

July 05, 2020
Fourteenth - Sunday in
Ordinary Time



Important Announcement

Dear Parishioners,

Over the last ten weeks because of the coronavirus, we have been deprived of joining together as Catholic Christians to celebrate and participate in that which makes all Catholics around the world “one body of Christ” -the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. While we have been celebrating the Mass without physically gathering with you, it is now with great excitement and words of caution that **I announce the reopening of St. John the Baptist Church for public worship to resume once again.**

Public 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”)

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

The theme of humility is central to our readings today. God Himself is a humble God, so if we wish to follow Him as Christian stewards, we too, must be humble. In fact, humility is key to the stewardship way of life, and to a peaceful and fulfilling life.

Our first reading from Zechariah foretells the unexpected way in which the Lord, the Savior of the world, will arrive. “See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek and riding on an ass... and he shall proclaim peace to the nations.” It is almost unfathomable that our almighty, all-powerful God would humble Himself to live among us as one of our own, let alone to contemplate the unassuming way in which He arrived — born as a helpless baby, growing up under the care of human parents and finally making his entrance as savior on a lowly colt. Christ has given us a clear and compelling model of humility. We dare not pursue any other path for ourselves if we wish to follow after Him.

But this kind of humility goes against our natural, worldly bent which says we must insist on having our own way, assert our rights at all costs, and put ourselves first so as to get ahead. How can we live the radical way Christ is calling us to live?

As St. Paul tells us in the letter to the Romans, our second reading today, “Brothers and sisters: You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit.” Because of the gifts of our Baptism and Confirmation, we have a “super power” right within us — the Holy Spirit — Who gives us every spiritual gift and all the strength we need to follow Christ. We must awaken to the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, leaning into Him to increase virtue in us, especially this key virtue of humility. Paul reminds us that this is for our own good after all — “For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus Himself speaks to the Father of the privileged role that humble souls play in God’s plan of salvation. “I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones.”

What does it mean to be a “little one”? It means that we acknowledge we don’t have it all figured out, but that we are very much in need of a savior. It means we recognize that all we are and all we have been given is a gift from God. It means we embrace the stewardship way of life.

It is not easy, but deep peace and consolation come with this way of life. Jesus offers these warm and encouraging words to entice us to embrace it. “Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

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Stewardship Collection

Total Weekly Collection - 06/26 to 06/29 \$3,522.30

Other Offerings (Mass Offering, Funerals, Marriages, Donations) \$1,957.00

2nd Collection Maintenance Fund \$1,753.90

TOTAL OFFERINGS \$7,233.20

Weekly Offering needed for Operations ** \$6,743.00

*Unplanned expenses in our budget for This Year \$21,898.00
(Increase) Parish Assessment and Property & Liability Insurance

Collection not retained by the Parish \$45.00

Confirmation Class for the adults (those who already registered) will be held on Thursday, July 9th @ 6:30pm at the church. Please don't forget your mask. Mahalo

Rev. Diego Restrepo Serna
Parish Administrator

Peter Soumwei
Deacon

Ricardo Burgos
Deacon

Bertha Guerrero
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School Principal

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Sisters Convent & Superior

Renier Torres
Pastoral Council Chair

Ping Blas
Finance Council Chair

Danielle Burgos
Religious Education Director

MASS INTENTIONS

Rest of the Souls of:

- (+)Bonifacia Socia
- (+)Marcelino & Susana Tavita
- (+)Iefata Fualau
- (+)Romana Gamata Fontanilla
- (+)Esteban Bumanglag Fontanilla
- (+)John Hernandez
- (+)Evaristo Agag
- (+)Pio Enrico
- (+)Dean Enrico
- (+)Modest Quines
- (+)Conrado Dumlaog
- (+)Florencio Barroga

Blessings for:

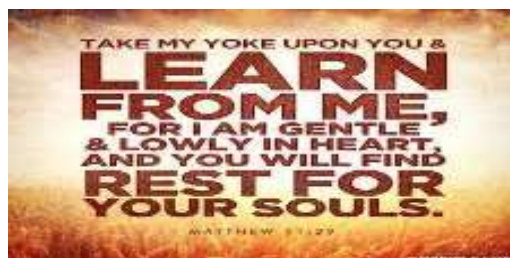
- Philomena. Leota

Thanksgiving ;

- Leota Family

07/06 - 07/11 For the Rest of the Souls of:

(+)Bonifacia Socia



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