

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

In chapter two of the Gospel of John, Jesus exclaims “Take these out of here and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.” Jesus said this because instead of the temple grounds being a place for prayer and praise for God, it had been turned into a crass marketplace. God expects us to honor Him and His house of worship with great reverence.

Though we are not selling or trading money outside our Church, we still all need to be mindful of showing one another courteous and respect. Talking inside the church before our Holy Mass should be kept to a minimum, as our fellow brothers and sisters may be praying, and adoring our Lord in the Tabernacle as a way of preparing themselves for our Holy Mass.

Let us also take to heart that we must all work together to keep our worship space clean and safe. *I kindly ask everyone before leaving after Mass to please look around your area to ensure you leave nothing behind, such as a water bottle, crumbs from snacks you may have given to your young child, or any other trash. Also please don’t forget any purses or bags.*

Lastly, my brothers and sisters, we show reverence for God by learning how to truly worship Him. Jesus said that the Father is seeking people who will learn to worship Him “in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). True worship is not about our favorite song. It is not confined to an emotional experience and is not synonymous with tingly feelings. True worship is a lifestyle. We worship in spirit when our hearts are abandoned before the Lord, willing to obey everything He has said. We worship in truth when our minds are engaged and filled with the biblical understanding of God’s nature. To worship God is to know Him and to serve Him. To worship Him the way He deserves to be worshiped, we must align our hearts with His and seek to obey Him (Luke 6:46).

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 11/12

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,889.46
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,892.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 290.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 65.00
Baptism	\$ 200.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 845.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 590.00
Candles	\$ 560.00
St Joseph Statue	\$ 105.00
Augustine Education Fund	\$ 740.01
Church in Latin America	\$ 20.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 10.00

WEEKEND TOTAL \$ 17,211.47



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day.

This Wednesday, February 22 is **ASH WEDNESDAY**: Masses are at 8am, 5pm, & 7pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will begin this Friday, February 24th at 6:30 pm.

FASTING

- ◆ In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday (**February 22, 2023**) and Good Friday (**April 7, 2023**).
- ◆ To *fast* means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (excepting water and medicine) is not permitted on days of fasting.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

- ◆ Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of abstinence should be kept in mind.

LENT IS COMING! Join our faith community—and nearly 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States— in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowls at a table near the main entrance of the church. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the impact of global hunger and climate change on vulnerable communities around the world, and we will pray, fast, and give alms to help our sisters and brothers in need. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

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.

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.



Job Openings:**Maintenance & Groundskeeper (Part-Time)**

Description: Responsible for the maintenance, cleanliness, and repair of parish facilities. Performs a variety of facility and equipment maintenance and preventative maintenance duties. Oversees any maintenance activities provided by contractors as assigned by the Pastor.

To apply: <https://www.hrsymphony.com/hrs/route/position/5971/G5QE>

Preschool Office Clerk (Part-Time) Please consider joining our Preschool staff or recommending us as an employer to those you may know who are looking for employment. Information and application is at

<https://www.hrsymphony.com/hrs/route/position/5394/A89M>

Preschool Teachers (Full Time & Part Time) Please consider joining our Preschool staff as part of your support to our parish. 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>

Please consider joining our Preschool staff as part of your support encourage those you know to support our preschool and our church – we need your help! to our parish.

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 a 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, March 1, 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: "We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility"
respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

This week on FORMED:

Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent: Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.

The Spirit and the Desert: Sometimes we might feel like we're stuck in spiritual deserts. In this episode of The Wild Goose, Fr. Dave Pivonka shares how the Holy Spirit is present even in these times of desolation.

Love—Sacrifice—Trust: He Showed Us the Way by Fr. Mike Schmitz: In this talk, Fr. Mike Schmitz shares with us the need to pick up our crosses and embrace Christ in our own suffering. He reminds us that love often means sacrifice! Answer this question.

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TEACHING MASS - BULLETIN INSERT
THE MASS: FULL, CONSCIOUS, AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023



Over the past several weeks, these bulletins have focused on breaking down the different parts of the Mass and diving deep into the details. It is important for us to know the Mass along with its elements and its symbols so that we can understand and participate in the Mass in a deeper way. We are called to not simply spectate the Mass, but to take part in the worship in our mind, body, soul, and spirit.

With this in mind, our last bulletin will review the different parts of the Mass covered in previous sections and will focus on what we are called to do in order to participate in the Mass in a full, conscious, and active way,

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.

PREPARING FOR MASS

Before we arrived at the Mass, our worship had already begun. We should enter a spirit of prayer before we even enter the church or even leave our homes. We should prepare ourselves by dressing our bodies in clothes fitting for worship, preparing our mind by meditating on the upcoming event of the Mass, our souls by prayer, and our hearts by recognizing God's love for us and responding with our love for Him. Coming to Mass is not a simple empty tradition or obligation. It is a deep expression of our relationship with God. Our Lord calls us to enter His house and be with Him. We come together as one Catholic family to be with God in the Eucharist.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Our Mass begins, rightly so, with the Sign of the Cross, which we make together as a sign of our unity of faith, our common baptism, and the means of our redemption. After we make the sign of the cross, the priest offers us words of greeting and blessing, which we return. This way, we know that even if we perform different tasks, in the liturgy, we are united in a single act of worship as a single body of believers.

Entering into our prayer, we then turn to God with a contrite heart and ask for mercy and forgiveness. We call to mind our sins during these first minutes of the Mass, recognizing that we are yet sinners in need of the help of God and prayers from all the saints. This prayer does not replace the Sacrament of Reconciliation, but it does offer absolution for small, venial sins.

After acknowledging our sins and receiving God's mercy, our hearts turn to God in joy as we sing the Gloria, an ancient song of praise which tells of God's glory, power, mercy, and His closeness to us. The Gloria is not sung at every Mass but is reserved for Sunday Masses as well as feasts throughout the year. After the Gloria, the priest exclaims, "Let us pray," prays silently with us, and prays aloud the prayer of the day. We unite ourselves to this same prayer so that, while it is spoken aloud by only one, it is prayed by all.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our prayer continues through our proclaiming the Word of God. As Jesus is the Word made flesh, He is truly present in the word of God whenever it is read. As such, we sit to listen attentively to the readings from the Old Testament, the Psalms, the New Testament letters, and then finally the Gospel. The Gospel reading carries extra significance because not only is it the word of God, but it contains the words of Jesus spoken through His own mouth and His mighty works. Thus, while we sit for the other readings, we stand for the Gospel out of reverence for the words of Jesus.

After the Gospel is read, the priest or deacon will preach what is called a homily, which is a teaching specifically tied to our faith, drawing from the readings we have proclaimed. We are called to take these lessons to heart. As Catholics, we are called to live out our faith and pass it on to those we encounter in life. In order to

prepare ourselves for this great mission, we must come to know our great faith through the teachings of the Church, receiving them through the preaching of the clergy. This should not be the only way that we come to understand our faith, as there are many resources beyond a weekly homily from a priest or deacon, but that does not make it any less important. Indeed, receiving the teaching of the Church and listening attentively to the readings and homily are still an act of worship.

After the homily, and almost as a response to it, we stand and together recite the Creed, the summary of the teachings of the Church articulated in this way since the fourth century. All Catholics believe every word of the Creed, and it is important to know it, for it is what we believe. Having been taught the faith, we now profess it as one body of faith. United in our faith, we follow the creed by bringing the petitions of our community to God. We announce them and exclaim in one voice, "Lord, hear our prayer," after each petition. These petitions close the Liturgy of the Word.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Faith. It is both the greatest gift we receive and the greatest thing we can offer to God. This is because the Eucharist is the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ, even if it has the appearance of bread and wine. Since Jesus is God and God alone is perfect, it is the perfect offering and a perfect gift. Because of this, it is right for us to see the Liturgy of the Eucharist as true worship of the God who is not far away and distant from us, but present with us in every place where Mass is offered.

In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, bread and wine are brought to the altar where they are transformed into the Body of Christ through the Eucharistic Prayer. During this prayer, we worship and adore the Lord as He comes down to us from heaven. It is here that the church is no longer simply a house of prayer, but a heavenly dwelling. God is with us here, not only in spirit, but physically as well. As members of the faithful, we are called to enter the deepest sense of worship, recognizing Christ in the Eucharist and responding with reverence, respect, and a prolific sense of awe. This is God who is before us! He is right there, held up by the priest for all of us to see!

Our God present with us, we pray aloud in one voice the Our Father, the prayer Christ Himself taught us, and exchange a sign of peace; a peace which comes from God and is for us to share with our brothers and sisters. In the sharing of peace, we are actively participating in the sign of our communion with one another, and rightly, because communion is the next part of the rite.

The first to take communion is the priest, but before he does so, he first breaks it as a sign that Christ's body is to be shared with all the faithful, just as the sign of peace. After the priest takes communion for himself, he then gives communion, first to the deacon, and then all the faithful who are rightly disposed. It is right that we receive communion, as it is a gift from God. This gift of communion is the very body and blood of Christ, a true reality, hidden beneath bread and wine.

For us, we come forward to receive communion with a prayerful heart, dwelling on who it is that we are about to receive. We reverence our Lord with a bow as the priest or minister presents us with the Eucharist, and as he or she proclaims, "The body of Christ," we respond, "Amen," for indeed we truly believe.

CONCLUDING RITES

Communion does not end the Mass. Before we leave, we are given our mission to love and serve the Lord in the world. We are disciples of Christ, called to fill the world with His presence, taking Him with us from the church and into the world. We bear Christ in spirit and in our bodies, carrying Him with us into our daily lives. With the final blessing and the call to go forth, we depart from the church building, but we who are the Church carry Christ with us wherever we go.

STEWARDSHIP GOSPEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 5:38 - 48) BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Talk about setting the bar high!

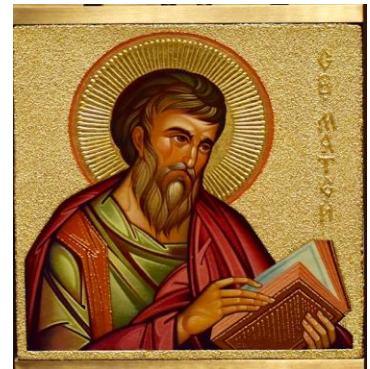
This verse at the end of today's Gospel passage from Matthew sets the tone for all of the readings this week.

The stewardship way of life, giving away the best of our time, talents, and treasure to God for His glory and for the sake of others, is the path to holiness. Yet, it appears utterly foolish in the eyes of many.

Our Lord gives us several illustrations today of this "foolish" concept: "When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well... love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." This is the kind of action and attitude that will make us "children of our heavenly Father." This is the high bar of holiness to which our Lord is calling us.

If your lifestyle and your priorities look a little foolish to the world around you, know that you're probably doing it right in God's eyes. At the same time, you will be filled with a peace that the world around you desperately needs. And your stewardship way of life may just draw those around to the heavenly Father and a life of holiness, too.

So, with God's grace, we can confidently press on in the stewardship way of life, aiming to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. Our all-holy God desires it and deserves nothing less.



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

- "You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy."



- MATTHEW 5:43

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	February 20, 2023	Saturday	Gavina Tamonte (Healing) Nestor D'Souza
8AM	Communion Service	8AM	February 25, 2023 Eulalia BeJesus (RIP)
Tuesday	February 21, 2023		Alex Braganza
8AM	Demetrio Galicinao (RIP)		Tessie D'Souza
	Renelyn T. Manuyag (RIP)	5PM	Stephen Chen (RIP)
	Daniel Fernandez (RIP)	Sunday	February 26, 2023
Wednesday	February 22, 2023	7AM	Beatrice Braganda
8AM	Demetrio Galicinao (RIP)		
	Josefina E. Ordillas (RIP)	9 AM	For the People
	Thanks be to God for Blessing Us		
5PM	Joseph Lenchanko (RIP)	11 AM	D'Souza Family
7PM	All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)		
Thursday	February 23, 2023	6 PM	Dias Family
8AM	Demetrio Galicinao (RIP)		
	Adoracion Tolentino (RIP)		
	Cathy Delos Reyes (Healing)		
Friday	February 24, 2023		
8AM	Sonia Ayson (RIP)		

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

KENNY ULIBAS RINGOR (RIP) – Tuesday, March 2, 2023, St John, Mililani – Family arrives: 9:00 am; Visitation: 9:30 am, Eulogy: 10:00 am, Mass: 11:00 am, Burial: 2:00 pm ~ Greenhaven Memorial Park, Kaneohe.

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, Gavina Tamonte, John Gonzales, Nathan & Diane Kotch.

DECEASED

James E. Smith, Feliciano Carranza, Pope Eméritas Benedict XVI, Bette, Leah Pronovost, Inocencio & Hermenegilda Casillano, Joe Lenchanko, Leatrice Paruginog, Jon Wong, Dolores V. Cabutihan, Maile Judd, Pilar Perona, John Loggins, Jose Najar Sr. & Nelson Visitation.