

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This week I want to remind our parish's many parents, that our religious formation (learning of our faith) is a never-ending journey. That God is constantly teaching us new things about Himself and His love for us. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church section (2222), "Parents must regard their children as *children of God* and respect them as *human persons*. Showing themselves obedient to the will of the Father in Heaven, they educate their children to fulfill God's law." The Catechism goes on to state in section (2223), "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by *creating a home* where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule."

I kindly remind all parents that this is a promise you made to God on the day you baptized your child. During the Introductory Rites at the start of the Baptismal Mass or service the priest or deacon asked you the following question.

*"In asking for Baptism for your child,
you are undertaking the responsibility
of raising him (her) in the faith,
so that, keeping God's commandments,
he (she) may love the Lord and his (her) neighbor as
Christ has taught us.
Do you understand this responsibility?"*

And you reply, "We do."

This is why I am encouraging you to please register your children in our parish's Religious Education program grades K-5. We have extended the registration period. You can easily register online by going to our parish website. You can also register online as in one of our Youth Ministry programs, EDGE grades 6-8, or Life Teen, grades 9 - 12. We are also accepting children ages 7 and up who haven't been baptized yet or may need to complete receiving their Sacraments of Initiation, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. You can register your children in the RCIA program by filling out the RCIA Form found in the back of the Church, or you can contact either Fr. Anthony or Deacon Romeo to meet with you in private to discuss your needs.

Fr. Anthony Romeo

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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: 3:30 - 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 JULY 1/2

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,976.10
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,442.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 842.45
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 185.00
Baptism	\$ 200.00
Marriage	\$ 200.00
Social Ministry	\$ 105.00
Stewardship	\$ 20.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 6,911.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 40.00
Candles	\$ 670.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 25.00
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ 1,373.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$ 200.00

WEEKEND TOTAL \$ 26,189.55



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE CLASSES WITH FR JOSEPH is at 6:00 pm in the OCC.

July 11: A brief introduction to the Intertestamental Period

July 13: A brief introduction to the New Testament

July 18: A brief introduction to the Synoptic Gospels

July 20: The Story of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew

July 25 and 27: Continuation of The Story of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew.

Call the parish office to register. All are welcome to attend.

JESUS IS LOOKING FOR ALTAR SERVERS! Are you registered with SJA&E Church? Have you received your First Holy Communion? Are you active in the Catholic Faith? If so, please consider serving as an Altar Server. **ALTAR SERVER TRAINING** is on Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 9:00 am in the Church. An Altar server form is available at the back of the church. Contact Angela- altarssjae@gmail.com for more information.

SJAE LIBRARY: So many books... so little time... but it is summer, and you can read! Stop by next weekend (July 15/16) after all Masses and check out the great selections from your SJAE library.

REBOOT! Featuring Catholic Author and Speaker, Chris Stefanick. Wednesday, September 6, 2023, 7-9pm in the church. **REBOOT!** is the fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! Rediscover the message of the Gospel as **Powerful** for us all, **Beautiful** in its application to LIFE, **Engaging** for those searching, and **Fun & Captivating** for all ages, including our youth! **DO NOT MISS** the opportunity to hear one of the most sought-after voices of our time! Offering practical insight into living the life God has created for you! **Come! Be energized! Invite someone! Tickets are available on the parish website or www.reallifecatholic.com.**

ST JOHN PRESCHOOL – OPEN ENROLLMENT SY 2023-2024, for ages 2.8 years – 6 years old. For more information, call (808) 744-9538 or email: stjohns_preschool@rcchawaii.org.

HOME MASS CELEBRATION: *"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20*

As we begin our Second year of the National Eucharistic Revival which focuses on the Parish, St John's would like to offer our parishioners the opportunity to celebrate the Holy Mass in your home. This would be the perfect time to invite your family or friends and anyone else you would like to experience our beautiful and wonderful Mass. These Masses can only be celebrated on weekdays in the evenings. These home Masses will begin in June. If you would like to schedule a Mass at your home, please contact the parish office to schedule an appointment to go over the details.



- "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

- MATTHEW 11:28

FRIENDLY REMINDER! REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADES K TO 5. EDGE Grades 6 - 8 and Lifeteen Grades 9-12. Please visit our parish website under Religious Education for an online link.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE : June 19 - July 23, 2023: St. John is partnering with Kipapa Elementary School and Helping Hands Hawaii to help students from families with financial challenges with school supplies they need prior to the beginning of the school year. Here's a list of school supplies needed:

Backpacks, ball point pens (black or blue), composition books (wide ruled), crayons (24 count), dry erase markers, ear buds with microphone, erasers, facial tissue, folder papers, glue (4 ounces), hand sanitizers, highlighters (yellow), markers (assorted colors), pencils (colored), pencils (No. 2), permanent markers (black), portfolios (2 pockets), USB flash drives.

Please drop off your donation in the parish office during office hours or in the collection box provided at the main entrance to the church. Mahalo for your support!

There is a need for nonperishable and pop-up cans for the **FOOD PANTRY**: SPAM, Corned Beef, Ravioli, Beef Stew, Vienna Sausage, Rice, Breakfast Items, Soda Crackers, Ritz Crackers, Saimin, etc. Please drop it off at the rectory office. Thank you for your continued support.

I THIRST HAWAII: Eucharistic Revival & Evangelization- Friday, July 14: St Elizabeth, Aiea - 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Saturday, July 15: St Ann, Kaneohe - 7:00 am – 3:00 pm. For more information and to register, please visit: jesusthirstsforamerica.com.

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 Story of Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 1

Where did death come from? What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else? In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God's response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead.

Saint Benedict

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers discuss the Rule of St. Benedict as it applies to daily life.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Listen to this powerful audiodrama to learn more about the holy life of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American saint. Her heroic endurance and courage in following Christ despite ridicule offer a model for all Christians today.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [signup .formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 11:25 – 30)

BY DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

“For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

Every time I hear this passage, I find myself trying to figure out what exactly Jesus means. Is he talking about life? Is life itself “easy” when we believe in him? I don’t think so, at least from my experience. I imagine that most of you would agree. Those who believe seem to suffer the same as other folks. They have relationships that fail, have messed up families, lose their job, and face serious illnesses. Is Life easy? Is Life a light burden?

Maybe Jesus is referring to discipleship? Is following the Lord easy and light? Remember how he told his disciples that they would suffer and be persecuted for following him? We only have to look at the cross to see the most powerful and specific example showing us the heavy cost of loving unconditionally and following the Lord wherever he leads.

And so, what is the meaning of the passage we just heard? Interpreting Scripture (just like discipleship) is not easy. However, the meaning of the phrase “my yoke is easy” certainly does not contradict our faith. In fact, I think it really rings true for me as I think about my own life. So maybe it’s worth considering this day. Maybe it can reveal to us something about our life of faith. When we place our faith in Jesus --- when we “rest” in him --- our yoke becomes easy and our burden light not because our problems go away. Rather, a life of faith is one in which we can see our problems for what they truly are.

That goes even for death itself, no matter how incredible that sounds. When we can have this sort of confidence in the promises of Christ, we can see the world through His lens, even the difficult challenges of this life and the hard work of discipleship becomes a little more manageable and a little easier to face.

The most common use of the word “yoke” pertains to two animals joined together. That means that we don’t have to face the difficulties and sorrows of life (our “crosses”) alone. We have been joined to our Lord in a real and profound way through our baptism. And the yoke between us is “easy” because it was tailored-made in the heart and mind of God. When we see ourselves closely united with Jesus, our problems are not just ours, in a sense they’re God’s too. Our challenges are His challenges. Our sorrows are His sorrows. Our work, His work. Our lives, His life.

Life is difficult. Our responsibilities can be heavy. Our disappointments can be heartbreaking. And our failings can seem too much to bear. But none of that need get the best of us, for we need not face any of it alone. So, let’s allow the Spirit of the living God within us to help us face whatever comes our way in this life, thereby making our yoke a little easier and our burden a little lighter. And may the challenges of life never prevent us from truly resting in our God --- our Lord and Savior who walks alongside each of us, every step of the way.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10 – 11 (103A)

Responsorial Psalm: 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14

Second Reading: Romans 8:18 -23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23



MASS INTENTIONS**Monday July 10, 2023**

8AM Communion Service

Tuesday July 11, 20238AM Sandee & Gerry Ichiyama (RIP)
John Bates (Birthday Blessing)
Deacon Romeo Ganibe
(Birthday Blessing)**Wednesday July 12, 2023**8AM John & Agatha Kim (RIP)
Panijo & Pedro (RIP)
All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Marissa R. Yago (RIP)**Thursday July 13, 2023**8AM Mildred Ramos
Tsuneo & Masako Nishikawa (RIP)
Gene Nishikawa (Thanksgiving)
Suzanna Foster (Blessing/Healing)**Friday July 14, 2023**

8AM

Eric Umetsu (RIP)
James & Mildred Mizoguchi
(RIP)

Carmelo Pacpaco (RIP)

Anne Gazon
(Birthday Memorial)**Saturday July 15, 2023**

8AM Carmelo Pacpaco (RIP)

Orlando Aglanao

(Death Anniversary)

Cathy Delos Reyes (Healing)

All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

5PM

Honorio Ocampo & Mariano

Canilao (RIP)

Sunday July 16, 2023

7AM

Fr Anthony Rapozo

(Birthday Blessing)

9 AM

For the People

11 AM

Carmelo Pacpaco (RIP)

6 PM

Rowena Mora-Lim (RIP)

Respect Life: "Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives."

Read more [at www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory](http://www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory).

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "An Adoption Love Story"

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

VICTOR "ART" GUARIN APILADO (RIP) – Monday, July 10, 2023, Mililani Memorial Park – Mauka Chapel: Visitation: 5:30 pm; Wake Service: 6:30 pm. Tuesday, July 11, 2023, St John, Mililani, Visitation: 9:30 am; Eulogy: 10:30 am; Mass: 11:00 am – Burial: 12:30 pm – Mililani Memorial Park.

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Stephanie Rapozo, Thomas Ramos, John Bates, Winnie Lee, Cheryl Solomon-Hume, Mario Visaya, Carmelo Pacpaco, Lita Guerrero, Genelyn Daszek, Lulu T. Jennings, Solomon Siangco, Blanca D Licon, Ruthie Esdicul, Braeden Enoki, Cindy Abernathy, Lupita Arizpe & Marisol Aguirre.

DECEASED

James E. Smith, Grace Trent, Maria G. Mercado, Rand T. Ushijima, Charles Kauai, Gino Daguio, Mark Burnett, Patrick Mayock, Carmelo Pacpaco, Art Apilado, Kaede R. Montalban, Richard Amaral, Glenda Buis, Maria T. Tumpap, Frank W. Donahue III, Wayne E. Autele & Christy Esposito.

