

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEBT REDUCTION SECOND COLLECTION: We will have a second collection, **next weekend April 2/3**, after communion. Your donation will help pay for the mortgage of the One Community Center. Envelopes are available at the back of the church or on our parish website, online giving. Your generosity is much appreciated.

FOOD PANTRY: If you or someone you know needs food assistance, we can help! Come see us on Tuesday, March 29th from 10 am – 12 noon in front of the One Community Center.

DRIVEN BY A DREAM: Malnutrition is widespread in Rwanda, but Gloriose and her husband are doing everything they can to keep their children healthy and set them up for success. From learning to grow a kitchen garden to participating in a micro-savings group, Gloriose and Karekezi know it takes many resources to help their children thrive. How have you helped others access what they need this Lent? Visit csrcicebowl.org to learn more.

EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES are available at the back of the church, or you may also donate through online giving by visiting our parish website.

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION (LUKE 15:1 – 3, 11 – 32)

By Deacon Romeo Ganibe

Today's Gospel from Luke is the story of the Prodigal Son. My initial reaction today to this parable from Jesus was that I knew where this story was going to take me as I have heard it so many times in my life. As I reflect on the Gospel, I prayed for Grace to deeply listen to the word of God.

My attention was immediately focused on to the father. Maybe God also wants us to imagine ourselves as the father in the story. Seeing ourselves as the father may be the most difficult thing of all, for it demands the most of us. Yet in faith, we believe that we aren't simply supposed to obey our God, we are also supposed to imitate him, to pattern our lives after God the Son, our Lord Jesus. So, what does it mean for us to be like the father in the story? First, it means that we have to be willing to do our part, to be willing to run out and embrace those who have wronged us. So often we sit around and wait for others to come to us to make things right. For whom are our lives are we waiting --- that is, who are we demanding come to us to make things right? Of all the people who

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MISSION / VISION STATEMENT: WE ARE A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY—called to develop a deeper relationship with Christ. Such a relationship is fostered through active participation in: *Word, Sacrament, Renewal Programs, Ministry/Service* and other ***Spirit-led*** activities. We dedicate our time, talent, and treasure to install, in our parish community the basic building blocks of Christian living, ***to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to all through our words, deeds, and lives.***

PASTOR Fr. Anthony Rapozo

In Residence Fr. John Gabriel

DEACON Dcn. Romeo Ganibe

FULL Parish Clergy & Staff Directory available on our website.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: 8AM (Monday - Saturday)

Sunday: 5PM (Saturday Vigil), 7AM, 9AM, 11AM (Livestream)
youtube.com/c/SaintJohnMililani
 & 6PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30PM

PARISH RECTORY HOURS

Monday 12PM - 4PM

Tuesday - Friday 8:30AM - 4:00PM

Saturday - Sunday Closed

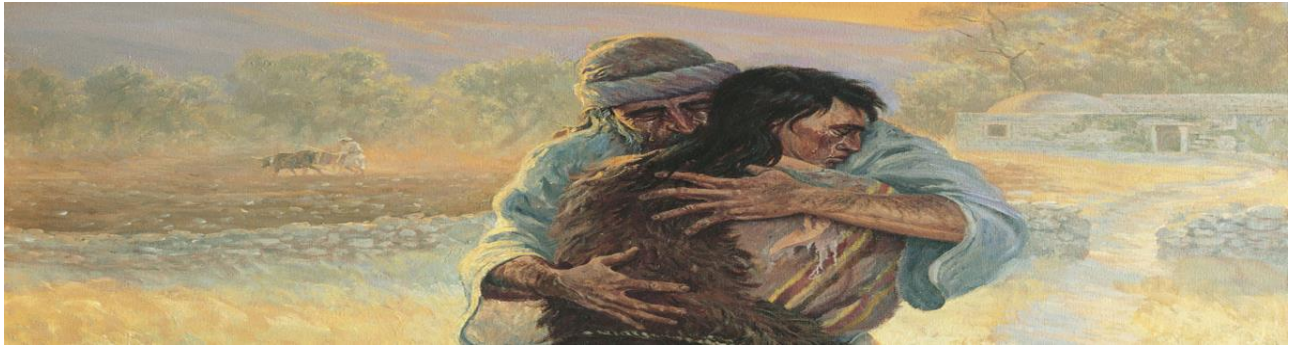
Please call the office for all other inquiries:
 Anointing, Baptisms, Blessings, Food Pantry,
 Funeral, Homebound Communion &
 Marriage.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE MAR 19/20

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,063.74
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,652.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 650.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 515.00
Baptism	\$ 45.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 975.00
Social Ministry	\$ 55.00
Stewardship	\$ 125.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 120.00
Candles	\$ 441.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 1,094.00
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	\$ 600.00
Ukraine	\$ 5.00

WEEKEND TOTAL \$ 19,340.74





FR. ANTHONY'S STEWARDSHIP CORNER (OUR IDENTITY)

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "The desire of God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God" (CCC27)

You were created by God and for God to serve him in this world and to be happy with him in the next. The "for God" part is a key element of our stewardship spirituality and establishes our identity.

Who are you? You were created by God for God. You are not your own. You were created at a price, the price of the cross.

We don't own ourselves, God owns us. This understanding is critical to our personal relationship with God and is critical to our discipleship.

Fr. Anthony Pope

SUNDAY BULLETIN REFLECTION (CONTINUE FROM PAGE 1)

have hurt us, who will we reach out to in order to bring about real and lasting healing?

We can also imitate the father by not making those who have hurt us say all the right things or make the perfect apology (or any apology for that matter.) The restoring of the relationship is all the father seems to care about --- not apologies, not groveling, not excuses. How many of us can say the same? How many of us can forgive even when forgiveness is not asked for or even when sorrow is not shown?

And lastly, we can imitate the father by not limiting our willingness to forgive the little things. No, we are also called to be like the father when it comes to the deep hurts, the incredibly painful experiences we have endured through the actions of others. This is probably the most difficult thing of all. To ask one's inheritance early (while the person is still alive) was equivalent to saying, "Father, you are dead to me."

And so, this Lent, as we continue on this journey of faith, let's not simply spend it asking God for things: for his love, mercy, forgiveness, or healing. Rather, let's receive those gifts from God with generous hearts – hearts willing to pour out on others, the very things we have received.

A prodigal son and a forgiving father. Maybe we can learn a little something from both.

"The son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."
Then the celebration began. – LUKE 15:24



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday March 28, 2022

8AM Stan Kuerbis (RIP)
Grace Sullivan (Healing)
Patricia Rodriguez
(Birthday Blessing)

Tuesday March 29, 2022

8AM Catherine Smart (RIP)
Lucila Duque (RIP)
Engracia Pablo
(Birthday Memorial)

Wednesday March 30, 2022

8AM Mary Agnes Smart (RIP)
Elaine Utu (RIP)
Hermie Madayag (RIP)

Thursday March 31, 2022

8AM Marissa Yago & Martin Lorencio
(RIP)
Ernesto Villareal
(Birthday Blessing)

Friday

8AM Paul Swider (RIP)
Feliciano Dona (RIP)
Guerrero Family (Blessings)

Saturday April 2, 2022

8AM All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Chan Family (Healing)
Samuel S. Aguirre (Blessing)
5PM Bronson Somera (RIP)

Sunday April 3, 2022

7AM Vicente & Rosenda Barayuga (RIP)
9AM For the People
11AM James & Mildred Mizoguchi & Eric
Umetsu (RIP)
6PM Baltazar Mauleon
(Death Anniversary)

Leonina, Kathleen & Riza Gatdula
(Birthday Blessing)

April 1, 2022

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

CRECINIA E. CABACUNGAN (RIP), Monday, April 18, 2022, Mililani Memorial Park, Mauka Chapel,
Family: 9:00 am, Prayer Service: 10:30 am, Burial: Mililani Memorial Park: 11:30 am.

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Art Apilado, Monique Carlmark, Jimmy Austin, Elaine Marterella, Thi Choi Nguyen, Christy Esposito, Kevin Gagan, Paulina Sarandi, Eduardo Islao, Joyce B. Bean, Teresa Montoya, James Kahala, Demetrio & Rita Galicinao, Rodney Keli'i, Allan Garvida, Hildegard Borowitz, Ron Thames, Carol Naumu & Bienvinido Roter.

DECEASED

George Kupihea, Prima Romualdo-Hill, Francis Balmores, Andres Remigio, Francisco Leonores, Michael Murphy, Jane Alukonis, Sandy Jones, Hermie Madayag, Leonora Wong, Elaine Utu, Elizabeth C. Ancheta, Stacey Chambers, Louis Esposito, Paul Swider, James Smith & Adrienne Gregory.



HE MADE HIS DWELLING AMONG US

The Annunciation and the Gospel of Life

The Annunciation celebrates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to inform her that she was to be the mother of Jesus. On this great feast day, we not only recall Mary's courageous "yes" to God, we also celebrate the Incarnation of Christ, our Savior. For it was there, in the womb of a woman, nine months before the celebration of the manger, that "the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14).

The celebration of the Annunciation coincides with the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). This prophetic document on the dignity and inviolability of every human life was put forth by Pope John Paul II on the Solemnity of the Annunciation in 1995. The intimate connection of these two events highlights a profound reality about the identity and value of every human person.

Luke's Gospel tells us that by the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ would be conceived within the womb of Mary. It was there, in the womb of the Blessed Mother, that Christ first took on human flesh and made his dwelling among us. Like us, the unborn child Jesus grew and developed beneath the shelter of his mother's loving heart. Through Christ's Incarnation, God chose to share fully and intimately in our humanity and bridge all distance between God and man, so that we may dwell together.

The Church teaches us that "by His incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every man."¹ God desired to dwell among us, as one of us, in order to bring us salvation. This truth "reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God... but also the incomparable value of every human person."²

Each of us is made in the image and likeness of our Creator, to share in the very life of God himself. This reality "reveals the greatness and the inestimable value of human life."³ The human person is "a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory."⁴ Created through the love of the Father, each one of us bears "an indelible imprint of God."⁵ By sharing in our humanity, Christ invites us to share in his divinity, that we might dwell with him for eternity.

Therefore, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel."⁶ Through Christ's descent to earth God desires to raise each one of us to the heights of heaven. May we recognize that to proclaim the Gospel of Life is to proclaim Christ, the one who *made his dwelling among us*.



1. Pope Paul VI, *Gaudium et spes: Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1965), 22.
2. Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), 2.

3. *Ibid.*

4. Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 34.

5. Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 35.

6. Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 2.

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Respect Life: "There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves'... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (The Gospel of Life 86).

PARISH MISSION: Presented by The Companions of the Holy Spirit (Brendan Case and Nick Villalobos) **Monday, March 28th through Thursday March 31st, Hearing the Voice of God, 9 am – 11 am; Encountering the Holy Spirit Seminar, 7 pm – 9 pm.** Come and your life will be set on fire! Visit www.NewPentecost.org to learn more about The Companions of the Holy Spirit.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

March 27, 2022

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TRIDUUM: A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE

In Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, the viewer is brought deeper into the story, landscape, and reality of Holy Week. It draws those with open hearts and minds toward a deeper understanding of Christ's victory while offering rich meditations for the pilgrimage of daily life.



FORMED NOW! HOLY SATURDAY— JESUS' DESCENT INTO HELL

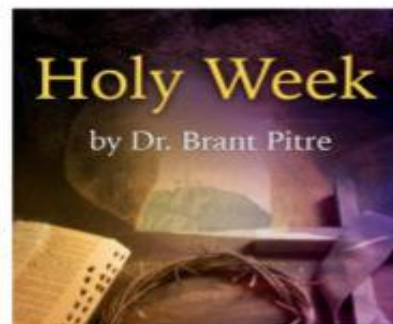
What do we mean when we profess that Jesus descended into Hell? Join Drs. Tim Gray and Michael Barber as they discuss this mysterious event of Holy Saturday.

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HOLY WEEK BY DR. BRANT PITRE

Join Dr. Brant Pitre, author and Scripture scholar, as he walks us through the events of Holy Week. Pitre's insights and clarity allow the listener to enter into a deeper appreciation of the most important events of Christ's earthly ministry.



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