

# SPIRIT-LED NEWS



## PASTOR'S CORNER

This week, I would like to cover reverence in church and at Mass, and it all starts with us. Practicing all of these recommendations take very little effort. If we are new to these practices, then we start with one at a time and incorporate a new one each week. It will help us to physically live out the reality of the occasion of the Sacrifice of the Mass.

We can start with Silent Prayer; this requires us to arrive early for Mass. In general, 15 minutes early is best. But if you have children or are caught up in a busy cycle, do your best to get there as early as you can. In general, you don't want to show up right when Mass starts because you have no time to prepare for the gift that is about to be offered.

Next, we need to Dress for the occasion, our attire signals to us and others that we are in the midst of someone important and are participating in a serious event. For Catholics, there is nothing more solemn and important than the Holy Sacrifice of Mass, and no one more important in life, and Jesus Christ. Therefore, dressing reverently and respectfully is very important when coming to church.

Next, the Sign of Peace is best practiced by reverently and discreetly bowing to the person to either side of you and then refocusing on the fact that Jesus is truly present on the altar. One must remember that the Mass has everything to do with the re-presentation of the crucifixion on Calvary. If everyone is more concerned with shaking their neighbor's hands and carrying on, it distracts from the most important part of the Mass. At this time, you are about to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. It should be very solemn and prayerful.

Lastly, for the reception of Holy Communion, kneeling is the long-standing tradition in our Latin Rite. We kneel to lower ourselves as a sign of humbly signifying that we are of lower status than our Lord. He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and every knee shall bend in His presence. However, standing is the common practice in most places today. When one receives standing, one is asked to make a specific act of adoration before receiving the Sacred Host. In the United States, the bishops have mandated a bow of the head as the uniform act of adoration. Those who receive Communion may receive either in the hand or on the tongue, and the decision should be that of the individual receiving, not of the person distributing Communion. If Communion is received in the hand, the hands should, first of all, be clean. If one is right-handed the left hand should rest upon the right. The host will then be laid in the palm of the left hand and then taken by the right hand to the mouth. If one is left-handed this is reversed. It is not appropriate to reach out with the fingers and take the host from the person distributing. These are things we can do immediately as we attend Mass and try to foster an attitude of reverence in our life. As we do them, we must do them for the right reasons. We do not engage in pious devotions and practices as a show for others to see how "holy" we are or to call attention to ourselves. This is about giving glory to God.

**ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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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 18/19**

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|-----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Sunday Collection                       | \$ 10,701.16 |
| Online Donation (WeShare)               | \$ 3,877.00  |
| Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM) | \$ 175.00    |
| OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)     | \$ 115.00    |
| Stewardship                             | \$ 125.00    |
| Social Ministry                         | \$ 5.00      |
| Debt Reduction                          | \$ 1,834.00  |
| Mass Intentions                         | \$ 100.00    |
| Candles                                 | \$ 480.00    |
| Easter Flowers                          | \$ 205.00    |
| Catholic Relief Services                | \$ 1,181.00  |
| Seminarian Education Fund               | \$30.00      |

**WEEKEND TOTAL \$18,828.16**



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Prince Kuhio Holiday.**

**SJAE LIBRARY** – SJAE Library Team is available after all Masses this weekend on the lanai – stop by and see what spiritual resources they have available! Mahalo!

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

**EPIC MINISTRY-** “EPIC Community Night” hosted by Windward Chapter is on **Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 7PM at Paewalani, Kaneohe**. Open to young adults ages 18-39. For more information: email: [centraloahu@epicministry.net](mailto:centraloahu@epicministry.net), text **EPICMINISTRY to 8456** or call (808) 354-0971.

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pearl City, **LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE** will be held on Thursday, March 30 at 7 pm.

**DEBT REDUCTION SECOND COLLECTION:** We will have a second collection, next weekend **April 1/2**, 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.

**SJAE Women’s Guild Membership Meeting** will be held on Saturday, April 1 at 9 am in the Church. All members are encouraged to attend along with any interested parishioner.

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.

♦ **ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT:** Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on 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.

**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



**THE POWER OF SACRIFICE:** Lent can feel like a long time. Sometimes we'd like to skip right to Easter! But through prayer and sacrifices, we share in Christ's suffering and prepare for the joy of his resurrection. This Lent, we've learned how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive. How have your Lenten sacrifices helped your family and community and communities around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.



His Only Son recounts one of the most controversial moments in the Old Testament—when Abraham was commanded by God to sacrifice his son Isaac on the mountain of Moriah. While traveling to the place of the sacrifice, alongside Isaac and two servants, Abraham is flooded with vivid memories from the years he and Sarah spent longing for the son they were promised—the son he must now lay upon the altar.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023, 7 PM - ONE COMMUNITY CENTER (OCC)

Light refreshments provided by Knights of Columbus

Please visit our parish website, [stjohnmililani.org](http://stjohnmililani.org) to purchase tickets.

#### **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 Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3**

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.

##### **The Paschal Mystery: The Mystery of Jesus' Death & Resurrection**

Through Jesus's Death on the Cross, God reveals himself most profoundly as the God who is love. Christ's sacrificial love saves us from sin and shows us the pathway to true human happiness. We are made to live like Christ: in total, self-giving love.

##### **Living Lent as a Family (Part 4 of 4)**

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Kevin and Lisa Cotter to discuss liturgical living during Lent as a family. They discuss together about a variety of topics, including having a prayer space in the home and decorating the home according to the liturgical season. Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [signup.formed.org](http://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.



## STEWARDSHIP GOSPEL REFLECTION (JOHN 11:1 – 45)

BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

At this point in our Lenten journey, it is tempting to grow weary of the spiritual disciplines we have taken on. Today's readings inspire us to remain faithful, in grateful response to a God who loves us so much.

In our first reading, the prophet Ezekiel speaks God's own words to us. "I will put my spirit in you that you may live... I have promised and I will do it, says the Lord." Our God wants to be so closely united to us that we are one with Him. And He has promised He will do it. But only if we make room for Him by making Him THE priority of our lives. Putting God first is a grateful response that is very pleasing to Him.



How can we do this? Our second reading, from Romans, tells us. "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh... you are in the spirit if only the Spirit of God dwells in you."

The disciplines of Lent and a stewardship way of life are wonderful gifts that free us from too great an attachment to "the flesh." The sacrifices we make as Christian stewards are not meant to restrict our freedom and joy. Quite the contrary. They are tools to help us find the real freedom and joy that only come when we make room in our lives for God.

As we journey closer to the Passion of our Lord, let us intensify our Lenten resolutions and our stewardship way of life, inviting the Holy Spirit to take over more and more of our lives. By Easter, we will be freer to rejoice in Him and truly pleasing to God.

**Respect Life:** "There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves'... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (*The Gospel of Life* 86).

**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](mailto:anne40dfl@gmail.com) or (808) 268-7143. For more information, visit [www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu](http://www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu).

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

**Palm Sunday, Year A**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11

**Responsorial Psalm** 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

**Gospel:** Matthew 26:14-27:66



- "Lent is not a time to show you're perfect, but a time to be faithful."

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– FR. LEO PATALINGHUG

## MASS INTENTIONS

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| <b>Monday</b><br>8AM    | <b>March 27, 2023</b><br>Mark Burnett (RIP)<br>Buena Harding (RIP)<br>Cheryl Solomon-Hume (Healing)                                                   | <b>Friday</b><br>8AM   | Zelda Sacao (Peace & Comfort)<br><b>March 31, 2023</b><br>Mark Burnett (RIP)<br>Cathy Delos Reyes (Healing)<br>Msgr. Ted Mercado (Healing)<br>John Bates (Healing) |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>8AM   | <b>March 28, 2023</b><br>Demetrio Galicinao (RIP)<br>Tsuneo & Masako Nishikawa (RIP)<br>Kaleo & Keolo Moreno<br>(Birthday Blessing)                   | <b>Saturday</b><br>8AM | <b>April 1, 2023</b><br>Stephen Chan (RIP)<br>All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)<br>Demetrio Galicinao (RIP)<br>Bernadina Jacinto Bayadan                                |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>8AM | <b>March 29, 2023</b><br>Letty Baguinon (Healing)<br>Maria Aguirre & Students (Blessing)<br>David & Yvette Browning<br>(Wedding Anniversary Blessing) | 5PM                    |                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>8AM  | <b>March 30, 2023</b><br>Pilar Perona (RIP)<br>Mark Burnett (RIP)<br>Demetrio Galicinao (RIP)                                                         | <b>Sunday</b><br>7AM   | <b>April 2, 2023</b><br>Balthazar Mauleon (RIP)                                                                                                                    |
|                         |                                                                                                                                                       | 9 AM                   | For the People                                                                                                                                                     |
|                         |                                                                                                                                                       | 11 AM                  | Bernardo Benigno (RIP)                                                                                                                                             |
|                         |                                                                                                                                                       | 6 PM                   | Gina Legaspi (Healing)                                                                                                                                             |

## FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**MARK BURNETT (RIP)** – Thursday, March 30, 2023, St John, Mililani – Visitation: 9:15 am; Mass: 11:30 am, Burial: 2:00 pm ~ Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, Kaneohe.

**BUENA A. HARDING (RIP)** – Friday, April 14, 2023, Mililani Memorial Park – Makai Chapel - Visitation: 5:00 pm, Wake Service: pm, Burial: 11:00 am ~ Mililani Memorial Park.

## HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Stephanie Rapozo, Thomas Ramos, Christy Esposito, Ray & Jane Beauchemin, 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, Cheryl Solomon-Hume & Mario Visaya.

## DECEASED

James E. Smith, Joe Lenchanko, 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 & Mark Burnett.

