our stewardship virtues of accountability and transparency, St. John's Preschool Board presents the above Year to Date Report

**Notes:**

- 1.) Other regular income includes charges for late pick ups. Previous fiscal year amount includes 2013 summer school. We no longer operate during the summer.
- 2.) Expenses include payments to the Parish for utilities, maintenance and other operating costs.
- 3.) Change in Net Assets does not include non-cash income.
- 3.) Please direct questions about this report to the Preschool Director.