

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This week's topic **"What is Christian Stewardship?"** Christian Stewardship refers to the responsibility that Christians have in managing God's many gifts He has bestowed. Christian stewards are wise caretakers of God's many gifts. We believe that a Christian, by virtue of Baptism, is a "follower of Christ", that is, a disciple of Christ. Discipleship involves much more than taking on the name of Christian or Catholic, though-it begins with an awareness of God's presence in your life and the recognition that Jesus is knocking on your door, inviting you into relationship with Him. Then, it involves your choice, a conscious decision to accept that invitation and open the door – a conversion of mind and heart. What follows is the act of faith, the reorientation of your thoughts, words, and actions - from self-centered and material motives - to a Christ-centered way of life. A Christian Steward recognizes that God is the origin of life and the source of all they have, gratefully receives, and cultivates these gifts, and shares them in justice and love with others.

Stewardship as a Way of Life at St. John the Apostle and Evangelist

Stewardship is a way of life, a life of accountability and responsibility acknowledging God as Creator and Giver of all. Stewardship involves responsible management of our God-given resources of time, talent, and treasure. Stewards as disciples of Jesus Christ see themselves as caretakers of all God's gifts. Gratitude for these gifts is expressed in prayer, worship, offering and action by eagerly sharing our gifts out of love for God and one another. Stewardship is a path to holiness. It makes us more like Christ who came not to be served, but to serve. It is a grateful awareness that all we have and all we are comes freely from God. When we offer our lives back to God in love, He blesses that generosity a hundredfold.

Stewardship is an Act of Faith

Stewardship, then, is that act of faith, the expression of discipleship, the way you live your life – according to the teaching and example of Christ. Beyond the personal or the family (the domestic church), the parish becomes the primary extension through which we have the opportunity to live stewardship as "a way of life". Parochial (parish) stewardship is concerned with both the development and support of personal stewardship and its practice in the community of faithful, which is the Church. For as individual members of the one Body of Christ, we each share in and have a responsibility for the purpose of the Church – which is to continue the mission of Christ in building up the Kingdom of God. Our parish Stewardship efforts are focused on facilitating encounters with Christ (prayer/worship), encouraging, and supporting a conversion of mind and heart (hospitality/fellowship), and providing opportunities for putting faith into action (service/evangelization).

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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 SEPT 9/10

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,299.51
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,602.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 195.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 90.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,090.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 150.00
Candles	\$ 315.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 14.00
Augustine Education Fund	\$ 5.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 35.00
Donation	\$16,324.32
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 31,124.83

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



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be **COMMUNION SERVICES** on Tuesday, Sept 19th to Friday, Sept 22, in lieu of daily Mass.

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 **FILIPINO AMERICAN CATHOLIC GROUP** is sponsoring a novena in honor of San Lorenzo Ruiz on September 21 – September 29, 2023 in room #1 (First Floor).

THURS 9/21	FRI 9/22	SAT 9/23	SUN 9/24	MON 9/25	TUES 9/ 26	WED 9/27	THURS 9/28	FRI 9/29	SAT 9/30
5:30 pm	6 pm	3 pm	3 pm	6 pm	5:30 pm	6 pm	5:30 pm	5:30 pm	6 pm
<i>Saturday, September 30 – Feast Day Celebration in the OCC after the 5 pm Mass. All are invited to join in this celebration.</i>									

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.



THE LINEN MINISTRY serves to keep altar linens fresh and clean. If you are interested and want to volunteer, please contact Geri Olivares at (808) 824-0186.



DO YOU LOVE TO SING OR DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? Do you like children? Are you looking for a new, fun way to give more time to the Lord? Come and join the SJAE Children's Choir. We are looking for children (ages 4-12) who sing and children and adults (any ages) who play instruments. Our first meeting will be on **Wednesday, Sep 27, 2023, 4-5 p.m. in the church.** 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 CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER – purchase your bag(s) after all Masses on Sept. 23-24, Oct. 7-8, 14-15 and 28-29. Cost: \$10/bag. Flavors: Cookies and Cream & Cotton Candy.



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:

Padre Pio: Miracle Man

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.

The Calling of Matthew

Dr. Tim Gray provides an extended analysis of Caravaggio's The Calling of St. Matthew.

The Reluctant Saint: The Story of St. Joseph Cupertino

This film portrays the life of St. Joseph of Cupertino, the humble Franciscan friar who literally rose to sainthood. In the impoverished village of seventeenth century Cupertino, Italy, Joseph's peasant mother convinces the reluctant abbot to accept her son into the monastery. With the support of the kindly local bishop who sees in him a great deal more than others do, and by a series of miraculous incidents, the simple but pious Joseph is ordained a priest.

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SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 18:21 - 35) BY DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

“NEVER FORGET.”

Often those two words are spoken not only in regard to something good, but rather in regard to something bad, something painful, something tragic. But as we know, usually those two words are reserved for a very particular type of event --- one in which we have been harmed through the deliberate actions of others.

Nothing in the life of a Christian seems to be more difficult than forgiveness. And I don't mean forgiveness for the little things. That's relatively easy. No, I'm talking about the things that really hurt, the wrongs that have really harmed us, the actions of others that drive us crazy and make us furious.

We heard in the Gospel passage from Matthew. *“Forgive seventy-seven times?”*

Forgiveness and forgetting are really not the same thing. Our loving God asks us to forgive, not forget. I have felt that way before in my heart when I have wanted to justify my hurt feelings. Can I truly forgive completely and yet not forget? Maybe. Probably.

And sometimes when we say those simple two words, “Never forget,” or feel them in our hearts, our motives are really quite admirable. We don't want to forget if it means we might get harmed again. And yet, when I look deep into my heart, when I take an honest assessment of my true emotions and attitudes, my unwillingness to forget is really not about any of those lofty goals. No --- when I claim to be forgiving another, yet can't stop thinking about what happened, or what was said, I'm simply deluding myself, “tricking” myself into believing that I am somehow being faithful to God's command that I forgive not once in a while, but always, not simply forgive those I want to befriend, but my enemies too. The sad truth is, often when I say that I can forgive and yet never forget, what I'm really trying to hold onto is not a memory at all, but rather something much darker --- anger, resentment, bitterness, and even hatred.

Many things are difficult to forget. We all know that. And maybe God doesn't really expect that from us, provided we harbor only the best of motives, and don't allow ourselves to be consumed by attitudes which aren't God-like. What we often forget are things we should remember every moment of every day, things that put everything into perspective.

What are these things we have a hard time remembering?

One --- All that God has done for us and continues to do, and

Two --- Our profound need for his mercy and forgiveness.

If we can always be mindful of our own faults and failings and weaknesses, of our own sin, we will find it much easier to shower others with that same kind of love and mercy and understanding.

But if we can't forgive, then we're likely to act like the servant in the Gospel story who, a minute after having had his debt forgiven, could not do the same for someone who owed him.

We should try to let go all the bad stuff and the bad feelings, and **Never Forget** the wonderful things God continually does for us.



- *“Forgive your neighbor's injustice. Then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.”*

- SIRACH 28:2

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday September 18, 2023

8AM Shirley Guerrero (Birthday Blessing)
Gwen Kelly (Birthday Blessing)
Panijo & Pedro (RIP)

Tuesday September 19, 2023

8AM Communion Service

Wednesday September 20, 2023

8AM Communion Service

Thursday September 21, 2023

Communion Service

Friday September 22, 2023

8AM

Communion Service

Saturday September 23, 2023

8AM Paulina Wong (RIP)
Poor Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
All of St John's Volunteers
(Thanksgiving)
Mark Bates (Birthday Blessing)
Richard Amaral (RIP)

Sunday September 24, 2023

7AM Susan Lorentino
9 AM For the People
11 AM Cathy Delos Reyes (Healing)
6 PM Nancy Lau Wong (RIP)

Respect Life: "Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)*."

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"Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion"*

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9 (133A)

Responsorial Psalm: 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

MARCOS COLCOL QUIBAN (RIP) – Friday, September 22, 2023, Hawaiian Memorial Park- Kaneohe;
Visitation: 10:00 am; Prayer Service: 11:00 am – Burial: 2:00 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, Vanessa 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.

