

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

According to the Catholic Dictionary, Reverence is defined as: "The virtue that inclines a person to show honor and respect for persons who possess some dignity. There are four forms of reverence, corresponding to four forms of dignity: 1) Family reverence toward one's parents or those who take the place of parents; 2) Civil reverence toward persons holding civil authority; 3) Ecclesiastical reverence toward the Pope, bishops, priests, and others in the service of the Church; 4) Religious reverence toward any person, place, or object related to God." (Etym. Latin reverentia, awe, respect.)

I would like to focus on the last point, reverence toward God. So, you might be asking yourselves how do we show reverence to God? When we have a reverent attitude toward God, we honor Him, we express our gratitude to Him, and we obey His commandments. We should be reverent in our behavior as well as our attitude. Reverent behavior includes prayer, scripture study, fasting, and payment of tithes and offerings. It also includes us living out the Virtue of Catholic Reverence, it is defined as *"the reverence, we show in our words and actions that we have respect for anything that has to do with God - His Holy Name, the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, the Holy Eucharist, and all the holy objects found in a church or that have been given a special blessing."*

Now, reverence is also acknowledging that we are all spiritual beings worthy of love and respect. Reverence is about seeing the divine in each person we meet. Reverence inspires gratitude and appreciation. It's more important to be true to the compassionate spirit of Love than to the strict word of any book. Also, our reverence flows from our admiration and respect of God. Those who are truly reverent are those who have paid the price to know the glory of the Father and His Son. As Paul admonished in Hebrews, *"Therefore, we who are receiving the unshakable kingdom should have gratitude, with which we should offer worship pleasing to God in reverence and awe."* (Heb. 12:28.)

Lastly, here are some ways we can live out reverence in our daily lives, especially when we attend Sunday Mass. 1) We should bless ourselves with holy water upon entering and leaving the church. The use of holy water to bless oneself upon entering church is a reminder of one's baptism and a gesture of purifying oneself before approaching the presence of God. 2) When greeting one another in church, we should keep our voice at an appropriate level.

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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 25/26

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,458.97
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,852.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 205.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 340.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 705.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 80.00
Candles	\$ 453.00
St Joseph Statue	\$ 50.00
Augustine Education Fund	\$ 200.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 5,951.23
Seminarian Education	\$ 250.00
'Ohana Christ	\$ 693.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00

WEEKEND TOTAL \$ 23,253.20

For the month of February 2023, We collected 99.7% (\$ 572,375 YTD) of our budget: \$ 570,404.



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Nurturing the family community is indeed important, however, we must be mindful of the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist as well as being considerate of others who are praying in silence. 3) We welcome all. Bring our whole family, including small children, to Mass with you. Encourage them to participate in the celebration and learn its meaning. If a child becomes fussy during Mass, please feel free to use the outside Lani's until you are ready to return to the main church. And finally, we dress with dignity in order to show our Lord that we have deep respect for the real Presence of His body and blood present in the Eucharist. God has given us the greatest gift, his Son, and in return, it is appropriate to present ourselves in proper clothes and attitudes as a sign of reverence and respect for this gift.

Fr. Anthony Rapier

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SJAE Library - Need something good to read during Lent? Your SJAE Library will have resources available after all Masses on March 18-19.

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

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE is on Tuesday, March 21 at 7 pm.

DISPENSATION FOR ST PATRICK'S DAY

From the Office of the Bishop

Many people enjoy celebrating St. Patrick's Day, March 17, with corned beef and cabbage. In light of this tradition, Bishop Silva dispenses from the obligation of Lenten Friday abstinence from meat any Catholic living in or visiting the Diocese of Honolulu (State of Hawaii) for that day only. Those who take advantage of this dispensation should choose another day that week to abstain from meat. This year, St. Patrick's Day is on Friday, March 17, 2023.

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.

SOCCER AND A BROKEN RESERVOIR - In the Dry Corridor of Honduras, climate change causes persistent drought, making farming nearly impossible. With support from Catholic Relief Services, Rony, a farmer, repaired an old reservoir and installed a new irrigation system to improve his harvests. Now Rony can send his son to a soccer academy to pursue his dream of becoming a professional player. How can you work like Rony to support others' needs and dreams? Pick up your family's Rice Bowl at the table near the main entrance of the church.

Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



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.

This week on FORMED:**The Story of Saint Perpetua**

Watch this inspiring animated movie about the life of Saint Perpetua. Born from a noble Roman family, she converts to Christianity despite a new decree prohibiting new conversions in the Roman Empire. Ultimately, she gives her life for Christ.

The Passion of Saint Perpetua with Mike Aquilina

Join Mike Aquilina, Vice-President of the Saint Paul Biblical Theology Center, in this informing and inspiring documentary that tells the true account of the courageous martyr, Saint Perpetua, and her companions.

Living Lent as a Family (Part 1 of 4)

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Augustine Institute Graduate School Professor Dr. Sehorn and his wife, Sarah Sehorn, to discuss liturgical living during Lent.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

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 Gospel of Life is “meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace, and happiness!” (*The Gospel of Life* 5)



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

Our readings for this second Sunday of Lent offer us, as Christian stewards, the motivation to continue our 40-day journey toward deeper holiness.

The first reading from the book of Genesis describes God's call to Abram (who would later be called Abraham). God instructs Abram to leave his home and set out to a land that God had chosen for him. Abram's response is an ancient example of good stewardship. Instead of clinging to his comfortable home and way of life, he recognizes that all he has is a gift from God, puts his trust in God, and obeys. And God rewards him saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."



To "be a blessing" is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we take on, the spiritual disciplines we practice, and the extra acts of service we perform during this season — all give glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others.

Lest we grow weary on this path, our Gospel passage today, from Matthew, offers us a powerful image of the great God we serve. It is the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus, when our Lord reveals Himself in His true glory and the Father says, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The apostles who witnessed this were awestruck. But our loving Savior reassured them saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us take these two verses, "Listen to him," "Rise, and do not be afraid" to heart. Let us rely on God's strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others — and as better stewards of all God's gifts to us.

2023 Teaching Mass Evaluation



TEACHING MASS:

Now that we have completed the Teaching Mass, the Diocese of Honolulu – Eucharistic Revival Taskforce would like to get some feedback from the parishes about how it went.

Here's the link to the evaluation for the Teaching Mass.

<https://forms.office.com/r/EGG88WfaRh>.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent, Year A

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2,5-8

Responsorial Psalm: 103:1-2,3-4,6-7,8,11

Gospel: John 4:5-42



*"Oh Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again, 5
Amen."*

– HENRI NOUWEN

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday March 6, 2023

8AM Communion Service

Tuesday March 7, 2023

8AM Felicitas, Alfredo Cordial Jr. & Sr. (RIP)
 John & Agatha Kim (RIP)
 Henry DeCosta (Special Intention)

Wednesday March 8, 2023

8AM Edith Segor (RIP)
 John & Agatha Kim (RIP)
 Thanks be to God for blessing us!

Thursday March 9, 2023

8AM Sylvia Dizol (RIP)
 Demetrio Galicinao (RIP)
 Tsuneo & Masako Nishikawa (RIP)

Friday March 10, 2023

8AM

Braganza Family
 Gonsalves Family
 Edith Gudoy (RIP)

Saturday**March 11, 2023**

8AM

Kevin Dizol (RIP)
 Ruth Miller (RIP)
 Joseph Smith (RIP)
 Jon Wong (RIP)

Sunday**March 12, 2023**

7AM

John Pierre Charlot (RIP)

9 AM

For the People

11 AM

John Pierre Charlot (RIP)

6 PM

Ambrosia Jusi (RIP)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

LEATRICE MARQUEZ PARUGINOG (RIP) – Friday, March 24, 2023, Mililani Memorial Park – Mauka Chapel - Family arrives: 8:00 am; Visitation: 8:30 am, , Prayer Service: 10:30 am, Burial: 1:30 pm ~ 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, 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 & Grace Trent.

