

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This is the day that even now, throughout the world, sets us Christian believers apart from worldly vices and from the gloom of sin, leading us to grace and joining us to God's holy ones. This is the day when Christ broke the prison bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld. Jesus' resurrection is the centerpiece, the capstone of our Christian faith! Without the resurrection, there would be no Christian faith. Jesus' resurrection is the reason why we are all Christians today!

Yet, Jesus' resurrection remains shrouded in mystery. We do not know exactly how it occurred nor do we have any definitive proof that it happened. Instead, we believe in its existence solely on the faith and the testimony of the women who saw the empty tomb and encountered our risen Lord. The message of Easter is that, despite clear and definitive evidence of his death, one man did return to life. Although the Gospels report that the risen Lord was seen by numerous witnesses, the events of Jesus's death and resurrection remain for us a matter of faith. It is only through faith that we can today declare, "He is risen."

Therefore, Easter invites all of us to make a leap of faith. Yes! Jesus is asking us to place our complete allegiance in HIM, to trust in HIM, to love HIM, and to have a real relationship with HIM! And most importantly, our faith must not be based on logical proof, but on our pure and authentic love for God. Authentic faith in Jesus is based on love, and love alone! For it was out of authentic love that our Savior chose to endure the Cross, it was out of authentic love for us that Jesus chose to embrace human suffering and death.

Jesus freely chose to save each and every one of us; Jesus also gives each and every one of us the gift of eternal life. Jesus wishes to grant every human person unimaginable graces, unimaginable forgiveness, and incomprehensible love.

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

APR 1/2

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,625.53
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 4,067.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 1,027.36
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 215.00
Funerals	\$ 1,000.00
Blessings	\$ 100.00
Stewardship	\$ 20.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 7,208.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 350.00
Social Ministry	\$ 110.00
Candles	\$ 515.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 345.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 55.00
Good Friday	\$ 55.00
Easter Sunday	\$ 150.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 200.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 3.50
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 3.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund	\$ 125.00
Frugal Meal	\$ 157.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$ 100.00

WEEKEND TOTAL

\$ 28,431.39



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

EPIC MINISTRY- "A Testimony" by Matt Bicoy is on Monday, April 10th, 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.

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

BRAIN NEED A TUNE UP? Call Gary & Diane Nishijima at 808-294-8013 by April 12th to reserve YOUR spot at the AARP Presentation on Brain Health. The AARP presentation will be 10:00-11:30 on Saturday, April 22nd, in the OCC. Presentation will be followed by light refreshments. Come out – learn, socialize, and improve your brain health!

HAPPY EASTER! Need some good Catholic reading? Your SJAE Library will have resources available after all Masses on April 22-23.

This week on FORMED:

Divine Mercy Chaplet | Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

Consider praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in a new way with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. This video on FORMED includes breathtaking footage of Catholics across the world performing works of mercy and asking God to have mercy on us.

The Necessity of Divine Mercy by Fr. Chris Alar

Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, reveals the urgency to live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy. He explains the basics of the Divine Mercy feast, image, novena, chaplet, and hour of mercy, and how to incorporate them into your spiritual life.

Misery Meets Mercy: Saint Faustina

St. Faustina is known as the "secretary of Divine Mercy" because of the revelations of the Lord to her about His unfathomable mercy. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz as they discuss her proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy.

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

Respect Life: "Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, 'God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end' (*Spe salvi* 31)."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life"

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We are just one week away. Don't wait! Get your tickets today and watch the trailer.

1 WEEK AWAY!

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023, 7 PM - ONE COMMUNITY CENTER

Light refreshments provided by Knights of Columbus

Please visit our parish website, stjohnmililani.org to purchase tickets.



St John Apostle & Evangelist

Divine Mercy Family Novena –

Saturday, April 16 to Sunday, April 24

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Council 14663

Please join us for prayer & reflection

SATURDAY	APRIL 8	9 AM	Rm 1
SUNDAY	APRIL 9	1 PM	Rm 1
MONDAY	APRIL 10	6:30 PM	Rm 1
TUESDAY	APRIL 11	6:30 PM	Rm 1
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 12	6:00 PM	OCC MPR
THURSDAY	APRIL 13	6:30 PM	Rm 1
FRIDAY	APRIL 14	6:30 PM	Rm 1
SATURDAY	APRIL 15	9 AM	Rm 1
SUNDAY	APRIL 16	3 PM MASS	CHURCH

For all inquiries, please contact Patrick Guzman,
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STEWARDSHIP GOSPEL REFLECTION (JOHN 20:1 - 9)

BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

The great feast of Easter has begun, Christian stewards. Let us rejoice and be glad! Just as we embraced the discipline and fasting of Lent, let us fully embrace the joy and feasting that the next 50 days offer. We are called to be good stewards of the Easter season.



Our first reading, from Acts, gives instruction on how to do this. Here, St. Peter says that our Lord, “commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead... that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

How do we ordinary people preach and testify to all God has done? We do so through how we live our ordinary lives — through the intentional use of our time, talent, and treasure for the kingdom of God. Putting God and others ahead of ourselves in every aspect of our lives is the most eloquent preaching we can do. Boldly and joyfully embracing a stewardship way of life is our most powerful testimony.

As Christian stewards, we are the modern-day witnesses of an incredible miracle prompted by unfathomable love — the death and Resurrection of our Savior for us. Let us rejoice and be glad and let’s make sure our lives are a testimony to this amazing grace!

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>

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy), Year A

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43 Responsorial Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9



- *“And he departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and be hold, HE is here.”*

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– ST. AUGUSTINE

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday April 10, 2023**

8AM Communion Service

Tuesday April 11, 20238AM Panijo & Pedro (RIP)
Arceli Aguado Moral
(Birthday Memorial)
Kim Noveloso (Birthday Blessing)**Wednesday April 12, 2023**8AM Panijo & Pedro (RIP)
Demetrio Galicinao (RIP)
Thanks be to God for blessing us!**Thursday April 13, 2023**8AM Mariano Camilao Sr.
(60th Death Anniversary)
John Bates (Healing)
Letty Baguinon (Healing)**Friday**

8AM

April 14, 2023James & Mildred Mizoguchi (RIP)
Eric Umetsu (RIP)
Feliciano Dona (RIP)**Saturday**

8AM

April 15, 2023Estela & Mariano Camilao Jr.
Wayne Agsalda (Blessing)
Zamuel Pascual (Blessing)
Mark Burnett (RIP)
Venancio & Maria Marcos
(Blessing)**Sunday**

7AM

April 16, 2023Msgr. Gary Secor
(Birthday Blessing)
For the People
Benny Marcos (Blessing)
Lydia Pascual (Blessing)

9 AM

11 AM

6 PM

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**CLYDE TAKASE (RIP)** – Friday, April 14, 2023, Visitation: 10:30 am, Mass: 11:00 am – St John, Mililani.**BUENA A. HARDING (RIP)** – Friday, April 14, 2023, Mililani Memorial Park – Makai Chapel -
Visitation: 5:00 pm, Wake Service: 5:45 pm, Burial: 11:00 am ~ Mililani Memorial Park.**HEALING / BLESSINGS**

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Stephanie Rapozo, Thomas Ramos, Christy Esposito, 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, Carmelo Pacpaco, Lita Guerrero, Genelyn Daszek & Richard Amaral.

DECEASED

James E. Smith, 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, Patrick Mayock, Carmelo Pacpaco & Art Apilado.

