

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted, bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Phoenix. Once stated: "When I was a boy, Sister Veronica told my catechism class that God's weapon for peace was the Rosary — and I was fascinated! Here I was, a kid ready to do something heroic for Christ and already confident in the powerful intercession of His Blessed Mother. So, I eagerly accepted Sister's invitation to take up this spiritual weapon every day to contribute to peace in the world and in every human heart".

Pope Pius XI said, *"The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin. ... If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors"*.

So, Why DO we call the Rosary a "weapon"? According to the Catholic website "Get Fed, Bite Sized Faith" We call it that because it's one of our best defenses against our mortal enemy, the devil. We are truly engaged in a spiritual war at all times, and Satan, as St. Peter says, *"prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour"* (1 Peter 5:8). The devil never sleeps and never tires. He is always plotting our downfall, and we've got to be on the offensive against him if we are to spiritually survive and make it to heaven".

So, we're going up against the devil, what better person to take with us than Our Blessed Mother. Under the banner of Our Lady of Fatima. The devil fears her like he fears no one else. She is like *"an army set in battle array"* (Song of Songs 6:10) against the forces of evil. She has given her warriors a special weapon for the fight, and they carry her Rosary like a sword to their left side. Do you know why religious carry the Rosary on their left side? Because this is the traditional place for a sword!

The Rosary is the most powerful weapon we Catholic's have against the Devil and Evil in the world yet very few Catholics continue to follow this devotion. Did you know there are the 15 benefits our Blessed Mother promises us if we pray the rosary every day, along with completing the 5 Saturday devotion. These benefits are what Pope St. John Paul II called *"an exquisitely contemplative prayer"* were enumerated in a special way by a 15th century Dominican friar. According to the tradition, Alanus de Rupe received the following 15 promises to those who pray the Rosary devoutly from the Blessed Virgin Mary herself through a private revelation. Deacon Romeo and I hope that they encourage you in meditating on the mysteries of Christ by praying the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

You can find the list of these 15 benefits in the insert in this weekend's bulletin.

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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 Closed

Tuesday - Friday 8:30AM – 12PM,
1PM - 4PM
Closed 12PM – 1PM
for lunch

Closed *Saturday, Sunday, Holidays*

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE **SEPT 16/17**

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,376.45
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 4,172.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 259.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 320.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 935.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 270.00
Blessings	\$ 20.00
Candles	\$ 465.00
Stewardship	\$ 100.00
Easter	\$ 25.00
Donation	\$ 60.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 105.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 10.00

WEEKEND TOTAL **\$ 17,117.45**

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



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SJAE FAITH FORMATION TEAM presents **LIVING JOY! 9 Rules that will change your life.** Life Sharing Small Group Study: Tuesdays and Thursdays, Oct 3 – Oct 17 at 6:30 PM in the OCC. Call the parish office to register.

Rule 6: Make Friends – Oct 3	Rule 8: Serve – Oct 10
Rule 7: Rest – Oct 5	Rule 9: Frame Your Mind with Faith - Oct 12
Jesus Is The Journey – Oct 17	

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

WOMEN'S GUILD LUNCHEON & MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be on Saturday, October 7, 2023, 11 a.m. at Sakura Restaurant. Please sign up with Erlinda.

ST JOHN'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP is sponsoring a Healing Mass on Monday, October 9. Praise and worship will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by Mass presided by Fr Anthony.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE NOVENA for the Two Hearts, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary and Annual Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima will begin Monday, Oct 9 to Tuesday, Oct 17 in the church.

Monday, Oct 9 (9am)	Saturday, Oct 14 (12 noon) Fatima Rosary Rally along Kam Hwy by McDonald's. (1:30 pm) Two Hearts Novena
Tuesday, Oct 10 (9am)	
Wednesday, Oct 11 (9am)	Sunday, Oct 15 (3pm)
Thursday, Oct 12 (9am)	Monday, Oct 16 (9am)
Friday, Oct 13 (10am)	Tuesday, Oct 17 (9am)

All are welcome to join the rosary prayer. Please contact Connie Amigo (808) 292-2240 or Beth Fukuda (808) 781-6506 for further information.

FALL into October with some good Catholic reading! Our library has received many new books (non-fiction and fiction) thanks to parishioners' contributions. Your **SJAE LENDING LIBRARY** will be on the church lanai on Oct 14-15. Books can be checked out and returned the next month at the Library table or dropped off at the church office or in Room #1. THANK YOU for supporting your church library!

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.

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:****Faustina and the Spread of Divine Mercy | Divine Mercy | Episode 4**

This episode of Divine Mercy and the Second Greatest Story Ever Told, reveals how a saint from Poland embarked on one of the greatest missions in the history of the Church, becoming a catalyst for the message of Divine Mercy.

Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi

In this 10-part audio drama, listeners can dive into the life of St. Francis of Assisi as he goes from being a son of wealth and privilege to a man who gave up everything for the sake of Christ.

The Feast of St. Thérèse

In celebration of the feast of St. Thérèse, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger sit down to discuss the life and writings of this great saint and Doctor of the Church.

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

Respect Life: *"Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts."*

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: "Radical Solidarity" (respectlife.org/radical-solidarity-reflection)

THE HOLY ROSARY

The word Rosary means "Crown of Roses". Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses. The rose is the queen of flowers, and so the Rosary is the rose of all devotions, and it is therefore the most important one.

The Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. With the Rosary in fact, we meditate the mysteries of joy, of sorrow and the glory of Jesus and Mary. It's a simple prayer, humble so much like Mary. It's a prayer we can all say together with Her, the Mother of God. With the Hail Mary, we invite Her to pray for us. Our Lady always grants our request. She joins Her prayer to ours. Therefore, it becomes ever more useful, because what Mary asks, she always receives, Jesus can never say no to whatever His Mother asks for.

In every apparition, the heavenly Mother has invited us to say the Rosary as a powerful weapon against evil, to bring us to true peace. With your prayer made together with Your heavenly Mother, you can obtain the great gift of bringing about a change of heart and conversion. Each day, through prayer you can drive away from yourselves and from your homeland many dangers and many evils.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "*The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description.*"

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

1. Joyful – On Mondays & Saturdays
2. Sorrowful – On Tuesdays & Fridays
3. Glorious – On Wednesdays & Sundays
4. Luminous – On Thursdays



The 15 Benefits of the Holy Rosary

1. Those who faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell. It will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. The recitation of the Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish. It will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God. It will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.
6. Those who recite my Rosary devoutly, applying themselves to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune. In His justice, God will not chastise them; nor shall they perish by an unprovided death, i.e., be unprepared for heaven. Sinners shall convert. The just shall persevere in grace and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Those who have a true devotion to the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who faithfully recite the Rosary shall have, during their life and at their death, the light of God and the plenitude of His graces. At the moment of death, they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
9. I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.
11. By the recitation of the Rosary you shall obtain all that you ask of me.
12. Those who propagate the holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of their death.
14. All who recite the Rosary are my beloved children and the brothers and sisters of my only Son, Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion for my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

To Jesus Through Mary

Eucharistic Rosary Congress

In the Diocese Honolulu

October 7-13, 2023

Our Lady of the Rosary to the Miracle of the Sun in Fatima

7 days of perpetual
devotion to our
Eucharistic Lord in the
Blessed Sacrament,
through devotion to His
Mother and the Holy Rosary.

Rosary will be said once an hour on
the hour during this Adoration time
period throughout the Diocese
24 hours a day from Oct 7-13, 2023.

Our Parish Commitment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Date: October 10, 2023

Time: 12 noon to 6PM

6-hour shifts are:

12 noon - Fr Anthony

1 pm – Knights of Columbus

2 pm – Fil Am

3 pm – Parish Health Ministry

4 pm - Daily Mass Servers

5 pm – Two Hearts & Our Lady of Fatima

6 pm – Fr Anthony



You are most welcome to join us at any time or unite your prayers with us from home.

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church 3rd Annual Halloween & All Saints Day

Dress Up Like Your Favorite Saint
All Are Welcome to Participate
Sunday, October 29, 2023.



During the 9AM Mass

HAPPY
HALL  **WEEN**

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 21:28 – 32)

BY DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

Many of us don't like change. We just don't. As children, we often don't like having to go to a new school. As adults, we really don't like having to deal with a new boss at work or new procedures on the job.

Some of these changes are, of course, for the better. And many of them are simply out of our control. Yet, the most important changes have little to do with the people and circumstances surrounding us. The changes we need to embrace are often the ones we feel don't really exist. Of course, I'm talking about changes to ourselves.

Sometimes we know that we need to make changes. We don't want to delude ourselves into believing that our lives will be a lot better if others would simply change. Rarely do we ever accept the fact that our lives will be a whole lot better if we make the changes we need to make. In other words, a "good" life is not one determined by what happens around us. Rather, a "good" life, a holy life is one we choose, with God's help.

In today's Gospel, this story is a simple one. One son tells his dad that he will work in his vineyard but does not go. The other son says he will not work in the vineyard but changes his mind and goes to work as his father asks. Jesus of course, in his telling of the story, affirms the second son. Which son are we?

Many of us believe that a truly holy life, a God-centered life, is a life in which we get nearly everything right. Very few mistakes. Few sins. And maybe there is a little bit of truth in that. However, I don't fully agree that a person of deep and authentic faith is not one who is convinced that he or she is living a life substantially pleasing to God. Rather, a truly holy and a truly faithful person is someone who continually recognizes their own need for conversion and transformation, their own need to be more and love more and give more. A faithful person is one who never really feels they have reached the finish line but always has more to go and more to be.

A life of faith is not about remaining the same. It's about being created anew each day. In a word, it's about change, the kind of change brought about and founded on the realization that each of us can be and should be more than we were yesterday. It's never too late. You said no to something God asked of you? Say yes . . . today and every day.

Change. Is not something to fear. Not something to dread. Rather, a gift from God that we would be wise to embrace.

My dear friends, which son are we?

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

Twenty-Seven Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7 (139A)

Responsorial Psalm: 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43



- "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.!"

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday October 2, 2023

8AM Maria Elvira Sfredo (RIP)
Christy Esposito (RIP)
Marcelo & Carmen Callejo (RIP)
Suzanna Foster & Gene Nishikawa
(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Tuesday October 3, 2023

8AM Mario M. Pichón
(Birthday Memorial)
Florescia Solano
(Birthday Memorial)
Francis Corpuz (Healing)
Jolly Guerrero-Tano (Thanksgiving)
George Fukumoto
(Birthday Blessing)

Wednesday October 4, 2023

8AM Robert Bonifacio
(Birthday Memorial)
All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Cherish Corpuz (Thanksgiving)
Jolly Guerrero-Tano
(Special Intentions)

Thursday October 5, 2023

Maria A. Sanchez
(Death Anniversary)
Pacita Mauleon

Friday

8AM Felicano Dona (RIP)
James & Mildred Mizoguchi (RIP)
Eric Umetsu (RIP)
Rita Galicinao & Maya Cerrao
(Birthday Blessing)
The Guerrero Family
(Blessing/Thanksgiving)

Saturday October 7, 2023

8AM Ben Guerrero (Birthday Memorial)
Helen Guerrero (Birthday Blessing)
All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Stephen Chen (RIP)
Shirley Del Rosario (RIP)
Lupita Arizpe (Healing)

Sunday October 8, 2023

7AM Daria Barayuga (Death Anniversary)
9 AM For the People
11 AM Reyes, Marisol & Family (Healing)
6 PM Gil & Mila Uytingco
(Wedding Anniversary)

(Death Anniversary)
Dorothy Isaac (Birthday Blessing)
Aladin Gasmen (Birthday Blessing)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

LYDIA ARELLANO FLORES (RIP) – Tuesday, October 10, 2023; Mililani Memorial Park – Mauka Chapel- Visitation: 10:00 am; Prayer Service: 11:00 am – Burial: 12:30 pm, Mililani Memorial Park.

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Stephanie Rapozo, Thomas Ramos, John Bates, 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 & Julian Rillamas Jr.

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 & Catalina Sagocio.

