

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be Communion Services on Monday, May 16 – Friday, May 20 in lieu of daily Mass.

The Ascension of Jesus Christ Family Novena will be starting on Wednesday, May 18 to Thursday, May 26 in classroom 1. The Novena is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Join us and invite your family and friends for 9 nights of prayer and reflection. For more information, please contact Patrick Guzman (808) 351-6179 or by email: pguzman_5k@yahoo.com.

Wed 5/18	Thurs 5/19	Fri 5/20	Sat 5/21	Sun 5/22	Mon 5/23	Tues 5/24	Wed 5/25	Thurs 5/26
6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	1:00 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm	6:30 pm

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTION(JOHN 13:31-33A, 34-35)

By Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Today's readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter contain inspiring but challenging messages for us Christian stewards.

The Gospel from John includes this well-known verse: "My children...I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

How exactly is Jesus calling us to love? As He, Himself loved. Jesus loved (and loves) by serving us and by making a sacrifice of His very life for us. That is a tall order.

Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is not easy because it requires us to continuously fight against our selfish inclinations. But the more we empty ourselves of "self" by serving others, the more room we make in our hearts for God to pour His grace into us. Amazingly, the more we give our lives away to others, the more He fills us up with Himself who is love itself.

And amid the inevitable challenging moments this way of life entails we can be assured that the Lord who loves us so much that He died for us and established the Eucharist to be our strength and nourishment, is right here with us every step of the way. As we face the hardships that come with living as Christian stewards, we can continue to rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter season, finding great joy in following in our Lord's footsteps and in loving as He loves.

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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 MAY 7/8

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,545.62
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,947.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 101.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 970.00
Funeral	\$ 300.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 342.00
Stewardship	\$ 25.00
Children's Collection	\$ 1.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 70.00
Candles	\$ 560.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 20.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 45.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund	\$ 7,884.62
Mother's Day	\$ 693.50
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 24,509.74





FR. ANTHONY'S STEWARDSHIP CORNER (THE ISSUE OF WATER)

Another indicator of the present situation has to do with the depletion of natural resources. We all know that it is not possible to sustain the present level of consumption in developed countries and wealthier sectors of society, where the habit of wasting and discarding has reached unprecedented levels. The exploitation of the planet has already exceeded acceptable limits and we still have not solved the problem of poverty.

Fresh drinking water is an issue of primary importance. Water supplies used to be relatively constant, but now in many places, demand exceeds the sustainable supply. Water poverty especially affects Africa where large sectors of the population have no access to safe drinking water or experience droughts that impede agricultural production.

One particularly serious problem is the quality of water available to the poor. Every day, unsafe water results in many deaths and the spread of water-related diseases, including those caused by microorganisms and chemical substances. Even as the quality of available water is constantly diminishing, in some places there is a growing tendency, despite its scarcity, to privatize these resources, turning them into a commodity subject to the laws of the market. Yet access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right since it is essential to human survival and as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights.

Our world has a grave social debt toward the poor who lack access to drinking water because they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity. This debt can be paid partly by an increase in funding to provide clean water and sanitary services to the poor. But water continues to be wasted, not only in the developed world but also in developing countries that possess it in abundance. This shows that the problem of water is partly an educational and cultural issue since there is little awareness of the seriousness of such behavior within a context of great inequality.

Greater scarcity of water will lead to an increase in the cost of food and the various products which depend on its use. Some studies warn that an acute water shortage may occur within a few decades unless urgent action is taken. The environmental repercussions could affect billions of people; it is also conceivable that the control of water by large multinational businesses may become a major source of conflict in this century.

Fr. Anthony Roper

"I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you." – JOHN 13: 34-35

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday May 16, 2022

8AM Communion Service

Tuesday May 17, 2022

8AM Communion Service

Wednesday May 18, 2022

8AM Communion Service

Thursday May 19, 2022

8AM Communion Service

Friday May 20, 2022

8AM Communion Service

Saturday May 21, 2022

8AM

Ira E. Ordillas (RIP)

Gil & Leonina Gatdula

(Wedding Anniversary /Blessing)

Victor C. Pavez (Birthday Blessing)

5PM

Chloe-Belle & Jordan

(Thanksgiving)

Sunday

May 22, 2022

7AM

Gregoria Taglinao (RIP)

(Death Anniversary)

9 AM

For the People

11 AM

Bonifacio Ponce (RIP)

6 PM

Edna Nazareno (Birthday Blessing)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVANGELINE KILATANG BALLUNGAY (RIP), Wednesday, May 25, 2022, St John A&E, Family arrives: 10:00 am, Memorial Mass: 10:30 am.

NESTOR de la Cruz DEUZ (RIP), Thursday, June 16, 2022, Mililani Memorial Park Mortuary – Makai Chapel: Family: 8:30 am, Prayer Services: 10:30 am, Burial: 11:30 am ~ Mililani Memorial Park.

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

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, Ernie C. & Fumiko K. Sombrero, Teresita F. Tuazon & John J. McCormick, Jr.



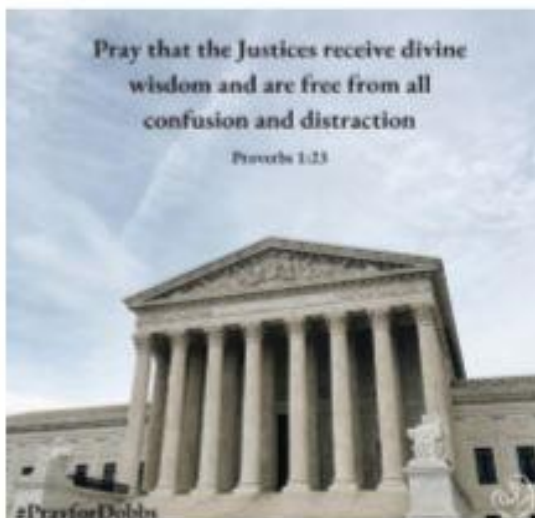
The Supreme Court is ready to make a major landmark decision on *Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health*. Jackson Women's Health Care is an abortion clinic in Mississippi challenging the Mississippi's Gestational Age Act (2018) that limits abortion at 15 weeks. Modern science has proven that a fetus at 15 weeks is capable of feeling pain, has a fully formed nose, lips and eyebrows and is able to suck their thumb.



The Supreme Court is considering the correctness of its previous rulings in *Roe v Wade* (1973) and *Planned Parenthood v Casey* (1992). If *Roe v Wade* is overturned, the legality of abortion will rest in the hands of each state. Some states are doubling their efforts in protecting the rights of a woman to have an abortion if she chooses. Some states have already passed "trigger laws" ensuring abortion will remain legal if *Roe* is overturned. In contrast, many states may prohibit abortion altogether or enact stricter laws to prevent an abortion without justifiable cause.

As Christians we are called to preach the Truth, that all life is a sacred gift from God from conception to natural death. As the body of Christ, we are to fall on our knees, beg for God's mercy and pray for the end of Abortion.

Let us pray the intentions of the Rosary for Life based on Pope John Paul II encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, The Gospel of Life. Also, please join the men and women who pledge to give one hour of their time praying in front of Planned Parenthood for the conversion of heart for abortion workers, parents, grandparents, men, and women who promote abortion. We also pray for the life of the innocent unborn. Please



contact Anne Shigeta Koch, 40 Days for Life Site Leader at 808 268-7143 or Agnes Tauyan @ 808-348-4481. More than ever, your presence and prayers are crucial. We know that God is in control, but he works through us that his will be done. Amen.

Contact your parish Respect Life Coordinator for more details or the Respect Life Ministry c/o Deacon Gary and Valerie Streff at gstreff@rcchawaii.org or vstreff@rcchawaii.org.

Respect Life: "Everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched 'the Word of life' (1 Jn 1:1) do not give it, who will? How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!"

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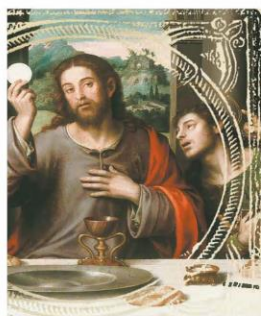
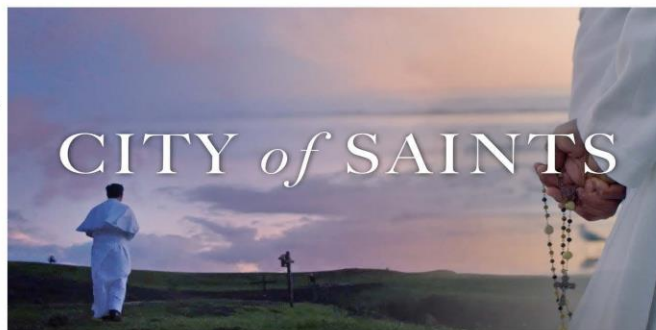
PICK OF THE WEEK

May 15, 2022

WATCH

CITY OF SAINTS

In this series, award-winning director Charles Francis Kinnane tells the true stories of God's grace through the ministries of the Norbertine Fathers of St. Michael's Abbey. This influential Catholic film series has inspired over 1.2 million people worldwide.



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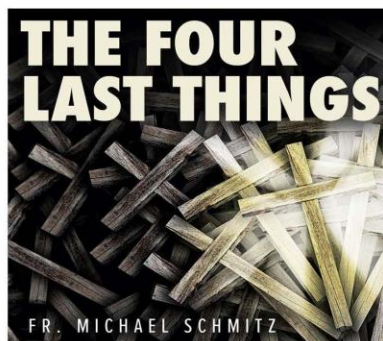
"The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and the Blood of Christ"—these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater context of Church teaching? In this program, discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral part of God's plan for our salvation.

LEARN

LISTEN

THE FOUR LAST THINGS: DEATH, JUDGEMENT, HEAVEN, HELL BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

In this exceptional presentation, Fr. Mike tackles four topics that many of us understandably struggle with: death, judgement, Heaven, and Hell. As you listen to this talk, you'll be reminded that God wants to welcome you into Heaven, your true home!



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