

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

For the next several weekends, I want to cover what Holiness truly is and how we can live it in our daily lives. So, we need to ask ourselves, “What is Holiness?”

Holiness is a word that can make us feel uncomfortable. It seems too lofty, threatening, alien. We instinctively sense that God’s holiness has dangerous overtones. God’s purity calls our sinful attachments into question, demanding that we forsake them in order to enjoy the greatest of all goods—belonging to our God of infinite love and power.

God's holiness is his defining characteristic. It's a term used in the Bible to describe both God's goodness and God's power. It is completely unique and utterly all-powerful, radiating from God like an energy. In fact, God's holiness is so overwhelming that it can actually be dangerous to approach. Yet, our lovingly and merciful God wants us to approach him and to be Holy as he is Holy.

When God was forging a relationship with the Hebrews in the desert, he instructed Moses to tell the entire community of Israel: “Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy” (Leviticus 19:2). God was calling his people into relationship with himself, and he wanted his people not only to survive the experience but to be nourished by it. But for that to happen, they needed to come to him on his terms not theirs.

In Hebrew the word for “holiness” is *qōdes*, a word that highlights the realm of the sacred in contrast to everything common and profane. The adjective *qādōš*, “holy,” refers to God and what belongs to him. In various places in the Hebrew Scriptures, God is called by the title the “Holy One of Israel.”

Holiness then is simply a separation. Not separation from the world, but separation from the way the world acts. In an effort to live a holy life, it means that we should be deliberate in being distinct from those who do not know Christ.

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 12:00PM – 4:00PM

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

MAR 4/5

Sunday Collection	\$ 13,563.02
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 4,407.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 882.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 315.00
Funeral	\$ 300.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 7,862.68
Mass Intentions	\$ 310.00
Candles	\$ 485.00
Flowers	\$ 25.00
St Joseph Statue	\$ 50.00
Stewardship	\$ 20.00
Augustine Education Fund	\$ 50.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 110.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 99.00
'Ohana Christ	\$ 136.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 25.00
AV Ministry	\$ 50.00

WEEKEND TOTAL

\$ 28,694.70



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SJAE Library - We are half-way through Lent! Need some spiritual encouragement? Your SJAE/Library Team will be available **next weekend, March 18/19** after all Masses with Lenten resources and books for Lent and Easter. Stop by, chat, and check out our books, CDs, and DVDs in the OCC lanai.

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

CENTRAL VICARIATE LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES at 7 PM	
Resurrection of the Lord, Waipio	March 15
St John Apostle & Evangelist Church, Mililani	March 21
Our Lady of Sorrows, Wahiawa	March 22
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pearl City	March 30

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.

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.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection- Next week, our parish will participate in the annual CRS collection. Your generous donations will fund CRS's programs such as the USCCB Office for International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, relief work of the Holy Father, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network. Please drop your donation during offertory or donate online through our "Online Giving". Learn more: www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

FROM FARMING TO FISHING: Raul and Rhodora were coconut farmers in their town in the Philippines, but it took a lot of work before they made money. They participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that helped build their own fishpond to raise and sell fish. The fish provide nutritious food for their family and more accessible income, enabling Raul and Rhodora's granddaughters to attend school. What changes have you made in your professional, personal, or spiritual life that have benefited others? Visit csrcricebowl.org to learn more. Visit csrcricebowl.org to learn more.



EPIC MINISTRY- “The Art of Losing” with Kainoa Fukumoto is on Monday, March 13th, at 7PM in the One Community Center. Open to young adults ages 18-39. For more information: email: centraloahu@epicministry.net, text EPICMINISTRY to 8456 or call (808) 354-0971.

Respect Life: “We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’. We find ourselves not only ‘faced with’ but necessarily ‘in the midst of’ this conflict: we are all involved, and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life” (*The Gospel of Life* 28).

Job Opening:

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>

This week on FORMED:

The Story of Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 1

Where did death come from? What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else? In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God’s response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead.

Living Lent as a Family (Part 2 of 4)

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Keenan and Bri Fitzpatrick, parents of four, to discuss liturgical living during Lent and marks of the Christian home in our world today.

Say Yes to Christ: Allowing Jesus to be Lord of Your Whole Life by Scott Hahn

Mary conformed the entirety of her life to the Divine Will. In doing so, she became the model of perfect discipleship. In this talk, Dr. Scott Hahn discusses why we too should surrender our lives to the Lord.

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.

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>.



SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION (JOHN 4:5 - 42)

BY DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

In our Gospel reading today, we heard Jesus speaking to the Samaritan woman at the well, *"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."*

This is what she's been longing for. This is what we long for. Her story is our story too. As people of faith, we know that only God can truly satisfy us, and that the things of this world will never be enough, nor will they last. But God, God only can truly quench our thirst. Deep down we know this, don't we?

The Lord wants nothing more than to pour his life upon us --- his love, his mercy, his forgiveness, his healing grace. We all need the things that only God can provide. And God wants to give us those things. The Lord wants nothing more than to fill us with all good things, to fill our wells with his life-giving water. But you know what? We've poured a lot of junk down into the wells of our souls. We've poured so much stuff in there that there's not much room left for God.

We poured our Anger, Bitterness, Resentment, Grudges, Pettiness, Sin. You name it. And now is the time to rid ourselves of the junk --- not tomorrow or next week --- today. Lent is the perfect opportunity to clean up our wells and make room for God.

Today is the day to:

Lower the bucket of **humility** and remove our self-centeredness.

Lower the bucket of **forgiveness** and remove the grudges we hold against others.

Lower the bucket of **kindness** and remove the poison of gossip.

Lower the bucket of **generosity** and remove the tendency to cling to what we have.

Lower the bucket of **prayer** and remove our unwillingness to change.

Let us **ask the Lord to quench our thirst**, to pour his life-giving water over us; we can be assured that our wells will be clean, and that there will be plenty of room for God to satisfy our deepest longings and quenches our eternal thirst.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Responsorial Psalm 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6

Gospel: John 9:1-41



- "During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference."

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- POPE FRANCIS

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	March 13, 2023	Saturday	Francis Corpuz (Healing)
8AM	Communion Service	8AM	Letty Baguinon (Healing)
Tuesday	March 14, 2023		March 18, 2023
8AM	Tsuneo & Masako Nishikawa (RIP)		Donald E. Miller (RIP)
	Everett Bates (Birthday Blessing)		Francis Corpuz (Healing)
	Theo Castellano-Chock		Cathy Delos Reyes (Healing)
	(Birthday Blessing)		Sam & Maria Aguirre
Wednesday	March 15, 2023	5PM	(30 th Wedding Anniversary)
8AM	James E. Smith (RIP)	Sunday	William Bass (RIP)
	Francisco Ortega	7AM	March 19, 2023
	(Birthday Blessing)		Cecile & Charley Jones (RIP)
	Thanks be to God for blessing us!	9 AM	For the People
Thursday	March 16, 2023	11 AM	Vera Okuna (RIP)
8AM	Felicitas, Alfredo Jr. & Sr. (RIP)	6 PM	Rex Solano (Birthday Memorial)
	Letty Baguinon (Healing)		
	Francis Corpuz (Healing)		
Friday	March 17, 2023		
8AM	Conchita Uson (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, Edward Naong & Teresa Montoya.

DECEASED

James E. Smith, Joe Lenchanko, 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, Maria G. Mercado & Rand T. Ushijima.

