

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The National Eucharistic Revival is the Catholic Church's grassroots response to the difficulties and darkness of the world. Jesus gave us the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20, which commands us to go out into the world, spread the Good News of Jesus and help people lead lives that can continue to make a difference in every nation.

As Catholics, we can only hope to accomplish this goal by first deepening our own faith in the presence of Jesus Christ at the Eucharist. For many, this personal journey of impacting the world begins by recommitting ourselves to Eucharistic Adoration.

I want to encourage you all to please join me for 24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration in the Church from 8:30am Monday, August 14 thru 8:00 am Tuesday, August 15, 2023, which is the Assumption of Mary.

Everyone is welcome to Adoration at any time, but we need to make sure that we have people there at all hours (the Blessed Sacrament cannot be left by itself, this person would sit in the Church for 1 hour in prayer). We will need volunteers willingly to sit with Our Lord at every hour or 1/2 hour throughout the night. A sign-up sheet is located at the back of the church.

Let us take up Jesus' challenge given in the Garden of Gethsemane when he asked his disciples, "Could you not stay awake with me for an hour?" Matthew 26:36-41.

What is Adoration?

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass. Jesus will be fully present in the Eucharist and exposed on the Altar for 24 hours for us to adore. This means that we have an opportunity to spend some time with Jesus in personal prayer.

What might this look like?

- Pray a Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Meditate on the Stations of the Cross
- Read the Bible
- Have a silent conversation with Jesus
- Just sit in silence with Jesus

And our wonderful Knights of Columbus will be providing security coverage through the night.

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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 Monday – Saturday

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 29/30

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,954.50
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$6,002.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 185.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 155.00
Baptisms	\$ 120.00
Stewardship	\$ 20.00
Flowers	\$ 5.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,475.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 120.00
Candles	\$ 547.00
Good Friday	\$ 20.00
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ 32.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 25.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$ 70.00

WEEKEND TOTAL \$ 18,730.50



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A HUGE MAHALO to everyone who made this year's **School Supply Drive** a success! Your generosity helped keikis from low-income and homeless families go back to the classroom ready to learn with the educational supplies they need.

WAY TO GO, ST. JOHN! We exceeded our goal of 300 and collected 440 boxes of facial tissues for Kipapa Elementary School! Thank you to all who made this possible. God bless you!

DUANE PAVAO from **HAWAII CATHOLIC CEMETERIES** will be here following at all Masses this Sunday, August 6 to give a brief presentation of our Columbaria (niche) project and begin to take initial sales from those who are ready to proceed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES for grades K-5 have begun! **EDGE** (grades 6-8) starts on Thursday, August 10th at 5:00 pm, classrooms 4 & 5. **LifeTeen** (grades 9-12) starts on Sunday, August 13 at 10:30 am, classrooms 4 & 5. **REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN FOR ALL GRADES!** Please visit our parish website under Religious Education for an online link.

CALLING ALL SJAE SENIORS! It's BINGO time! Senior "Summer Time" BINGO will be held on Sunday, August 13th from 1-3 pm in the OCC. Games, fun, prizes, food and fellowship! Please call Diane Nishijima at (808) 294-8013 for reservations. See you then!

Our **SJAE LENDING LIBRARY TABLE** will be out next weekend after all Masses. Please return or extend any books you may have checked out. Stop by and see what we have to offer – children's and adult books and DVDs, fiction, and non-fiction. Due to recent parishioner donations, we have several new books and many new children's books. Check us out next weekend!

Our parish will be holding **24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration** in the church from 8:30 am, Monday, August 14 thru 8:00 am Tuesday, August 15 in preparation for the Celebration of the Assumption of Mary. We will need volunteers willing to sit with Our Lord at every hour throughout the night. If you are only able to sit for 30 mins, please add the time when you sign up. A sign-up sheet is located at the back of the church.

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. This is a FREE event for all attendees!

REBOOT! Jesus said he came to give us life to the full. Do you know what that means? Do you want to learn exactly how to live it? **Then don't miss REBOOT! Wednesday, September 6 at 7pm in the church. Tickets are available on the parish website. Hurry! Get your tickets while you can!**

THE HEALING GRACE MINISTRY FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS will be gathering on September 16, 12 noon in room #1. This is a Christ-centered support group for the bereaved. *"Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted"* (Mt 5:4.) Come find comfort in the teaching of Christ. For more information, please contact Abbie at abbie.99.06@gmail.com.

The **SIDEWALK** will be under construction on Kuahelani Ave from Goodyear to Aloha gas station. We will be having Daily Mass in the OCC, Thursday, August 3rd – Monday, August 14.

SJAE FAITH FORMATION TEAM presents **LIVING JOY! 9 Rules that will change your life.**

Life Sharing Small Group Study: Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept 12 – Oct 17 at 6:30 PM in the OCC.
Register to attend on our parish website.

Introduction: Got Joy – Sept 12	Rule 6: Make Friends – Oct 3
Rule 1: Give Thanks – Sept 14	Rule 7: Rest – Oct 5
Rule 2: Practice Silence – Sept 19	Rule 8: Serve – Oct 10
Rule 3: Love Yourself – Sept 21	Rule 9: Frame Your Mind with Faith - Oct 12
Rule 4: Have Fun – Sept 26	Jesus Is The Journey – Oct 17
Rule 5: Engage Your Body the Battle for Joy – Sept 28	

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.

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. 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: Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber

This film is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman and her journey toward the Lord.

Clare and Francis

This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare. Both founded major religious orders, and together they inspired many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel.

The Transfiguration | Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with Raffaello Sanzio's painting, "The Transfiguration," to discuss its theological meaning and how it can speak to us today.

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



SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 17: 1 - 9)

BY DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

"Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

Peter says to Jesus on that mountain long ago, as he and James and John witnessed something incredible. Here they were seeing Jesus in a way they had never seen him before --- in glorified, dazzling, divine-like way. That must have been an unbelievable, life-changing moment. I can't imagine what must have been going through their minds. But we do sort of know what was in the mind of Peter. He seems to have . . . never wanted it to end.

The whole Liturgical life of the Church and its devotional life as well is an attempt to give each of us a "mountain top" experience. These mysteries are meant to truly awe, inspire, and give us a glimpse into the very life of God --- to "commune" with him in an intimate way. And most of us would not be here Sunday after Sunday if that wasn't the case, if we didn't get to experience a little bit of the divine each time, we come through our Church doors and gather in faith. In a certain sense, all these small grace-filled moments are small transfigurations --- experiences that draw us close to our God in all his glory. And nowhere is that more visible than at this holy table, a moment to see our God truly present -- not with our eyes but with our hearts and minds and souls.

And most of us probably don't want it to end, just like Peter. But what we probably want is the feeling to never end --- that beautiful, awe-filled, comforting sense that our God is so very close, that our problems have sort of dissolved, and that the worries of the world don't seem quite as big as they were before. But it can't be that way and we can't remain on the mountain forever; we can't simply use the Church's liturgical and devotional life to sort of escape from the world and from our responsibilities. Rather, at some point we must come down from the mountain and "use" the power of those experiences to face the challenges of day-to-day life. True faithfulness is not about staying on the mountain top. It's about being willing to come down the mountain, roll up our sleeves, and continue the work of the Lord, to "transfigure" and "transform" our world into beautiful place --- a world filled with love and mercy and compassion.

"Lord, it is good that we are here."

Respect Life: "We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (EV 86)
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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a (115A)****Responsorial Psalm: 85:9, 10,11-12, 13-14****Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5****Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33**

- *"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."*

- MATTHEW 17:5

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday August 7, 2023

8AM Ivy Glen Agonoy (Healing)
Karla Peralta (Healing)
Angel Gaerlan (Healing)

Tuesday August 8, 2023

8AM John & Agatha Kim (RIP)
Juvenal G. Coito (RIP)
Gerry A. Saqaoinit
(Death Anniversary)
Cindy Abernathy (Healing)

Wednesday August 9, 2023

8AM Orlando Antolin (RIP)
Antonio Baldonado (RIP)
Panijo & Pedro (RIP)
All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

Thursday August 10, 2023

8AM Rosario Castro Calvo (RIP)
Tsuneo & Masako Nishikawa (RIP)

Friday

8AM

Saturday

8AM

5PM

Sunday

7AM

9 AM

11 AM

6 PM

Victor "Art" Apilado (RIP)

August 11, 2023

Richard Amaral (RIP)
Jelacio Pascual (Death Anniversary)
Fr. Tom Killackey (RIP)
Catherine DeJesus
(Birthday Blessing)

August 12, 2023

Leoncio Taburcio (RIP)
Joshua Momiyama
(Death Anniversary)
Richard Amaral (RIP)
Richard Amaral (RIP)

August 13, 2023

Devin Shockley (Birthday Blessing)
For the People
Merlita Melegrito
(Birthday Blessing)
Augustus V. Benitez
(Birthday Blessing)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADELA Q. MADDAGAN (RIP) – Monday, August 14, 2023, Mililani Memorial Park – Makai Chapel, Visitation: 6:00 pm; Wake Service 7:00 pm. Tuesday, August 15, 2023, St John, Mass: 11:00 am; Burial: 1:30 pm – Mililani Memorial Park.

CHRISTY ESPOSITO (RIP) – August 17, 2023, St John A&E - Rosary: 9:15 am; Visitation: 9:45 am; Eulogy: 10:30 am; Mass: 11:00 am.

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 & Lana Daszek.

DECEASED

James E. Smith, 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, Gary G. Garcia, Noah J. Lopez & Michael Cobb.

