

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This week's topic **'What are Small Faith Sharing Groups?'** Small Faith Sharing Groups are comprised of adults, children, teens, and youths at all stages of faith, that experience a lifelong conversion to Christ through learning the essential teachings of Scripture and the Catholic church in bible study, spiritual readings, and apostolic service. Small Faith Sharing Groups are not new. The Church, from the beginning, thrived among small groups of disciples. Jesus began with 12 Apostles. St. Paul often refers to small groups of disciples.



Remember the popular television show "Cheers"? Its opening song went like this:

Sometimes you want to go, Where everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came. You wanna be where you can see, our troubles are all the same, You wanna be where everybody knows Your name.



That song is a great description of a Small Faith Community. People who were once strangers come together, get to know one another and, before long, become friends. They know they are accepted as they are and are supported in their struggles as well as their joys.

Small faith communities are relational groups that gather regularly to pray, learn, and share faith. A small faith community is a smaller, more intimate experience of church. Small faith communities provide safe places where people can be open and honest.

What are the benefits?

Here are just a few:

- feeling like you belong to the parish.
- having the opportunity to be listened to in a trusting and non-judgmental atmosphere.
- making the connection between what we believe—what we celebrate at Mass—and your own life.
- having your abilities and talents encouraged and appreciated.
- feeling supported during trying times and sharing joys during the happy times.
- deepening your faith and your relationship with Jesus Christ.
- finding ways to serve the parish and the wider community as an individual and as a group.

You are invited to be part of this exciting and enriching model of parish life! It's our hope that everyone will be a part of a small faith group. Our parish just started "Living Joy" Small Group. Call the parish office to register.

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

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE SEPT 16/17

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,356.70
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3, 837.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 995.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 115.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 796.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 100.00
Candles	\$ 415.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Stewardship	\$ 25.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$ 1.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 15.00

WEEKEND TOTAL \$15,660.70

FUNDRAISER FOR DEBT REDUCTION

Fil-Am Summer Fun Dance: \$10, 284.77
Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast: \$927.00



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 26 – Oct 17 at 6:30 PM in the OCC. Call the parish office to register.

Rule 4: Have Fun – Sept 26	Rule 7: Rest – Oct 5
Rule 5: Engage Your Body the Battle for Joy – Sept 28	Rule 8: Serve – Oct 10
Rule 6: Make Friends – Oct 3	Rule 9: Frame Your Mind with Faith - Oct 12
Jesus Is The Journey – Oct 17	

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).

Mon, Sept 25 6:00 pm	Tues, Sept 26 5:30 pm	Wed, Sept 27 6:00 pm	Thurs, Sept 28 5:30 pm	Fri, Sept 29 5:30 pm	Sat, Sept 30 6:00 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.

Looking for something fun to do in our church? Come and join the **SJAE CHILDREN'S CHOIR!** We are looking for children (ages 4-12) who like to 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.



DEBT REDUCTION SECOND COLLECTION: We will have a second collection, next weekend **Sept 30/Oct 1**, after communion for debt reduction. Your donation will help pay for the mortgage of the **One Community Center**. Envelopes are available at the back of the church, you may donate on our parish website, online giving. Your generosity is much appreciated.

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.



The 2023 Diocesan Rosary Relay: 7 days & nights Masses, Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, Hourly Recitation of the Rosary, Confession, Processions. In our Diocese, we want to experience *"the traveling congress."* The Eucharistic Rosary Congress will start on Sat., Oct 7 at 6 pm and end on Fri., Oct 13 at 6 pm. **St. John will be participating on Tuesday, Oct 10 from 12 noon – 6:00 pm.**

ST JOHN CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER – purchase your bag(s) after all Masses on Oct. 7-8, 14-15 and 28-29. Cost: \$10/bag.
Flavors: Cookies and Cream & Cotton Candy.



WOMEN'S GUILD LUNCHEON & MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be on Saturday, October 7, 2023, 11 a.m. at Sakura Restaurant. Please sign up with Erlinda or drop off \$20 payment in Parish office before 10/1/23 along with your menu choice.

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:

Who Are the Angels?

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, to discuss the angels. What is an angel? What are the choirs of angels? How do we engage with our guardian angels?

St. Jerome | Catholic Saints

An early Church Father from the 4th century, St. Jerome translated the Bible into Latin with the desire to make Scripture more accessible. St. Jerome is the patron of biblical scholars, translators, and archivists and famously said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

Who Are the Archangels?

Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein discuss archangels and what role they have in our lives.

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



Conversation on Colorectal Cancer



Terrilea Burnett, PhD

Colon and rectum cancers are the third most common cancers, affecting mostly people over 55, but can be diagnosed in those in their 20s and 30s. I will discuss statistics in Hawai'i, the origin and appearance of colon cancer, and the importance of colorectal cancer screening and clinical trials.

Join Us

Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 9 - 11 a.m.
St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church
 One Community Center (OCC)
 95-370 Kuahelani Avenue, Mililani



The University of Hawai'i Cancer Center is one of only 72 research institutions designated by the National Cancer Institute. An organized research unit within the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, the UH Cancer Center is dedicated to reduce the burden of cancer through research, education, patient care, and community outreach, focusing on and embracing the unique and diverse ethnic, cultural, and environmental characteristics of Hawai'i and the Pacific.



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Resurrection of the Lord Catholic Church
Presents

Our Faith, Our Voice, Our Choice, Our Future

Preparing Your CATHOLIC ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE

Learn:

- How to start a conversation about end-of-life decisions with a loved one
- Moral decision making about end-of-life decisions
- How to complete the new Hawai'i Catholic Advance Health Care Directive

October 7, 2023
Saturday
10:30 am – 1:30 pm



Hope Young, Advance Care Planning Coordinator for Kōkua Mau, providing community awareness and coordinates the Let's Talk Story Program. Hope joined Kōkua Mau in 2017 under a generous grant from the Stupski Foundation. She has worked in various capacities with seniors and the caregiving community for over 15 years. Hope enjoys being out in the community and sharing the importance of Advance Care Planning and hopes to someday normalize "*The Conversation*" to ensure that everyone's end-of-life wishes are expressed and honored.



Eva Andrade, President of Hawai'i Family Forum, a nondenominational Christian Lobbying group, and the Executive Director of the Hawai'i Catholic Conference, the public policy arm of the Diocese of Honolulu. Eva has been advocating for Catholic-Christian values in island politics for 30 years. Hawai'i is the only state where the leader of both the Christian and the Catholic public policy groups is the same person. The Diocese of Honolulu also gives her an office at St. Stephen Diocesan Center.

Leeward Vicariate Churches "Respect Life"
Coordinators, please text your RSVP to Rosemary Kam-
Pabingwit at 808-282-4449 by September 25, 2023.

Light refreshments will be served!

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION (MATTHEW 20:1 – 16A) BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

Though we can never fully grasp the infinite perfection of God and His ways, a basic knowledge of Scripture reveals that God's logic often differs from worldly logic.

Our first reading, from Isaiah, reminds us that God often thinks bigger than we do. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways," says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts." As His followers we must strive as best we can to think as God does, using our time (and our talents and treasure, too) with eternity in mind.



In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus offers us a glimpse of the "Godly logic" of the Father through a parable of a landowner hiring workers for his vineyard. Some workers are called early in the day, others not until very late. Yet the landowner pays them all a full day's wage. This angered the laborers who had worked longest. But those laborers were relying on human logic and human calculations. They were not thinking as God does.

This can happen to us Christian stewards as well. We can grumble and complain (at least internally) when we compare ourselves to others and sense that not everyone is contributing as much as we are to the parish, the neighborhood, within our family and so on. At those moments, we need to think bigger!

We must remember that it is a great privilege to have been called by the Father to work in His vineyard. Living the stewardship way of life brings us meaning, depth and purpose. Let's embrace this Godly thinking and thank Him for calling us to this way of life.

Respect Life: "Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'"

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Every Suicide is Tragic"

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28 (136A)

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

- "Daily I'll bless and praise You, O Lord, forever. Your greatness is beyond measure. You're gracious, merciful, slow to anger, kind, and just. You're near to all who call upon You.!"



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday September 25, 2023

8AM Perpetua Factor Fernandez (RIP)
James Varde (RIP)
Poor Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Emmanuel Marquez (RIP)

Tuesday September 26, 2023

8AM Perpetua Factor Fernandez (RIP)
Wayne Ursal (Death Anniversary)
Alexander Ortega
(Birthday Blessing)
Pearl Bates (Special Intention)

Wednesday September 27, 2023

8AM All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Charlotte Kulikowski
Jayton Borromeo (Birthday Blessing)
Pearl Bates (Birthday Blessing)

Thursday September 28, 2023

Isabel Villanueva (Birthday
Blessing)

Friday

8AM Communion Service

Saturday September 30, 2023

8AM Stephen Chan (Birthday Memorial)
Danette Victorino (RIP)
Martha Yoro (RIP)
All of St John's Volunteer
(Thanksgiving)
Wayne E. Autele (RIP)

Sunday October 1, 2023

7AM Marvin Souza (RIP)
9 AM For the People
11 AM M/M Rodolfo Gasmen & Family
(Thanksgiving)
6 PM Calvin Loo (RIP)

Virgilio Delos Santos Sr. (RIP)
Poor Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
September 29, 2023

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

CARIDAD SHIRLEY DEL ROSARIO (RIP) – Wednesday, September 27, 2023, St John; Visitation: 10:00 am; Mass: 11:00 am – Burial: 1:30 pm, Mililani Memorial Park.

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 & Daniel Ariola.

DECEASED

Mark Burnett, Patrick M. Mayock, Chirsty Esposito, Noah J. Lopez, Michael Cobb, Shirley Del Rosario, Jane Beauchemin, Genevieve Rosa, Michelle Aubuchon, Monica Pangelinan, Jonathan Somaoang, Gavina Tamonte, Gloria U. Munson & Aida Govico.

