

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Attending Mass

For Catholics, attending Mass on Sunday (or a Saturday evening vigil Mass) is not optional. It is an obligation. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews addressed this in Hebrews 10:25 – “We should not stay away from our assembly, as is the custom of some, but encourage one another.”

The Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraph 2181 explains why. “The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice.” As Catholics, we believe that the Mass is the highest form of prayer and worship.

The faithful should know that deliberately missing Mass without a serious reason is a mortal sin. This is explained in the Catechism, paragraph 2181. “For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.” In going to Mass on Sunday, we follow the Third Commandment to keep holy the Sabbath.

(From Gus Lloyd's book “A Minute in the Church: The One Minute Explanations about the Catholic Mass.”)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. By giving to the National Collection, you will help support more than 6,000 students who are seeking a faith-filled education at an institution that supports cutting-edge research in multiple fields. Envelopes are at the back of the Church. You may drop your donation during offertory or donate online through our parish website, “Online Giving.” You can learn more at collection.catholic.edu.

CALLING ALL SENIORS! If you want to have fun, play bingo, win prizes, and meet other SJAE Seniors, come to our Senior Bingo on **Sunday, September 25th, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the OCC.** Save your place by signing up either in the Parish Office or by calling Gary & Diane Nishijima at 808-294-8013.

WG Birthdays Luncheon Tuesday, September 20, 2022 11:30 am, Jade Garden Restaurant, Waipio. RSVP by September 16 on website. Open to all members and their guest. Cost \$ 15.00.

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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

SEPT 3/4

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,035.46
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 4,242.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 833.37
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 540.00
Children's Collection	\$ 1.00
Social Ministry	\$ 40.00
Stewardship	\$ 160.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 8,194.50
Mass Intentions	\$ 150.00
Candles	\$ 335.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 8.50
Catholic Charities HI	\$ 10.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 10.00

WEEKEND TOTAL

\$ 24,559.83

For the month of August, we collected
90% (\$123,389) of our budget
(\$136,045).



Respect Life “By our baptism, we are members of Christ’s body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God.”
USCCB, “Open Wide Our Hearts” Bulletin Insert.

40 Days for Life “*Join the Worldwide Mobilization to pray and fast to end abortion*”
Sign-Up To Pray September 28th – November 6th 2022. Sign up online to pray Throughout the prayer vigil. Please pledge to pray 1 hour each week. Place: Planned Parenthood, 839 S. Beretania; 7:00 am – 7:00 pm. Contact Anne- anne40dfl@gmail.com or Agnes- agnes.amalavida@gmail.com.
For more information, visit www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu

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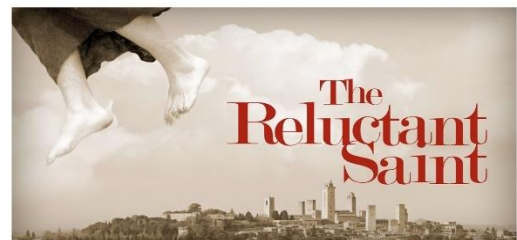
PICK OF THE WEEK

Sept 11, 2021

WATCH

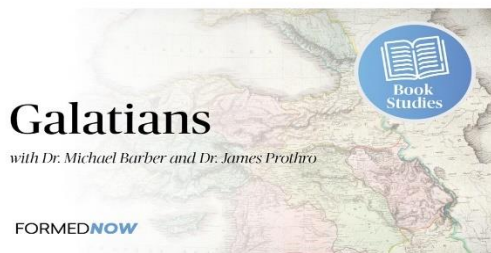
THE RELUCTANT SAINT: THE STORY OF ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO

Maximilian Schell stars as “the flying friar,” St. Joseph of Cupertino, in this story of the humble Franciscan friar. In Cupertino, Italy, Joseph’s peasant mother convinces the reluctant Abbott to accept her son into the monastery. With the support of the kindly local Bishop who sees in him a great deal more than others do, and by a series of miraculous incidents, the simple but pious Joseph is ordained a priest.



LEARN

BIBLE STUDY: GALATIANS



Join Dr. Michael Barber and Dr. James Prothro as they dive into St. Paul’s Letter to the Galatians. This new multipart series walks through this pivotal book and how it fits in with the rest of the New Testament, as well as how Paul’s writings can help us grow in relationship with Jesus.

LISTEN

DRAWING STRENGTH FROM OUR LADY OF SORROWS BY KIMBERLY HAHN

Speaker and author Kimberly Hahn, wife of Dr. Scott Hahn and mother of six, is a convert to the Catholic Faith. Although honoring Mary was difficult for her to understand initially, she began to encounter Mary’s loving guidance in little ways on a daily basis. In this presentation, Kimberly reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.



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St. John's Catholic Preschool

"Providing a nurturing quality
Catholic Montessori education for all early learners"



Cheerful chatters of our preschool children have been echoing the breezeway of the OCC as they enter the school building. We have spent the first month back to school learning the routines and expectations of the classroom, reconnecting and forming new friendships. They are confidently adjusting to "preschool life" and on their way to a successful school year.



ROCKING-N-READING WITH A BOOK IN HAND

We all know that reading is fundamental: that developing a love for books and the written word, early in life, has a profound impact on every aspect of a child's education. It is believed that a lifelong reading habit can be formed before the child can read a chapter book by themselves. Our "Sunshine Kids" classroom library has become a popular place for our youngsters since school started. Some classroom tips as we rotate our library books include focusing on books *realistically* depicting children's *natural* interests and featuring topics that the child can learn from; and always having books just with pictures and story books of diversity.

Our feature author for the month of September is Eric Carle. From Head to Toe, The Mixed Up Chameleon, and Today is Monday have been some of requests to read a-loud during story-time.

Our St. John's Catholic Preschool still has openings!

Information and application are on our website at
<https://www.stjohnmililani.org/preschool>

IMMEDIATE JOB OPENING

Head Teacher Position

Apply Today at the Careers-Diocese of Honolulu website

www.catholicohawaii.org



September 2022

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION (LUKE 15: 1-32)

BY DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

Today's Gospel passage from Luke is a very familiar one, the theme is unmistakable -- searching for and longing for that which is **lost**: a lost sheep, a lost coin, a lost son. When something precious to us is lost or out of reach or at a distance, most of us will do just about anything to be reunited with that person or with that thing. And it is no different in our spiritual lives.

We wouldn't be going to Church if we didn't believe that our God is of a value beyond our imagination and that our relationship with him is precious. That's why many of us do what we can to "search" for him continually in our daily life-- we search for him by gathering in the Church week after week to encounter him in Word, and in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, and each other. We strive to seek him and recognize him in everyone we meet, but especially in the poor, the lonely, the sick, and the forgotten. Yes, searching for God is a huge part of what it means to live a life of faith.

What we often forget is that our God is **not** sitting idly on the sidelines watching us struggle through life. Rather, he is actively searching for us each and every moment of each and every day --- pursuing us, frantically looking for us, attempting to commune with us and dwell within us. And he does this for one reason and one reason only --- because we are incredibly precious to him. You and I, with all our faults and failings, weaknesses, and sin, are precious in the eyes of God.

And so, part of faithfully living the spiritual life, and in a particular way, embracing our calling as disciples, is about making absolutely sure that we are giving God every possible opportunity to "get" to us, making sure that we are not wandering off on our own when we need to stay put and let God find us, let God help us, let God heal us, and let God rescue us from whatever it is that is putting our spiritual life in danger. And we do that by making sure that we remain out in the open --not hiding behind our egos or our fears or our misplaced desires or our ignorance or whatever it may be that is making it difficult for God to do what he longs to do -- find us, pick us up, and lead us to safety --- the safety of his love, the safety of his arms, the safety of his saving acts for the sake of the whole world.



What is Priesthood Sunday? Priesthood Sunday, the last Sunday of September, is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priest as central to the life of the Church.

What can you do? **Pray** - Priests need the prayers of the faithful that they become the men God has called them to be. **Affirm** - Your spiritual fathers need affirmation. When you hear a good homily, witness an eloquent moment, or out of gratitude for receiving the Eucharist, write your priest a note. Priests hear a lot of bad news; you would be amazed what one letter of affirmation can do to touch the heart and soul of your priests, and thus build him up. A simple smile or a phone call to assure him of your loving care and gratitude goes a long way.

"Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost." -ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA (1491-1556)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday September 12, 2022

8AM Caitlyn Gonzales (Birthday Blessing)
Jordan Tano (Birthday Blessing)
Dr. Larry Sutterby (RIP)

Tuesday September 13, 2022

8AM Raymundo Angeles (RIP)
Peggy Nakamura (RIP)
Suzanna Foster (Peace in her heart)

Wednesday September 14, 2022

8AM Florencia Solano (RIP)
Christyn Conrad (Blessing)
Courtney Ann Walker (Blessing)

Thursday September 15, 2022

8AM Marcial Taglinao
(Death Anniversary)
David Torres (RIP)
Suzanna Foster (Peace in her heart)

Friday September 16, 2022

8AM Nicholas Pankau (Birthday Blessing)
Casey Whitaker (Blessing)
Kenneth Walker (RIP)

Saturday September 17, 2022

8AM Ely & Jeff Redoble
(Birthday Blessing)
Gino Estores (Blessing)
Gerry Saqoinit (RIP)
Suzanna Foster (Peace in her heart)
5PM Luke Alaipalelei (RIP)

Sunday September 18, 2022

7AM Gwen Kelly (RIP)
9 AM For the People
11 AM Shirley Guerrero (Birthday Blessing)
6 PM Suzanna Foster (Healing)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

RODNEY KOON WAH RIVERA (RIP), Friday, September 23, 2022, Mililani Mortuary Park – Mauka Chapel; Family: 9:30 am, Visitation: 10:00 am, Prayer Service: 11:00 am, Burial: 1:00 pm.

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Teresa, James Kahala, Demetrio & Rita Galicinao, Rodney Keli'i, Hildegard Borowitz, Ron Thames, Carol Naumu, Bienvenido Roter, Amelia Santos, Family/Victims of Uvalde, Gary O., Manny Rodil, Brenda B. Miyashiro, Stephanie Rapozo, Thomas Ramos, Christy Esposito, Jim Coyle, Victor Apilado, Trevor Townsend & Gene Lumantas.

DECEASED

John J. McCormick, Jr., Ronald Palomares, Karlyn Tatemichi, Masako Kobayashi Delk, Jeanne Tam, Brian Miyashiro, Edwin Souza Jr., James E. Smith, Delilah Luis Benjamin, Patrick Aki, Florentina De Jesus, Arlene Barbara Rodenhurst, Albert Willing & Juanito "Boyot" Montemayor.