

January 31, 2020
Fourth Sunday
In Ordinary Time



"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Important Announcement

Dear Parishioners,

**St. John the Baptist Church
resumes for public worship
to Public Weekdays and
Weekend Masses.**

* **Saturday 5PM**
* **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")



**Register
for Mass**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

Our readings today remind us of God's authority. If we willingly give God authority over our lives and trust in His provision, He will take care of us no matter what.

In our First Reading, Moses announces to the Israelites that God will send them another prophet through whom He will communicate His commands. Regarding the prophet, the Lord says, "Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle, I have not commanded... he shall die."

These are tough words to hear from our Lord, but they are a good reminder for us. We, too, will answer to the Lord one day as to how well we listened to His words and lived by His commands. The thought of our final judgment may cause us to cringe in fear. And while it is good to have a holy fear of being separated from God for all eternity, fear is not to be the motivating factor on our faith journey. As Christian stewards, it is our job to imitate Christ and follow His commands out of gratitude for all that He has given us. We are more willing to live by God's commands when we are motivated by love and gratitude.

In our Second Reading, St. Paul tells us how to give God authority over our lives. St. Paul was preaching to the people of Corinth regarding Christ's Second Coming. Because he thought the Second Coming was approaching fast, he encouraged them, if unmarried, to remain that way so they might fix their hearts on Christ with the time they have left. It might seem that St. Paul's message cannot apply to us in our present-day — however, what he said has great value to us. No matter our state of life — bishop, priest, deacon, religious, married, single — we are called to put Christ first in our lives and to strive to please Him in all that we do. We are inviting God to have authority over our lives when we make Him our top priority. As a result, we will be more prepared to meet Christ at His Second Coming, and we will have an overwhelming peace in our hearts.

Our Gospel today reminds us why we want to give God this authority. Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the sabbath. All were fixed on His words and astonished at what He had to say. Suddenly everyone's attention shifted to a man with an unclean spirit who began to question Jesus and His authority. Jesus responded, "Quiet, come out of him!" and removed the evil spirit from the man. All were amazed at the healing of this man.

Life can sometimes look like the synagogue in Capernaum. We are living as disciples of Christ, when we suddenly recognize evil around us — through events in our lives, temptations we are enduring, or by falling into sin. It can distract us, consume our attention, or even cause us to despair. In these moments of trial, we must remember the Healer in our Gospel today. Recall His words, "Quiet, come out of Him!" Jesus has the power and authority over evil, for He has conquered sin and death. He also has the power and authority over us. And when we invite Him to have that authority, He will heal us and help us persevere.

Today, we are reminded that God is in control and that we want Him to be in control. He is the loving Healer that will work miracles in our lives if we give Him the authority to do so.

Stewardship Collection

Total Weekly Collection 01/24/2021	\$3,066.16
Other Offerings (Mass Offering, Funerals, NCW, Marriages, Donations)	\$5,052.00
2 nd Collection Maintenance & Repair	\$84.00
First Offering Envelope	\$110.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$50.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$8,362.16
2 nd Collection Latin American/Black/Native	\$1,155.50
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	\$0

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



The envelopes for your donations/tithing for the year 2021 are at the parish office. Donation statement for parishioners will be mail to your address in file next week. If you change your address recently please inform the office. Also, if you want your 2021 envelopes to be mail it to your home address please inform the office. Mahalo!

PARISH MINISTRIES

- *Building & Maintenance
- *Baptism Prep.
- *RCIA *Eucharistic Ministry
- *Lectors *Altar Server
- *Altar Cleaners
- *Ushers/Hospitality
- *Social Ministry
- *Neo-Catechumenal Way
- *Divine Mercy
- *Music Ministries
- *Youth Ministry
- *Knights of Columbus
- *Gimong ti Novena *Ethnic Ministries (Hispanic, Samoan,

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

MASS INTENTIONS

For the Repose of the Souls:

- (+) Polly V. Corpuz
- (+) Regina Ulep
- (+) Vicente Ulep
- (+) Lorenza Dumlaog
- (+) Elisia de Guzman
- (+) Russell Reis
- (+) Floraley Maglaya Diamsay
- (+) Flora Maglaya

Healing:

- Kristiane Aguinaldo
- Antonio Virgin Medina

Birthday Blessings:

- Akenese S. Leota

Thanksgiving & Blessings:

- Leota Family
- Severina Gose (Retirement)

Important Announcement:

The Donation tax report letter has been sent out to you. If you did not receive your letter, please call the office and let us know. Mahalo nui loa for your stewardship & generosity to our parish. God Bless!