

# SPIRIT-LED NEWS



## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The heart of our wonderful Liturgy of the Eucharist is our Eucharistic Prayer, and the heart of the Eucharist Prayer are the words of consecration of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. It recalls four actions that Jesus did at the Last Supper and at the table in Emmaus on Easter night: took, blessed, broke, and gave.

**Took** – Corresponds to our Preparation of the Gifts, in which gifts of bread and wine are presented; offerings of treasure for the ministry of Christ and his Church are also taken up at this time (“bread” from your pocket) it represents the sacrifices and labors of our parish community.

**Blessed** – Corresponds to the Eucharistic Prayer, which the priest prays in the name of the entire sacred assembly (parish community). During this prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked (epiclesis) to change bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ.

**Broke** – Corresponds to the Fraction Rite, reminding us of the sacrifice on the cross of the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world to show us his mercy and grant us his peace. (Also includes Our Father, Prayer for peace, and Sign of Peace.)

**Gave** – Corresponds to the giving of Holy Communion, in which we receive not bread and wine but the very Body and Blood of Christ, so that we may become what we eat through our communion with Christ and with one another. (Our receiving of the Holy Eucharist should be followed by silent reflection; and concludes with the Prayer after Communion.)

*Fr. Anthony Rapar*

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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 Mondays: Communion Service; Tuesday – Saturday: Mass

**Sunday:** 5PM (Saturday Vigil), 7AM, 9AM, 11AM & 6PM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday:** 4:00 - 4:30PM

**PARISH RECTORY HOURS**

**Monday** 12PM - 4PM

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

**Saturday - Sunday** Closed

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE JAN 21/22**

|                                         |                     |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Sunday Collection                       | \$ 10,751.93        |
| Online Donation (WeShare)               | \$ 2,767.00         |
| Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM) | \$ 219.00           |
| OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)     | \$ 340.00           |
| Social Ministry                         | \$ 5.00             |
| Debt Reduction                          | \$ 315.00           |
| Mass Intentions                         | \$ 140.00           |
| Candles                                 | \$ 395.00           |
| Stewardship                             | \$ 100.00           |
| Flowers                                 | \$ 20.00            |
| St Joseph Statue                        | \$ 325.00           |
| Seminarian ED                           | \$ 30.00            |
| Archdiocese for the Military Services   | \$ 968.00           |
| <b>WEEKEND TOTAL</b>                    | <b>\$ 16,375.93</b> |

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







**TEACHING MASS - BULLETIN INSERT  
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST, PART A  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023**



### **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist, which comprises the second half of the Mass, is considered the deepest and most profound worship that we, the human race, can offer to God. Many people believe it is simply a re-telling of the Last Supper, but it is actually far more than that. The Liturgy of the Eucharist is indeed a reliving of that night at the Last Supper, but it also relives the fullness of Christ's passion, His crucifixion and death, and even His resurrection. In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, especially the Eucharistic Prayer, we partake in that one sacrifice of Jesus offering himself on the Cross and rising again.



When we celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we are not simply remembering some events that took place 2000 years ago and showing them on some kind of stage. Rather, as we participate in the Liturgy, the reality of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection are made present to us in the Eucharist. It is almost like being transported back into the Hill of Calvary, witnessing the crucifixion and resurrection before our very eyes, although hidden from our mortal view under signs. Nonetheless, with eyes of faith, we behold Christ crucified and Christ risen when our eyes are drawn to the Holy Eucharist held out to us by the priest. This is why the Mass is both the most solemn and the most joyful event of our day, our week, and of our whole life. Every time we come to the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the entire event of Christ's redemptive sacrifice is made present to us.

### **THE EUCHARIST'S ORIGINS AT THE LAST SUPPER**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist is made up of four parts, each part corresponding to an action that Christ did at the Last Supper. These four actions we recall in the words of the Eucharist Prayer: Christ took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples. We know that these four parts matter because our Lord repeated the same action again on Easter Sunday when he appeared to two of his disciples and ate with them at Emmaus. These four actions form the backbone of how Christ instituted the Mass that is now celebrated throughout the world.

### **TOOK: THE OFFERTORY**

In the Old Testament, when a person wished to offer a sacrifice to God in the temple, he would be responsible for bringing the sacrifice, such as a lamb, to the priest at the Altar. The priest would then take the lamb and offer it as a sacrifice on the person's behalf. In our New Testament tradition, we continue this practice at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist during what is called the Offertory, or Preparation of the Gifts. The altar is set, and the people bring forth the gifts to be offered. This includes the bread and the wine that will be used for our 'sacrifice,' as well as the offerings of the people, in the form of the collection.

There is great significance to the church taking up the collection at this time. First, it is to unite our own material offerings to that of the bread and wine offered for the Eucharist. The people bring them up together to show how just as the bread and wine are brought up to be used by God for our benefit (made into the Eucharist so that we eat of it and have our souls nourished) so too our money is used by the Church to benefit the world by building up the kingdom of God. It is also significant because the money brought up comes from our own pocket. We have willingly let go of that money and handed it over to God as a sign that we are not attached to that money. We empty our hands of that money so that we can then fill our hands with the Bread of Life. To coin a phrase, we give our 'bread,' and we receive the True Bread, the bread that is the body of Christ.



**BLESSED: THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Eucharistic Prayer is the central point of the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the Mass as a whole. It is the moment of the consecration when bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the actions of the priest. It is the moment when God comes down from heaven into our churches and chapels, enthroned within the chalice and upon the Altar. During the Eucharistic Prayer, we kneel if we can further this reality of our faith. Christ becomes truly present -- body, blood, soul, and divinity -- through this sacred prayer of the Church.

It begins with a preface which speaks about the mysteries of that celebration of the Mass, but then takes its true form when we, united with the angels and saints in heaven, acclaim, "Holy, holy, holy." From there, this beautiful prayer forms a perfect prayer of praise which requires its own in-depth analysis, which will be the subject of next week's insert. Suffice it to say that this prayer reaches its apex as the priest utters the words of consecration, changing the bread to flesh and the wine to blood. The prayer contains many types of prayers, finally concluding with us all singing the Great Amen.

**BROKE: THE FRACTURING RITE**

The Fracturing Rite surrounds the breaking of the bread so that we might partake of it. It begins with the Our Father or Lord's Prayer, a prayer which was taught to us by Christ Himself. It is an ancient tradition within the Mass that this prayer be what follows the Eucharistic Prayer. We recite it together in one voice, as we are one body, the mystical body of Christ, celebrating the presence of His physical body which is on the Altar. This idea of our oneness in Christ continues with the prayers for peace and unity which follow, as well as the Sign of Peace, a liturgical action which symbolizes our unity and that there is no division among us. The Sign of Peace is not meant to be an excuse to socialize or engage in conversation, but is meant to be a sacred action, sharing the peace of Christ with one another, while still maintaining our focus on the worship we are participating in.

After the sign of peace has been exchanged, the choir recites the Lamb of God, drawing our focus back to the altar. It is at this moment, while the Lamb of God is acclaimed three times, that the priest breaks the Eucharist apart. This is the 'fracturing,' and is a sign that the body of Christ was slain for our salvation as well as a sign of Christ being the food for many, not simply the priest. As the priest does this, we rightly acclaim, "Have mercy on us," and, "Grant us peace."

**GAVE: THE COMMUNION RITE**

The Eucharist is not a sacrifice to be performed and then discarded. Like the lamb of the Passover meal, we eat of the sacrifice. The priest partakes first, then shares the Eucharist with us, first those assisting him in giving communion, and then he and his assistant ministers hand on to us that great gift of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Each small host and every drop in the chalice is the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ Himself. It may look like bread and wine, and even taste as they do, but in faith, we believe that they are not bits of bread and drops of wine, but the real, actual, physical Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. As such, when we approach for communion, and the minister presents us with the Body of Christ, we respond, "Amen," for indeed, we truly believe.

Even as we receive communion, it is most appropriate that we take time after receiving this most precious gift to give thanks for what we have received. Indeed, even if we receive it often, it is a powerful gift which should never be taken for granted. Thus, the Communion Rite does not end the Mass. We do not leave the church once we have received the Eucharist. Instead, we are called to return to our seats and spend some time in silent prayer to reflect on the great gift of Christ's very flesh and blood that we have received. This period of reflection is followed by the Prayer after Communion, bringing the Communion Rite to a close.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ, will be celebrated at the 8am Mass on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.** It is a Christian Holy Day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. If you wish to have your candles blessed, please bring it with you to Mass.

**The Feast of St. Blaise will be celebrated at the 8am Mass on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.** There will be blessing of the throats after the homily.

**DEBT REDUCTION SECOND COLLECTION:** We will have a second collection, next weekend **February 4/5**, after communion for debt reduction. 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.

**Old Blessed Palms NEEDED for Ash Wednesday!** Please drop off your old palms through Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> in the box provided at the entrance of the church.

**Do you have a child, ages 4-12, who likes to sing?** **SJAE Children's Choir** is looking for more members! Practice is on Wednesdays, 4:00 – 5:00 pm in the church. **Do you love music?** Do you already play an instrument but would like to join a group and play with others? Do you feel called to join an SJAE ministry? If yes – we have a place just for you in the SJAE Children's Choir! The Children's Choir would like to add an instrument section of children and adults. **Practice will begin on Wednesday, February 22, from 4-5 p.m. in the church.** For more information, call/text Deb Zedalis 808-348-2973 or email: [dzedalis@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:dzedalis@hawaii.rr.com).

Throughout the US, **Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from January 29 - February 4, 2023.** Did you know that worldwide the Catholic Church operates the largest religious, non-governmental school system? In the US the Catholic Church runs the largest private school system with over 6000 schools educating 1.8 million children a year. At SJAE we are lucky to have our own Catholic Montessori Preschool with 22 students enrolled. Come and celebrate Catholic Schools Week with us! St. John's Catholic Preschool (SJCP) will have an **open house after all Masses on February 4-5.** Come and see where our children learn, love, and pray.

**St. John Catholic Preschool** needs full-time and part-time preschool teachers. Please consider joining our Preschool staff or recommending us as an employer to those you may know who are looking for employment. We have a good team, comparable pay, good benefits, and darling children. Information and application is at: <https://www.hrsymphony.com/hrs/route/position/4711/Q54N>

**New St Joseph Statue:** St John Apostle & Evangelist parish will be purchasing a St Joseph the Worker statue made from olivewood from the Little Bethlehem Christians. The statue will be placed in the chapel. If you would like to donate towards the purchase of the statue, please make the check payable to St John (Note in the memo: St Joseph Statue). You may also donate on the parish website, online giving.





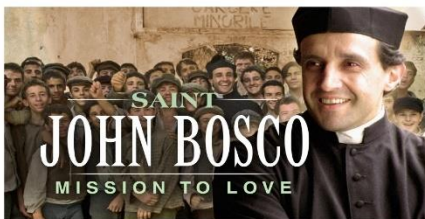
**Respect Life:** Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in “How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an Abortion”:

<http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion>

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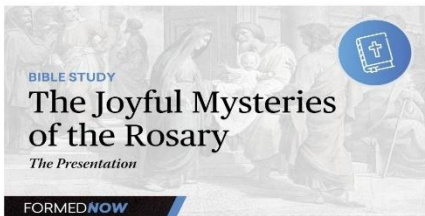
## THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of January 29, 2023



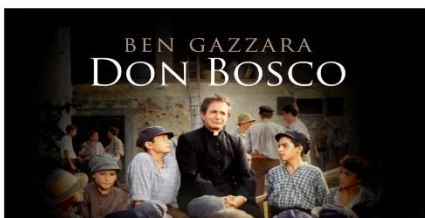
### Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.



### A Bible Study on the Joyful Mysteries: The Presentation

What is the importance of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple? Join Dr. James Prothro and Dr. Ben Akers as they unpack this great mystery and how it can apply to your spiritual life.



### Don Bosco: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth

Don Bosco tells the true story of a brave and holy priest whose single-handed battle to save the children of the streets inspired the formation of the Salesians, which is now a worldwide religious order that carries on his work with youth everywhere.

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## SUNDAY'S STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION (MATTHEW 5: 1-12A) BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

The Gospel Reading for today is what is popularly called the Sermon on the Mount. Many think it is the absolute epitome of Jesus' teachings. To be sure it tells us how we are to live our lives, the attitudes we are to have. We must remember that those who were waiting and hoping for the Messiah expected a military leader, one who would lead them in battle against their oppressors.



In His Sermon on the Mount Jesus gives a more accurate perspective of Who He is. He begins what we call the Beatitudes (the word means "blessings") with "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." In a sense we are all "poor in spirit." Without the guidance and strength provided us by the Lord there is no way we can escape this poverty of spirit, of spirituality, if you will.

That is why we often say that living God-centered lives is at the very core of stewardship. Being a disciple of Christ translates into being a steward of our many gifts and blessings. Some scholars believe that Jesus may have given this sermon often during His ministry. Those who followed Jesus and became the earliest Christians, the first members of the Church, were fond of quoting and referring to what the Lord said on this occasion. As stated, Jesus provides us with the secret of living a good life. If we rely on Him and follow Him, we will be blessed.

**EPIC MINISTRY:** Young Adult 3-day retreat, "**Salt, Light, City, Deeds**" will feature presentation, prayer & reflection, group activities and fun fellowship. February 3 - 5, 2023, 6:00 pm – 12:00 pm at the Saint Anthony Retreat Center, Kalihi Valley. Scholarships are available. Guest Speakers: Deacon Ricardo & Danielle Burgos and Deacon Raymond & Tyra Lamb. For inquiries, please contact Malcom at [info@epicministry.net](mailto:info@epicministry.net). Get your tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/epic-young-adult-retreat-salt-light-city-deeds-tickets-510316148337?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.

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*"Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God."*



~MATTHEW 5:8A

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Monday January 30, 2023**

8AM Communion Service

### **Tuesday January 31, 2023**

8AM Ester Aguirre (RIP)  
Fr. Edmundo Rivas  
(Birthday Blessing)  
Suzanna Foster  
(Peace in her heart)

### **Wednesday February 1, 2023**

8AM Francisca Gasmen  
(Death Anniversary)  
Thanks be to God for Blessing Us  
Dorothy Davidson  
(Birthday Blessing)

### **Thursday February 2, 2023**

8AM Pablo Benitez (RIP)  
Gaudencio Villegas (RIP)  
Rodolfo & Regina Gasmen  
(Thanksgiving)

### **Friday February 3, 2023**

8AM Feliciano Dona (RIP)

Guerrero Family

(Blessing/Thanksgiving)

James & Mildred Mizoguchi (RIP)

Eric Umetsu (RIP)

### **Saturday February 4, 2023**

8AM Samuel S. Aguirre (Blessing)  
Alice, Bobby, & Brenda Roberson  
(RIP)  
Edith Sajor (Birthday Memorial)  
All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)  
Teresita Santos Tiongco (RIP)

### **Sunday February 5, 2023**

7AM Pedro P. Corpuz  
(Birthday Memorial)  
For the People

11 AM Edith Sajor (RIP)

6 PM Lori Lee (RIP)

## FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONCHITA DE LEON USON (RIP)**- Tuesday, January 31, 2023, Mililani Memorial Park – Mauka Chapel – Family arrives: 4:30 pm; Visitation: 5:30 pm; Wake Service: 6:30 pm. Wednesday, February 1, 2023 - Burial: 11:00 am ~ Schofield Cemetery.

**DEMETRIO GALICINAO (RIP)**- Monday, February 13, 2023, Mililani Memorial Park – Mauka Chapel – Family arrives: 4:30 pm; Visitation: 5:30 pm; Wake Service: 6:30 pm. Tuesday, February 14, 2023 ~ St John A&E, - Family arrives: 9:30 am; Visitation: 10:00 am; Funeral Mass: 11:00 am - Burial: 1:30 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Park.

## HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Stephanie Rapozo, Thomas Ramos, Christy Esposito, Gene Lumantas, Rachel Sullivan, Romeo Donato, Alfredo Alcausin, Teri Velasco, Jennifer Domingo & Wayne, Char Matsumoto, Aida Antalan, Salve Galman, Ray & Jane Beauchemin, Letty Baguinon, Delrene Marrotte, Lucas Rapozo, Marcie Wong & Henry Pilanca.

## DECEASED

James E. Smith, Lamberto “Brett” Galman, Avery S. Curet, Demetrio Galicianao, Yvonne McIntire, Lolita Miral, Feliciano Carranza, Pope Eméritas Benedict XVI, Bette, Leah Pronovost & Inocencio, Hermenegilda Casillano, Joe Lenchanco & Leatrice Paruginog.

