

April 1167, 2021
Divine Mercy Sunday
“Jesus I Trust In You”



“Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His Love is everlasting”.

Important Announcement

Dear Parishioners,

St. John the Baptist Church resumes for public worship to 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](http://saintjohnthebaptistkalihi.eventbrite.com)

and register.

Daily Masses are Tuesday to Friday @ 7:15am(No reservations required; attendance will be filled as “First -come, First-served”)



**Register
for Mass**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

On this second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We celebrate this feast today since God’s mercy was shared with us through the resurrection of Jesus. The access to Divine Mercy has been with us since that time. Many centuries later, in 1931, Jesus revealed specific instructions to a nun named Sr. Faustina to help further spread the message of His Divine Mercy. To put it simply, today, we are celebrating Jesus’ merciful love for us and how we can partake in it.

No matter where we are on our journey as a disciple of Christ, we are all in need of God’s merciful love. There are countless times throughout our day when we miss the mark. For instance, we might fail to respond in kind to our spouse or kids, fall into gossip in our workday, or even forget to think positively of others. These shortcomings call us to humble ourselves and receive the unwavering mercy of God.

As we see in our Gospel, even Thomas, one of Jesus’ apostles, falls short as he doubts the resurrection. We can resonate with Thomas in the ways we might have doubts about the presence of Christ in our day-to-day lives — not believing in His power, doubting His presence in times of suffering, or even doubting His love for us. Yet, there is something valuable we can learn from Thomas. Once he realized his weakness, he cried out, “My Lord and my God.” Surely at that moment, Jesus could see the thoughts of Thomas’ heart and extended His merciful love towards him. When we recognize our need for God’s mercy, let us cry out for Him at that moment, saying, “My Lord and my God, have mercy on me.”

Jesus is Mercy itself. He was born into time to save us from sin. And to ensure His Mercy was always available to us, He gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In our Gospel, Jesus encounters the apostles after the resurrection and says, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” Jesus gave us the gift of this sacrament because He wants to help us reach eternal life. He knows we cannot do it without His merciful love, and a resolve to do better and to follow Him more faithfully. It starts with an awareness of our sins and a humble heart.

In our Second Reading, St. John helps us further understand this message of mercy. He says, “For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments.” We must be careful not to fall under the misconception of a false message of mercy — God’s mercy is abundant and readily available to us; however, we need to do our very best to actively live out our call as disciples of Christ. The times when we fall are the times, we must seek God’s mercy, in addition to changing our ways to become a more faithful disciple. One way to tangibly help us achieve this is by doing a daily examen each night. If we take just a few minutes to reflect on our day with gratitude, acknowledge our sins, and pray for tomorrow’s events, surely, we will grow on our path of discipleship.

Let us continue to celebrate today, as we are in the midst of our glorious Easter season! As we celebrate, may we recall the precious gift God has given to us through His Son — Mercy itself. May we never forget that, with a contrite heart and a resolution to do better, God is always willing to forgive. And may we never withhold merciful love from anyone we meet.

Stewardship Collection

Total Weekly Collection 04/04/2021	\$7,237.52
Other Offerings (Mass Offering, Funerals, NCW, Marriages, Donations)	\$1,100.00
Holy Thursday Envelope Collection	\$1,737.58
Rice Bowl Collection	\$2,882.56
Good Friday Envelope Collection	\$2,665.50
Holy Land Envelope	\$2,218.24
Palm Sunday Envelope Collection	\$455.00
Maintenance & Repair Envelope	\$35.00
Candles	\$140.86
Ash Wednesday Envelope	\$50.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$13,421.46
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 this week	\$5,100.80

Rev. Clement Beeri
Parish Administrator
Deacon Peter Soumwei
Deacon Ricardo Burgos
**Bertha Guerrero*
Secretary
**Ping Blas*
Finance Council Chair
**Danielle Burgos*
Busines Manager/Religious
Education Director

MASS INTENTIONS

For the Repose of the Souls:

- (+) Benjamin Manansala
- (+) Rowena Benedic
- (+) Juanita Ramil
- (+) Evaristo Agag, (+)Naty Ramos
- (+) Orlando C Domingo
- (+) Anastacia Siatriz,
- (+) Marcelino Siatriz
- (+) Anitele'a & Isapela Iese
- (+) Kerisiano Talaeai
- (+) Leota Toloa Filimino
- (+) Moana Anitele'a
- (+) Conchita Evangelista
- (+) Lorenza Dumlag

Thanksgiving:

- Leota Family
- Fa'asu Family

Blessings:

- Fr. Ioane. Anitele'a
- Philomena Leota

Healing:

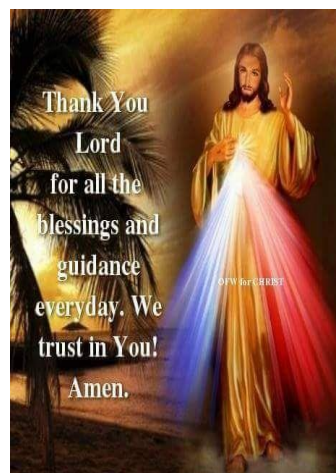
- Fr. Setefano Tuisea

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
- *RCIA
- *Eucharistic Ministry
- *Lectors
- *Altar Servers *Altar Cleaners
- *Ushers/ Hospitality
- *Social Ministry
- *Neo-Catechumenal Way
- *Divine Mercy



On behalf of Fr. Clement Beeri, Fr. Diego, & Deacons, we would like to extend our warm sincere thank you for your faith, love & stewardship during Holy Week. God Bless each of you & your families!