

August 16, 2020

Twentieth - 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](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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

Our readings today remind us that God is ever-faithful, even when we are not. They challenge us as Christian stewards to show our love for this faithful God through actions, and to lean in to our trust in Him even when it seems He is not answering our prayers.

The First Reading, from Isaiah, teaches that all of humanity is invited to become the Lord’s disciples. But we have to actually take Him up on the invitation by the way we live our lives. “Observe what is right, do what is just... All who keep the Sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, then I will bring to my holy mountain... for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” Our parish is not a country club. It is meant for all and must be a welcome place for all — where we roll up our sleeves together to serve and worship our God.

God knows we will not always get this right. We will choose selfishness and stay in our comfort zones at times, rather than embracing the daily call to discipleship. But God will never withhold His love and His gifts from us.

Our Second Reading, from the letter to the Romans, shows us, “For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.” God is patient and merciful with us when we falter in the stewardship way of life. He brings good from even our failures as long as we continue to attempt the challenging path of discipleship. The reading closes with this reminder: “For God delivered all to disobedience that he might have mercy upon all.”

And because God is indeed faithful and merciful, He wants to lead us to the joy of heaven to spend eternity with Him. For that, we must be strong in faith and live our lives as an act of love and gratitude to Him. In other words, we must allow Him to transform us into saints. This is what the stewardship way of life is meant to do. Sometimes, that will feel painful to us. Often, it will be challenging.

Jesus certainly challenged the Canaanite woman in today’s Gospel passage from Matthew. She called out to Him on behalf of her daughter, who was being tormented by a **demon**. What did Jesus do in reply to this mother’s desperate plea? Nothing. He “did not say a word in answer to her.” But she was undeterred and continued to call out to Him — so much so that the disciples asked Him to send her away. Jesus does not send her away, but He does not give her what she asks for immediately either.

Instead, He continues to challenge the woman’s faith. And she rises to the challenge to such an-impressive degree that Jesus exclaims, “O woman [a term of deep respect in that day], great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” Imagine hearing those words proclaimed over us by God.

Truly, there could be no higher honor than hearing our Lord say that to us. So, we must accept the difficulties that come with the stewardship way of life. Some days will be a true challenge to our trust in God. But those are the days when God is making saints of us. Let’s embrace the hard days, especially in the face of these challenging times we face today during the pandemic. The deep joy that eventually comes, the eternal reward He promises, will be so worth it. And He wants us— all of us— to have it.

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Stewardship Collection

Total Weekly Collection - 07/31 to 08/06 \$3,460.68

Other Offerings (Mass Offering, Funerals, Marriages, Donations) \$1,044.73

TOTAL OFFERINGS \$4,055.41

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

*Unplanned expenses in our budget for This Year \$46,699.00
(Increase) Parish Assessment and Property & Liability Insurance

Collection not retained by the Parish \$5.00

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

**September 4, 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:

- (+)Joaquin & Jerry Clemente
- (+)Tony & Andrea Leano
- (+)Jefry & Valeriana Ignacio
- (+)Joaquin & Dorotea Culcul
- (+)Elvira C, Bergano
- (+)Juan Galo
- (+)Leonora Ramos Morales

Death Anniversaries

- (+) Gabina Boronio Sebastian

Blessings & protection for:

- Philomena. Leota

Birthdays:

- Susan Batangan

Thanksgiving from ;

- Leota Family
- Juan & Adelina Sebastian

Healing for:

- Carlina Clemente
- Caroline, Jordan & Dela Rosa Coloma
- Lucila Leandro

08/18 to 22/2020

For the Rest of the Souls of:

- (+)Leonora Ramos Morales