

# SPIRIT-LED NEWS



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CRS Rice Bowls:** THANK YOU!! Our community changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, and we want to say THANK YOU! Don't forget to turn in your Rice Bowl or donate online. Visit [cricebowl.org](http://cricebowl.org) to learn more.

**MOTHER'S DAY:** Honor your mother, living or deceased, this Mother's Day, May 8<sup>th</sup> by making a Mass offering. All the names will be published in the May 1 bulletin. **Please PRINT LEGIBLY.** Envelopes are available at the back of the church. **The deadline to submit your mother's name for publication is Tuesday, April 26.**

## STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTION (JOHN 20:1 – 9)

*By Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

Happy Easter! What a joy it is as a community of faith, praising God and thanking him for the wonders he has done. As I was preparing my reflection, I got to thinking about . . .

Empty hearts. Empty relationships. Empty shelves. Empty gas tanks. Empty hands. Empty wallets. Empty promises.

Every time we think of something as being empty it seems to be a negative thing, an undesirable thing. Most of us don't want anything that's empty. But today we rejoice in an EMPTY TOMB --- the great sign of God's power over every evil --- every sorrow, every failure to love, every disappointment, every tragedy, every sin, and even over death itself. The tomb may have been empty, but the world would be forever filled with the power that the empty tomb represents --- the power of the resurrection.

The power of the resurrection is not something that only impacts our lives at the end, it's a power that is at work, right now in every human heart. This great triumph over sin and death represented by the empty tomb, has the ability to fill all the emptiness inside of us --- the wounds, the brokenness, the sorrow, and even the sin.

The power of the resurrection, the power revealed by the empty tomb, can make an unbelievable difference -- a life-changing difference for each of us -- IF we are willing to change. And not just if we are willing to

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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](https://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

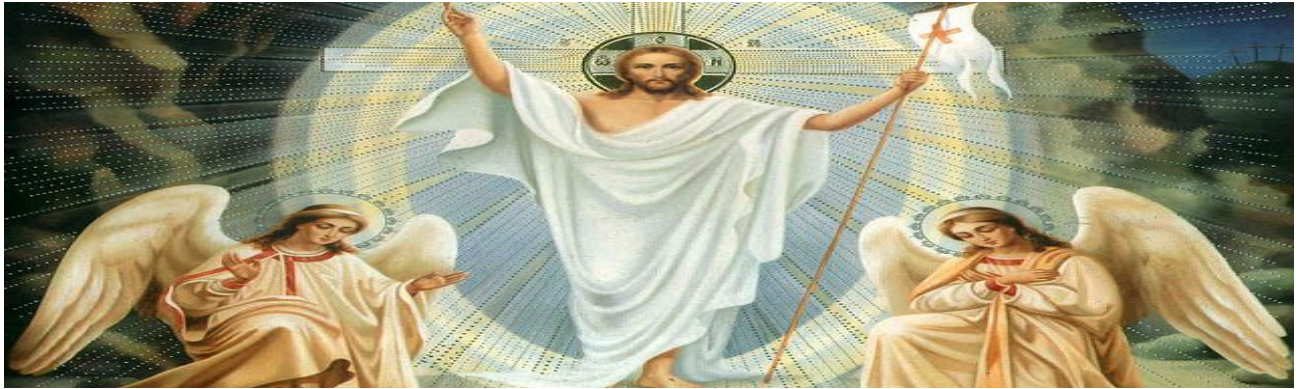
Please call the office for all other inquiries:  
Anointing, Baptisms, Blessings, Food Pantry,  
Funeral, Homebound Communion &  
Marriage.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE APR 9/10**

|                                         |              |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Sunday Collection                       | \$ 13,733.55 |
| Online Donation (WeShare)               | \$ 3,647.00  |
| Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM) | \$ 530.00    |
| OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)     | \$ 210.00    |
| Baptism                                 | \$ 136.00    |
| Debt Reduction                          | \$ 1,418.00  |
| Stewardship                             | \$ 45.00     |
| Mass Intentions                         | \$ 180.00    |
| Candles                                 | \$ 360.00    |
| Holy Thursday                           | \$ 145.00    |
| Good Friday                             | \$ 125.00    |
| Easter Flowers                          | \$ 561.00    |
| Easter                                  | \$ 1,030.00  |
| Catholic Relief Services (CRS)          | \$ 70.00     |
| Operation Rice Bowl                     | \$ 631.68    |
| Ukraine                                 | \$ 5.00      |
| Retirement Fund Religious               | \$ 8.50      |
| 'Ohana in Christ                        | \$ 30.00     |

**WEEKEND TOTAL \$ 22,865.73**





## FR. ANTHONY'S STEWARDSHIP CORNER (YOUR TITHE BY ANOTHER NAME)

When I use the word tithe, some people get uneasy, some get apprehensive and some, well, get hostile. When I use the word love, the reaction is quite different. The word love is reassuring. When I use the term sacrificial offering, some find it scary.

Tithing and sacrificial giving are really the same thing. In the time of the Old Testament, the focus was on tithing, or giving a fixed percentage to God. This was before there was an opportunity to participate in the sacrifice of the Eucharist. Although the focus was on tithing, the concept of sacrificial offering was recognized before the time of Christ. "The choicest first fruits of your soil you shall bring to the house of the Lord, your God" (Ex 23:19). Giving the first fruits to God and keeping the seconds for yourself is sacrificial giving.

Tithing or sacrificial giving is love. It is giving back the love that God gives you. As you progress in your discipleship journey, the terms tithing, and sacrificial giving become more comforting.

*Fr. Anthony Raper*

## SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION (CONTINUE FROM PAGE 1)

change, but if we actually want to change, long for it and are sincerely open to it. God wants to transform our lives into lives of even greater beauty, meaning, and purpose. He wants to transform us into men and women, who sees more like he sees, and who loves more like he loves. And if we are open to this transformation, if we invite the power of God's saving act to penetrate our hearts and minds, everything will be different.

The victory has been won. And because of that victory, every difficulty we face in this life can be resurrected and created anew --- transformed from something of great darkness, into something so much better, so much more beautiful, and so much more meaningful.

Empty tomb? Doesn't sound too bad. May the emptiness in each of us be filled by every good thing God offers, not just this Easter day, but every day --- every time we need the power of the resurrection to make a real and lasting difference in our lives. May God's saving act change each of us for the better. He is risen! Alleluia! Blessed Easter everyone.

***"When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now." – Blessed Mother Teresa***

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday April 18, 2022**

8AM Patrick Taylor (Birthday Blessing)  
 Anthony Ganzon  
 (Birthday Blessing)  
 Dominique Escamilla  
 (Birthday Blessing)

**Tuesday April 19, 2022**

8AM Raymond Motta (RIP)  
 Alejandro Aquino Jr. (RIP)  
 Allan Garvida (RIP)

**Wednesday April 20, 2022**

8AM Adrienne Gregory (RIP)  
 Allan Garvida (RIP)  
 Pat Mentone (Healing/Blessing)

**Thursday April 21, 2022**

8AM Allan Garvida (RIP)  
 Marcos Venancio (Healing)  
 Zamuel Pascual (Death  
 Anniversary/ Birthday Memorial)

**Friday**

8AM

**April 22, 2022**

Allan Garvida (RIP)  
 Regina Gasmen  
 (Birthday Blessing)  
 Kirah Evila (Thanksgiving/Blessing)

**Saturday**

8AM

**April 23, 2022**

Angela Campos (RIP)  
 Eric Vincent Manluctao (RIP)  
 Noah Avila  
 (Thanksgiving/Congratulation)  
 Barbara Browning  
 (Birthday Blessing)  
 Merlin Chambers

**Sunday**

7AM

**May 24, 2022**

Belinda Nakata (Birthday Blessing)  
 9AM For the People  
 11AM Carlos Eduardo Villareal  
 (Birthday Blessing)  
 6PM Ronald Redoble  
 (Birthday Blessing)

**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.

**LOUIS ESPOSITO (RIP)**, Tuesday, April 19, 2022, St John A&E, Mililani; Mass: 10:00 am, Burial: National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl): 1:00 pm with Military Honors.

**ELEANOR S. DE VEAS (RIP)**, Friday, April 29, 2022, Hawaiian Memorial Park Chapel ~ Kaneohe, Visitation: 10:30 am, Prayer Service: 11:30 am, Burial: Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery: 2:00 pm.

**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, Hildegard Borowitz, Ron Thames, Carol Naumu, Bienvenido Roter & Norma Nazareno.

**DECEASED**

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, Reed Kamikawa, William Martin Bass Jr., Allan Garvida, Mark C. Propios & Louis Esposito.







## *The Divine Mercy Novena*

**St John Apostle & Evangelist *Divine Mercy* Family  
Novena –**

**Saturday, April 16 to Sunday, April 24**

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Council 14663

**Please join us for prayer & reflection**

The message of *The Divine Mercy* is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon him trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.



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| Saturday                       | 4/16 | 6:00 pm |
| Sunday                         | 4/17 | 7:30 pm |
| Monday                         | 4/18 | 6:30 pm |
| Tuesday                        | 4/19 | 6:30 pm |
| Wednesday                      | 4/20 | 6:30 pm |
| Thursday                       | 4/21 | 6:30 pm |
| Friday                         | 4/22 | 5:30 pm |
| Saturday                       | 4/23 | 6:30 pm |
| Sunday                         | 4/24 | 3:00 pm |
| All Novenas will be in room #1 |      |         |

**Respect Life:** If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion" [www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy](http://www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy).

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## PICK OF THE WEEK

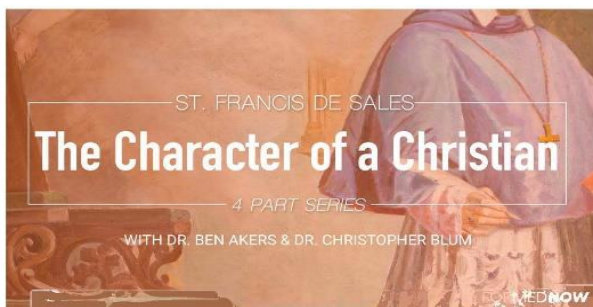
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### ECHO

#### WITH BISHOP DONALD HYING

ECHO is a series of short and engaging videos that introduces fundamental Catholic teachings and provides an inspiring start to personal growth in the Faith. This beautiful work of cinematography is hosted by Bishop Donald Hying of Gary, Indiana.



### ST. FRANCIS DE SALES AND THE CHARACTER OF A CHRISTIAN

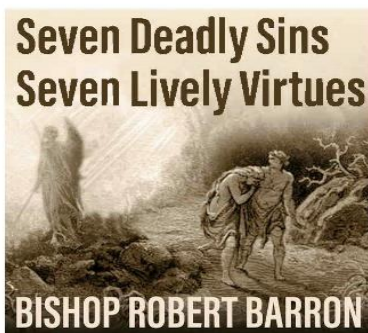
In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales' Introduction to the Devout Life and the proper character of a Christian. We hope you enjoy these conversations on an incredible Counter-Reformation saint whose work has instructed generations of believers.

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### SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES BY BISHOP ROBERT

In this brilliant talk, Bishop Barron uses Dante's Divine Comedy to show how we combat sin through the cultivation of virtue. This fascinating journey shows the path that God has designed to lead us to health, happiness, and holiness.



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