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New Music Director Tim Cubero Ready to Assist and Serve as We Worship Together

As a kid, newly-hired parish Music Director Tim Cubero always knew that he wanted to be a church organist. Having begun playing the piano at 6 years old, Tim says he was “attracted to the sound and look” of the large pipe organ located at his hometown parish in Maryland. And this love only continued to grow thanks to his parish’s choir director and organist, a Benedictine nun named Sr. Julia.

“Sister was a character in a strict and methodical way,” Tim says. “She would give me organ lessons during the summer and I was sometimes hesitant during practice, thinking perhaps I was bothering an old lady praying alone in a pew downstairs. To this, Sister would say, ‘You’re not bothering her by practicing on the organ. Play it louder, she’ll love it!’”

Inspired by Sr. Julia’s example, Tim later “got up the nerve” as a high schooler to ask his pastor for permission to begin playing the organ for Sunday liturgies. Not only did the elderly priest agree, but he instructed Tim to visit the rectory between his scheduled Masses to watch TV and eat breakfast.

“He was really so kind to me,” Tim says. “I was assigned to play for two Sunday Masses, and during the break in between he said I was to go into the rectory, watch TV and tell the housemaid in the kitchen to cook anything I wanted to eat for breakfast. And I did, sometimes being joined by a few other teenagers from the CCD program.”



Tim Cubero, our new Music Director

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Thanks to his pastor and a younger, newly ordained priest in the parish, Tim’s love for liturgical music continued to deepen and evolve. He felt emboldened by their trust in him, and was soon encouraged to learn how to sing while accompanying.

stewardship, helping to lead others into deeper, more unified worship of our Lord.

“Music is one of the five human senses given to us by God, our Creator,” Tim says. “Through it, we use sound to liturgically represent certain elements of worship and to

through our parish ministers of music — both instrumentalists and vocalists — who truly act as one body. I also see it through the impressively high numbers of other complementary ministries at the parish which bestow rich blessings on us all.”

Not here to “steal anyone’s ministry or role,” Tim hopes simply to be a resource and support to our many talented musicians and vocalists — to help make each musical volunteer feel appreciated and to enable them to flourish further in their ministry so that they can better minister to the parish family. He is eager to serve and to become part of this vibrant faith community.

“It is always good to see a full church and to hear a congregation sing strongly and with such good feeling,” Tim says. “I’m also deeply grateful to be able to sing myself while playing the organ or piano because I feel the human voice, given to us by God, is the greatest instrument for praising, honoring and worshipping Him.”

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“That was a great asset because then musically I understood better how to ‘breathe as an organist’ while a cantor and congregation sings,” Tim says.

These early experiences have led Tim to serve in many paid and volunteer capacities over the years, including as organist for St. Joseph Church in Waipahu, resident organist-cantor at St. Augustine Church By the Sea in Waikiki, and now as music director here at St. John Apostle & Evangelist. For Tim, this is an important way of living out

cover certain recognized physical movements within the liturgy such as processing, incensing and praising.”

This is why, Tim says, liturgical music is never about a single person — never a performance. Rather, it is another means of directing hearts and minds toward the liturgy itself, drawing us into worship together as unified members of the body of Christ.

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If you would like more information on the Music Ministry, please contact Tim Cubero at 808-381-5492 or TimothyCuberoMusic@gmail.com.

A Letter From Our Pastor

Christ Becomes One With Us Through the Eucharist

Dear Parishioners,

Any of us who are old enough to remember the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, had to have been marked by that experience. As I reflect on this solemn date in our country's history, I also faithfully reflect upon our celebration of the Eucharist. As Catholics, through the Eucharist, we are called to consciously be bread broken and wine poured out for others each day of our lives. We are called to become what we receive.

Throughout the calendar year, certain dates are commemorated to inspire us to remember and honor those who may have been lost. These kinds of days — like 9/11 — are testimony to the reality that we, as human beings, are consciously connected to one another. There are unfortunately some who would have us believe that we are independent, separated from those around us.

For us as Catholics, the reception of the Eucharist is the most intimate union with God Himself on this earth. It is through the Body of Christ that we are unified to God and one another, and reminds us that we are invited to be bread broken and wine poured out for our world.

We gather as a community around the table of the Eucharist. We receive the gift of Christ's Body and Blood so that we may become the embodiment of God's love among us. As we receive Christ, we should recommit ourselves to following in Jesus' footsteps and reaching out to those around us with mercy, encouragement and compassion. By doing that, we reaffirm our identity as disciples and our Baptismal commitment to be His Body and Blood given for others.

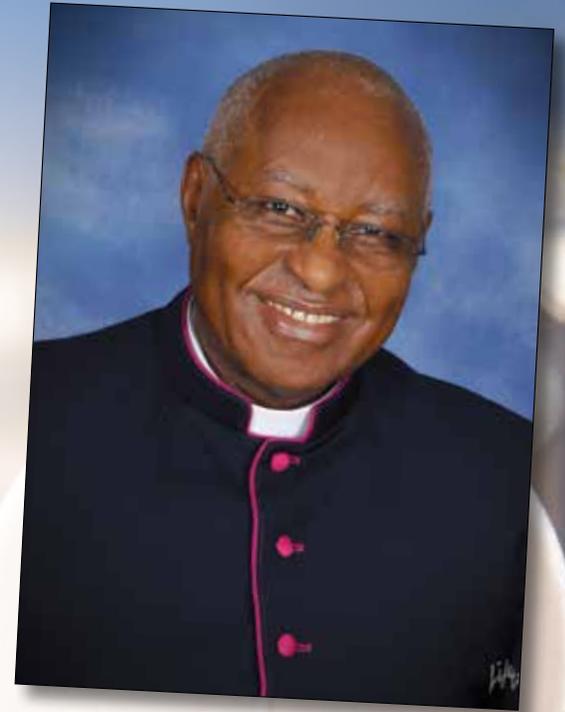
Unfortunately to some, the Eucharist has been diluted to the point that it is viewed as merely a ritual or a symbol. As Catholics, we know that it is Christ's real presence among us — we are to accept that gift and personally become Christ's presence everywhere we go and in everything we do.

The very word "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving." When we live a Eucharistic life, it has everything to do with gratitude. Let us be thankful for the Eucharist and thankful for one another, and let us demonstrate that through the love that pours out of us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Msgr. John S. Mbinda
Pastor



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Our Annual Stewardship Renewal

Examining Our Hearts,

You have to take care of yourself before you can take care of those you love. This rationale is difficult for many of us to accept. Mothers and fathers routinely place the needs of their children before their own; soldiers at war often throw their own safety to the wind in the interest of protecting their fellow soldiers. The story of Jesus also focuses on giving to others. If Christ calls us to imitate Him — to become completely selfless — then it would seem that focusing on ourselves might counteract our efforts as Christians.

Nevertheless, as we enter into our annual Stewardship Renewal, Msgr. Mbinda is asking us all to focus a bit more on ourselves. No, he's not encouraging self-centeredness; he's asking us to examine our own lives and determine the areas that are in need of growth. Before the stewardship way of life can totally transform our parish, it must begin in each of our hearts. As each individual's spiritual life blossoms and grows, so will our parish as a whole. Will you plant the seed of stewardship in your own heart?

How do I use my Commitment Card?

Your commitment card allows you to make commitments to prayer, parish ministries, and offertory giving. It is designed to be used by the whole family.

Time Section: Except for the ill and homebound, everyone should be able to check "Come to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days." Try to check at least a few other items. Daily prayer should be a priority for every person trying to grow closer to God.

Talent Section: You can either sign up for new ministries or re-commit to your current ministries. Be sure to write your first name next to the ministry! This is especially important if the card is being used by more than one person.

Treasure Section: Clearly print how much money you plan to give each week or month to our parish. Try to take a step toward giving five percent of your income to St. John Apostle & Evangelist.

Is your prayer life in need of a tune-up?

Honestly ask yourself, "How much time do I spend in prayer each week?" The answer is probably a bit embarrassing. Everyone wants to spend more time in prayer, but there's just never enough time to do everything we want to do. Good intentions are just that: intentions. This year, as you're discerning how you will offer your time to God, resolve to follow through with your commitments. Consider each moment you spend in prayer as nourishment for your soul. The spiritual health of our parish is only as strong as the sum of its parts (individual parishioners).



Living Discipleship

Is your level of parish involvement in need of a boost?

We give our talents back to God when we get involved in ministries at St. John Apostle & Evangelist. And, with a host of ministries to choose from, there's something for everyone. Sure, ministries give parishioners opportunities to serve others in the community, but they also benefit those in the ministry itself. Ask anyone who actively participates in a ministry at St. John Apostle & Evangelist, "Why do you enjoy serving in this way?" They'll probably say, "I get more out of the ministry than the people I serve." This year, as you're discerning how you will offer your talents to God, considering signing up for a ministry that may benefit you, like a Bible study, prayer group, or retreat. Or, contribute to an outreach ministry where your good deeds not only help others in the community, but also give you feelings of satisfaction and thankfulness.

Do you give a percentage of your income to the offertory?

It may be hard to see offertory giving as a way to "help yourself," but when we approach the subject from a spiritual viewpoint, it can lead to individual spiritual growth and an increase in faith. Even the most savvy business person worries about his or her personal finances from time to time. Adding a weekly offertory check to the list of monthly bills may seem crazy but, ultimately, sacrificial giving forces us to cut unnecessary spending, create a budget and have faith that God will help us make it through the month. All of these are good things for each of us, individually. After faithfully giving to the offertory for a few months, many Catholics find that it's not only possible to give a weekly offering, but that the fruits of their gift far outweigh the expense.

At St. John Apostle & Evangelist, we ask that you give five percent to our parish, one percent to the diocese, and four percent to other charities. Why a percentage of income? First, because the tithe (10 percent) is a scriptural benchmark that the Church has honored for centuries (see Malachi 3:10). Secondly, we give a percentage of income because it is a common-sense standard by which everyone can equitably support the parish. Most of all, we give because we believe God comes first in everything, even finances.





St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church

Financial Report for Period Ending June 30, 2018

	Actual	Budget	Variance (\$)	Variance (%)	
Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets					
Income					
40000	OFFERTORY COLLECTION	913,267	983,600	(70,333)	-7%
42000	OTHER REGULAR INCOME	91,273	65,700	25,573	39%
45000	REVENUE SUBJECT TO GET	4,869	6,900	(2,031)	-29%
47000	UNUSUAL (NON-SCHEDULED) INCOME	7,356	5,160	2,196	43%
49100	NET ASSETS RELEASED- OPERATIONS	50	-	50	0%
49170	LAND & BUILDING VALUATIONS	-	-	-	0%
49200	NET ASSETS RELEASED-CAPITAL PRJ	-	-	-	0%
	<i>Unauthorized Income</i>	-	-	-	0%
	Total Income	1,016,815	1,061,360	(44,545)	-4%
Expense					
50000	EMPLOYMENT COSTS	350,906	350,082	823	0%
51000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	96,669	88,002	8,667	10%
51500	INSURANCE	25,271	24,500	771	3%
51700	LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	40,523	50,370	(9,847)	-20%
52000	SUPPLIES AND OTHER SERVICES	177,307	193,695	(16,387)	-8%
52900	FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	-	-	-	0%
53000	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	77,735	68,330	9,405	14%
54000	UTILITIES	42,289	34,918	7,371	21%
55000	CONTRIBUTIONS AND ASSESSMENTS	170,259	184,033	(13,774)	-7%
56000	INTEREST EXPENSE	-	-	-	0%
57000	TAXES	528	550	(22)	-4%
58000	DEPRECIATION	-	-	-	0%
	<i>Unauthorized Expense</i>	-	-	-	0%
	Total Expense	981,486	994,480	(12,994)	-1%
	Total Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets	35,329	66,880	(31,551)	-47%
Other Income/Expense					
Other Income					
70000	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED ASSETS	527,960	-	527,960	0%
	Total Other Income	527,960	-	527,960	0%
	Total Other Income/Expense	527,960	-	527,960	0%
	Total Changes in Net Assets	563,289	66,880	496,409	742%

Eagle Scout's Service Project is Truly a Gift to Our Parish

If you have ever been a Boy Scout, you are familiar with the Scout Oath: “On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and to my country, and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times...” That could be a stewardship statement, as it certainly reflects what we as the Church believe in terms of sharing our gifts and serving others. The Scout Oath also has special meaning for parishioner and Boy Scout Peter Gallogly.

Service — one of the Four Pillars of Parish Stewardship — is a key part of being a Boy Scout. As Peter works to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, he is required to select and complete an Eagle Service Project.

“The motivation for my project came from my love of St. John Church and the history and significance in our community,” he says. “I have been fortunate enough to grow up in this community of faith. One of my neighbors is Les Hunkele, who has been so involved in the parish and in the One Community Center (OCC) under construction. I talked to Les about something I could do to help as my project, and it all developed from that point. Before anything could be done, the playground and equipment next to the planned OCC had to be removed. That became my project.”

Peter notes two of the motivations behind his Eagle Service Project.

“First, it was an opportunity to save my parish St. John Apostle & Evangelist money,” he says. “It was also a chance for me to serve my church community, something which is important. As a member of that community, this makes it all extra special.”

Peter is a member of Troop 664 here in Mililani and will be a junior at Mililani High School this year. He has been involved in scouting for 11 years.

“I met with Les and Msgr. Mbinda, and we developed a plan from that point,” Peter says. “The work occurred in June after the preschool competed their year on June 8. There were nine playground pieces which needed to be removed.”

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Peter Gallogly is grateful for the support he has received as his Eagle Scout Project was underway.



The playground and equipment — moved to make way for the One Community Center project — found a “new home” for reuse.

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Initially, the plan was to dispose of the equipment, but Peter contacted the local Little Tykes program.

"They said that they knew someone who might like to utilize it," Peter says. "It was a construction company, and I was told that they would assist with the removal and transport the equipment at no cost on their truck and trailer." "I appreciated Peter's flexibility in changing his original plan by seizing an opportunity to reuse the equipment rather than dispose of it," Les says.

As the project got underway, there was plenty of preliminary work that had to be done.

"We divided those who agreed to help into three," Peter says. "However, on the day of the project additional people showed up to help. Everything went according to plan. We disassembled everything, but two additional needs were discovered — first, we needed to remove the shrubbery surrounding the playground; second, we needed to relocate some items to the location where the preschool will be while the OCC is under construction."

Peter's service project saved the parish an estimated \$5,000. He notes that he was pleased to have found a home for the playground equipment.

"There are so many people that I need to thank for their support," Peter says. "Thanks to Msgr. John Mbinda for approving the idea; thanks to Les Hunkele for being my project coach and guiding me with all his expertise; thanks to my parents Erin Gallogly and Nick Tatistcheff for all their help, to the construction workers who assisted us and provided the needed equipment, and thanks to my fellow scouts who pitched in and worked so hard."

Erin and Nick, Peter's parents, are rightfully proud of what Peter accomplished. To them, it was a lesson in stewardship.

"On a daily basis, our Church teaches the importance of service to God, Church and our neighbor," Erin says. "Scouting teaches the importance of service to the community,

nation and world. Peter's project is but one example of how our parish and scouting came together to put what is taught into daily practice. It also taught that stewardship can be rewarding for all, especially to those directly involved in providing stewardship."



Peter Gallogly is a member of Boy Scout Troop 664



Peter enjoyed the opportunity to serve his church community alongside those who helped during his project.