

July 19, 2020
Sixteenth - 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”)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

Today’s readings are filled with lessons both cautionary and consoling for the Christian steward.

Our first reading, from the book of Wisdom, reminds us that our God is just as well as kind, all-powerful as well as merciful. “For you show your might when the perfection of your power is dis-believed... But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency.” God is indeed kind and loving, but He is also a just judge, and the day will come when we will have to give an account for what we have done with the gifts of time, talent and treasure that He entrusted to us during our life-time. We will be judged by God for the part we played — or did not play — in the building of His kingdom.

We are never alone in this work, however, as we are reminded in our second reading from the letter to the Romans. “The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness... the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groaning.” We must turn to the Holy Spirit continuously to guide us in our daily lives as Christian stewards. The Holy Spirit is the source of all wisdom. He will reveal to each of us the unique mission the Father has given us, as individuals and as a parish family, in the building of the kingdom of heaven. And He will give us the strength we need to remain faithful to our mission.

Jesus uses several parables to describe this Kingdom in our Gospel passage from Matthew. First, He compares it to a man who sows wheat in his field, but in the darkness of night an enemy comes and sows weeds in the same field. Both weeds and wheat are permitted to grow and only at the harvest time are they separated, or “judged” — the wheat gathered into the sower’s barn and the weeds finally destroyed. So, it will be for each of us at the end of our time on earth. It is a sobering reminder of the justice of God.

But Jesus also gives us comfort and hope in this passage. He says the kingdom of heaven is like the small portion of yeast that is mixed in with flour for the making of bread. The yeast makes up an insignificant fraction of the ingredients, yet it is vital to the outcome — without that tiny bit of yeast, the bread simply will not rise. In a similar vein, Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a mustard seed, “the smallest of all the seeds.” But when it is full-grown it becomes the largest of all the plants, a sturdy and hardy bush where “birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.” It is those latter two descriptions that are especially encouraging to the Christian steward. So often, the prayers that we pray, the service we offer, the gifts we give — in comparison to the immense needs around us — can seem laughably small. But, as Jesus makes clear through the images of yeast and the mustard seed, that is not the truth!

God sees and treasures and “grows” our offerings of time, talent, and treasure in ways we cannot begin to imagine. If we are but faithful stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, the day will come when we “will shine like the sun in the kingdom of [the] Father.”

In justice, in gratitude, in love, then, let us remain faithful to the mission entrusted to our care for the building of the kingdom of heaven.

Stewardship Collection

Total Weekly Collection - 07/10 to 07/16	\$3,730.00
Other Offerings (Mass Offering, Funerals, Marriages, Donations)	\$1,726.00
2 nd Collection Maintenance Fund	\$136.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$5,592.00
Weekly Offering needed for Operations	** \$6,743.00
*Unplanned expenses in our budget for This Year (Increase) Parish Assessment and Property & Liability Insurance	\$21,898.00
Collection <u>not retained</u> by the Parish	\$265.00



Please as a reminder, Don't forget to register online through Eventbrite if attending Mass on the weekend. And for safety, don't forget to wear mask.

Rev. Diego Restrepo Serna
Parish Administrator

Peter Soumwei
Deacon

Ricardo Burgos
Deacon

Bertha Guerrero
Secretary & Business Manager

Carol Chong
School Principal

Sr. Esther Pagdato, O.P.
Sisters Convent & Superior

Renier Torres
Pastoral Council Chair

Ping Blas
Finance Council Chair

Danielle Burgos
Religious Education Director

MASS INTENTIONS

Repose of the Souls of;

(+) Iefata Fualau
(+) Angelo Nathaniel Agcaoli
(+) Bonifacia Socia
(+) Jose Acosta
(+) Mar Velasco

Blessings for;

- Philomena. Leota

Thanksgiving from ;

- Leota Family

Birthday & Thanksgiving;

- Mar Velasco

07/20 - 07/24 For the Repose of the Souls of;

(+) Angelo Nathaniel Agcaoli



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