

August 2, 2020

## Eighteenth - Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Important

Dear Parishioners,

**St. John the Baptist Church resumes for public worship to Public Weekdays and Weekend Masses.**

\* **Saturday 4PM**

\* **Sundays 6AM/ 8AM/ 10AM/ 12:30PM**  
**(Spanish).**

**Weekend Mass requires a reservation;**

**\*You can visit**

<http://saintjohnthebaptistkalihi.eventbrite.com>

**and register.**

**Daily Masses will begin Tuesday, June 2** with the following schedule (No reservations required; attendance will be filled as "First-come, First-served")



## Register for Mass

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

Today's readings should inspire the Christian steward with deepened gratitude to our God Who loves us with such fierce and tender love. We must make an intentional response every day to return love for Love.

In our First Reading, from Isaiah, we hear God calling to us, even trying to entice us, to come and be filled with the good spiritual food He wants to give us. "Come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk!" And, "Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare." Note that He uses the word "heed" in that verse and then repeats it in the next, "Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life." We must be intentional in going to God on a regular basis through prayer and the sacraments. We must "heed" and "listen" to receive the nourishment He wants to give us. We must choose Him — above our selfishness, above the worldly diversions that surround us constantly. But if we seek Him intentionally, we can be sure He will reward us: "I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David."

And we can have complete confidence in this promise of His faithful love. In our Second Reading, from Romans, St. Paul reminds us emphatically that nothing and nobody can keep God from loving us. No anguish, distress, persecution, famine... and we might add pandemic, economic loss, relationship strife — nothing — can keep our God from His faithful love for us. His love is so powerful that not only does it allow us to survive all these things and more, but, "in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly." God has got us in the palm of His hand.

And yet, this assurance is only the beginning of God's gifts to us. Today's Gospel passage from Matthew recounts the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. This of course, is a foreshadowing of the miraculous gift the Eucharist, which feeds us not with bread but with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. This is so marvelous to contemplate that it is tempting to skip right over the beginning of the passage to get to the miraculous part. But let's look at the first verses of this passage, for they reveal a little of the tender heart of Jesus for all of us.

As the passage begins, we find that Jesus "withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself." He had just heard of the death of His cousin John the Baptist and was attempting to find a few moments of solitude. But the crowds would not leave Him alone. They followed him and tracked him down. Yet, our Lord was not frustrated with their interruption.

Rather, "his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick." What generous and compassionate love He shows. But even that is not enough for our Lord. He remains with the people, ministering to and teaching them well into the evening. The disciples suggest that Jesus should send them away so that they could buy some food. But Jesus will not hear of it. He insists that the disciples feed them right then and there. And then, He provides the miraculous abundance of food out of the few loaves and fishes the disciples could round up. What a privilege for those disciples to participate in Christ's miraculous plan for His people. This privilege is ours, too, as Christian stewards. Let us make a grateful response to such amazing love.

# Stewardship Collection

Total Weekly Collection - 07/24 to 07/30	\$1,915.76
Other Offerings (Mass Offering, Funerals, Marriages, Donations)	\$1,257.95
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection Maintenance Fund	\$961.25
<b>TOTAL OFFERINGS</b>	<b>\$4,134.96</b>
Weekly Offering needed for Operations	** \$6,743.00
*Unplanned expenses in our budget for This Year (Increase) Parish Assessment and Property & Liability Insurance	\$46,699.00
Collection <u>not retained</u> by the Parish	\$0.00

## Our Stewardship Prayer

*Generous and Loving Creator, you have called us to Malama i ka Makana (Cherish the Gift). As disciples of your Son, we ask that your Spirit open our minds and hearts to appreciate your countless blessings more deeply. Increase your transforming spirit within us, to nurture our call to stewardship as a way of life marked always by faith-filled prayer, service to others and generous giving. With the kokua of St. Marianne and St. Damien, teach us to be good stewards so we may return a hundred-fold the makana entrusted to us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

## PARISH MINISTRIES

Building & Maintenance	Baptism Preparation
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)	
Marriage Preparation	Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors	Altar Server
Altar Cleaners	Ushers/Hospitality
Social/Outreach	Neo-Catechumenal Way
Divine Mercy	Music Ministries
Knights of Columbus	Youth Ministry
	Gimong ti Novena
Ethnic Ministries (Hispanic, Samoan, Ilocano, Chuukese)	

## Other Masses, Adorations & Devotions

- \* First Friday @ 7:45am-9:00am –Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- \* First Friday @ 6:00pm- Ilocano Mass
- \* First Saturday @ 8:00am- Holy Rosary - Dominican Lay Associates
- \*First Sunday @ 5:00pm- Chuukese Mass

Rev. Diego Restrepo Serna  
Parish Administrator  
Deacon Peter Soumwei  
Deacon Ricardo Burgos  
Bertha Guerrero  
Secretary & Business Manager  
Renier Torres  
Pastoral Council Chair  
Ping Blas  
Finance Council Chair  
Danielle Burgos  
Religious Education Director

**August 7, 2020 at 7:45am  
right after the 7:15am mass,  
there will be Adoration of  
the Blessed Sacrament.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Rest of the Souls of;

- (+)Dean Enrico
- (+)Pio Enrico
- (+)Richard Agbunag
- (+) Marcelino Barut

### Blessings for;

- Philomena. Leota

### Thanksgiving from ;

- Leota Family
- Edna Dela Cruz

**08/04 to 08/08**

### For the Rest of the Souls of:

- (+)Dean Enrico
- (+)Marcelino Barut