

June 28, 2020
Thirteenth - 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”)

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

Today’s readings take us back to some basics of stewardship living. The First Reading shows us the necessity and power of hospitality. The Second Reading reminds us what it is that makes us disciples and Christian stewards in the first place (hint: it’s our Baptism). Finally, in today’s Gospel, Christ teaches us how to live daily life as His stewards.

Our First Reading, from 2 Kings, tells the story of a woman who showed loving hospitality to a visitor, inviting him to dinner with her family and arranging a room for him in their home so that he would have a comfortable place to stay during his travels through her town. She reached out to the man in a simple and practical manner to make him feel welcome. That is the essence of Christian hospitality. As it turns out, this man was none other than the prophet Elisha. He rewarded her kindness by interceding with God to obtain for her the miracle of a baby boy after long years of infertility.

In our Second Reading, from the Letter to the Romans, St. Paul reminds us of the power of our Baptism and how it is that this sacrament makes us disciples and therefore stewards. He says that through Baptism “into Christ Jesus” we were both buried with Christ and now are alive in Christ. We are literally new creations, marked for all eternity as one of His own. What does that mean for us here and now? St. Paul tells us very clearly: “You too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.” We must live for Christ! Nothing less will do.

Our Lord Himself proclaims this same instruction in a rather shocking way in our Gospel passage from Matthew: “Whoever loves father or mother... son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.” And, “Whoever finds his life [by living for oneself] will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” How can all all-loving Lord say such things? Precisely because He is the source of all love — He is love incarnate. We can only love others, and even ourselves truly, if we allow ourselves to be emptied of self-love and filled with God’s love.

This is why our Lord tells us we must “lose our lives.” Putting ourselves or others — even those dearest to us — above God simply cannot give us the ultimate fulfillment and peace of soul that we all want. Only God can do that. Only loving God first and living for Christ — “losing our life” — can do that.

But how do we know if we love God more than “father or mother or son or daughter”? Jesus tells us in the next verses. And the fascinating genius of it all is that it is precisely through loving actions towards others, loving them as if they were Christ, that we demonstrate our love for Christ! “Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple... he will surely not lose his reward.”

So, we have come full circle to the importance of hospitality, and to putting God first in our lives because we have become disciples of Christ through our Baptism. We put God first by serving others as if we were serving Christ Himself, thus losing a self-centered life and finding our true fulfillment.

Stewardship Collection

Total Weekly Collection - 06/19 to 06/25 \$2,543.10

Other Offerings (Mass Offering, Funerals, Marriages, Donations) \$ 701.25

2nd Collection Maintenance Fund \$1,153.73

TOTAL OFFERINGS \$4,398.08

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 \$20.00

Due to "limited seating" you have to register online on Eventbrite or call the office for more information. Mahalo for your kokua!



Let us welcome Bishop Larry Silva to our parish with warm alohas and greetings! He will be celebrating and be present in all the Mass this weekend. He will also have a pastoral meeting with our parish on Sunday, June 28, @ 1:30pm.

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

Rest of the Souls of;

- (+) Romana Gamata Fontanilla
- (+) Esteban Bumanglag Fontanilla
- (+) Jefata Fualau
- (+) John Hernandez
- (+) Evaristo Agag
- (+) Modesto Quines
- (+) Conrado Dumlaog
- (+) Florencio Barroga
- (+) Pio Enrico
- (+) Dean Enrico
- (+) Antonio Bristol
- (+) Dionisio Enrico
- (+) Felix Palting
- (+) Pedro M. Domingo

Thanksgiving ;

- Leota Family
- Fealofai Vasai
- Eric Enrico & Pat Ordinado

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