

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This week, I would like to cover the campus maintenance of our wonderful church property. As you know we take up a monthly repairs and maintenance collection to help us maintain our campus. I would like to take this time to thank you all for being very good stewards in this endeavor. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to complete the replacement of the church louvers above the sanctuary along with cleaning and re-painting all of the main beams in the center of the church. We also were able to remove four trees from our property that were destroying the city sidewalk fronting our church building, rectory, and parking lot on the Kuahelani Avenue side of our property. Eventually, we will need to replace the sidewalk as well.

I would also like to let you know that the following projects are also scheduled to be dealt with as well. We will eventually need to repair the two stairwells of our Parish Center, along with repairing our church's baptismal font. We are currently getting estimates for these future projects.

As we grow as a Parish into a stewardship way of life, we gradually develop a lifestyle marked by generosity. A life of generosity is a clear sign that we as a Parish do in fact believe and accept the biblical truth that God owns it all. Conversely, when we hoard our gifts and talents, we assign ownership of our good fortune to ourselves and not to God, doing with them as we please.

As we seek to develop a stewardship way of life, we are aware that one day we will have to account for our stewardship here on earth. How well did we use God's gifts to bless the lives of others?

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 APR 8/9

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,171.33
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,800.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 195.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 65.00
Stewardship	\$ 25.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 680.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 70.00
Candles	\$ 393.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 215.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 2,679.00
Good Friday	\$ 85.00
Holy Land	\$ 2,668.50
Easter Sunday	\$ 11,219.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 576.97
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 25.00

WEEKEND TOTAL \$ 33,867.80



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRS RICE BOWLS: Our community has changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, and we want to say THANK YOU! Don't forget to turn in your Rice Bowl or donate online. Visit www.crsricebowl.org to learn more.

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS in praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy this Sunday, April 16 at 3:00 pm in the Church.

We are in the Easter Season, and you might want a spiritual pick-me-up! Your **SJAE LIBRARY TEAM** will be available next weekend, April 22/23, after all Masses with plenty of Catholic resources. Stop by, chat, and check out our books, CDs, and DVDs.

LAST CALL FOR HEALTHY BRAINS! AARP presentation on Brain Health will be next Saturday, April 22nd, from 10:00 to 12:30 in the OCC. Presentation and light lunch are provided FREE. If interested or if you have questions, please call Gary & Diane Nishijima at 808-294-8013. See you (and your brain!) there!

MOTHER'S DAY MASS OFFERING: Honor your mother, living or deceased, this Mother's Day, May 14th by making a Mass offering. All the names will be published in the May 7th bulletin. **Please PRINT LEGIBLY.** Envelopes are available at the back of the church. **The deadline to submit your mother's name for publication is Friday, April 28.**

EPIC MINISTRY- "On the Road to Emmaus" is on **Monday, April 17th, 7PM at Resurrection of the Lord Parish Hall, Waipio.** Open to young adults ages 18-39. For more information: email: centraloahu@epicministry.net, text **EPICMINISTRY to 8456** or call (808) 354-0971.

A SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND will be held on the weekend of April 29/30. This is a different collection from the Religious Retirement Fund that is done each December. We are asked to prayerfully consider giving generously to this collection that will directly support our priests who are in their retirement years. They have given their lives shepherding our communities, and we pray that they are adequately cared for in this next chapter of their lives.

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>



Respect Life: If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you. *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion"* www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy.

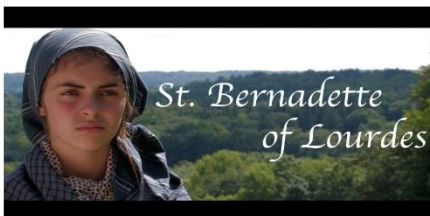
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Week of April 16, 2023



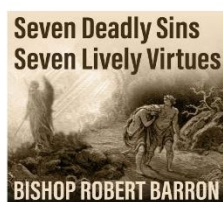
God's School of Trust | Divine Mercy | Episode 1

The sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve, has distorted the way we see God. But God hasn't given up on us. In fact, he has tirelessly worked to heal our distorted image of him through his "School of Trust," beginning with his Chosen People in the Old Testament.



St. Bernadette of Lourdes

"St. Bernadette of Lourdes" is a beautiful and faithful retelling of the familiar story of one of the world's most beloved saints. Humorous, moving, and reverent, this unique, award-winning, independent film has been seen by millions worldwide and has sold tens of thousands of copies since its release in 2009.



Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues by Bishop Robert Barron

Join noted professor of theology and author Bishop Robert Barron in this revealing presentation as he sheds light on the seven deadly sins—those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our relationship with God and others—and the antidote to them, the seven lively virtues!

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INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP

April 2023 • e-Bulletin

TWENTY

Stewardship Ideas for the Month of April

1. Participate in the three liturgies of the Easter Triduum at your parish.
2. Write a note of encouragement and prayer to someone entering the Church.
3. Make a blood donation.
4. Join or start a Bible study group.
5. Keep the Sabbath holy. Make a pledge not to work on Sunday.
6. Plan an outing with your family.
7. Re-examine your commitment to the parish's offertory collection.
8. Introduce yourself to a fellow parishioner with whom you are unfamiliar.
9. Celebrate Earth Day 2023 by prayer and commitment to curb pollution.
10. Help a neighbor who is physically unable to clean their yard.
11. Invite someone to attend Easter Mass or another weekend liturgy with you.
12. Don't text when you drive.
13. Reduce your stress by getting outside and getting some exercise.
14. Make contact with a relative you haven't seen in a long time.
15. Take time to pray each day.
16. Treat your family or loved one to a day at the museum.
17. Volunteer to participate in a community cleanup effort.
18. Make a gift to your diocesan annual appeal.
19. Plant flowers, shrubs or trees in a park or other location.
20. Donate gently used clothing.

Celebrate Earth Day – Stop Plastic Pollution

Plastic is choking the earth. The reason, partly, is that we are not doing a very good job of recycling plastic containers. Less than 14 percent of plastic packaging is recycled. Earth Day 2023 will be celebrated on Saturday, April 22. This year's theme is "Invest in Our Planet." One way we can invest in our planet is by recycling plastic.

In his ground-breaking encyclical *Laudato Si* ("Praise be to You"), Pope Francis urged humankind to exercise better stewardship of the earth. Subtitled "On Care of Our Common Home," the pontiff's letter called for a radical "ecological conversion" on the part of people the world over, and especially disciples of Jesus Christ, to honor and save our earth from degradation. One way we can be better stewards of the earth is to fight plastic pollution.



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Cheap, capable of being made into any conceivable shape, strong and durable, plastic is the wonder product of the modern world. However, the victim of this technological success appears to be much of life on earth. Almost 80% of the plastic produced since the 1950s has been thrown away, either into landfill sites or into the general environment.

Ending plastic pollution was the focus of Earth Day 2018, the annual event celebrated on April 22 world-wide to raise awareness of ecological dangers and demonstrate support for protection of the global environment. But the call to end plastic pollution does not seem to have been heeded.

Items like plastic packaging, bags and bottles are thrown away every day, and end up in trash sites as well as in forests, creeks, rivers, seas, and oceans around the world. While some of these items are recycled, the growth of plastic consumption and its improper disposal currently outpace efforts to recycle and produce post-consumer plastic materials.

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But plastic is more than just litter. A petroleum product, plastic is non-biodegradable. And in reality, most plastic does not ever disappear, but becomes long-lasting "plastic dust". When items like plastic bags break down, they readily soak up (and release) toxins that then contaminate



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soil and water, as well as harming animals that ingest plastic fragments. The increasing presence of plastic in our oceans poisons and ensnares marine life. Check your refrigerator. How much stuff in there is stored in plastic? Hazardous chemicals, some of which can disrupt human hormones, leach from some plastics that are used for food and beverage storage.

Plastic is the basic material of our consumer world. Without it we wouldn't enjoy the same standard of living or convenience. But if we take the Holy Father's urgent pleas seriously, we should take seriously the issue of plastic contaminating and damaging our environment. For Christian stewards, it is a moral responsibility to confront this pollution. And become better stewards of the earth. Celebrate Earth Day 2023 by helping to curb plastic pollution.



Priests Discover New Ways to Engage Parishioners through the ICSC Conference

Priests from across North America and beyond will gather in October for the 61st anniversary stewardship conference of the International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC). The theme for this year's conference, to be held October 1 to 4, 2023 in Orlando, Florida, is "Eucharistic Stewardship: Responding with Grateful Hearts." Special sessions are designed just for clergy with topics that range from homiletic tips on stewardship to successfully engaging those parishioners who have drifted away in this post-pandemic era.

A number of priests joined the ICSC family for the first time last October at its 60th annual conference. One of them, Rev. Richard Gonzales, pastor of Saint Joseph Parish in the Diocese of Corpus Christi, shared his own experience:

I am grateful for having attended the International Catholic Stewardship Council Annual Conference in 2022. As the pastor of a large semi-rural community, the conference broadened my perspective as to how my parish leaders and I could better serve our parish community. One of the things that I started borrowing from one of the priests who spoke at the conference is to deliver a brief, 2-minute "State of the Parish" report, prior to my homily, at the first weekend Masses every month. Both parishioners and I have been amazed by the amount of activity that is taking place in our parish. That 2-minute



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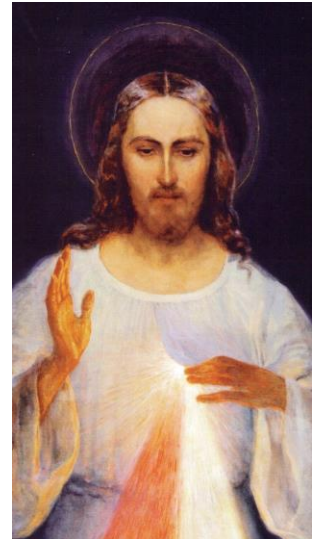
report has inspired other parishioners to get involved with our various ministries and inspired more contributions to our weekend collection and individual contributions to various ministries. Visiting with other priests at the conference is a blessing of the brotherhood of the priesthood and the support we can offer each other.

We thank Father Gonzales for his thoughts and pray that other pastors may see the value of the conference to their own pastoral leadership. We are confident that the 61st anniversary conference will truly be a moment of grace for all involved. You will be able to register by clicking [HERE](#).

STEWARDSHIP GOSPEL REFLECTION (JOHN 20:19 - 31) BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

The Christian steward approaches life with an “Easter vision” rooted in gratitude for the salvation our Lord has won for us through His death and Resurrection. Today’s readings on this Divine Mercy Sunday teach us how this approach plays out in daily life and remind us that we can have complete trust in the mercy of God to lead us, step by step, to heaven.

Certainly, it is challenging to live for heaven when the things of the earth — job stress, family crises, health troubles, political strife — loom large on the horizon. We can find ourselves becoming cynical like the Apostle, Thomas, in our Gospel passage today — until he had an encounter with the merciful Savior. We all recall the famous line from Thomas, who was not present with the other Apostles during Jesus’ first appearance after the Resurrection. Beaten down by the events of the last several days, Thomas refuses to believe that the others had indeed “seen the Lord” as they claimed.



Thomas stubbornly declares he would not believe their story about the Lord unless he placed his finger into the nail marks and his hand into His side. Yet, these doubts did not repel our Lord. They actually drew Him to Thomas in an extraordinary way. Our merciful Lord saw that beneath the hubris in Thomas’ statement were pain and disappointment. Our Lord is mercy itself. And so He did not condemn Thomas, but calmed his doubts and fears, and allowed Thomas to actually touch those Sacred Wounds.

What amazing grace.

When we are tempted to give in to doubts about our faith for whatever reason, all we need to do is seek the Lord — in prayer, in the sacraments, through the encouragement of our Christian communities — and just as He did for Thomas, our Lord will mercifully restore our Easter vision and fill us with His joy and peace.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter, Year A

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles: 2:14, 22-33

Responsorial Psalm: 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35



- “Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy.”
— ST. FAUSTINA

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday April 17, 2023

8AM Mark Burnett (RIP)
Cheryl Solomon-Hume (Healing)

Tuesday April 18, 2023

8AM Panijo & Pedro (RIP)
Rene Catalan (RIP)
Felicitas, Alfredo Cordial Jr. & Sr.
(RIP)

Wednesday April 19, 2023

8AM Millie Loggins (RIP)
Jovita Onato (RIP)
Thanks be to God for blessing us!
Vince McDermitt (Healing)

Thursday

8AM **April 20, 2023**
Communion Service

Friday

8AM **April 21, 2023**
Communion Service

Saturday

8AM **April 22, 2023**
Communion Service
5PM Robert Bonifacio
(Death Anniversary)

Sunday

7AM **April 23, 2023**
Stephanie Jamile
(Birthday Blessing)
9 AM For the People
11 AM Ronald Redoble (Blessing)
6 PM John & Mille Loggins (RIP)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

JOHN RAYMOND LOGGINS (RIP) – Tuesday, April 25, 2023, Visitation: 10:00 am; Mass: 11:00 am – St John, Mililani; Burial: 1:00 PM ~ Hawaiian Memorial Park – Kaneohe.

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Stephanie Rapozo, Thomas Ramos, Christy Esposito, John Bates, 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, Lulu T. Jennings & Glenda Buis.

DECEASED

James E. Smith, Maile Judd, Pilar Perona, John Loggins, Jose Najjar 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.