

St. John the Baptist Church

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Monday – **Closed**

Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

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September 18th, 2022

Mass Intentions

Sunday

6:00 am	(+) Eugene Quetulio
8:00 am	(+) Florentino Mandac Felipe
10:00 am	Parish Family of St John the Baptist
12:30 pm	

Monday

No Service

Tuesday

7:15 am	(+) Florentino Mandac Felipe
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Wednesday

7:15 am	(+) Florentino Mandac Felipe, Dean Enrico Birth day Mrs. Adelina Sebastian
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Thursday

7:15 am	(+) Florentino Mandac Felipe
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Friday

7:15 am	(+) Florentino Mandac Felipe, Death Anniversary Maria Bautista
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Saturday

5:00 pm	(+) Florentino Mandac Felipe
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Announcements

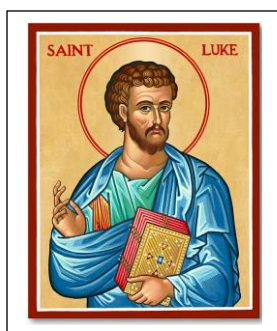
1. Today our second collection is for the **Debt Reduction**. Thank you for your stewardship.
2. We are wishing our Religious Education Volunteers at Saint John the Baptist a very blessed Catechetical Sunday. Thank you for your time and commitment. *“Catechists are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others” – Pope Francis.*
3. We need you! Sign up to use your gifts to serve our Lord as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Usher. For additional information please attend one of the 2 following meetings:
 - **Spanish** new and current Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers will have a meeting on Sunday September 25th immediately following the 12:30 p.m. Mass.
 - **English** new and current Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers will have a meeting on Thursday September 29th at 6:00 p.m. at the Church.
4. The Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Thursday immediately following the 7:15 a.m. Mass.
5. Please note that our email has been changed. Our new email address is sjbkalihi@rcchawaii.org. Please update your email contact as the old email will be discontinued on October 15, 2022.
6. Please call the Parish Office to register and/or sign up for envelopes.
7. Please note that you can request mass intentions, make donations, learn about pre-baptismal classes and more using our website.

STEWARDSHIP COLLECTION

Total Weekly Collection (09/11/2022)	\$ 3,989.46
Other Offerings and donations	\$ 136.00
Total Weekly Offering Collection	\$ 4,125.46
Weekly offering Necessary to Cover Parish Operations	\$ 6,653.55
Other Collections	
Second Collections – Catholic University of America	\$ 823.00
Special Collections - Debt Reduction	\$ 708.35
Collections Not Retained by Parish	\$ 1.00
School Debt Reduction Collection	
Debt Reduction Goal for 2021-2022	\$ 117,680.00
Debt Reduction Collected Year to Date	\$ 48,406.24
Balance Left to Reach 2021-2022 Goal	\$ 69,273.76



Life of Stewardship Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



After today's readings, we can't say we have not been warned about the dangers of mixed-up priorities. God's Word is so very clear today on the necessity of putting Him first in all areas of our lives.

We see this in the First Reading from Amos. The Lord has harsh words for those who would take advantage of the poor and whose priorities are not aligned with God's. "Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land... Never will I forget a thing they have done!" Lest we think we are off the hook as long as we are not cheating the poor outright, the Lord condemns just as strongly those who are anxious for the Sabbath to be over so they can go back to the more "important" matters of business and the like. Even our thought life is important to the Lord! Perhaps we are not off the hook after all.

In the Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, Paul gives us the antidote to the self-centeredness condemned in our First Reading. The antidote, of course, is to imitate Christ. "There is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all." Rather than thinking of Himself and how to "get ahead" Christ gave Himself away — completely — for our sake. That is how we are to live. How to better serve God and give ourselves to others are the thoughts that should preoccupy our minds.

In our Gospel passage from Luke, the Lord shows us how to bridge the gap between worldly thinking and priorities and eternal thinking and priorities. Jesus tells the parable of the corrupt but clever steward who is about to get fired when the master discovers the steward has been squandering his property. Realizing his imminent unemployed status, the clever steward reaches out to the various debtors of his master to wheel and deal with them, making friends who would look out for him when he became jobless.

We do have to give this man credit for his ingenuity. And, in fact, Jesus does just that by saying, "The master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light."

What do we learn from this curious parable to help us avoid the worldly thinking condemned in our First Reading and give ourselves away as Jesus did as is described in our Second Reading? We know this "bad steward" was clever and energetic. He put thought, prudence, and creativity into the plans he made for his self-serving ends and carried out his plans with great success.

What if we put that kind of effort into our own tasks as good stewards of all God's gifts to us? Into our ministries, into the ways we could make more time for prayer as individuals, as couples, as families, and as a parish? What if we got as creative as the "bad steward" in the use of our finances so that we could give more generously to the poor and the advancement of God's kingdom on the earth? That's our lesson and our challenge.

— *Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)*