

SPIRIT-LED NEWS

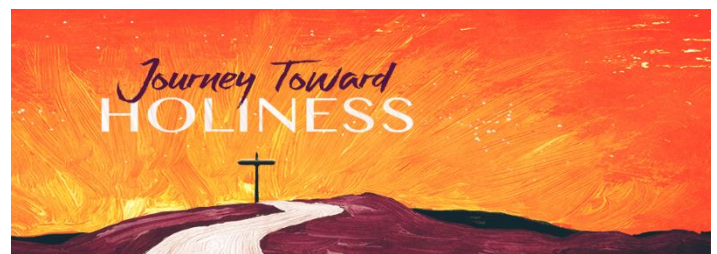


PASTOR'S CORNER

This week I would like to cover personal holiness, and more specifically what is the Catholic Church's definition of holiness? With this question in mind and wanting a specific 'dictionary' definition, I went to my office and began to research. "A state of goodness in which a person--with help of God's grace, the action of the Holy Spirit, and a life of prayer--is freed from sin and evil." Now according to Pope Francis, "the path to holiness, is almost always gradual, made up of small steps in prayer, in sacrifice and in service to others. Being part of a parish community and receiving the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and reconciliation, are essential supports for living a holy life."

So, to be holy takes time, commitment, and prayer as we gradually grow in becoming more and more holy as we deepen our relationship with God. Here are some practical means to growth in holiness, growth in love of God and neighbor, and proper love of self, which are encouraged to be taken advantage of and fostered in the spiritual lives of all the faithful within the Diocese of Honolulu:

- Participation in the Mass, daily Mass in addition to the Sunday when possible
- Frequent Confession (recommended at least once per month)
- Meditation on Sacred Scripture
- The recitation of the Rosary
- Spiritual Reading within the Tradition of the Church
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and personal prayer
- Acts of self-denial and mortification
- A renewed zeal for fasting and almsgiving
- Evangelization and faith sharing
- Ascetical practices to grow in virtue



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 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 11/12

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,161.25
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,962.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 215.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 465.00
Blessings	\$ 70.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 690.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 100.00
Candles	\$ 377.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 1,279.75
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 5.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 5.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 1.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 20.00
'Ohana Christ	\$ 200.00

WEEKEND TOTAL \$ 17,556.00



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SJAE LIBRARY – We are half-way through Lent! Need some spiritual encouragement? Your SJAE Library Team will be available **next weekend, March 25/26**, after all Masses with Lenten resources and books for Lent and Easter. Stop by, chat, and check out our books, CDs, and DVDs. If you have any books checked out, please return them. Mahalo!

Our **Lenten Penance Service** is on Tuesday, March 21st at 7 pm. We will have 9 priests to hear confessions.

CENTRAL VICARIATE LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES at 7 PM	
Our Lady of Sorrows, Wahiawa	March 22
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pearl City	March 30

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday (April 7).

- ◆ 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: Today, 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.

SHARING SUCCESS: Most people in Turkana, Kenya raise livestock, and a few are farmers. But the hot and dry climate makes this work difficult—and climate change is making it even harder. Rebecca and Lotiang participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that installed a water well and taught them new farming techniques. They can support their family with their crops and are teaching others in their community what they learned. How can you use your skills and knowledge to help others? Visit csrricebowl.org to learn more. Visit csrricebowl.org to learn more. Visit csrricebowl.org to learn more.

ST MICHAEL SCHOOL FUND SECOND COLLECTION: We will have a second collection, next weekend, **March 25/26**, after communion for St Michael School, Waialua. Your donation will support student success, innovated technology, facilities, and tuition assistance. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Remember a loved one at Easter. **EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES** are available at the back of the church, or you may also donate through online giving by visiting our parish website.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2 – *The commemoration of the Lord's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem.*
(Regular Sunday Schedule)

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6– *The institution of the Eucharistic Sacrifice of our Savior's Body & Blood.*
8:00AM Morning Prayers (No Daily Mass) 7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight in the One Community Center.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7–*We remember the Passion and Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross.*
8:00AM Morning Prayers (No Daily Mass), 3:00PM and 6:00PM – The Passion of the Lord,
5:30PM - Stations of the Cross.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8 – 8:00AM Morning Prayers (No Daily Mass). No Confessions. No
5:00PM Mass. Easter Vigil – 7:00PM.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9 –***HE HAS RISEN! ALLELUIA!*** Masses: 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM.
No 6:00 PM Mass.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 16 – (Regular Sunday Schedule)
Divine Mercy Chaplet – 3:00PM

EPIC MINISTRY- "Unafraid" with Jose Vides is on **Monday, March 20th, 7PM at Resurrection of the Lord, Waipio**. Open to young adults ages 18-39. For more information: email: centraloahu@epicministry.net, text **EPICMINISTRY to 8456** or call (808) 354-0971.

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:**Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ**

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!

The Annunciation | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.

St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father

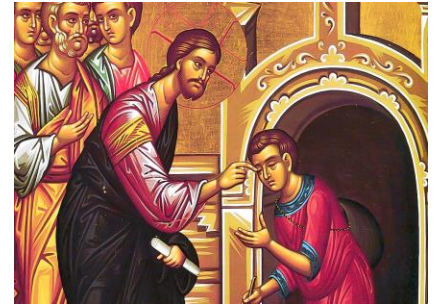
While the Gospel has not preserved any of his words, his actions have resounded through the ages. St. Joseph stands out as the model par excellence of Christian virtue. Encounter St. Joseph in a new way with St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father.

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



STEWARDSHIP GOSPEL REFLECTION (JOHN 9:1 - 41) BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

Today's readings on this fourth Sunday of Lent are filled with contrasting images — God's vision versus human vision, the light of Christ versus the darkness of sin, spiritual blindness versus spiritual sightedness. Embracing a stewardship way of life can free us from spiritual blindness, allow us to see as God sees, and help us to reflect the light of Christ's love in the way we live our daily lives.



Our Second Reading, from Ephesians, begins, "... You were once in darkness but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light." Because of our Baptism, we have the "light" of the Blessed Trinity dwelling within us. In the difficulties and messiness of daily life, it's easy to forget this glorious truth about ourselves. It can also be difficult to determine whether we truly are living in a way that reflects Christ's light.

The stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the rightly ordered use of the gifts of time, talent, and treasure, gives us a guide we can consult on a daily basis to help ensure that we really are living as "children of the light."

In our Gospel passage from John, Christ restores sight to a man born blind. The man says that Christ "opened my eyes." These Lenten days are an excellent time for us to ask Jesus to open our eyes, too. Let us ask Him to show us where we may be suffering from spiritual blindness, perhaps even in subtle ways in our use — or misuse — of time, talent, and treasure.

As we continue on our Lenten journey, let's intensify our efforts in any of these areas where we have become a little blinded so that by Easter, we are truly living as children of the light.

Respect Life: "To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (*The Gospel of Life* 84).

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Responsorial Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Gospel: John 11:1-45



- "Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up the cross each day, and follow in my steps."

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday **March 20, 2023**
8AM Communion Service

Tuesday **March 21, 2023**
8AM Conchita Uson (RIP)
Tsuneo & Masako Nishikawa (RIP)
Michael Browning
(Birthday Blessing)

Wednesday **March 22, 2023**
8AM John & Frances Clarke (RIP)
Conchita Uson (RIP)
Thanks be to God for blessing us!

Thursday **March 23, 2023**
8AM Jayne Kelly (RIP)
Earl Sauget DDS
(Blessing/Thanksgiving)
Yolanda Morreira
(Birthday Blessing)
Feliciano & Ellen Dona
(60th Anniversary)

Friday
8AM

March 24, 2023

Demetrio Galicinao (RIP)
Paulina Wong (RIP)
Mona DeCosta (Birthday Blessing)
Jack, Jenn, & Ellena Rector
(Joyous Blessing)

Saturday
8AM

March 25, 2023

Gracia Horta (RIP)
Julian Castillo (RIP)
Isabel Romero (Birthday Blessing)
Msgr. Ted Mercado (Healing)

Sunday
7AM

March 26, 2023

Fe Guadalupe Villareal (RIP)

9 AM

For the People

11 AM

Concepcion Martin (RIP)

6 PM

Cris Reyes & Family (Thanksgiving)

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.

JOSEPH ALEXANDER LENCHANKO (RIP) – Wednesday, March 29, St John, Mililani – Family arrives: 11:30 am; Mass: 12:00 pm.

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Stephanie Rapozo, Thomas Ramos, Christy Esposito, 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, Letty Baguinon & Winnie Lee.

DECEASED

James E. Smith, Joe Lenchanko, 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, Charles Kauai & Gino Daguio.

