

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This week I would like to inform you that your Parish Council is currently working on developing a new 5-Year Parish Plan for 2023 to 2028, that will guide our parish to spread God's love, mercy, compassion and love and also revitalize us his modern-day disciples to live out what we believe.

The last 5-Year Plan was based on several parish town hall meetings to help create and develop the plan. The new plan is being created and develop based on the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate Georgetown University Washington, DC, also known as the CARA, Parish Life Survey the parish took be in December 2019.

The information gleaned from this survey is guiding the Parish Council in their creation of our new plan. Eventually a draft version will be given out to parishioners to review and eventually provide feedback so a final and definitive plan can be completed and then give to our Bishop for final approval. I kindly ask for your prayers that God's Holy Spirit will guide our council on this worthy endeavor.

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

- 2 Please call the office for all other inquiries: Anointing, Baptisms, Blessings, Food Pantry, Funeral, Homebound Communion & Marriage.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE APR 22/23

Sunday Collection	\$ 13,551.33
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,127.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 189.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 315.00
Stewardship	\$ 200.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 530.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 340.00
Candles	\$ 434.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Easter	\$ 200.00
Seminarian Education	\$ 30.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 20.00
Mother's Day	\$ 1,102.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 10.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 263.51
Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund	\$ 390.00

WEEKEND TOTAL \$ 20,706.84



**St. John Apostle & Evangelist
2nd Annual Holy Ghost Feast
Parish Celebration
Sunday, May 28, 2023**

9:00 A.M. HOLY GHOST FEAST MASS

Holy Ghost Queen and Ladies-in-Waiting

LUNCHEON IN THE ONE COMMUNITY CENTER

*Menu: Tossed Salad, Portuguese Bean Soup, Sweet Rolls, Mochiko Chicken,
Teriyaki Beef, Lechon, Fried Noodles, White Rice, Malassadas, Fresh Fruits
(Registration to attend the luncheon begins on Sunday, May 7th
on the parish website.)*

CAKE BAKING CONTEST

Please see cake baking contest information on the other side of flyer.

CHAROLA AUCTION

ENTERTAINMENT

Hula, Philippine Folk Dances, Polynesian Dance

BINGO and PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!

ST. JOHN'S 2ND ANNUAL HOLY GHOST FEAST CAKE BAKING CONTEST INFORMATION FORM

1. Competition is by individual (1 person per entry). Contestants 12 years old and up will compete in the competition.
2. All cakes must be made entirely by the Contestant (individual), and One registration per entry.
3. Submissions must be home cooked (not store bought)
4. No refrigerated items will be accepted.
5. All cakes must be edible.
6. Entries will be accepted Sunday morning of the festival between 8:30 am – 10:00 am.
7. Each entry should be marked with the name of your baked good.
8. Contestants must submit a brief summary of their creation and the ingredients used to bake their cake.
9. Entries will be judged by 5 judges on any of the following which may apply: Theme, Shape, Surface, Volume, Texture, Color, and Flavor.
10. Prizes will be awarded for First Place, Second Place, and Third Place Winners.



Fr. David Roman first heard God's call to the priesthood shortly after the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary, which was a few miles away from the Catholic school where he taught.

WILL YOU LAY DOWN YOUR LIFE?

CLARITY AFTER TRAGEDY LEADS TO PRIESTHOOD

Thirteen years ago, Catholic school teacher David Roman was huddled together with students in Danbury, Connecticut. Just a few miles away, at Sandy Hook Elementary, there was an active shooter and all area schools were on lockdown. In those tragic hours, all he knew to do was pray the rosary.

"I asked the kids to pray for people who were hurting, and for people who hurt others," Fr. Roman recalled. "Later, I was reflecting on all of it and I realized how much I loved those kids. I realized that I would die for them."

As he re-lived that awful day in prayer, David felt the Lord asking, "You would die for those children. What will you do for the rest of my people?"

The truth was, he had spent a lot of time telling his students about the priesthood, but he'd never thought about it for himself. Thus began a long journey of discernment, and eventually seminary. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Bridgeport in 2019.

Fr. Roman has since learned that the priesthood really is about sacrificing everything. Like Jesus, priests are called to lay down their lives to be present to people, certainly through the sacraments, but also in the most painful moments of life.

SITE RE-LAUNCH

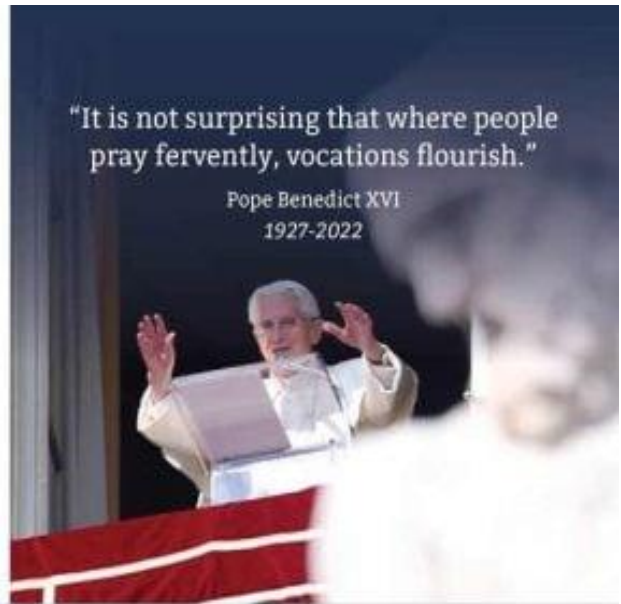
Invisible Monastery

Pledge to pray for vocations at invisiblemonastery.com and receive monthly vocation prayers & updates.



"It is not surprising that where people pray fervently, vocations flourish."

Pope Benedict XVI
1927-2022



CHANGES IN SEMINARY



Seminaries are adapting to new requirements. The Church's *Program for Priestly Formation* was significantly updated in 2022, and two changes (among many) stand out. First, at the beginning of seminary formation, new men will enter a "propaedeutic phase" intensely focused on maturity and spiritual growth. Secondly, toward the end of formation, transitional deacons will no longer remain at seminary full-time in their final year before being ordained priests. Instead, deacons will be stationed in parishes for at least six months, working alongside seasoned pastors, as an apprenticeship to learn parish ministry. Overall, the idea is to build a firm spiritual foundation at the beginning of formation, and have a smoother transition to parish life at the end.

IS CELIBACY AN OUTDATED PRACTICE?

Many have wondered why the Church steadfastly honors the tradition of celibacy. Wouldn't we solve the vocation shortage if priests were allowed to marry?

The first thing to remember is that the Church did not "make up" the idea of celibacy, but rather, takes it from scripture. St. Paul famously said that "it is good to stay unmarried, as I am" (1 Cor 7). And Jesus himself said, "Some have renounced marriage for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Whoever can accept this ought to accept it" (Mt 19:12).

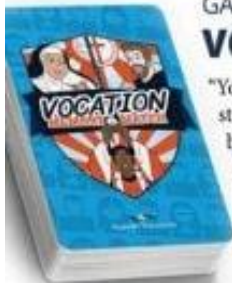
It's important to keep in mind that even if the Church were to change the discipline of celibacy for *diocesan* priests (which is unlikely), we would still have religious brothers and sisters who take vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

Finally, when we look to the Eastern Catholic Churches, who have long allowed married clergy, it is not true that they have solved the vocation shortage. Rather, as Eastern-rite bishops would attest, there are significant challenges managing a married presbyterate, especially with the difficulty (and high cost) of seminary formation and supporting a priest with a family.

So while the Church truly cherishes its married clergy, there is good reason for celibacy, found in scripture, long tradition, and practical experience. Priests who can be single-hearted in their devotion to the Lord and their parish are a blessing to the Church.



GAME FOR KIDS VOCATION MATCH



vianneyvocations.com

"You can't want to be what you never see." Catholic students so rarely encounter religious sisters or brothers, it's hard for them to envision themselves wearing a habit or living in a monastery. As one bishop said, "We have to help kids get these vocations on the menu." This clever memory card game includes 12 different characters in various stages of their vocations, including marriage, diaconate, and more.

VIANNEY VOCATIONS
vianneyvocations.com Renewing the Church by inspiring priestly and religious vocations.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEKEND (4/29-4/30) HAWAII CATHOLIC CEMETERY will have a short presentation on spiritual and practical reasons for learning about Catholic funerals and burials as well the benefits of planning in advance after all Masses in the OCC. If you have any questions or would like to inquire, feel free to stop by.

A SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND will be held **this weekend, April 29/30**. Today, our Second Collection will be for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund. This is a different collection from the *Religious* Retirement Fund that is done in December. In concert with Good Shepherd Sunday, 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. Envelopes are available at the back of the church or make a donation online by visiting our parish website, online giving. Mahalo!

DEBT REDUCTION SECOND COLLECTION: We will have a second collection, next weekend **May 6/7**, 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.

PLEASE CONSIDER NOMINATING YOUR DAUGHTER(S) for the 2nd Annual Holy Ghost Feast celebration Mass and reception. If your daughter was selected in the past, they are not eligible again. The nomination forms are available at the main entrance of the church. The deadline to submit the nomination form is May 7th at the 6pm Mass.

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:

St. Joseph: Old and New (Part 1 of 4)

Join Taylor Kemp and Dr. Ben Akers as they comment on St. Joseph and his importance in the life of the Church. In this episode, they reflect on Joseph of the Old and New Testament.

Litany of Saint Joseph

Join Dr. Christopher O. Blum as he prays the Litany of St. Joseph, asking for his intercession in your life and the lives of your loved ones.

Saint Athanasius of Alexandria | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they discuss the early Church Father, St. Athanasius. A bishop and Doctor of the Church, St. Athanasius is remembered as the great defender of the Nicene Creed. He was exiled five times from his own diocese under four different emperors. A great teacher, his writings are accessible to both beginners and experts in theology, writing works that serve different needs in the Church.

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CELEBRATE MARY IN MAY

Join us and invite your family and friends to the **NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA IN THE CHURCH** for prayer and reflection.

WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS
May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11
6 PM	6 PM	5 PM	8:30 AM	4:30 PM	6 PM	6 PM	6 PM	6 PM

Women's Guild **CROWNING OF THE STATUE OF MARY** in the Courtyard, **Saturday, May 6, 2023 after the 5 PM Mass.**

For centuries the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day in May, mind you, but the entire month. It's common for parishes to have daily recitation of the Rosary during the month of May. At St. John's we have a statue donated by one of our parishioners. It's a longstanding tradition to crown the statue of Mary on the first Saturday in May, a custom known as **MAY CROWNING**. The crown is made of beautiful, Hawaiian blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives. May Crowning is a celebration of Mother Mary's life. At every celebration, we share food... Please bring a dish to share.



MOVIE NIGHT: Invite your families and friends to see **"Our Lady of Fatima"** on **Friday, May 12th** at **6:30 pm** in the One Community Center.

CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA on **Saturday, May 13th** at **5 pm Mass.**

Everyone is invited for fellowship in the One Community Center.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION will be participating in CROWNING OF THE STATUE OF MARY in the church on **Sunday, May 14th** at **9:00 am Mass.**

Respect Life: "People often say, "I could never handle a child with a disability." But the beauty of parenting is that you aren't given *a* child with a disability. You are given *your* child with a disability. Your child enters the world in a relationship with you, and that changes everything. You are not called to 'handle' a disability. You are called to love a particular person, and caring for him or her grows out of that love."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Perfect Gift"
respectlife.org/a-perfect-gift

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION (JOHN 10: 1 - 10)

BY DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

“ . . the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and the sheep hear his voice . . ”

The sheep hears his voice. For us, is not always easy to hear that voice. And the problem, of course, is that there are so many other voices competing for our attention. And some of those voices are very loud and very, very persuasive. And some of them have a tremendous ability to block out the really important voices we need to hear. So, what are the voices we're listening to? For some of us, it's the voice of power, a voice that convinces us to see others as less important. For some of us, it's the voice of materialism, a voice that convinces us to overturn our priorities. Some of us follow the voice of comparison, compelling us to always measure ourselves against others.

How do we know if we're listening to the shepherd? If we're hearing the right voice? It would be nice if we each had a sort-of spiritual caller ID. Wouldn't it be nice if we could just "click over" to God when we needed to?

The answer is to develop a strong relationship with the Shepherd. The stronger our relationship with God, the more we know him, the more time we spend with him, the clearer his voice will be --- the easier it will be for us to pick out his voice from among all the competing voices in our lives. But we will not get to know the Lord's voice by accident. It requires a very specific intentionality on our part. Our presence in every Sunday Mass and daily Mass is evidence of our desire to get to know the Lord in the breaking open of his **word**, in the breaking of the **bread**, and in **each other**. I truly believe that each of us does have an understanding of how to grow in our ability to recognize Jesus' voice.

At the end of the Gospel passage is stated beautifully God's promise, *"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."* This is what God is calling us. This is what he wants for us --- an abundant life, a full life, a new life. And the only way to experience this life is by following the Lord, by listening to his voice so that we can be drawn into the mystery of his death and resurrection so that we can live a life full of his joy, his mercy, and his peace.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday May 1, 2023

8AM Panjigo & Pedro (RIP)
Zaida Kawarai (Death Anniversary)
John Bates (Healing)

Tuesday May 2, 2023

8AM Margaret Axton (RIP)
John Loggins (RIP)
Anita Laguardia
(Birthday Blessing)

Wednesday May 3, 2023

8AM Sylvia Dizol (RIP)
Demetrio Galicinao (RIP)
Thanks be to God for blessing us!
8AM Mariann Hagen (RIP)
Msgr. Ted Mercado (RIP)
Tsuneo & Masako Nishikawa (RIP)

Friday

8AM

Saturday

8AM

5PM

Sunday

7AM

9 AM

11 AM

6 PM

Devon Castellano-Chock
(Birthday Blessing)

May 5, 2023

Feliciano Dona (RIP)
James & Mildred Mizoguchi (RIP)
Eric Umetsu (RIP)
Guerrero Family
(Blessing/Thanksgiving)

May 6, 2023

All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Kailey Jong-Perez (Healing)
Chan Family (Blessing)
Erlinda Cruz (RIP)

May 7, 2023

Viet T. Hoang (RIP)
For the People
Herminia Rodil Kenworthy (RIP)
Pablito Benitez (Healing)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles: 6:1-7

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Responsorial Psalm: 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Gospel: John 14:1-12

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Stephanie Rapozo, Thomas Ramos, Christy Esposito, John Bates, Nathan & Diane Kotch, Edward Naong, Teresa Montoya, Letty Baguion, Winnie Lee, Cheryl Solomon-Hume, Mario Visaya, Carmelo Pacpaco, Lita Guerrero, Genelyn Daszek, Lulu T. Jennings, Solomon Siangco & Blanca D Licon.

DECEASED

James E. Smith, John Loggins, Jose Najar Sr., Shauna Awong, Buena A. Harding, Grace Trent, Maria G. Mercado, Rand T. Ushijima, Charles Kauai, Gino Dagui, Mark Burnett, Patrick Mayock, Carmelo Pacpaco, Art Apilado, Kaede R. Montalban, Richard Amaral & Glenda Buis.