

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

We are all One Ohana here at St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church. Did you know that the concept of the Hawaiian 'ohana involves creating loving relationships with more than just blood relatives? Embracing 'ohana means developing a sense of familial care and devotion to all members of the human family. We find this same concept in Chapter 4 of the Acts of the Apostles under the subheading titled "Life in the Christian Community."

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need. Thus Joseph, also named by the apostles Barnabas (which is translated "son of encouragement"), a Levite, a Cypriot by birth, sold a piece of property that he owned, then brought the money and put it at the feet of the apostles."

What a beautiful example we have of 1st century Christian living. And this is the very example that our very own Bishop has challenged us to live by with our Annual Diocesan Appeal called "Ohana in Christ." Our parish has reached 88% of our goal for this year's appeal. And I would like to thank the 51 wonderful families who have helped to get to 88%.



However, my wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ, our parish has over 1,000 registered parishioners, which means that only 5.67% has given to One Ohana in Christ towards our parish's goal of \$39,000. That's 51 families who have given a total of \$34,000 towards our parish goal. I thank these families from the bottom of my heart for their great generosity. I would like to challenge the rest of our wonderful parishioners to help our parish raise the last \$5,000 to reach our goal before May. I believe we as a unified Church 'Ohana we can make this happen. Envelopes are available at the main entrance of the church for you to use.

Lastly, another aspect of 'ohana means ensuring that no one in the family gets left behind. Growing 'ohana involves ensuring that everyone in the family has what they need to survive and live with joy. This sense of family includes not only the children but also the elders, who receive much respect. Living a Christian Life means God expects everyone in a family to act responsibly, act with integrity, and mutually support one another.

Fr. Anthony Rapier

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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

FEB 4/5

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,022.38
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,917.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 925.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 435.00
Blessings	\$ 45.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 7,569.13
Mass Intentions	\$ 70.00
Candles	\$ 822.00
Stewardship	\$ 70.00
St Joseph Statue	\$ 275.00
Augustine Education Fund	\$ 10.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 50.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$ 15.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 25.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 5.00

WEEKEND TOTAL

\$ 25,260.51





**TEACHING MASS - BULLETIN INSERT
POST COMMUNION AND CONCLUDING RITES
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023**



CONCLUDING THE MASS AND THE CALL TO MISSION

There is an ancient saying in the Church: “May God, who has begun this good work in you, bring it to completion.” This wonderful saying, based on St. Paul’s letter to the Philippians, and which has been said as a blessing or salutation in the Church since at least the fifth century, finds a powerful meaning within the context of our liturgy. The liturgy is a work of God, so to speak, but it is indeed the work of the people, which is where the word *Liturgy* comes from. This good work of God’s and of our own must be brought to completion.

The Holy Mass does not end the moment we receive communion. Yes, receiving communion is the most intimate moment of the Mass for us individually, but that does not mean that what comes after is unimportant. There is a purpose to continue our prayer after we have received communion, and thus we do not leave right after we receive our Blessed Lord in the Eucharist. Instead, we return to our places within the church while communion continues to be distributed, and then once the Eucharist is taken to the tabernacle, we sit and allow ourselves some time for quiet reflection. We dwell on the gift of the Eucharist and remind ourselves of the reality of what, or rather *who* we have just received. Jesus, at this moment, dwells in us, not only spiritually, but physically.

This presence of Jesus within us, however, is not meant to be kept hidden away inside us. We are called to take Jesus with us out into the world! That is the center of what we might call our mission as Catholics. This emphasis on ‘mission’ is what the concluding rites of the Mass are all about.



So, what are we meant to understand about this mission of ours? Well, when we were baptized, several things happened to us. We were cleansed of Original Sin, we were reborn in the Holy Spirit, we became priests, prophets, and kings in the New Covenant, and we were made sons and daughters of God. As children of God, we are called to be members of His family, the Catholic Church. As members of the Church, we are meant to live out our lives as faithful Christians every day. This is not always easy, especially in our modern age, but God helps us through giving us spiritual graces, especially through our participation at the Mass.

We come to Mass to worship God, yes, but while we are offering Him our gift of worship, He is giving us gifts of His own. When we participate in the liturgy and receive communion reverently and worthily, God gives grace and strength to live out our Christian lives even when it becomes difficult. When we struggle to pray, God gives us the strength and desire to pray. When we struggle to do good works, God gives us the drive to do them. When we struggle with sin, God guides us to righteousness. When we feel discouraged, God gives us hope. When we feel anxious, God gives us peace. When we feel alone, God reveals Himself to us. All these things are gifts from God, and God pours forth these gifts to us as we encounter Him, especially in the Mass. What this means for us is that as we go to Mass, God is strengthening us spiritually, helping us live lives of faith in a complex world. Our mission is to stay true to the Gospel no matter what life throws our way. This is where our focus falls during the closing rites of the Mass.



CONCLUDING RITES

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After communion, we are called to reflect on the reality of the Eucharist that we have received. This we do as individuals quietly right after receiving communion, but we also do so as a single community. Our quiet prayer is ended with the priest calling us together with the words, "Let us pray." This parallels the Opening Prayer back at the beginning of Mass. Like that prayer, this prayer is unique to the day or week. This prayer is often related to the Opening Prayer in its wording, but also includes the themes of receiving strength and blessing from the Eucharist that we have received. This is not simply yet another reminder of how special it is for us to receive communion, it also tells us how receiving the Eucharist has done something to us, namely nourished our souls and given us strength. Like a good breakfast before a long day at work, the Eucharist is our spiritual nourishment for the work we are called to do after we go forth from the church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the closing prayer, it is permissible to have some brief announcements. This can seem like a break from the spiritual activities of the liturgy, but it is tied to our worship. These announcements are meant to be concerned with upcoming parish activities, all of which are great opportunities to practice our faith beyond our Sunday worship, something we are all called to do. Make no mistake. We are all called to live out our Christian lives every day, not just on Sunday. Our parishes are places where we can foster our Christian living, and they should never be without activities, whether adoration, praise and worship, service projects, or social engagements. Mass is the most important time for us, but it is not the only time we are called to worship God or be with our brothers and sisters in the faith.

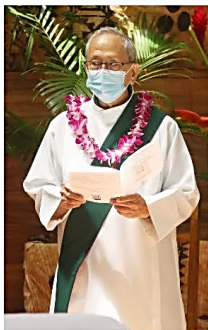
FINAL BLESSING

We end the Mass as we began it: with the Sign of the Cross. What is different here is that it also takes the form of the priest blessing us. Blessings from a priest or a deacon are a powerful gesture, always connected with a duty or purpose. For example, the priest blesses the deacon before he proclaims the Gospel, the bread and wine is blessed before it becomes the body and blood of Christ. Water is blessed before it is used for baptisms, chalices are blessed before they are set aside for liturgy, and even food can be blessed before it is eaten. When we are blessed at the close of Mass, it is our mission in mind. The Mass concludes with the final blessing, but the mission continues.



DISMISSAL (SENDING FORTH)

The final words of the Mass, whether said by the priest or deacon, give us our commission. There are a few different options they use, but the message is always the same: The Mass is ended, go forth and proclaim the Gospel by your life. Indeed, with this, our liturgy is fully concluded, but our mission to go forth and live out the Gospel continues.



The last action of the liturgy is for the priest and his assistant ministers to lead us out of the church and into the world. This shows us what we are now called to do. Armed with the word of God on our lips and the Body of Christ inside us, we take what we have received out into the world. Our liturgy has ended, yes, but our mission, our worship, and our Christian lives continue. We go forth as carriers of Christ, taking Him and His message to the world. By our lives, we show the world the joy of following Christ in His Church. This is our mission. We live out our lives in accordance with the scriptures so that we proclaim the Gospel through our actions each day. The Mass has taught us, healed us, uplifted us, and fed us. Now we go forth to bring the Church to the world and the world to our Church.

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church



Speaker: Fr. Leo Patalinghug, IVDei
7:00 PM

March 6th Presentation: The Path to Sainthood
March 7th Presentation: Mary and Spiritual Combat
Register to attend: www.stjohnmililani.org

About Fr. Leo:

Fr. Leo Patalinghug is a priest member of a community of consecrated life, Voluntas Dei (The Will of God). He is the creator and founder of an international food and faith movement called Plating Grace, and founder and chair of the nonprofit group The Table Foundation. He is a best-selling author, acclaimed international speaker, host for radio, podcast and a weekly international food and faith show on EWTN, Savoring our Faith.

His unique background as a chef and his previous experience as a two-time black belt martial arts instructor and former award-winning break dancer and choreographer has earned the attention of major media outlets, including the Food Network where he won "Throwdown with Bobby Flay!" The mission to see food as a gift from God to nourish your family and to strengthen relationships is making this world a better place one meal at a time.



Fr. Leo will preach at all Masses on Sunday, March 5th.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. All are welcome to attend.

Mon Feb 13	Tues Feb 14	Wed Feb 15	Thurs Feb 16	Fri Feb 17	Sat Feb 18	Sun Feb 19	Mon Feb 20	Tues Feb 21
6 pm	6 pm	6 pm	6 pm	6 pm	9 am	4:30 pm	6 pm	6 pm

Bible Study : Catholic Women who wish to grow and persevere in their spiritual life and increase their knowledge of the Catholic faith are invited to join the **Miles Christi Catholic Women's Bible Study** group meeting on Saturdays, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm in classroom #1. If you are interested, contact Barbara Ursal, email: bursal@twc.com or (808)671-4750.

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 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 SJAЕ ministry? If yes – we have a place just for you in the SJAЕ 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. If you have questions or would like to sign up, just call or text Deb Zedalis at 808-348-2973 or email at dzedalis@hawaii.rr.com.

Respect Life: "Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together."
USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life

This week on FORMED:

Beloved - Session 1: Does Marriage Matter? Happy Feast of St. Valentine! This Valentine's Day, remind yourself of the beauty of the Sacrament of Marriage with the Beloved series, presented by the Augustine Institute.

How to Study the Bible: Are you looking to take your spiritual life deeper this upcoming Lent? There's no better place to start than the Lord's Word. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Giszczak as they explain how to study and devote yourself to Scripture!

What Do You Seek? | The Search | Episode 1: What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question. Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.



SUNDAY'S GOSPEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 5:17 - 37)

BY DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

Most of us like to know exactly what is expected when we sign on to work, or in a new ministry in the church. Many of us simply don't want any surprises, and we don't want new expectations to be thrown in later. Don't change the rules as we go along. In the Gospel reading, we just heard from Matthew, was Jesus changing the rules? He brings up not killing and then starts talking about being angry at a brother. He brings up not committing adultery and then starts talking about looking lustfully. In a very real sense, Jesus seemed to be taking things that were once very clear, or very black and white, and suddenly making them a little less clear, a little gray.

I imagine that many of us would like the same kind of clarity in faith as we would like in other areas of our lives. We want God to tell us exactly what is expected in every situation. It's basically a system of "dos" and "don'ts", coupled with some beliefs that we just simply need to accept, right? That's the beauty of and the slippery side of God's "laws" --- especially the Ten Commandments --- simple statements we have known for most of our lives. They're beautiful because they give us a kind of blueprint for a moral life.

But Jesus seems to be saying something else --- something that might make us a little uneasy. This is sort of the slippery side of having God's "laws" spelled out for us. From Jesus' words in today's **Gospel** passage, it seems clear that what we might think are narrow "rules" are actually much more than that --- are actually broad categories that are meant to cover large areas of our lives --- and consequently are meant to inform all sorts of moral decisions that aren't specifically mentioned. And so, it might be easy not to have any other Gods --- but not if those "gods" include things in this life that have power over us, and it might be pretty easy not to kill, but not if that includes wide-ranging examples such as the unborn or the aged or the environment.

As you've heard many times before, being faithful is not simply making a few right choices concerning a few big issues. Being faithful is really all about being a human being "fully alive." In other words, being a person of faith involves our whole being. It's a profound, radical way of seeing and thinking and acting --- not in the ways humans have normally done so through history, but through the lens of Jesus and his saving acts --- acts which have the power to change absolutely everything --- including you and me and every person with an open heart. And when we allow that to happen, there's a good chance that a lot of the decisions we have to make each day will become much easier, for they will flow from who we are and not simply from what the letter of the law is.

Imagine what our world would look like.

"- Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

– MATTHEW 5:37



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday February 13, 2023

8AM Communion Service

Tuesday February 14, 20238AM Patsy Canales (Birthday Memorial)
John Gibson (Death Anniversary)
Rebecca Marques (Thanksgiving)**Wednesday February 15, 2023**8AM Teóduo Z. Villareal (RIP)
Demetrio Galicinao (RIP)
Thanks be to God for blessing us**Thursday February 16, 2023**8AM Demetrio Galicinao (RIP)
Frances Corpuz & Annette
(Healing)
Gina Legaspi (Healing)**Friday February 17, 2023**

8AM

Hak Soon Mercado (RIP)
Demetrio Galicinao (RIP)
Marcie Wong (Healing)**Saturday February 18, 2023**8AM John & Agatha Kim (RIP)
Demetrio Galicinao (RIP)
Spencer Taylor (Birthday Blessing)
Marcie Wong (Healing)**Sunday February 19, 2023**

7AM George Dona (Birthday Blessing)

9 AM

For the People

11 AM

Demetrio Galicinao (RIP)

6 PM

Guillermo Uytingco (RIP)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

INOCENCIO & HERMENEGILDA 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 CUDAL 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.

LOLITA QUEZON MIRAL (RIP) – Tuesday, February 21, 2023, Mililani Memorial Park – Mauka Chapel – Family arrives: 4:30 pm; Visitation: 5:00 pm; Wake Service: 6:00 pm. Wednesday, February 22, 2023, Burial: 10:00 am ~ Mililani Memorial Park.

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Stephanie Rapozo, Thomas Ramos, Christy Esposito, Char Matsumoto, Aida Antalan, Salve Galman, Ray & Jane Beauchemin, Lucas Rapozo, Marcie Wong, Henry Pilanca, Dorothy Isaac, John Bates, Zelda Sacro, Catherine Delos Reyes, John Gonzales, Nathan & Diane Kotch.

DECEASED

James E. Smith, Demetrio Galicinao, Lolita Miral, Feliciano Carranza, Pope Eméritas Benedict XVI, Bette, Leah Pronovost, Inocencio & Hermenegilda Casillano, Joe Lenchanco, Leatrice Paruginog, Jon Wong, Dolores V. Cabutihan, Maile Judd, Pilar Perona & John Loggins.

