

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This week's topic **"What is Discipleship Living?"** By definition, a disciple is one who accepts and assists in the spreading of the doctrines of another. A Christian disciple is a person who accepts and assists in the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Christian discipleship is the process by which disciples grow in the Lord Jesus Christ and are equipped by the Holy Spirit, who resides in our hearts, to overcome the pressures and trials of this present life and become more and more Christlike. This process requires disciples to respond to the Holy Spirit's prompting to examine their thoughts, words and actions and compare them with the Word of God.

1. Putting Jesus first in all things: A disciple of Jesus needs to be set apart from the rest of the world. Our focus should be on our Lord and pleasing Him in every area of our lives.

2. Following Jesus' teachings: We must be obedient sons and daughters of the Word. Obedience is the supreme test of faith in God, and Jesus is the perfect example of obedience as He lived a life on earth of complete obedience to the Father even to the point of death.

3. Fruitfulness: Our job is not producing fruit. Our job is to abide in Christ, and if we do, the Holy Spirit will produce the fruit, and this fruit is the result of our obedience. As we become more obedient to the Lord and learn to walk in His ways, our lives will change. The biggest change will take place in our hearts, and the overflow of this will be new conduct (thoughts, words, and actions) representative of that change. The change we seek is done from the inside out, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

4. Love for other disciples: We are told that the love of others is the evidence of our being a member of God's family. Love is defined and elaborated on in **1 Corinthians 13:1-13**. These verses show us that love is not an emotion; it is action. We must be doing something and be involved in the process. Furthermore, we are told to think more highly of others than of ourselves and to look out for their interests.

5. Evangelism: Making disciples of others, we are to share our faith and tell nonbelievers about the wonderful changes Jesus Christ has made in our lives. No matter what our maturity level we are in our catholic faith and life, we have something to offer. Too often, we believe the lie from Satan that we don't really know enough or haven't been a Christian long enough to make a difference. Not true! Some of the most enthusiastic representatives of the Christian life are new believers who have just discovered the awesome love of God. They may not know a lot of Bible verses or the "accepted" way of saying things, but they have experienced the love of the living God, and that is exactly what we are to share.

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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

SEPT 2/3

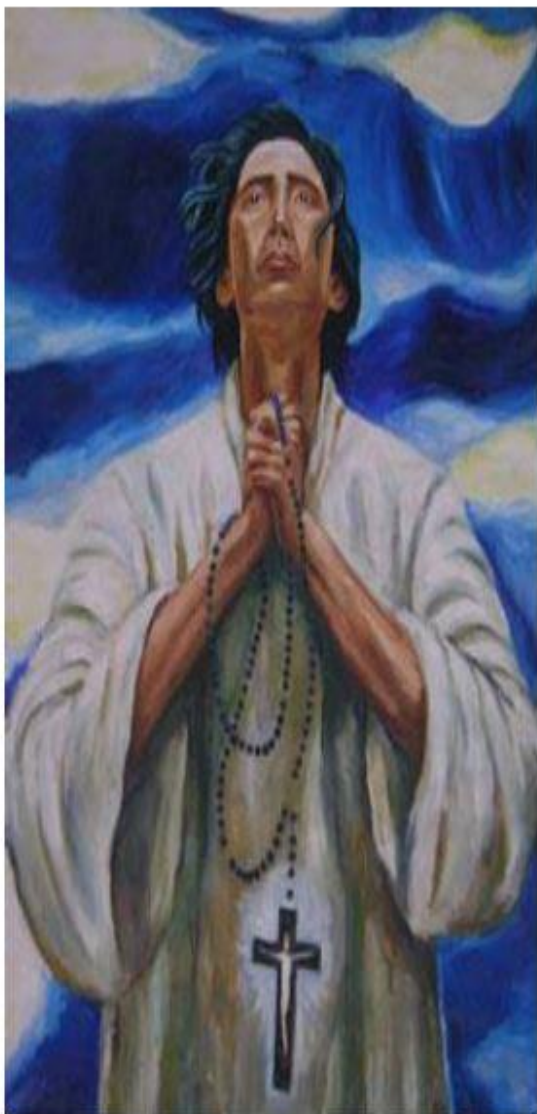
Sunday Collection	\$ 12,918.70
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 4,367.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 704.41
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 65.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 7,386.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 320.00
Social Ministry	\$ 50.00
Stewardship	\$ 20.00
Candles	\$ 465.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 125.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 5.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 40.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 728.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 25.00

WEEKEND TOTAL

\$ 27,219.11



St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church



The Filipino American Catholic Group is sponsoring a Novena and Mass in honor of San Lorenzo Ruiz on September 21 – September 29, 2023 in Room 1 (First Floor).

Thursday, Sept 21 – 5:30pm

Friday, Sept 22 – 6pm

Saturday, Sept 23 – 3pm

Sunday, Sept 24 – 3pm

Monday, Sept 25 – 6pm

Tuesday, Sept 26 – 5:30pm

Wednesday, Sept 27 – 6pm

Thursday, Sept 28 – 5:30pm

Friday, Sept 29 – 6pm

Saturday, Sept 30 – Feast Day Celebration in the OCC after the 5pm Mass. All are invited to join in this celebration.

About San Lorenzo Ruiz

A layman, Lorenzo Ruiz was a husband and father to two sons and a daughter. Born in Binondo, Manila, around 1600, he was educated in the school of the Dominicans.

He served as an altar boy and later was a helper and clerk-sacristan in the church of Binondo. He was a member of the Confraternity of the Rosary. He made his living as a calligrapher.

He left the Philippines in 1636. When he was in his late twenties or early thirties, he became involved or was accused of being involved in a criminal case, the circumstances of which were far from clear. Whether he was involved or not, one thing was clear, he was afraid that, as a consequence of a trial or mistrial, he might be given a death sentence. Upon landing in Japan where Christians were being persecuted, he was arrested and imprisoned together with his companions.

He underwent inhuman tortures and valiantly confessed his Christian faith. Refusing to renounce his faith, he told his executioner that he was ready to die for God.



What were the last words of San Lorenzo Ruiz?

He and his companions died as martyrs of the Catholic faith on September 28, 1637 in Nagasaki, Japan. His last words, **"I am a Catholic and wholeheartedly do accept death for God. Had I a thousand lives, all these to Him shall I offer."**

On Sept. 28, 1637, he was hung from gallows by his feet. After two days of agony, he died of bleeding and suffocation. His body was cremated and the ashes thrown into the sea. He and his 14 companions, martyred in the same persecution, were beatified by Pope John Paul II in Manila on Feb. 18, 1981, and canonized Oct. 18, 1987, in Rome. The feast day is Sept. 28.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

St John's Charismatic Prayer Group is sponsoring a Healing Mass by Fr. Anthony on Monday, September 11. Praise and worship will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by Mass.

Your **SJAE LIBRARY MINISTRY** is on the lanai after all Masses to help YOU select a book, CD, or DVD of your choice. Stop by and check out something to help YOU on your spiritual journey!

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.**



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	

The next gathering of the **ROSARY MAKING MINISTRY** is on Saturday, September 16th at 9 am - 11 am on the church lanai. Please contact Felicia Routon (808) 386-1486.

THE HEALING GRACE MINISTRY FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS will be gathering on Saturday, 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.

Celebrate Priesthood Sunday (Sept. 24th)

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood. This day was established for the Catholic communities to express appreciation for devoted priests who serve them faithfully.

What can you do?

Pray - Priests need the prayers of the faithful that they become the men God has called them to be.

Affirm - Your spiritual fathers need affirmation. When you hear a good homily, witness an eloquent moment, or out of gratitude for receiving the Eucharist, write your priest a note. Priests hear a lot of bad news; you would be amazed what one letter of affirmation can do to touch the heart and soul of your priests, and thus build him up. A simple smile or a phone call to assure him of your loving care and gratitude goes a long way.



CALLING ALL CHILDREN (and interested adults!) who want to participate in this year's **SJAE CHILDREN'S CHOIR**. We need children (4-12) and adults who like to sing or play an instrument (must already know how to play) to worship our Lord. Practices are every Wednesday, 4-5 p.m. in the church. Our first meeting – for parents, children, and interested volunteers (all ages!) – will be on **Wednesday, Sep 27, 2023, 4-5 p.m. in the church.** Please consider joining our ministry! If you have any questions, just call or text Deb Zedalis at 808-348-2973.

EFFECTIVE, MONDAY, OCTOBER 2nd, the new parish office hours will be: Mondays (closed) – Tuesday – Fridays: 8:30 am – 12 noon – Closed for lunch 12 noon – 1:00 pm - 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

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:

Fun with Exalting the Holy Cross | Catholic All Year w/ Kendra Tierney

In honor of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14, let's talk about . . . talking to kids about Jesus' suffering. Plus, a family-friendly at-home Veneration of the Cross, and our favorite feast day foods.

Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows by Kimberly Hahn

Speaker and author Kimberly Hahn is a convert to the Catholic Faith. Although honoring Mary was difficult for her to understand initially, she began to encounter Mary's loving guidance in little ways on a daily basis. In this presentation, Kimberly reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.

Our Lady of Sorrows and the Power of Prayer

Discover the value of redemptive motherhood by tuning in to Anna Mitchell, co-host of EWTN's "The Son Rise Morning Show." Anna shares the story of her five-year-old's serious illness along with the miraculous intercession of a fourth-century martyr.

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

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION (MATTHEW 18:15 - 20) BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

Today's readings are all about relationships. Among the many lessons we have learned from the global pandemic is the deep importance of the relationships and communities in our lives. Our families, neighbors, friends, and parish family need us, and we need them to be our best selves.



St. Paul gives us simple instruction in our second reading from Romans to guide us in our dealings with others, reminding us what Christ Himself taught: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love is the overarching principal that guides us to be good stewards of our relationships.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus further refines this instruction on good stewardship of our relationships, even when they involve conflict. He says, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."

Jesus teaches us to confront the offending person directly and discretely — with the goal of restoring the relationship if possible. This is how we steward our relationships even through rocky waters. Jesus also speaks to us of the power and beauty of community life. "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Christian stewards, God has designed us in such a way that we must help each other on the journey towards heaven. Let us take care to steward our relationships well.

Respect Life: "By our baptism, we are members of Christ's body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God."

USCCB, "Open Wide Our Hearts" Bulletin Insert

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 27:30 - 28:7 (130A)

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

- "To live as true children of God means to love our neighbor and to be close to those who are lonely and in difficulty!"



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday September 11, 2023
 8AM Juan Achaval Jr. (RIP)
 Daniel Fernandez
 (Birthday Memorial)
 Tsuneo & Masako Nishikawa (RIP)
 Gloria Ursal Munson (RIP)

Tuesday September 12, 2023
 8AM Tsuneo & Masako Nishikawa (RIP)
 Francis Noguchi (RIP)
 Jordan Tano (Birthday Blessing)

Wednesday September 13, 2023
 8AM Richard Amaral (RIP)
 All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
 Kathy Oshiro (Special Intentions)

Thursday September 14, 2023
 Richard Amaral (RIP)
 Florencia Solano
 (Death Anniversary)
 Suzanna Foster (Thanksgiving)
 Gil Untalan (Healing)

Friday September 15, 2023
 8AM Richard Amaral (RIP)
 John & Frances Clarke (RIP)
 Marcial Taglinao
 (Death Anniversary)
 Jonathan Somaoang
 (Birthday Memorial)

Saturday September 16, 2023
 8AM Richard Amaral (RIP)
 Jonathan Somaoang (RIP)
 Desuacido Family (Healing)
 Kathy Oshiro (Special Intentions)

5PM Richard Amaral (RIP)

Sunday September 17, 2023
 7AM Frank William Donahue Jr. (RIP)
 9 AM For the People
 11 AM Juanito T. Dela Cruz (RIP)
 6 PM Mike & Aggie Browning
 (Anniversary Blessing)

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, Ruthie Esdicul, Braeden Enoki, Cindy Abernathy, Lupita Arizpe, Marisol Aguirre, Richard Guillory, Nicole Guerrero, Mona DeCosta, Reyes Aguirre, Marisol Aguirre, Lana Daszek, Vanessah Liu, Michael Donlin, Patrice Wilson, Gene Lumantas & Clarita Martinez.

DECEASED

Mark Burnett, Patrick M. Mayock, Art Apilado, Richard Amaral, Victoria Tamondong, Gary G. Garcia, Noah J. Lopez, Michael Cobb, Shirley Del Rosario, Jane Beauchemin, Genevieve Rosa, Michelle Aubuchon, Monica Pangelinan & Jonathan Somaoang, Gavina Tamonte & Gloria U. Munson.

