

August 23, 2020

Twenty-First - 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, to Friday at 7:15am with the following schedule (No reservations required; attendance will be filled as “First -come, First-served”)



Register for Mass

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

Our readings today reveal beautiful truths about our God, and they challenge us to look at the truth about ourselves as well.

The second reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans describes the attributes of God in powerful, eloquent terms. “Oh, the depths of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!” It makes you want to stand up and cheer. Paul ends the passage with this with final shout of praise, “For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.” We can and should join in this chorus of praise.

But mere words are not enough — sentiment alone will not do for this perfect, all-loving and all-powerful God of ours. We must love Him with our whole being. We must make our very lives a grateful gift of love to Him. This is how we can truly give Him “glory forever.”

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, leads us to take a serious look at whether our lives give God the glory He deserves. It comes in the form of a question that Jesus poses to the disciples. He leads up to it gently enough: “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they offer varying responses. Then, Jesus gets personal with them. “But who do you say that I am?” Peter gets the answer right: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus is getting personal with us today. He poses the same question to each one of us who call ourselves His stewards and modern-day disciples. Surely, we would not hesitate to answer just as Peter did, that Jesus is the Christ, Son of the living God.

But do our lives truly reflect this answer? If we really believe that Christ is the Son of God, sent to save us from our sins and lead us to heaven, then we must say so — not just with words, but with our actions. Do my ambitions and priorities in life say that Christ is my Savior and I am His disciple? Does my budget, my family life, my entertainment say so?

The gifts and blessings that God has given us — our time, our talents, our material possessions — are meant to be used in a manner that says, “Christ is my Savior and I am His disciple.” The most eloquent praise we can offer Him is a life lived in grateful response to His unfathomable love. This is the beauty and power of a stewardship way of life.

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Stewardship Collection

Total Weekly Collection - 08/07-19, 2020	\$3,021.85
Other Offerings (Mass Offering, Funerals, Marriages, Donations)	\$1,825.61
Repairs and Maintenance Collection	\$1,206.39
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$6,053.85
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	\$75.00

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

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)	

Repose of the Souls of:
 (+) Jose & Vicenta Pascual
 (+) Kola Fualau
 (+) Krispin Rivera
 (+) Ignacio & Angela Cabulay
 (+) Rambo Cabulay

Blessings & protection for:
 - Philomena. Leota

Birthdays:
 - Rissalyn Lat
 - Jason Balatico

Thanksgiving from ;
 - Leota Family
 - Knights of Columbus #17042
 - Melva Ulep

Divine Protection & Thanksgiving:
 - Noel & Aaron Jacinto
 - Madeline & Keirsten Manansala
 - Alex & Patricia Manansala

08/25-29/2020

For the Repose of the Souls of:
 (+) Krispin Rivera
 (+) Benjamin Manansala & Deceased Fam.
 (+) Gilo Manansala & Deceased Fam.

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