

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our modern world today, some confusion exists among some of our Protestant brothers and sisters, and in some cases in is our fellow Catholics as well as to how to properly understand the Catholic teaching call *"Two Participations in the one priesthood of Christ."*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: Christ, high priest, and unique mediator, has made of the Church "a kingdom, priest for his God and Father." The whole community of believers is, as such priestly. The faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according his or her vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king. Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation the faithful are "consecrated to . . . a holy priesthood."

The ministerial or hierarchical priesthood of bishops and priests, and the common priesthood of the all the faithful participate, "each in its own proper way, in the one priesthood of Christ." While being "ordered one to another," they differ essentially. In what sense? While the common priesthood of the faithful is exercised by the unfolding of baptismal grace, a life of faith, hope, and charity, a life according to the Spirit, the ministerial priesthood is at the service of the common priesthood. It is directed at the unfolding of the baptismal grace of all Christians. The ministerial priesthood is a *means* by which Christ unceasingly builds up and leads his Church. For this reason, it is transmitted by its own sacrament, the sacrament of Holy Orders. (1546 – 1547)

So, we all share a common priesthood of the baptized. But God calls not all but only those men He chooses to the Sacramental Priesthood.

Thus, the whole Church is a priestly people, Through Baptism all the faithful share in the priesthood of Christ. (The common priesthood). The ministerial priesthood differs in essence from the common priesthood of the faithful because it confers a sacred power for the service of the faithful. The ordained ministers exercise their service for the People of God by teaching (*munus docendi*), divine worship (*munus liturgicum*) and pastoral governance (*munus regendi*).

Finally, let us all not forget. We were all incorporated into the Church by Baptism, and we the faithful have received the sacramental character that consecrates us for Christian religious worship. The baptismal seal enables and commits Christians to serve God by a vital participation in the holy liturgy of the Church and to exercise our baptismal priesthood by the witness of holy lives and practical charity.

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 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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

AUG 5/6

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,210.04
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,222.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 1,253.44
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 105.00
Funerals	\$ 100.00
Flowers	\$ 100.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 6,824.13
Mass Intentions	\$ 170.00
Candles	\$ 376.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 30.00

WEEKEND TOTAL

\$ 24,390.61

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



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED on Friday, August 18th, in observance of Admission's Day.

THE LENDING LIBRARY TABLE is on the lanai after all Masses this weekend. We have books and DVDs about sacraments and ministry, saints, popes, spirituality, prayer life, and life skills. Books and DVDs are available for children and adults. We have fiction and non-fiction. Stop by and meet members of the Library Ministry!

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.

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.

Next weekend 8/19-8/20, our special collection will be for **CATHOLIC CHARITIES IN HAWAII** (CCH). As part of the largest private network of social service organization in the United States, Catholic Charities Hawai'i offers much needed programs and services statewide, serving 40,000 individuals each year. Envelopes are attached to the insert and available at the back of the church or you may donate online by visiting our parish website and clicking "Online Giving." Please prayerfully consider being generous in your support

REBOOT! God didn't create us to just get by: He created us to live life to the full. Get ready to take your life to a new level - practically, and spiritually. Rediscover God and rediscover the life you were made for. **Don't miss REBOOT! with Chris Stefanick, 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.



HAWAII CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SERVICES HEALING SERVICE

ST JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

FR CLYDE GUERREIRO, SS.CC.

DEACON FERNANDO ONA, M.D.

HCCRS WORSHIP TEAM

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.

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:

Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe

After escaping from Auschwitz, a man hears the tragic news about ten random inmates sentenced by the Nazis to death as a punishment for his escape—one of whom is Fr. Maximilian Kolbe.

A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: Assumption (Part 4 of 5)

What do you know about the Assumption? Join Dr. John Sehorn and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the theology behind this dogma of the faith.

Saint Maximilian Kolbe | Lukas Storyteller

Inspired by the heroic life of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Lukas helps his friends understand that they should always be grateful for what they have.

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

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION (MATTHEW 14: 22 - 23) BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

“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.”

Stewardship spirituality invites us to surrender control of our lives to God in grateful recognition that all that we have is a gift from Him.

While today’s readings remind us that, of course, God is always in control of His creation and His creatures, they illustrate what amazing things can happen when we fully permit God to take charge of our lives — in other words, what can happen when we embrace the stewardship way of life.

When we take our eyes off God, we fail to see that all is gift from Him, we lose trust in Him and we do not make our lives a grateful response to Him.

Peter makes this mistake in our Gospel passage from Matthew. Jesus sends the disciples in a boat ahead of Him to the other side of the shore. Later that evening, Jesus casually strolls up to the boat, walking on the sea. He invites Peter to join Him. As Peter begins to walk on the water, he momentarily takes his eyes off Jesus to notice the strong wind surrounding them. With that, he sinks.

But what if Peter had not taken his eyes off Christ? What a grand adventure he could have had out there walking on the sea with Jesus! When we take our eyes off Christ, the many blessings He has given us, and the loving way He treats us, we sink, too.

But when we embrace the stewardship way of life, letting go of a tight hold over our money, time, and talents, our lives become a grand adventure, rooted firmly and gratefully in the God Who always cares for us.

Respect Life: “Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage”

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a (115A)

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday August 14, 2023

8AM Melen McBride (RIP)
Bonnie de los Santos (Thanksgiving)
Virgilio V. Benitez (RIP)

Tuesday August 15, 2023

8AM Jorge Factor Fernandez
(Birthday Memorial)
Muriel Ramos (RIP)
Mae & Mark Acosta
(Wedding Anniversary)

Wednesday August 16, 2023

8AM Richard Amaral (RIP)
Christy Esposito (RIP)
All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Felisa Alfaro (Birthday Blessing)

Thursday August 17, 2023

8AM Richard Amaral (RIP)
Christy Esposito (RIP)
Victoria Banoran (Healing)

Friday

8AM

Gene Nishikawa (Thanksgiving)

August 18, 2023

Richard Amaral (RIP)
Dionisio Locquiao
(Death Anniversary)
Cecile & Charley Jones (RIP)
Cat Awong (Birthday Blessing)

Saturday

8AM

August 19, 2023

Richard Amaral (RIP)
Christy Esposito (RIP)
Victoria Banoran (Healing)
Alfred Dela Cruz (Healing)

5PM

Richard Amaral (RIP)

Sunday

7AM

August 20, 2023

Lorraine Canales & Elaine Gibson
(Blessing & Thanksgiving)

9 AM

For the People

11 AM

Richard Amaral (RIP)

6 PM

Anna Arzaga (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, Vanessa Liu & Michael Donlin.

DECEASED

James E. Smith, Mark Burnett, Patrick M. Mayock, 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 & Shirley Del Rosario.