

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather be of one mind, united in thought and purpose." 1 Cor. 1:10. This comes from the wonderful plaque on our One Community Center in honor of the Anonymous Donor.

And once again this wonderful unknown donor donated \$25,000 to our church, and I would like to express my gratitude for this blessed gift. This generous gift reminds me of the simple saying: "It's all about Him, not about me!"

In our relationship with God, I believe the right attitude is as aforementioned. When we make it all about "me," then we lose our way to attain inner peace and happiness. Someone very wise, anonymous to us, declared, "Most people wish to serve God, but in an advisory capacity only." We should remember, all that God knows, we don't. All that God can do, we cannot. All that God has already done for us, we cannot fathom. Keep it all about Him, instead of yearning for Him to do what we would want done. If we do, when we meet God face-to-face in heaven, He'll make it all about us for eternity! Then, the inner peace and happiness we longed for will never end, praising God with our loved ones, forever.

So, let us all be more like this Anonymous Donor, and put God first in our lives.

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

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE JAN 28/29

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,253.90
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,849.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 206.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 65.00
Baptism	\$ 60.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,026.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 280.00
Candles	\$ 370.00
Flowers	\$ 25.00
St Joseph Statue	\$ 215.00
Augustine Education Fund	\$ 50.00
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	\$ 25.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$ 30.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement	\$ 20.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 25.00

WEEKEND TOTAL \$ 15,504.90

For the month of January,
we collected 98.2% (\$511,715 YTD)
of our budget: \$502,469.



February 2023



Imagine spending 24,000 days with someone

BY JENNIFER RECTOR

Those who have been married for several years might say it is the hardest endeavor they have ever attempted, but also the most fulfilling and beautiful experience they have had. At least, that is the case for a couple at St. John the Apostle and Evangelist Catholic Church who have been married for 66 years. You read that right; 66 years! Through that entire length of time, they have stuck together through thick and thin and have grown stronger in marriage.

"We're thankful that we are still in good health. Also, we are happy in our home and for our children who are close to us," says Jane.

Ray and Jane wed on October 6, 1956. Their story begins with both individuals living in two different states. Ray was in Texas attending Military School and Jane lived in Missouri. God brought them together thanks to a mutual friend who introduced them through mail. Shortly after, they became pen pals and began to fall in love.

From letters came love; marriage followed soon after. In marriage, they started to see their love come to fruition. They were blessed with four children and moved to Hawaii in 1970. They have resided on Oahu ever since.

"I was in the military and had an opportunity to fly into Hawaii. That was in the early part of the Vietnam war," states Ray.

Jane emphasized that this was the hardest part of their marriage.

"He had to go off to where the military sent him, and I had to stay. Ray had two trips to the war zone back-to-back."





Despite being separated, their love grew for one another as well as their faith. Ray and Jane kept God at the center of their marriage and ensured to share it with their children.

"We would take them to Church activities and would try to set a good example for our children by showing our love for one another and for our Lord," says Jane.

Many years later, their love for God continues to strengthen. The couple pray together every day, which includes Daily Mass. While it has become difficult for them to attend Daily Mass, they adapt. By watching Mass on TV, the pair attend spiritually.

Ray and Jane are each 89-years-old. While there is not enough room in this article for all of their wisdom, the couple has one key piece of advice; communication is essential. They wish to add that marriage is a wonderful journey within which they will continue to love one another until the end.

"We have been together all these years and we still want to be together until the Lord takes us home," says Jane.

In Celebration of Marriage, please join the Catholic Church for this year's National Marriage Week.

According to the USCCB, "The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 12) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme, "Marriage...one flesh, given and received" highlights the one-flesh union of husband and wife that is willed by God. It also indicates the personal self-gift of each spouse, one to the other. These concepts point to Christ who gives Himself under the appearance of bread and wine—as real flesh and blood."

For more information you can visit uscgb.org

Prayer for Married Couples

O GOD, WHO IN CREATING
THE HUMAN RACE
WILLED THAT MAN AND
WIFE SHOULD BE ONE,
KEEP, WE PRAY, IN A BOND
OF INSEPARABLE LOVE
THOSE WHO ARE UNITED IN
THE COVENANT OF
MARRIAGE,
SO THAT, AS YOU MAKE
THEIR LOVE FRUITFUL,
THEY MAY BECOME, BY
YOUR GRACE, WITNESSES
TO CHARITY ITSELF.
THROUGH CHRIST OUR
LORD
AMEN.





TEACHING MASS - BULLETIN INSERT
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST, PART B: THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023



THE HIGH POINT OF THE MASS

The Eucharistic Prayer is prayed by the priest in the name of the entire sacred assembly, it is this prayer that transforms the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. This prayer is most commonly known as the means of the changing of bread and wine into body and blood, but there is much more to it than that. We should be mindful that the word “Eucharist” comes from the Greek word for “thanksgiving,” and the Eucharistic prayer, indeed the Mass as a whole, can be called a prayer of thanksgiving to the Father. The Eucharistic Prayer includes almost every kind of prayer we can give.

In the current use of our Mass, called the Roman Rite, there are ten approved Eucharistic Prayers that a priest may use. Some are used frequently on Sundays and weekdays, while some are used more sparingly because they are for special needs or occasions. Some are longer than others and some have their various prayers in different orders. Regardless, even if these each have different wordings, they all have the same key elements that make up the different prayers within the Eucharistic Prayer. By knowing these different elements and being able to recognize them when we hear the priest pray them, we are able to have a deeper and fuller participation in this most holy prayer. The elements are:

DIALOGUE OF PRIEST AND PEOPLE

This serves as the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer. The priest calls the people to be attentive to the divine prayer and to participate in it in heart and voice. Worship is a task of the mind, heart, soul, and body, and so the priest invites the people to this sacred moment. The dialogue is always the same:

“The Lord be with you.”

“And with your spirit.”

“Lift up your hearts.”

“We lift them up to the Lord.”

“Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.”

“It is right and just.”

Notice how the priest does not say his usual, “Let us pray,” but rather, “Let us give thanks...” The priest is inviting us to participate in the thanksgiving that is the Eucharist.

PREFACE

After the Dialogue, the priest turns his focus to God the Father and addresses Him directly. The Preface usually begins with, “It is truly right and just,” showing a continuation of what the people have just said, showing us how the priest’s prayer is tied to our prayer. The preface can differ in its wording and is often related to the unique celebration of that day, but it is always a prayer of thanksgiving which recalls the deeds of God the Father through Jesus Christ. The preface ends with our response, in which we acclaim, “Holy, Holy, Holy.”

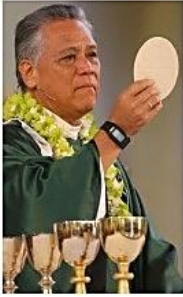
PRAYER OF PRAISE TO THE FATHER (ANAMNESIS – “NOT FORGETTING”)

An ancient form of prayer found time and time again in scripture, the Prayer of Praise, or *Anamnesis*, is when the priest mentions God’s greatness and the wonders He has done. It seems strange to spend time telling God how great He is; however, this form of prayer has been done by Moses, King David, and even Jesus Himself. It is thus in keeping with our greater tradition to join our prayer of praise to these.

THE CALLING DOWN OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (EPICLESIS)

It is not the priest who transforms the bread and wine into body and blood of Christ; only God can do that. The act of consecrating the gifts requires the Holy Spirit’s direct involvement. The priest performs the *Epiclesis* by extending his hands over the gifts with his palms down above them as he asks God the Father to send down the Holy Spirit that those gifts become the Body and Blood of Christ. It makes the gifts holy and acceptable so that they become worthy to be the Eucharist.





WORDS OF INSTITUTION (CONSECRATION)

These are the words by which the bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ himself. It is at time within the prayer in which the priest recalls and relives the last supper. During this, the priest repeats the words first uttered by Christ: "This is my body," and, "This is the chalice of my blood." When the priest says these words, it is no longer the priest who is speaking, but Christ speaking through the priest. As Christ is the fullness of Truth, what He says is always true, and thus when He says that the bread is His body, it thus becomes so. Our Lord then does the same to the wine, transforming it into His blood. This concludes with, "Do this in memory of me."

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (MYSTERY OF FAITH)

The consecration is followed by the priest proclaiming, "The Mystery of Faith," a reference to the consecration he has just facilitated. The people respond by professing their faith in the new covenant, the consecration, and thus the Real Presence.

REMEMBERING THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION AS WELL AS HIS ASCENSION

This part of the Eucharistic Prayer is when the priest mentions how we are called to remember Christ's passion and crucifixion, as well as His resurrection from the dead, His glorious ascension into heaven, and His future return to us in glory.

OFFERING OF THE BODY AND BLOOD

Before the consecration, we offered up bread and wine, made from human hands, to the Father as a gift. Now, those have been replaced with the Body and Blood of Christ, which are of far greater value in terms of sacrifice. Thus, the priest offers the Body and Blood of Christ to God the Father as the true acceptable sacrifice in atonement for our sins. The sacrifice on the cross, made present to us in the Eucharist, is the sacrifice that erases our sins and makes us worthy of God's grace. We participate in this offering. Both priest and people offer up the sacrifice of Jesus as the price for our salvation.

EPICLESIS OVER THE PEOPLE

Similar but distinct from the *epiclesis* of the bread and wine, the priest asks God to remember and consecrate the people who are gathered at this Mass. We should remember that the priest acts as something of a mediator, and thus is the one who asks God to bless all the people of God gathered within the church for Mass. The Eucharist consecrates us as members of the Body of Christ.

INTERCESSIONS

Much like the Prayers of the Faithful, the Eucharistic Prayers include petitions of behalf of the Pope, the Bishop, the whole Church, and the dead.

DOXOLOGY (RIGHT PRAISE)

Always the same, the doxology is the final prayer of the priest which summarizes the Trinity and how each plays a role in the Mass: "Through him and with him and in him (Jesus), O God almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, forever and ever."

GREAT AMEN

This is our response to the Doxology, which is often sung, and meant to relate how we acclaim, affirm, and believe in the sacrifice that has just been offered through the Eucharistic Prayer. The Great Amen concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.



St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church



Calendar of Events

February

- 22 Ash Wednesday Masses: 8am, 5pm, 7pm
- 24 Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm
- 26 First Sunday of Lent

March

- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm
- 5 Fr. Leo Patalinghug will preach at all Masses.
- 6-7 Parish Lenten Mission, 7pm
Speaker: Fr. Leo Patalinghug
Register to attend on the parish website
(www.stjohnmililani.org)
- 21 Lenten Penance Service, 7pm

April

- 2 Palm Sunday
- 6 Holy Thursday
Morning Prayers in lieu of daily Mass, 8am
Mass of the Last Supper, 7pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until
Midnight in the One Community Center.
- 7 Good Friday
Morning Prayers in lieu of daily Mass, 8am
Passion of the Lord, 3pm and 6pm
Stations of the Cross, 5:30pm
- 8 Holy Saturday
Morning Prayers in lieu of daily Mass, 8am

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rosary Making Ministry, the next gathering is on Saturday, February 11th at 9 am - 11 am on the church lanai. Please contact Felicia Routon (808) 386-1486.

Calling all SJAE Seniors! Celebrate Valentine's Day with Senior BINGO in the OCC on Sunday, February 12th, from 12:30 – 2 p.m. There will be plenty of games, fun, prizes, food, and fellowship! Need more information? Call Gary & Diane Nishijima at 808-294-8013.

Next weekend (Feb 11/12), our parish will participate in the annual **Augustine Education Foundation (AEF)** collection. We kindly asked for your assistance in making Catholic Education more affordable for Hawaii families. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Drop your donation during offertory or donate online through their website:

www.augustinefoundation.org. Thank you for your continued support in the AEF's Make a Student Smile— Give the Gift of Education Campaign by making a gift!

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) training will take place on Saturday, February 18th at 10:30 am in the church.

If you or someone you know is longing to deepen their faith and reconnect with God, **Catholics Returning Home** will help. Our support team will answer questions pertaining to the sacraments and the church today. Please join us on Tuesdays starting February 21st through March 28th from 6:30pm-8:00pm in Room 4. Contact Laleen at glaleen@gmail.com.

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.

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>

This week on FORMED: Bernadette: Millions of people each year go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, a place where miracles frequently occur. Explore the origins of this miraculous place of encounter with the Lord in this movie which depicts Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette.

Bakhita: From Slave to Saint Bakhita: From Slave to Saint tells the incredible story of St. Josephine Bakhita. Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers and was eventually sold to a merchant in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness and mercy which led her to become a saint.

How and Why to Pray the Rosary: As we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes this week, we invite you to learn more about the Rosary! Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss how they pray the Rosary and how it has changed their lives! Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit **signup.formed.org** and select our parish name.



SUNDAY'S STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION (MATTHEW 5: 13-16) BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

Today's readings are part pep talk and part marching orders for us Christian stewards. They offer wonderfully clear guidance on what matters most to God in the way we prioritize our lives and the way He intends for us to use the gifts He has given us.

The first reading, from the prophet Isaiah, gives us very straightforward instructions: "Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own." The Lord gives no wiggle room here — care for our brothers and sisters in need is a "must do" for the Christian steward.

But note how generous our God is to us when we do these things. "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your wound shall quickly be healed." The more we give ourselves away the more we will find ourselves, and "light shall rise" for us in the form of more of God's grace in our lives and more joy and peace in our hearts.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew sends us out on our stewardship way with a bang as Jesus declares to us, His disciples, that we are the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." But, He adds, salt no longer gives flavor if allowed to go stale — light cannot bring its blessed brightness if left hidden. Therefore, we must act! We must live our lives so that others will see the things that we do — the ways that we serve others, care for the vulnerable, prioritize our family relationships and above all, our love for God — and then give Him glory.

This is the stewardship way of life. Let's give it our all!



Celebrate the Eucharistic Revival!

Novena to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament

Join us on a nine – day Eucharistic Novena led by Fr. Anthony in the church.

Includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the novena.

Monday – Friday, February 13 -17, 6 pm

Saturday, February 18, 9 am

Sunday, February 19, 4:30 pm

Monday – Tuesday, February 20 – 21, 6 pm

All are welcome to attend.

"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."
– MATTHEW 5:16

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday February 6, 2023**

8AM Communion Service

Tuesday February 7, 20238AM Edith Sajor (RIP)
Alex Dizol (RIP)
Demetrio Galicinao (RIP)**Wednesday February 8, 2023**8AM Edith Sajor (RIP)
Dieter Pfister
(Death Anniversary)
Mona & Henry DeCosta
(Anniversary Blessing)**Thursday February 9, 2023**8AM Edith Sajor (RIP)
David M. Torres
(Birthday Memorial)
Allen Baytes (Birthday Blessing)**Friday February 10, 2023**

8AM

Edith Sajor (RIP)
Gladys Brede (RIP)
Yvonne Fukumoto (Healing)**Saturday**

8AM

February 11, 2023Edith Sajor (RIP)
Fr. Edmundo Rivas
(Birthday Blessing)
Marcie Wong (Healing)
Nancy Lowell (RIP)

5PM

Sunday

7AM

February 12, 2023Modesta Yadao
(Blessing/Thanksgiving)
For the People

9 AM

11 AM

Josefa & Apolinar Herrera (RIP)

6 PM

Elena Ceres (RIP)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**INOCENCIO CASILLANO (RIP)** – Monday, February 13, 2023, Mililani Memorial Park – Makai Chapel
– Family arrives: 10:00 am; Visitation: 10:30 am; Prayer Service: 11:00 am; Burial: 1:30 pm ~
Mililani Memorial Park.**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, Avery S. Curet, Demetrio Galicinao, Yvonne McIntire, Lolita Miral, Feliciano
Carranza, Pope Eméritas Benedict XVI, Bette, Leah Pronovost & Inocencio, Hermenegilda Casillano,
Joe Lenchanco, Leatrice Paruginog, Jon Wong & Dolores V. Cabutihan.