

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This weekend's corner is part one of a two-part discussion on the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Many people are confused when asked the question "What is the difference between Anointing of the Sick and Last Rites?" Many believe that it is the same thing, just a different way of naming it. Well, there is a difference, and it is important for us to know these differences so that we can better understand and take full advantage of this Sacrament and this Apostolic Blessing (Last Rites).

Part One: Anointing

Most people usually think of asking for this anointing only when they or a loved one are nearing death through sickness or old age. However, if this is the case, we would be missing out on the opportunity for God to heal and help us at times when we might need Him the most - when we are having surgery, dealing with a physical, mental, emotional, or even spiritual affliction. It is during these difficult times that we need the Holy Spirit's gifts of strength, faith, peace, and courage. It is during these times, as well, that we should seek to receive this God given Sacrament.

How does one decide if they should ask to be anointed? A good or reasonably sure judgment, without an uneasy feeling about the rightness of what one is doing or going to do, is sufficient for deciding on the seriousness of an illness. For example: A sick person may be anointed before surgery, whether a serious illness is the reason for the surgery. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present. Sick children may be anointed if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by this Sacrament. And if you are still unsure, when in doubt, ask Father!

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is administered, by a bishop or priest, to bring spiritual and even physical strength during an illness. This sacrament, unlike some of our other sacraments, can be administered more than once, especially if a person has a chronic illness.

Does a person have to be dying to receive this sacrament? No. The Catechism says, "The anointing of the sick is not a Sacrament for those only who are at the point of death.

Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived" (CCC 1514).

Another important thing to keep in mind is that Anointing of the Sick can only be administered to the living. This sacrament will not be administered to one who has already passed. It is a Sacrament and sacraments are celebrated and administered only with/to the living.

Next week Part Two: Last Rites.

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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 12/13

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,331.00
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Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 5,707.00
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Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 510.00
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OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 105.00
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Debt Reduction	\$ 1,887.00
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Mass Intentions	\$ 10.00
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Stewardship	\$ 25.00
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Candles	\$ 367.00
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Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 10.00
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Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 10.00
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Seminarian Education Fund	\$ 10.00
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WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 18,972.00
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Please call the office for all other inquiries:
 Anointing, Baptisms, Blessings, Food Pantry,
 Funeral, Homebound Communion &
 Marriage.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please support your **ST JOHN A&E KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL 14663!**

This weekend 8/19-8/20, The Knights of Columbus will be selling Zippy's Chili tickets after all Masses. Please see a Knight on the church lanai. For more information, please visit: <https://www.kofc.org/>.



This 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. You may drop your donation during offertory or visit online: <https://www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org/donate/>. Mahalo for your continued support.



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

EPIC MINISTRY- "Community Night" is on Monday, August 28th, 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.

REBOOT! Longing for more out of life? Struggling to see what your faith has to do with your everyday life? **Then don't miss REBOOT! with Chris Stefanick, Wednesday, September 6 at 7pm in the church. Tickets are available on the parish website. Don't wait! Tickets are selling fast!** Get energized. Get educated! Get Inspired! Learn how to apply the genius of the Gospel to YOUR life – in practical, livable ways.

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.

Respect Life: "God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather *whose* we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"How to Build a Culture of Life"

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:

Pope Saint Pius X

Join Dr. Ben Akers with Lucas Pollice as they discuss the life of Pope St. Pius X and his work to restore all things in Christ.

The Queen Mother | Lectio: Mary | Episode 4

Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.

Saint Bartholomew

Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the great apostle, St. Bartholomew. Grab your Bible and follow along. We recommend The Augustine Bible.

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



SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 15:21 - 28)

BY DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

Certain passages in the Bible are confusing, and this gospel story is one of them. Why, you wonder? This is one of those stories in which Jesus doesn't seem to be too good of a guy. Did you feel the same way? Recapping the gospel story, a woman comes to Jesus for help, and he initially says "no". Aren't we supposed to help people in need? Like most stories from the Bible, we can't simply look at them on the surface. There's always more to understand, more layers to peel. And this is one of those stories. On the surface, Jesus seems to be indifferent to the woman's plight.

Our usual tendency is to focus excessively on what Jesus does or doesn't say. But sometimes the other characters are the ones who can illuminate the greatest truths and provide the clearest insights. And in this story, it's the woman who has much to teach us. Jesus, being fully aware that the disciples are watching and listening, allows her to be a channel of grace. The whole story attaches to something Jesus says to the woman after her first request.

"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

Jesus was, in modern language, basically telling her, "You know the rules. You're a Canaanite, an outsider, so we only take care of our own." This is probably the exact kind of response the disciples were expecting. Canaanites and Jews just didn't mix. And the woman would have none of it. Jesus articulated what the barrier was and made it clear that he would not be helping her --- but the woman would not accept it. For her, this artificial division was an injustice that society had imposed. She was desperate for help and was willing to do whatever it took to get it --- even if that meant going against the status quo. And so, she asked for help once again. Jesus, of course, opened a door for the woman, and she walked right through. The woman saw the truth despite the darkness of the situation.

Societal barriers take all forms. Some are visible --- exclusive clubs, gated communities, and walls between nations. And many of them involve the "haves" trying to exclude the "have-nots". Try to call it something else, but at its core, this is what it is. And the people involved are not necessarily trying to be mean or do something wrong.

Thank God, we have people who are willing to stand up and speak out, like the Canaanite woman in the Gospel. We need Rosa Parks and others like her who refuse to accept the artificial barriers we place between ourselves. Without courageous people willing to put themselves on the line, nothing would change. It's very possible that God is using that person to make the world a little closer to how he intended it to be.

But visible barriers are only part of the problem. There are hidden barriers we place between ourselves and others that can be harmful in their own subtle ways. These hidden barriers keep others at a distance for a whole bunch of different reasons. For example, maybe there's someone in our life who wants to be part of our circle of friends, but we don't think they exactly "fit".

One of the hardest things for us to understand sometimes is that God loves us all equally. And it's difficult to understand because we don't love all people equally. Our love gets spread to some and not others, sporadically and even thinly at times. But God is not like that. God makes no exceptions in pouring out his love.

Can't we at least try to do the same, even if we know we will fall short? Can't we listen to the people in our lives crying out for help?

May this be our challenge today and in the days ahead.



- "May God's compassion and blessings shine upon us, revealing His ways to all nations, leading to salvation. Let all praise Him, rejoicing in His just rule and guidance."5

- PSALM 67

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday August 21, 2023

8AM Christy Esposito (RIP)
Mucio S. Aguirre (RIP)
Gloria Ursal Munson (RIP)
Ramon N. Ramos (RIP)

Tuesday August 22, 2023

8AM Richard Amaral (RIP)
Alfredo Dela Cruz (RIP)
Modesta Yadao
(Blessing/Thanksgiving)

Wednesday August 23, 2023

8AM Richard Amaral (RIP)
Christy Esposito (RIP)
All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Jeannie Lunasco (Birthday Blessing)

Thursday August 24, 2023

Richard Amaral (RIP)
Christy Esposito (RIP)

Friday

8AM Alfredo Dela Cruz (RIP)
Christy Esposito (RIP)
Christine Skall
Justin Tano (Birthday Blessing)

Saturday August 26, 2023

8AM Carmelo Pacpaco (RIP)
Cathy Delos Reyes (Healing)
Alfredo Dela Cruz (RIP)
5PM Richard Amaral (RIP)

Sunday August 27, 2023

7AM Shauna Lei Awong (RIP)
9 AM For the People
11 AM Cesar Risos Magpuri (RIP)
6 PM Richard Amaral (RIP)

Alfredo Dela Cruz (RIP)
Gene Nishikawa (Thanksgiving)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading: Isaiah 22:19 -23 (121A)****Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36****Responsorial Psalm: 138:1-2, 2-3,6,8****Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27**

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

RUTH R. BALTCH (RIP) – Tuesday, August 22, 2023, Mililani Memorial Park – Makai Chapel,
Visitation: 9:30 am; Prayer Service 10:30 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

Mark Burnett, Patrick M. Mayock, Art Apilado, 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, Jane Beauchemin & Genevieve Rosa.

