

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This weekend, I would like to talk about Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. When Catholics say they are “going to Adoration,” they are typically referring to Eucharistic Adoration. Which, in the most basic terms, is the worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass. The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that, “Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil. Adoration is an homage of the spirit to the “King of Glory, “respectful silence in the presence of the “ever greater” God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives assurance to our supplications.” (CCC 2628)

We can show our adoration to God in many ways, but in Eucharistic Adoration, we spend time adoring the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Here at St. John's every Friday after daily Mass, we celebrate Holy Hour which is our parish's weekly Adoration time to come and adore Christ. I invite everyone to at least come once to experience this beautiful way of spending time with Jesus.

In this weekend's bulletin, you will find a wonderful insert titled “Eucharistic Adoration: Drawing Closer to Jesus”, Kathleen M. Carroll. I encourage you to please take time at home when you read this short article.

Lastly, our parish will be hosting a 24hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on August 14, 2023, it will start after our daily Mass and will end on August 15, 2023, the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. More information about this event will be coming soon.

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: 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 8/9

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,122.17
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 4,502.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 292.50
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 100.00
Baptism	\$ 100.00
Marriage	\$ 300.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Flowers	\$ 100.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,443.50
Mass Intentions	\$ 150.00
Candles	\$ 440.00
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ 60.00

WEEKEND TOTAL \$ 18,615.17



The next **ENDURING HEALTH WORKSHOP**, “No Sweat: The importance of physical activity?” is on Saturday, July 22 at 9 am in the OCC.

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.

WOMEN’S GUILD: Sign up and reserve your seat on the bus for the Annual Women’s Guild Church on Friday, August 11. Bus leaves at 9 a.m. to visit St. John Vianney and St. Anthony of Padua in Kailua, lunch at Windward Mall and then visiting St. Ann’s in Kaneohe. Bus is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Drop your payment in the Parish office.

REBOOT! with internationally renowned speaker and author, CHRIS STEFANICK on Wednesday, September 6 at 7pm in the church. Are you longing for more? And who isn’t looking for something more? Do you want to experience your faith – and live your life – more deeply? Then don’t miss YOUR REBOOT! event. Draw closer to God. Deepen your understanding of His plan for your life. And gain a new passion to live the life God created for you. Don’t wait! Tickets available on the parish website or www.reallifecatholic.com.

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

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.



Have You Heard?

**GOD IS DOING SOMETHING
NEW—AND HE IS CALLING
YOU TO BE A PART OF IT!**

We are in the midst of a National Eucharistic Revival. Why? Because the Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.

Scan the code to learn more about the exciting journey ahead, and sign up for weekly updates on what’s happening in this unprecedented national movement!

eucharisticrevival.org



- *“Witnesses do not lose themselves in words, but rather they bear fruit. They do not complain about others and the world but start with themselves.”*

– POPE FRANCIS

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.

EPIC MINISTRY- "Testimony by Maricel Sebastian" is on Monday, July 17th, 7PM at St John, Mililani 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.

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!

FOOD PANTRY: 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.

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:

Easter in Art: Mary Magdalene (Part 3 of 3)

Learn about the "apostle to the apostles" in this discussion with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp. They take a look at a famous painting of Jesus's encounter with Mary Magdalene following the Resurrection.

Where are You? | Forgiven | Session 1

This captivating series explores Catholic themes of redemption, grace, and forgiveness through compelling storytelling and thought-provoking narratives. It offers a profound understanding of the transformative power of forgiveness and its significance in personal growth and spiritual renewal.

Saint Mary Magdalene

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp for a discussion on the life and witness of St. Mary Magdalene. Who was she, and why is she a saint? Find out in this conversation.

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



SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION (MATTHEW 13:1 – 23) BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

In today's Gospel from Matthew, our Lord shares the Parable of the Sower who scatters seed on many different kinds of land. This is a wonderful analogy for the stewardship way of life, demonstrating the slow and steady, yet powerful effect this lifestyle will have on those who fully embrace it.

In this parable, some of the seeds land on a path where birds carry them off before they can begin to take root. Other seeds land on rocky ground with little soil. As soon as things begin to heat up, they get scorched and die. Then there are seeds that land on soil cluttered with thorns which choke the seeds just as they are beginning to grow strong.

Finally, there are seeds that land on deep and healthy soil. These seeds produce abundant fruit.

This is where the stewardship way of life comes in. When we give the best of our time, talent, and treasure to serve God and others, we create lives filled with that rare "good soil" needed for the Kingdom of God to thrive.

How does this happen? Stewardship living removes the "rocks" of mistrust from our lives as we develop an unshakeable faith that God will always provide for our needs. It clears away the "thorns" of worldly ambition that make us self-centered, fill us with needless anxiety and stifle our focus on God. Stewardship living requires a deep reliance on the Word of God and the sacraments which continuously nourish and fertilize the soil of our lives.

Let us deepen our commitment to this way of life, allowing the Sower to do His work in us, slowly and steadily. The Master Gardener will surely produce miraculous fruits through us.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16 - 19 (106A)

Responsorial Psalm: 86: 5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Second Reading: Romans 8:26 -27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24 - 43 or 13:24 -30

Respect Life: "Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions."

Read more at www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday July 17, 2023

8AM Communion Service

Tuesday July 18, 2023

8AM Isabelle Browning (RIP)
 David P. Browning
 (Birthday Blessing)
 Fr Anthony Rapozo
 (Birthday Blessing)
 Frank William Donahue Jr (RIP)

Wednesday July 19, 2023

8AM Carmelo Pacpaco (RIP)
 All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
 Richard Amaral (RIP)
 Richard Agbanlog (Birthday Blessing)

Thursday July 20, 2023

8AM Carmelo Pacpaco (RIP)
 Poor Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
 Mark Pascual (Birthday Blessing)

Friday

8AM

Suzanna Foster (Blessing/Healing)

July 21, 2023

Carmelo Pacpaco (RIP)
 Gregorio E. Ebuen (RIP)
 Richard Amaral (RIP)
 Bartolome Family
 (Thanksgiving/Healing)

Saturday

8AM

July 22, 2023

Salvacion Agsalva (RIP)
 Romeo M. Ebuen (RIP)
 Bartolome Family
 (Thanksgiving/Healing)
 Petra Ines (RIP)

Sunday

7AM

July 23, 2023

9 AM

Lorraine Aguirre (RIP)

11 AM

For the People

6 PM

Fred "Eddie" Calleon (RIP)

Patrick M. Mayock (RIP)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

CRYSTAL BAOAS BROWN (RIP) – Wednesday, July 19, 2023, Mililani Memorial Park – Makai Chapel: Visitation: 10:00 am; Wake Service: 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, Richard Guillory & Beverly Dunn.

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.