

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Here are some suggestions on how to be a good steward during the Lenten season. These ideas come from the International Catholic Stewardship Council and are meant to keep us on task during this Lenten season is working with God's graces so generously offered to us:



- Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are pillars of Lent. Try to do one thing daily in each of these categories. Stretch yourself a bit out of old routines and come up through prayer with something new and challenging to yourself.
- Place Lenten reminders around your home. Consider moving your crucifix at home to a new place to make it especially visible. Find a special picture or holy card that speaks to you and display it.
- Plan to come with family and friends to the Stations of the Cross at least once in Lent (every Friday at 6:30 PM).
- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and encourage your family and friends to do so. Our parish's penance service will be held on Tuesday, March 21st, at 7:00 PM.
- Make it a point to prepare for and participate in the beautiful Triduum liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil, if possible.

After Easter, reflect on your Lenten practices. Remember that God's mercy to us is unlimited. It's not all about what we did but what God does within us.

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 FEB 18/19

Sunday Collection	\$ 14,814.54
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,882.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 848.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 415.00
Funeral	\$ 300.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 466.00
Stewardship	\$ 125.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 280.00
Candles	\$ 455.00
St Joseph Statue	\$ 120.00
Augustine Education Fund	\$ 31.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 5.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 26.00
Seminarian Education	\$ 30.00
'Ohana Christ	\$ 59.00

WEEKEND TOTAL \$ 21,861.54



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS is on Fridays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 6:30 pm.

The Usher's training is on Saturday, March 4 at 10 am in the Church.

DEBT REDUCTION SECOND COLLECTION: We will have a second collection, next weekend **March 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.

Lenten Penance Service is on Tuesday, March 21 at 7 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.

A SEASON FOR SLOWING DOWN - During this sacred season, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our relationship with God, our neighbors, and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience. How can practicing these pillars help you to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world? Pick up your family's Rice Bowl at the table near the main entrance of the church. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



'Ohana in Christ

THE ANNUAL APPEAL *for the* CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII

Please support your Diocesan Church and our many Catholic ministries. Our parish has reached 88% (\$34,000) of our goal for the 2022-2023 Appeal. Please help us raise the last \$5000 to reach our goal of \$39,000 before May. No amount is too small to make a difference. Offering envelopes are available at the back of the church. Mahalo!

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.

40 Days for Life “Join the Worldwide Mobilization to pray and fast to end abortion” - Sign-Up To Pray- **February 22 – April 2, 2023**. Sign up online to pray throughout the prayer vigil. Please pledge to pray 1 hour each week. Place: Public right-of-way (the sidewalk) outside of Planned Parenthood, 839 S. Beretania. Contact Anne- anne40dfl@gmail.com or **(808) 268-7143**. For more information, visit www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu.

Respect Life: “The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished**.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent
usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection.

This week on FORMED:

Father Michael McGivney: An American Blessed: In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.

Session 1: Jesus: Model and Master of Prayer: In this episode of his course on the Our Father, Dr. Ben Akers teaches us what we can learn from the perfect model and master of prayer: Jesus himself.

Discerning God's Will by Fr. Larry Richards: Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories! Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories!

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STEWARDSHIP GOSPEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 4:1 - 11) BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

As we begin the beautiful and challenging season of Lent, our readings this week remind us why we need these 40 days so much. They also suggest a particular strategy we Christian stewards might take as we make the journey toward Easter.

Our first reading takes us all the way back to Genesis, reminding us of our Creator and the loving care and lavish gifts He gave to our ancestors, Adam and Eve. He created them out of pure love and provided abundantly for them.

Life was good in the Garden! Until the first couple allowed just a sliver of doubt in the goodness of God to enter their minds.

Swayed by the words of the serpent, they became ungrateful and distrustful despite God's great love for them and all the gifts of creation He had provided. Sound familiar? These are the same temptations that threaten to pull us away from God today.

Our Gospel passage from Matthew shows us by the example of Jesus Himself one way that we can attain spiritual strength and grow to become more effective disciples and stewards. In this passage, we find our Lord in the desert, fasting for 40 days and 40 nights. Like Adam and Eve, He is confronted by the evil one. But unlike our fallen parents, our Lord triumphs definitively over the devil's lies and sends him slithering away.

How did He do it? By knowing the Scriptures and by proclaiming them confidently. And by His perfect trust in the Father.

This Lent, let us embrace this 40-day spiritual reset. Let us prioritize our use of time by committing to prayerful study of the Scriptures and trusting more deeply in the Father's love. We will surely be better stewards by Easter.



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



- *"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."* 5

- POPE FRANCIS

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday February 27, 2023

8AM Communion Service

Tuesday February 28, 2023

8AM Joseph C. Domanguera (RIP)
Lorraine Fernandez (RIP)
Celia Ono (Thanksgiving)

Wednesday March 1, 2023

8AM Eduardo Lomongo Jr. (RIP)
Alfredo A. Fernandez (RIP)
Thanks be to God for blessing us!
Paul Sauget DDS
(Blessing/Thanksgiving)

Thursday March 2, 2023

8AM Tina & Mike Aguinaldo (RIP)
John & Agatha Kim (RIP)
Cathy Delos Reyes (Healing)

Friday March 3, 2023

8AM Feliciano Dona (RIP)
James & Mildred Mizoguchi (RIP)

Saturday

8AM

5PM

Sunday

7AM

9 AM

11 AM

6 PM

Eric Umetsu (RUP)

Guerrero Family
(Blessing/Thanksgiving)

March 4, 2023

The Chen Family (Blessing)
Cindy Abernathy
(Special Intentions)
Rodney Gasmen (Birthday Blessing)
Edith Sajor (RIP)

March 5, 2023

Alex & Cyrus Noveloso
(Birthday Blessings)
For the People

Jaime Maldonado, Sr.
(Death Anniversary)

Tsuneo & Masako Nishikawa (RIP)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

KENNY ULIBAS RINGOR (RIP) – Tuesday, March 2, 2023, St John, Mililani – Family arrives: 9:00 am; Visitation: 9:30 am, Eulogy: 10:40 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, Pope Eméritas Benedict XVI, Inocencio & Hermenegilda Casillano, Joe Lenchanco, Leatrice Paruginog, Jon Wong, Dolores V. Cabutihan, Maile Judd, Pilar Perona, John Loggins, Jose Najar Sr., Nelson Visitacion, Kenny Ringor, Shauna Awong & Buena A. Harding.

