

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Soon we will be starting our third year of our Annual Diocesan Appeal called "One Ohana in Christ." But have you ever wondered what the Hawaiian definition of the word 'ohana' really means?

"The concept of 'ohana involves creating loving relationships with more than just blood relatives. Embracing 'ohana means developing a sense of familial care and devotion to all members of the human family. The general non-Hawaiian public primarily knows about 'ohana from movies or television shows. 'Ohana is closely associated with the concept of families providing support to each other. Traditionally, Native Hawaiians have had large extended families, with multiple generations staying close together.

One aspect of 'ohana means ensuring that no one in the family gets left behind. Growing 'ohana involves ensuring that everyone in the family has what they need to survive and live with joy. This sense of family includes not only the children but also the elders, who receive much respect."

(<https://collectionsofwaikiki.com/ohana-meaning/>)

Though not exactly having the same meaning the word 'catholic' does in a sense refer to family. The word catholic comes from the Greek *katholikos*, the combination of two words, *kata* (concerning), and *holos* (whole). According to the Oxford Dictionary of English Etymology, the word catholic comes from a Greek word meaning "regarding the whole," or, more simply, "universal" or "general." The word church comes from the Greek *ecclesia*, which means "those called out," as in those summoned out of the world at large to form a distinct society. So, the Catholic Church is made up of those called out and gathered into the universal society founded by Christ. The word catholic literally means "universal," as in "the universal church." It originally was applied to all Christians because we are all part of the universal church in the way that we are all members of the Body of Christ. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ (One Human Family) or in Hawaiian (One Ohana in Christ).

Therefore, as members of universal church, we are called by God to help one another, especially our brothers and sisters in need. The Poor, the elderly, the sick, the dying and especially all our brothers and sisters on Maui, regardless of their religious belief or lack of belief, we are commanded by Christ to help them rebuild their lives and their families from this tragedy they have endured recently.

I also pray that you will also make a spiritual discernment to once again live life of faithful discipleship and stewardship in making this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal apart of your generous gift giving back to God.



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 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 AUG 19/20

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,996.92
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,542.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 218.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 355.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 685.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 210.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Candles	\$ 380.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 185.00
Maui Donation	\$ 200.00

WEEKEND TOTAL \$ 15,776.92

For the month of August,
 we collected 91.9% (\$132.410 YTD)
 of our budget: \$144,000.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

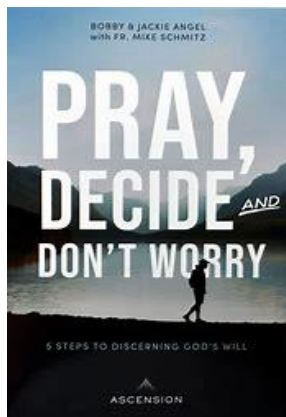
The Church Office will be closed on Monday September 4th, in observance of Labor Day.

St. John is participating in Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program. From Sept 1- 30, customers are invited to make donations of up to \$249 (per person) at checkout. Donations are accepted by Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farm checkout. At checkout, present your Maika'i card (or provide number) and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to: **St. John Apostle & Evangelist, #77455.**



This weekend **Sept 2/3**, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for **THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA**. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate & graduate students to help educate them to serve the Church and nation as the Catholic leaders of tomorrow. Envelopes are at the back of the Church. You may drop your donation during offertory. You can learn more at collection.catholic.edu.

REBOOT IS JUST A FEW DAYS AWAY! Are you ready to take your life to a new level - practically and spiritually? If you want that "something more" for your life - and who doesn't? - **then don't miss REBOOT! with Chris Stefanick, Wednesday, September 6 at 7pm in the church. LIMITED TICKETS IS STILL AVAILABLE in the parish office.** This is your chance to rediscover God and rediscover the life you were made for.



Yes – it is back to school for all of us! **Next weekend** (Sept 9-10) your **SJAE LENDING LIBRARY** will be on the church lanai after all masses. Books, CDs, about our Sept- Oct church celebrations or Saints. We have books on the Blessed Mother, Rosary, Anges, and Saits Padre Pio, Francis Assisi, John XXIII, and Faustina. Lots of wonderful spiritual reading to feed your soul! And DVDs are available (free!) for you to check out for 1 month. Return them the following month to the library table or drop them off at the church office. Take some time to immerse yourself in something totally Catholic. **THANK YOU** for supporting the SJAE Lending Library!

SJAE CHILDREN'S CHOIR is BACK! We are looking for children, ages 4-12, who like to sing or already play an instrument and want to join our Children's Choir. Our first meeting for parents and children will be on Wednesday, Sep 27, 2023, from 4-5 p.m. in the church. If you have any questions, just call or text Deb Zedalis at 808-348-2973.



PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY- INFLUENZA SEASON IS HERE: HOW CAN WE PREVENT & CONTROL:

- Get Vaccinated – The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (AICP) in the United States recommends all persons aged 6 years old and above , who do not have contraindications to obtain routine annual influenza vaccination.
- People who wish to travel during this season should consider vaccination, preferably 2 weeks before departure to reduce risk for influenza.
- Call your physician’s office or make appointment with your respective Pharmacy, i.e., Long’s Pharmacy, Walgreens, Costco for Influenza Vaccination.

For further CDC influenza Information, call (800) 232-4636 or access www.cdc.gov/flu.

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:

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Sacred Art

By studying Sacred Art, we fuel our prayer and contemplation. In this episode, Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Taylor Kemp to examine the theological nuances contained in Bartolome Murillo's depiction of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In this episode, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Pancake Breakfast

When: Sunday September 10, 2023.

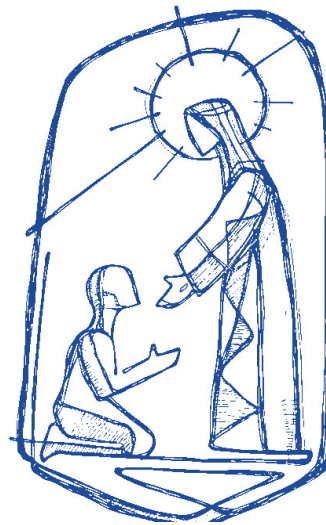
Time After All Morning Masses.

Cost: \$10.00 at the door.

All Proceeds go towards OCC Debt Reduction.

HEALING MASS

*"Lay Your Hands
Gently Upon Us...
May Their Touch
Render Your Peace..."*



Monday, September 11, 2023

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

St. John A&E Parish

Praise and Worship 7:00 pm

Mass 7:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Anthony Rapozo

Sponsored by St. John Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group

For information: Victoria Achaval 623-8860 Stephen/Helen Uyehara 623-7423



A Message from our State Deputy: Maui Fire Relief

The 2023 Maui wildfire struck with destructive force, leaving a trail of devastation across the cherished landscapes of West Maui, Hawaii. Fueled by dry conditions and fierce winds, this tragic event engulfed homes and communities, displacing families, and wildlife. Recovery will be long, but rising from the ashes is the aloha spirit with prayers and blessings from across the world of people wanting to help. The Knights of Columbus is an organization founded on the values of charity. It is often said, *“where there is a need, there is a knight.”* As we speak, Knights are on the frontline organizing collection drives and distributing to those who are in most need. You can directly assist those affected, aiding in rebuilding lives, restoring neighborhoods, and offering solace to the impacted communities. Your generosity can be a beacon of hope as we stand together to heal and restore the beauty of Maui.

Monetary Donations - Please use one of the following to donate to help support the relief efforts: Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation:
<https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>.

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	

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION (MATTHEW 16:21 - 27) BY DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

In today's Gospel, Jesus makes it very clear that to follow him means that we will suffer. It's not an option. In fact, it's a door to new life. And the reason for this is simple. To follow Jesus means to love as he loves. And when we love, we're taking a big risk, a chance that someday we will be hurt, a chance that maybe that love will not be returned --- either because of death, or distance, or an unwillingness on the part of another. With love also comes a certain amount of pain and loss --- maybe not the first day or the second, but at some point, down the road. And when we suffer, especially in relationships, part of us absolutely dies. It doesn't just feel that way. It happens. And that is not a bad thing, for something must die for something else to grow in its place.



For some of us, the heaviest cross we ever have to carry is the death of someone dear to us -- - maybe a spouse, parent, child, or friend --- each in his or her own way irreplaceable. It can often feel as if a part of us has died too. And if the hurt is bad enough, we feel as if we will never recover. We just feel so, so empty and wounded. For others, the cross we carry is an estrangement from someone who played an important role in our life. Maybe it ended in separation, or it could be as simple as a school best friend moving away. If this happens our hearts felt like a barren landscape. It leaves a scar that will never go away, just as they did on the hands and side of our Lord.

Nobody can take the place of the individuals we've lost in our lives. But God can and will take that hurt, that emptiness, that void --- whatever it may be --- and allow something wonderful to grow in its place. So, whatever we're feeling, whatever crosses we're bearing, know that only a God who loves us that much can transform our lives into something of beauty, meaning, and purpose. In one voice, let us all cry out this day, "Lord, we're ready to follow you."

Respect Life: "The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Another Look at Abortion" respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7 -9 (127A)

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Responsorial Psalm: 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

- "Give yourself as a holy sacrifice." It's a call to be different, letting your mind see what's good in God's eyes!"



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday September 4, 2023

8AM John & Agatha Kim (RIP)
Francis Noguchi (RIP)
Gloria Ursal Munson (RIP)
Richard Amaral (RIP)

Tuesday September 5, 2023

8AM John & Agatha Kim (RIP)
Maile Judd (RIP)
Richard Amaral (RIP)
Jelacio Pascual (Death Anniversary)

Wednesday September 6, 2023

8AM Richard Amaral (RIP)
All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Marcelo & Carmen Callejo (RIP)
Ben & Lily Pascual
(Wedding Anniversary Blessing)

Thursday September 7, 2023

Estela Rodriguez (RIP)
Joseph Lenchenko (RIP)
Carmelo Pacpaco (RIP)
Gene Nishikawa (Thanksgiving)

Friday

8AM

September 8, 2023

Estela Rodriguez (RIP)
Robert Martin (RIP)
Helena Diego (RIP)
Rebeca Márquez
(Healing/Thanksgiving)

Saturday

8AM

September 9, 2023

Estela Rodriguez (RIP)
Patrick M. Mayock
(Death Anniversary)
Ray & Marcia Waugh
(62nd Wedding Anniversary)
Erica Utu (Birthday Blessing)
Chloe-Belle (Birthday Blessing)

5PM

Sunday

7AM

September 10, 2023

Susana Barayuga
(Death Anniversary)
For the People

9 AM

11 AM

Eloisa Mamingas
(Death Anniversary)
Juan Achaval (RIP)

6 PM

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

LOWREY K.Y. LEONG (RIP) – Wednesday, September 13, 2023, Mililani Memorial Park- Makai Chapel; Visitation: 10:00 am; Prayer Service: 11:00 am – Burial: 1:30 pm: Mililani Memorial Park.

WILLIAM “KONO” J. DAHLIN JR. (RIP) – Friday, September 15, 2023, Mililani Memorial Park – Mauka Chapel, Visitation: 5:00 pm; Prayer Service 6:30 pm.

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Stephanie Rapozo, Thomas Ramos, John Bates, Lita Guerrero, 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 & Patrice Wilson.

DECEASED

Mark Burnett, Patrick M. Mayock, Art Apilado, Richard Amaral, Christy Esposito, Winnie Lee, Victoria Tamondong, Gary G. Garcia, Noah J. Lopez, Michael Cobb, Shirley Del Rosario, Jane Beauchemin, Genevieve Rosa, Michelle Aubuchon, Monica Pangelinan & Jonathan Somaoang.

