

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This week I want to share with you why we as a parish have begun playing Gregorian Chant before all of our Sunday Masses and why singing is of great importance for the faithful to participate in during worship.

According to the (GIRM) The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, "The Christian faithful who come together as one in expectation of the Lord's coming are instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing together Psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles (cf. Col 3:16). Singing is the sign of the heart's joy (cf. Acts 2:46). Thus St. Augustine says rightly, *"Singing is for one who loves,"* and there is also an ancient proverb: *"Whoever sings well prays twice over."* Great importance should therefore be attached to the use of singing in the celebration of the Mass, with due consideration of the culture of peoples and abilities of each liturgical assembly.

Now, Gregorian Chant is the traditional music of our sacred liturgy for centuries when used in the celebration of the Mass it should be given the main place in the celebration when music is used. Thus, this is why we have been singing the Holy, Holy. Holy (in Latin the Sanctus) and the Lamb of God (in Latin Agnus Dei) to keep us connected to our Sacred Liturgy Latin roots.

As mentioned, Gregorian Chant also wards off evil spirits and demons. And according to Fr. Chad Ripperger, Demons become uncomfortable when these chants are sung. We need to remember that Gregorian Chants are primary music about the Psalms, Mary, Jesus, and the many glorious attributes of God Almighty, which they hate. Thus, another good reason to sing or play this music from time to time.

Therefore, any parish may sing, for example, the Kyrie, Glory, Creed, Sanctus, Pater Noster, Agnus Dei and even some newer parts such as the acclamation after the Mysterium fidei and the "For yours is the Kingdom" which follows the embolism of the Our Father.

So you see, we as Catholics have a rich liturgical history with music within our Sacred Liturgies that allow us to enter into a more fuller connection with God during our worship, while at the same time providing us with protection, while making us ever more holier people gradually over time if we put all our hearts and souls into the celebration of our Sacred Mass and when we sing from our hearts.

Fr. Anthony Ripper

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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 OCT 21/ 22

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,485.47
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,619.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 290.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 305.00
Funeral	\$ 300.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 547.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 190.00
Candles	\$ 482.00
Stewardship	\$ 100.00
All Souls' Day	\$ 1,305.00
World Mission Day	\$ 989.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund	\$ 20.00

WEEKEND TOTAL \$ 17,632.47

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99.9% of Catholics Do Not Know These Facts about the Mass Part 2

By: <https://catholicbooks.net/99-9-of-catholics-do-not-know-these-facts-about-the-mass/>

The second block of seldom-known truths has to do with the manner of attending the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Jesus himself revealed to St. Gertrude that **for each Mass** that we attend, not routinely or casually, but with fervent devotion, **at least one saint will be sent from heaven to comfort and support us spiritually at the hour of our death.**

St. John Vianney affirmed that if we could see the spiritual value available to us from even one Mass fervently attended, we would die of joy.

Blessed Pope Paul VI declared that “the Mass is the most perfect form of prayer.” He added that attending Mass without devoutly receiving Communion is like having a beautiful ring without the diamond in its setting.

St. Padre Pio, the stigmatist priest, said that the world could exist more easily without the sun than the kingdom of God could exist without the Mass.

On one occasion, when St. Theresa of Avila was in deep contemplation and overwhelmed with the most profound spiritual peace and joy, she asked the Lord, “How can anyone possibly thank you for your infinite goodness?” Jesus replied, “By attending even one Mass with deepest love and fervor”; (The Greek word for “Eucharist” connotes “thanksgiving for a ‘Good Gift’”).

Let us revel in these beautiful but seldom proclaimed and seldom appreciated truths regarding the celebration of the Eucharist. But don’t stop at the point of fascination; let your fascination be ennobled with implementation.

We are all victims of routinism in our regular activities, especially regular liturgical prayer. Even priests (perhaps especially priests?) frequently slip into a mechanical way of practicing their sacred ministry; they may lose their fervor in performing even the most sacred actions, such as giving confessional absolution or blessing objects, but especially in celebrating Mass. It would help them if they were graciously reminded of the consoling truths mentioned above—perhaps if and when you arrange to have **Masses offered for them**. Remember all living and deceased priests who have baptized, absolved, or counseled you or your family members, and those who or performed your wedding. Place them all in the Heart of Jesus, in his Eucharistic Presence.

Never miss a Sunday Mass without a truly serious reason. Learn to appreciate and “live” the Mass more and more each time you attend one. You’ll soon find that every Mass will bless you out of your socks!

PUMPKINS

A lady recently being baptized was asked by a co-worker what it was like to be a Christian.

She replied, "It's like being a pumpkin: God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you may have gotten from the other pumpkins.

Then he cuts the top off and scoops out all the yucky stuff.

He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc.

Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."



"A Moment To Praise For Kids!", Joyce Lochinger

Why Catholics Genuflect



The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines genuflection as “a reverence made by bending the knee, especially to express adoration of the Blessed Sacrament” (CCC, Glossary). By genuflecting or bowing deeply in a spirit of prayer and as a sign of adoration of the Lord, “we express our faith in the real presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine” (CCC, no. 1378). To honor the true presence of Jesus Christ, all who pass before the Most Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass, as well as when entering or leaving the church, should genuflect. If genuflecting is physically difficult, a bow is a reverent substitute.

Genuflection is a sign of reverence to the Blessed Sacrament. Its purpose is for Catholics to acknowledge the presence of and to honor Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. In the Holy Eucharist, we truly believe that Jesus is present in His Body, Blood, soul, and divinity.

According to Fr. Cyrus Bartolome, of the Church of the Assumption, Westport CT, it is easy for us to “go through the motions” as Catholics, and one of the easiest gestures that we have forgotten lately is to forget the meaning of why we should genuflect. Often, we find ourselves walking into church, finding a pew, and then sitting down. So why should Catholics genuflect when they walk into a church? Well, the act of genuflecting on one knee comes from court etiquette centuries ago and was done by a person in the presence of a medieval king or noble. It was a sign of respect as well as a pledge of service.

Christians adopted this custom over time, and it became fully integrated into the liturgy of the Roman Rite by the 16th century. The left knee was always used to give reverence to a king and so to distinguish the Christian usage of the custom, Christians would genuflect in church on the right knee to God.

A practical tip to know if it’s appropriate to genuflect in any Catholic church is to look for the red sanctuary lamp. If it’s lit, that means Jesus is present and the proper response is to genuflect to show our love and honor. As a reminder, Catholics are only asked to genuflect while passing before the tabernacle. That means, if a Catholic church has the tabernacle in a separate chapel of Eucharistic reservation, you only genuflect when walking by it, not every time you enter the main body of the church.



From FORMED.Org

Week Three: The Role of the Parishioner

Summary

We Christians are here on earth as exiles. Many of us grow up in middle class Christianity. The danger with that is that we have everything we want and as a consequence we don't really long for heaven. Central to the Christian message is that we spend our lives here on earth longing for our true home which is in heaven. "Parishioner" comes from the Greek *paroikos*, which is also the root word for "pariah." It is the perennial reminder that we don't belong here; our home is heaven.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy

Christ Jesus, high priest of the new and eternal covenant, taking human nature, introduced into this earthly exile that hymn which is sung throughout all ages in the halls of heaven. He joins the entire community of mankind to Himself, associating it with His own singing of this canticle of divine praise. (n°. 83)

In the earthly liturgy we take part in a foretaste of that heavenly liturgy which is celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem toward which we journey as pilgrims, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God, a minister of the holies and of the true tabernacle; we sing a hymn to the Lord's glory with all the warriors of the heavenly army; venerating the memory of the saints, we hope for some part and fellowship with them; we eagerly await the Savior, Our Lord Jesus Christ, until He, our life, shall appear and we too will appear with Him in glory. (n°. 8)

It is of the essence of the Church that she be both human and divine, visible and yet invisibly equipped, eager to act and yet intent on contemplation, present in this world and yet not at home in it; and she is all these things in such wise that in her the human is directed and subordinated to the divine, the visible likewise to the invisible, action to contemplation, and this present world to that city yet to come, which we seek. (n°. 2)

The Teaching of the Church

"Desire for true happiness frees man from his immoderate attachment to the goods of this world so that he can find his fulfillment in the vision and beatitude of God. 'The promise [of seeing God] surpasses all beatitude... In Scripture, to see is to possess... Whoever sees God has obtained all the goods of which he can conceive.'"

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), n°. 2548

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

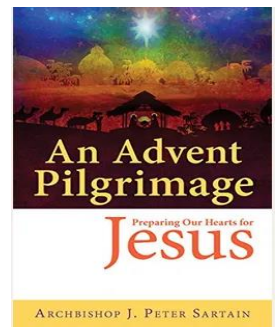
ALL SAINTS DAY is on **Wednesday, Nov 1st**. Masses are at 8 am and 6:30 pm in the church.

ALL SOULS' DAY commemorating all those who have gone before us is on **Thursday, Nov 2nd**. Masses are at 8:00 am We hope to see you as we gather in prayer for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. All Souls Offering envelopes are available at the main entrance of the church. **Please submit your offering no later than Tuesday, October 31. Remember to bring your luminary to Mass.**

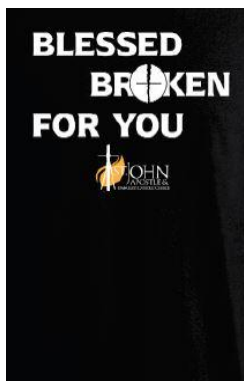
DEBT REDUCTION SECOND COLLECTION: We will have a second collection, next weekend **November 4/5**, after communion for debt reduction. Your donation will help pay for the mortgage of the **One Community Center**. Envelopes are available at the back of the church, you may donate on our parish website, online giving. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Next weekend **Nov 4/5**, The **PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY** is sponsoring Free Blood Pressure screenings after all Sunday Morning Masses on the OCC lanai.

ADVENT BEGINS IN 4 WEEKS! Your **SJAE LIBRARY TEAM** will help you have a wonderfully spiritual Advent. We have many wonderful Advent books and DVDs. A new book we received, An Advent pilgrimage, Preparing our Hearts for Jesus, has short, thoughtful reflections for Advent preparation. Stop by the Library Table after all Masses on 11-12 November and take home some inspiration!



During the month of September, St. John Apostle & Evangelist had joined with Foodland in the "Give Aloha" Campaign. **MAHALO** to everyone who helped and participated! Customer Donations: \$563.80, Matching Gift: \$166.23, Total donations: \$730.03.



ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL T SHIRTS

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1. Order online at

<https://www.storessimple.com/808logo/stjohn>

Store code: sjae (all lower case)

2. St. John Website: <https://www.stjohnmililani.org>

ORDER NOW!

DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 31, 2023



ANGEL TREE: THIS CHRISTMAS BE AN ANGEL.... AND PROVIDE A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO A DESERVING FAMILY, CHILD, SENIOR OR SEMINARIAN. Angel Tree gift request tags will be available after all Masses on **Nov 4 & 5 and Nov 11 & 12!** For more information, contact the parish office.



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



*Please support your Parish and our many Catholic ministries by contributing to the 2023-2024 Appeal. **Your gift will especially help:***

Parish Priests & Deacons recruitment, assignment, professional development, health & wellness needs.

Youth & Young Ministry developing faith formation groups, programs, events, and support Catholic schools.

Those most in need resourcing for parish food and shelter programs, and for Catholic social ministry agencies serving our kupuna, keiki, & migrant communities.

Next weekend **Nov 4/5**, we will be handing out the 'Ohana in Christ envelopes. See an Usher after Mass. Please take one as you leave the church.

The weekend of **Nov 11/12**, We will be having a **SECOND COLLECTION**. Bring your 'Ohana in Christ envelope back with you when you come to Mass.

Give online at: <https://www.catholichawaii.org/ohana-in-christ/> or you may donate through our parish website: stjohnmililani.org. Mahalo for your generous support!

THIS WEEK ON FORMED:

Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd

As the Cardinal-nephew of Pope Pius IV, Saint Charles Borromeo was one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in all of Rome. Yet he chose the extraordinary challenge of reforming the enormous Archdiocese of Milan to the pampered life of a Renaissance prince, and willingly spent himself in the service of his flock.

The Communion of Saints | Sacred Art

In celebration of All Saints' Day, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down to discuss Giusto de' Menabuoi's "Paradise" and how the saints give us hope by showing us that holiness is possible.

Brother Francis - All Souls Day

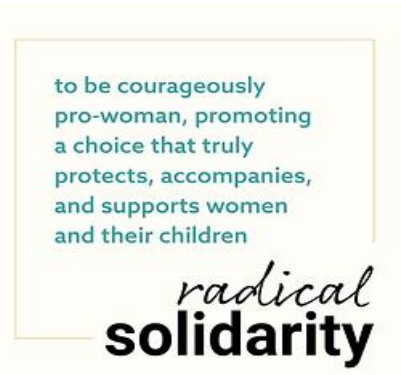
In this episode of Brother Francis, kids can learn about All Souls Day and how we take time to remember those who have passed away.

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

Respect Life: "Hope is always possible. To those who care for the sick, the scene of the Cross provides a way of understanding that even when it seems that there is nothing more to do there remains much to do, because 'remaining' by the side of the sick is a sign of love and of the hope that it contains. Healed by Jesus, we become men and women called to proclaim his healing power and provide care for our neighbors, until the very end."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"





Advent is a special season for the Church — it is the time when the world prepares to celebrate anew the coming of Christ. Often, we lose sight of the point of this season because we get caught up in our preparations for Christmas and arrive at Christmas no more transformed than we were at the start of Advent.

A way that our parish is seeking to prepare for Jesus' birth and experience true transformation in this powerful season is by engaging with a new program from Ascension. This program is *Rejoice! Finding Your Place in the Advent Story*. This year, we will explore the places, meet the people, and experience the events that shaped the first Advent, and find our place in the story. By immersing ourselves in the environment that God's people were living in as they prepared for the Messiah, we will experience this sacred season in a new way.

We have the opportunity to walk together on a journey to Bethlehem. Because we want this Advent to be a journey we take together as a parish, we will be holding an **Advent Mission Night** on Monday, November 14, 2023 at in the One Community Center. Each participant will receive a *Rejoice!* journal, filled with beautiful art and meaningful meditations to accompany him or her throughout the entire Advent season

Rejoice! is an opportunity for our whole community to enter into the season of Advent intentionally and receive the grace God is waiting to give us in this holy season. Join us for our Advent Mission Night and take full advantage of this transformative experience.

Visit rejoiceprogram.com for more details.





CATHOLIC CHARITIES
HAWAII

**TRANSPORTATION FRIENDS
FOR KUPUNA PROJECT**

Are you at least 55 years old and
want more JOY in your life?
Or are you a retiree or empty nester who
likes to serve?
This volunteer opportunity is for YOU!

Catholic Charities Hawai'i is looking for seniors to volunteer as a driver and/or chaperone to assist kupuna 60 years and older for our **Transportation Friends for Kupuna (TFK) Project**.

As a volunteer driver, you will use your own vehicle to transport kupuna clients to needed destinations, and as a chaperone, you will assist in accompanying kupuna to and from their destinations. Your contribution as a volunteer will make a meaningful impact on the lives of frail kupuna who live independently.

If you are interested or need more information, please contact
Julie Chang, Program Volunteer Coordinator
at (808) 527-4783 or email
julie.chang@catholiccharitieshawaii.org.

*This project is funded by a grant from
AmeriCorps Senior Demonstration Program.*

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION (MATTHEW 22:34-40)

BY DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" *Love the Lord, your God. Love your neighbor as yourself.*

Those who know me well know that I am kind of a dinosaur. A lot of the ways I do things are the ways I've always done them. I still use cash for many transactions. I don't use ATM machines. I hardly ever use a drive-thru for fast food.

And the reason I act this way might be different from what you might think. I don't act like a dinosaur because I don't like new stuffs. And I don't act this way because I don't see value in new ways of doing things.

No --- it seems to me that, in any attempt to make things simpler, we've often done the exact opposite. In other words, the reason I seem to drag my feet when it comes to all these new things is that it actually feels like we've made things way too complicated. So many options in so many areas of life.

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" *"Love the Lord, your God. Love your neighbor as yourself."* It sounds so simple. It always amazes me that Christians can disagree on so much. How can Christians be diametrically opposed on so many things, so many issues? Love the Lord, your God. Love your neighbor as yourself. Just the way I like it. Simple!

But maybe we treat these things as if they are not simple at all. Maybe, we've done what society seems to do on a daily basis in many areas of our lives to complicate things when they don't need to be complicated. Love and love and keep loving.

And if words aren't enough, if what Jesus said in the passage, we just heard is not convincing, --- we only need to look at the cross. Even in the face of that great trial, Jesus was unwilling to do anything but love. Do we look for ways NOT to love, find excuses and rationalizations for whatever it is that we want to do? In other words --- do we figure out the choice we want to make and then try to force it into our image of God into that choice? We so often simply do what we want and find a way to be ok with it. But God isn't ok with it.

When I say following Jesus is "simple" I don't mean "easy." It's not. It takes courage, perseverance, compassion, and trust. But it is simple when it comes to the motives under which we are called to act. It's one simple motive --- **LOVE**. Acting out of any other motive simply means that we've stopped following in Jesus' footsteps, that you and I have stopped following our Lord Jesus where he leads us.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 (151A)

Responsorial Psalm: 131:1, 2, 3

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Gospel: Matthew 22:9b, 10b



- "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbors as yourself!"

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday October 30, 2023

8AM Perry Campbell (RIP)
Aida Govico (RIP)
Alice, Bobby & Brenda Roberson (RIP)
Felicitas & Alfredo Cordial Jr. & Sr. (RIP)

Tuesday October 31, 2023

8AM Channing Fukuda (Birthday Memorial)
Jane Beauchemin (RIP)
Aida Govico (RIP)

Wednesday November 1, 2023

8AM Adrienne Gregory (RIP)
Rosalinda Largo (Death Anniversary)
Aida Govico (RIP)
Kathy Oshiro (Special Intention)

Thursday November 2, 2023

8AM

Friday

8AM

Saturday

8AM

5PM

Sunday

7AM

9 AM

11 AM

6 PM

*All Souls' Day***November 3, 2023**

Guerrero Family (Blessing/Thanksgiving)
Mario Pichon (Death Anniversary)
Feliciano Dona (RIP)
Aida Govico (RIP)

November 4, 2023

Ted Tulang (RIP)
All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
The Chan Family (Blessing)
Butch Corpuz (Healing)

November 5, 2023

Thelma Villareal Danigao (RIP)
For the People
Wayne Ursal (RIP)
Wayne Padua (RIP)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

ERLINDA DICHOSO JUAN (RIP) – Monday, October 30, 2023; Mililani Mortuary – Mauka Chapel– Family: 5:00 pm, Visitation: 5:30 pm, Wake Service: 6:30 pm.

Tuesday, October 31, 2023- St John: Family: 9:00 am; Visitation: 9:30 am; Eulogy: 10:00 am; Mass: 10:30 am; Burial- 12:30 pm~ Mililani Memorial Park.

MICHELLE AUBUCHON (RIP) – Tuesday, November 7, 2023, St John- Family: 9:30 am; Visitation: 10:00 am; Eulogy: 10:45 am; Mass: 11:00 am.

RON ALAN FOULKES (RIP) – Tuesday, November 7, 2023; Mililani Memorial Park- Makai Chapel – Family: 10:30 am, Prayer Service: 11:00 am.

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Stephanie Rapozo, Thomas Ramos, John Bates, Cindy Abernathy, Lupita Arizpe, Richard Guillory, Nicole Guerrero, Mona DeCosta, Reyes Aguirre, Marisol Aguirre, Lana Daszek, Vanessah Liu, Michael Donlin, Patrice Wilson, Gene Lumantas, Clarita Martinez, Julian Rillamas Jr., Jim Walsh & Lita Guerrero.

DECEASED

Mark Burnett, Chirsty Esposito, Jane Beauchemin, Genevieve Rosa, Michelle Aubuchon, Monica Pangelinan, Jonathan Somaoang, Gavina Tamonte, Gloria U. Munson, Aida Govico, Catalina Sagocio, Margaret Nakamura, Wendell Perry, Patrick Mayock, Gary Garcia, Daniel Ariola & Maxima Looney.