

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Catholic Funeral Rites are one of the church most misunderstood rites. According to The Most Reverend Jaime Soto, Bishop of Sacramento:

"The Catholic Funeral Rites for a deceased loved one are a time for family and friends to remember, and to grieve and pray for someone who is dear to us. Through the Rites we commend the beloved deceased to the merciful hands of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The Catholic Rites are comprised of three separate and vital parts. The Vigil, Funeral Mass, and the Committal. Through these sacred and solemn Catholic Rites, the family and friends of the deceased are reminded of the companionship and support of Christ and all believers. The words and rituals of the Church are the voice and the hands of Christ guiding us to the pastures of his tender mercy."

Therefore, our Catholic Funerals are a celebration of faith that enable loved ones to focus on the promise of everlasting life and the hope of Eternal Resurrection in Christ.

There are three distinct Rites:

Vigil and Visitation

The Vigil is time for family, and members of the community to gather in prayer and support, in remembrance of a treasured life. Often times, a rosary is prayed, and eulogies are delivered.

Funeral Liturgy

The Funeral Mass is the principal celebration of the Christian Funeral. Family and friends join to reaffirm that life has not ended. It is the memorial of Christ's sacrifice, and it is a reminder that we are one with Christ in Life, Death, and Resurrection.

Committal

The Committal is the final farewell and goodbye. It is the time of internment; the body is committed to its final resting place. Here, family and friends gather to take their final leave with the comfort and the promise of Everlasting Life in Resurrection.

Each Rite serves an important purpose in guiding family and friends through loss, grief, and the journey of healing.

This coming year, Deacon Romeo and I will be offering a course from FORMED, called "Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well." Eternal Rest examines the origin of death, the afterlife, and the powerful reality around the sacrament that ushers us into eternal life.

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: 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 15/16

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,682.43
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 4,162.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 1,072.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 140.00
Funeral	\$ 300.00
Blessing	\$ 50.00
Stewardship	\$ 25.00
Social Ministry	\$ 100.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,015.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 70.00
Candles	\$ 523.00
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ 110.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund	\$ 100.00
Seminar Education Fund	\$ 130.00

WEEKEND TOTAL \$ 17,479.43



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next **ENDURING HEALTH WORKSHOP**, "Medications: What do they do?" is on Saturday, July 29 at 9 am in the OCC.

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 Mass 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will start on Sunday, August 6th at 7:45 am. EDGE starts on Thursday, August 10th at 5:00 pm, classrooms 4 & 5. LifeTeen starts on Sunday, August 13 at 10:30 am, classrooms 4 & 5. **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.

MARRIAGE, FAMILY, LIFE MINISTRY

is having a pancake breakfast for
married and engaged couples on
Saturday, August 19th
9:00 am in the OCC.

Activities will include fellowship,
Scripture Reflection, and a
Video Presentation on the
Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

Please register online on the Parish
Website to RSVP or
contact Mila Ramos (425) 990-8377.

Invite other married and engaged
couples to attend.

*Pancake
Breakfast*



This is a FREE event
for all attendees!

SJAE SUMMER FUN DANCE

Come, celebrate summer with us,
bring out your dancing shoes,
share us your playlist,
show us your moves.

Saturday, July 29, 2023,
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm in the OCC.

Get your tickets at \$50.

Coordinated by SJAE Fil-Am Ministry.

Contact Henedine (808) 675-1760

Marcie (808) 375-6752.

Proceeds go to OCC Debt Reduction.



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- “Biblical Studies” is on Monday, July 24th, 7PM at Our Lady of Sorrows, Wahiawa. Open to young adults ages 18-39. For more information: email: centraloahu@epicministry.net, text **EPICMINISTRY to 8456** or call (808) 354-0971.

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>

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.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED:

Sts. Joachim and Anne | Sacred Art

In this episode on FORMED Now, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp discuss the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary in this famous painting "Joachim and Anne Meeting at the Golden Gate."

The Way of Saint James

This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith but are united in their journey across the Camino de Santiago. Each of them is traveling toward the shrine of St. James the Apostle, whose feast day we celebrate this week.

Catholic Parenting Tips w/ Catholic Sprouts | FORMED Now

Join Taylor Kemp and Nancy Bandzuch, who founded Catholic Sprouts alongside her husband Bill, for tips for raising Catholic children!

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

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 13:24 - 43)

BY DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

Today, once again, we hear Jesus talking to his disciples in parables. And at the heart of this passage is the Parable of the Weeds and the Wheat (as it is sometimes called). In this parable, Jesus doesn't paint a rosy picture --- describing angels, harvesting the weeds, and tossing them into a fire. And yet, even though that statement is dramatic and attention-getting, it really isn't the main point he seems to be making. At the heart of the story is the idea that you and I need to refrain from doing what we so often do --- **judging**. In the story, Jesus describes the Master telling his servants, who wants to do the weeding; *"No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them."*

It's as if he is telling them, "You're going to mess this up, even if your hearts are in the right place. You're going to cause more harm than good. It's not your job - - - so stop worrying about it. Leave it alone."

And of course, Jesus is saying the same thing to you and me. Not judging others is a tough thing to do. And make no mistake about it --- at some level, we must make some judgments about behavior. It's part and parcel of trying our best to live peacefully and justly with others. But what Jesus seems to be cautioning us against is the temptation to presume that we can see what God sees or know what God knows. The truth is, whatever judgments God makes about us are judgments about what's going on within each human heart. And that we can never know . . . You see, there is one situation in which we must attempt to distinguish the weeds from the wheat, must try to know the good from the bad. Of course, I'm talking about each of our own individual hearts.

The reality is that people aren't simply one thing or another. Life is more complicated than that. Motives are more mixed than that. And that means that each of us has weeds and wheat growing side by side within each of us. And knowing the difference is not just something that we can know but is something that we must know if we truly want to live a holy life, a life that makes a difference in this world, a life in, with, and for God.

And so today, we are invited to pray for deeper self-knowledge and self-awareness, a better understanding of the weeds growing up alongside the wheat deep within us. The first step in becoming the person God created each of us to be is knowing what needs to change within us. The good news is that we don't have to do the 'weeding'. Our loving God died so that those weeds can be uprooted and tossed into the fire. We just need to know what they are, be sorry we let them grow there in the first place and ask our loving God to take them away.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading: 1 King 3:5, 7 - 12 (109A)

Responsorial Psalm: 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

Second Reading: Romans 8:28 -30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44 - 52 or 13:44-46



- *"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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday July 24, 2023

8AM Communion Service

Tuesday July 25, 2023

8AM Buena Harding (RIP)
John Loggins (RIP)
Maxine Souza (RIP)

Wednesday July 26, 2023

8AM Philip Pagador (RIP)
Catalina Ligaya (RIP)
All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

Thursday July 27, 2023

8AM Estela & Mariano Camilao (RIP)
Teodora & Catalino (RIP)
Suzanna Foster (Blessing/Healing)

Friday July 28, 2023

8AM Ekela Keohulua (RIP)

Carol Baron (RIP)

Frederick Tadda

Robert N. & Myrna A. Daguio
(50th Wedding Anniversary Blessing)

Saturday July 29, 2023

8AM Louie Cuerva
(Death Anniversary)
Isidoro Barayuga
(Death Anniversary)
Josefino Solano Sr.
(Death Anniversary)
5PM Ignacia V. Benítez (RIP)

Sunday July 30, 2023

7AM Visitacion P. Corpuz
(Death Anniversary)
9 AM For the People
11 AM Juan Achaval Jr. (RIP)
6 PM Inocencio Santos (RIP)

Respect Life: “Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.... That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
“Married Love and the Gift of Life”

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

EDITHA R. SUGA (RIP) – Friday, August 4, 2023, Valley of the Temple, Kaneohe: Visitation: 9:00 am; Wake Service: 10:00 am; Prayer Service: 11:00 am - Burial: 12:00 pm.

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Stephanie Rapozo, Thomas Ramos, John Bates, Lita Guerrero, Genelyn Daszek, Lulu T. Jennings, Solomon Siangco, Blanca D Licon, Ruthie Esdicul, Braeden Enoki, Cindy Abernathy, Lupita Arizpe, Marisol Aguirre, Richard Guillory, Nicole Guerrero, Mona DeCosta, Reyes Aguirre & Marisol Aguirre.

DECEASED

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

