

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ. Starting this weekend, a new informative series is being added to our bulletin that will cover some aspects of our Sacred Mass. The information for this series comes from Gus Lloyd's book called "A Minute in the Church: The One Minute Explanations About The Catholic Mass." If you wish to purchase your own copy of this book it can be bought at www.GusLloyd.com.

The Smells and Bells

When you come to Mass on any given day or on Sundays, Catholics hear the ringing of bells at Mass and on special Solemnities they see and smell incense. But why do we use these items in our celebration of the Mass?

Well, incense represents the prayers of our parish community (the Church) and is used as a visible sign of reverence. We find its use in many places in Sacred Scripture. Psalm 14:2 states, "Let my prayers be incense before you." And Revelation 5:8, we see the elders in heaven holding "gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the holy ones." The vessel we use for burning incense is called the censer or thurible. Thus, the smells at Mass.

Incense is actually resin taken from certain trees. When burned, it creates a sweet-smelling smoke. The use of incense in religious ceremonies goes back thousands of years. In fact, it was one of the gifts the three Wise Men offered to Jesus.



As for the bells, you may hear bells rung at Mass three times during the Eucharistic prayer. The first time is when the priest extends his hands over the bread and wine. The second time when the priest elevates the host; and the third time when the priest elevates the chalice. The sounds of the bells should snap us to attention and remind us of the magnitude of what is happening right before our eyes. We need to stay awake! Jesus is present in our midst.



Fr. Anthony Pope

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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 JUNE 11/12

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,342.71
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,052.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 530.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 490.00
Blessing	\$ 50.00
Funeral	\$ 300.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,333.00
Stewardship	\$ 25.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 740.00
Candles	\$ 480.00
Father's Day	\$ 230.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund	\$ 250.00
'Ohana in Christ	\$ 5.00

WEEKEND TOTAL \$ 16,827.71





STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTION (LUKE 9:11B - 17)

By Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Today, we observe the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This beautiful feast celebrates the gift of the Eucharist, which the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches is the source and summit of our Christian faith. “For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ Himself” (CCC paragraph 1324).

The very word, Eucharist, means “thanksgiving” or “gratitude” and so this feast is especially meaningful to all of us who are striving to live as grateful stewards of all God’s blessings to us. Surely the Eucharist is the greatest of all blessings because it is not only from God, it is God — the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Today’s second reading from St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians reminds us of the depths of love our Lord has shown us in the gift of the Eucharist, recalling Christ’s words at the very first Eucharistic celebration. “The Lord Jesus... took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you.’” In that moment, and at every celebration of the Mass thereafter, Jesus gives us His very self in an act of complete humility and perfect love. How can we possibly show our gratitude for such a sublime gift?

We can receive the gift of the Eucharist with the greatest possible reverence and love. And, following our Lord’s example, we can give ourselves generously to others in the week ahead.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

Church Offices will be closed on Monday June 20th, in observance of Juneteenth.

Next weekend, we will be taking up the Peter’s Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please drop your donation during offertory or you may also donate online through our parish website and click on “Online Giving.” Please be generous.

“The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love. It signifies Love, It produces Love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life.” – ST. THOMAS AQUINAS



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday June 20, 2022

8AM Estela Rodriguez (RIP)
Hiram Rodriguez
(Birthday Blessing)
Juan Rodriguez (RIP)

Tuesday June 21, 2022

8AM Natividad Torres
(Death Anniversary)
Edmundo Roque
(Death Anniversary)
Gary Nakata (RIP)

Wednesday June 22, 2022

8AM Modesta Yadao (Healing/Blessing)
Agatha (RIP)
John

Thursday June 23, 2022

8AM Daisy L. Rapozo (Birthday Blessing)
Souls Close to Heaven (RIP)

Friday June 24, 2022

8AM Tsuneo Nishikawa (RIP)
Masako Nishikawa (RIP)
Florentina De Jesus (Healing)

Saturday June 25, 2022

8AM Antonia M. Cintron (RIP)
Petra Inez (RIP)
5PM All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

Sunday June 26, 2022

7AM Pearl Bates (Special Intentions)
9 AM For the People
11 AM Melanio Aczon (Death Anniversary)
6 PM Eve Ballungay (RIP)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADRIENNE W.J. GREGORY (RIP), Wednesday, June 22, 2022, St John Mililani; Visitation: 10:00 am, Eulogy: 10:40 am; Mass: 11:00 am, Burial: 1:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park.

ISABELLA LONETTA ABELLIRA (RIP), Monday, June 27, 2022, St John Mililani; Visitation: 10:00 am, Eulogy: 10:30 am, Mass: 11:00 am, Burial: 2:00 pm ~ National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific - Punchbowl.

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Art Apilado, 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, Amelia Santos, Family/Victims of Uvalde, Gary O & Manny Rodil.

DECEASED

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., Ronald Palomares, Karlyn Tatemichi, Masako Kobayashi Delk & Jeanne Tam.





Reverencing the Tabernacle and the Altar before and after Mass.

This weekend June 19, 2022, our new tabernacle will be behind our beautiful altar. And as Catholics we may be asking ourselves what is our proper response to the presence of our Lord in the reserved Eucharist now it is permanently kept in the church sanctuary?

Whenever we are in the church, we are in a holy place, walking upon holy ground. Everyone ought to be respectful of St. John's Church as a house of worship and prayer. We need to respect those who are in silent prayer. Please refrain from eating and drinking in the church (drinking of water is allowed) or talking or texting on cell phones or using other electronic devices. When talking, be mindful of the types of conversations you are having. And remember that whenever two or more are gathered, God is present.

What is the proper way to reverence the tabernacle and the altar when we enter the church?

It is always appropriate to make a gesture of adoration to both the altar and to the tabernacle. When the tabernacle is behind the altar, however, it is *not* necessary to make two separate actions; we can instead make one gesture to recognize both holy areas of the church. If we are in the nave (where the pews are) of the church, we ought to *genuflect* whenever we come closest to sanctuary.

If I am serving at Mass in some role (altar server, music minister, lector, etc.) What do I do?

Remembering that the sanctuary is a holy place, there should be as little movement as possible in that space before and after Mass. If you are preparing in the sacristy, and need to come out into the sanctuary, it is appropriate that you use whichever entry ways are closest to where you need to go. If at all possible, enter the sanctuary by way of the main door that leads to the sacristy. If you are already in the sacristy and are coming into the sanctuary, please genuflect towards both the altar and the tabernacle, if you are able. If however, you are carrying something (perhaps the books that contain the Scripture readings, or something else needed for Mass), then make a reverential bow in the direction of the tabernacle and the altar. Whatever you do, though, please be mindful of giving honor and reverence to the altar and the tabernacle which are such holy places in the church!

What about during the Mass?

In the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, which gives us our directions for Mass, it stipulates that genuflections to the tabernacle ought not to take place during the Mass. The presence of the tabernacle is de-emphasized, and instead, our primary focus should be on the altar. It is to the altar that we bow. There are some people who do come forward for communion who either genuflect or kneel. They may continue to do so, although this is not necessary for everyone to do.

Why is there a candle next to the tabernacle?

According to traditional practice, a lamp should burn continually near the tabernacle as a sign of the honor paid to our Lord.

Do we have to bow or genuflect every time we pass by the altar or tabernacle?

Before and after Mass, it is appropriate to bow and genuflect only the first time when we enter the church. During Mass, it is again appropriate to bow, both at the beginning and at the end of Mass. Bowing or genuflecting every time you pass by them is not necessary.

What is more important – the altar or the tabernacle?

They are both important. Outside of Mass, the tabernacle is the most important place in the church. But during Mass, we celebrate the action of the Eucharist (which is the Greek word for Thanksgiving). First of all, Christ is seen to be present among the faithful gathered in His name; then in His Word, as the Scriptures are read and explained; in the person of the minister; finally in a unique way under the species of the Eucharist. Hence, during Mass, the altar, where the Eucharist is celebrated, becomes our primary focus, and not the tabernacle.

Aloha Father & Parents of St John Catholic Church,

We are offering a teaching for middle school and high school youth to **Be Steadfast in upholding our Sexual Dignity.**

How do we even begin talking about this subject with our keiki? Aren't they too young anyway?

Please join us to find out the answer at a 1 hr. Zoom talk story for parents.

Parent info nights ongoing throughout the year; attend any date on the calendar before your children attend their sessions.

Register at 'Onipa'a hamauloko.org

Holy Family sessions begin in August. Registrations limited to 20 children per class.

WATCH these 2 min parent to parent videos for more info.

<https://youtu.be/-KmqqBDg8cc>

<https://youtu.be/un9i8eXURjc>

Mahalo for considering God's best for your keiki,

Feel free to text or call with questions: Dave (808) 358-2945 & Maile (808) 222-0644



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Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux “Fathers’ Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life.”



✝ Never Confirmed in the Catholic Church?

✝ Do you want to be baptized?

✝ Are you or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a part of the Catholic Faith?

✝ Let us help you with your journey in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation.

Candidates will explore the elements of the Catholic faith in weekly meetings with

Catechists in preparation to receive all the Sacraments of Initiation.

2022-2023 OCIA classes begin this August.

For more information, contact Deacon Romeo Ganibe at rganibe@rcchawaii.org.

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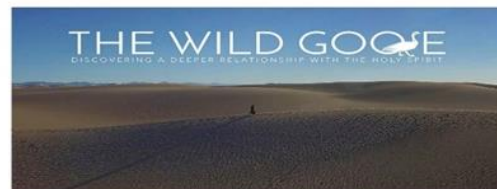
PICK OF THE WEEK

JUNE 19, 2022

WATCH

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT & FIRE

As we celebrate the Nativity of John the Baptist this week, we remember his words: “He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Mt 3:11). Jesus came to baptize us in the Holy Spirit, and the power and grace that comes from baptism in the Holy Spirit changes lives. Explore the meaning of this sacrament in this episode of The Wild Goose!



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TRUE REFORMERS: EPISODE 1 - ST. THOMAS MORE

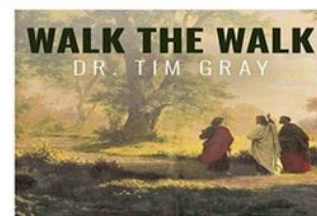


St. Thomas More was one of the greatest humanists of his age but also a man devoted to the spiritual life. His lifetime of learning, charity, and service to the public good of England enabled him to stand a patient and holy witness—and one of the greatest of modern martyrs.

LISTEN

WALK THE WALK: FOLLOWING CHRIST AS HIS DISCIPLE BY DR. TIM GRAY

Being a disciple of Jesus has always been synonymous with being a Christian. From the Scriptures and from his own experience, Dr. Tim Gray explains how Christian discipleship calls us to follow in the footsteps of Christ as engaged participants in God’s plan. In doing so, we bear witness to the Lord in our families,



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