

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This week, I want to share with you Why the Four Marian Dogmas are important. Unfortunately, there is not enough space to discuss or explain these in detail here. However, the following link explains these four dogmas in detail summaries: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resource/55423/the-four-marian-dogmas>

All four of the Marian dogmas divinely reveal something of Mary's personhood. Each truth helps us understand her role in salvation history. The dogmas, in the order that they were declared as truth by the Church, are **Mary as the Mother of God, Mary as a Perpetual Virgin ("ever-virgin"), Mary's Immaculate Conception, and the Assumption of Mary, body and soul, into heaven.**

A dogma, described by various sources, is a teaching of the Church that has been revealed by God and a teaching to be held by all Catholics. A dogma is not a new belief, but it clarifies or defines a long-held conviction of the faithful. It often is referred to as a doctrine or article of faith that we all are expected to believe.

In these Marian dogmas, the Church never has taught that Mary is divine; in many ways, other than sin, she is like us. She toiled, laughed, cried, and suffered in the manner of every man and woman; thus, we easily relate to her.

So, why did the Church promulgate such teachings and not just leave well enough alone? The answer lies in the reason the Church promulgates Marian doctrine at all: namely, that Marian doctrines are always a commentary on Christ and/or the nature of the Church or the human person.

So, for instance, the dogma of the *Theotokos* or "Mother of God" was defined in order to "build a hedge" around the doctrine that Christ is one divine person with two natures. not two persons, one human and one divine occupying a single head. Likewise, the Perpetual Virginity of Mary is a commentary on the purity and holiness of the Church and the goodness of virginity, and the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception reflects the ancient biblical understanding of Christ's Bride the Church as spotless and without wrinkle. It is, in short, a commentary on the thoroughness of the saving work of Christ (and on the fundamental dignity of the human person).

Basically, then Marian doctrine is intimately connected with who we believe Jesus **IS!** And if we change these dogmas or eliminate these beliefs, we will also be fundamentally changing our beliefs and theological understanding of Our Lord and Savior Jesus.

Fr. Anthony Rapier

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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

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE OCT 28/ 29

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,380.83
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,139.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 82.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 80.00
Funeral	\$ 300.00
Blessing	\$ 100.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 850.00
Garage Sale (10/28/23)	\$ 3,624.40
Mass Intentions	\$ 100.00
Candles	\$ 440.00
All Souls' Day	\$ 2,973.00
World Mission Day	\$ 201.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 20.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$24,290.23



10 Reasons Why the Rosary Is So Powerful

By Father Dwight Longenecker

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/10-reasons-why-the-rosary-is-so-powerful>

It Engages Your Will.

The human will is powerful because it is a sharing in God's power. He gives us the will to choose to do good or to do evil — and that will, in and of itself, is a powerful weapon in the spiritual realm. That's why Satan seeks to enslave us and incapacitate our will through addictions. When our will is joined with God's will through prayer, we literally tap into God's own power source.

It is Physical.

God has given us bodies and souls. Angels — and this includes demons — are purely spiritual creatures. They have no physical form and are therefore inferior to us. When we pray the Rosary, we use our bodies. We hold the rosary beads with a crucifix. If possible, we should adopt an intentionally physical posture for prayer — either walking, kneeling, or sitting attentively. If possible, we should also use other physical sacramentals like blessed candles, holy water, maybe some incense and holy pictures or statues. When we use the physical aspects of prayer, we are using tools that we have, and which Satan does not have.

It Engages our Linguistic Functions.

God has not only given us bodies — he has given us physical speech. We have tongues to praise him. We have vocal chords and breath to speak and sing. Satan does not have the means of physical speech. Animals do not have physical speech. Humans do. Therefore, we should pray the Rosary out loud, moving our lips. This engages our physical bodies and our intellect through which we are able to produce speech.

It Involves Our Imagination.

The non-verbal part of our mind communicates through imagery. We not only think with language, but we think in pictures. Satan likes to captivate our imagination through sinful images. These images can be communicated through internet, television, or any visual stimulus, but he also wants our imagination to dwell in images that are destructive. So, our imagination can be used for lustful fantasies, violent imaginations against our enemies or indulging in negative memories. When we meditate on the mysteries of the Rosary, we engage that channel of our mind in a positive and purifying way. Meditating on the mysteries therefore cleanses our imagination and engages and uses the imagination to promote God's will rather than evil.

The Rosary Occupies the Language Facility.

In order to allow the imagination to be properly cleansed through meditation it helps to switch into imagination mode. Unfortunately, our minds usually function in a linguistic mode — using speech and speech concepts to think through problems, think about the future, plan what comes next, etc. By praying the Rosary this channel of our mind is occupied and the doors can open to the imagination and what I call the “sub-linguistic” parts of our being.

The Sub-Linguistic is Accessed.

Much of our soul work takes place in the realm of emotions. Emotions are not linguistic nor are they imaginative. They are just raw emotions. We feel angry. We feel rage. We feel lust. We feel bliss. We feel peace. True emotions are irrational and unexplainable. The emotional area of the soul is also the area where we have our foundational experiences. In the mother's womb and in the pre-linguistic stages of life we experience life in an irrational and emotional way. As we pray the Rosary and the linguistic channel is occupied and the imaginative channel is occupied the Holy Spirit can access the sub-linguistic, deep down, raw experiences of our earliest days. If there are wounds and bad emotional memories there Mother Mary can heal them.

The Healing Mysteries are Applied.

I have written more about how this works in my book "*Praying the Rosary for Inner Healing*," but suffice it to say that as we pray the Rosary, the mysteries of Christ's birth, ministry, passion and glory are opened up and the Holy Spirit applies them to our own inner needs. Where there are impurities, they are purged. Where there are bad memories, they are healed. Where there are wounds, Doctor Jesus and Nurse Mary minister to our needs.

Spiritual Warfare is Engaged

Satan hates the Rosary. He hates Mary. He hates the gospel. He hates God. He hates Christ the Lord. He hates the Lord's Prayer. He hates the Hail Mary. He hates you. Every time you pray to the Rosary, because of what I outlined above, you are entering the territory that he wants to claim as his own. He wants control over your will — you take that from him. He wants control over your speech — you take that from him. He wants control over your imagination — you take that from him. He wants control over your emotions and your early life — you take that from him.

The Battle Against Evil in the Word is Opened.

I have written more about this in my second book on the Rosary called "*Praying the Rosary for Spiritual Warfare*." Here I can say that in many ways the mysteries of the gospel bring alive Christ's victory over Satan, and by praying the Rosary we can apply those victories against Satan's work in the world.

It is Accessible and Easy for All.

The fantastically amazing thing about the Rosary is that God does this very deep healing work in individual lives and in the world in this most accessible and easy way. No need for long sessions of psychoanalysis or counseling for most people. Instead, ordinary men, women and boys and girls can simply pray the Rosary. All these good things happen even when they are unaware that these deep aspects of praying the Rosary are taking place. It doesn't matter who — an old peasant woman or a smart college professor, a little child, or a busy mom. Billions of Catholics. All can pray the Rosary.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who participated in this special toy drive. All the people who donated helped bring a smile to a child's face this holiday season and we sincerely **THANK YOU!**

TODAY BEGINS VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK: Did you know that in our country, compared to 60 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 129,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has grown steadily. During Vocation Awareness Week, please pray that young people in today's society will hear and respond to God's call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and consecrated life.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Friday, November 10th, in observance of Veterans Day.

HEALING GRACE MINISTRY will be gathering on November 11 and December 9 @ 12noon in classroom #1. This Christ-centered support group is for all who are bereaving. *"Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted.(Mt 5:4)."* Come find comfort in the teaching of Christ.

ADVENT BEGINS IN 4 WEEKS! Let Pope Francis guide your advent journey of preparation to celebrate the birth of Christ. The book, Advent with Pope Francis, is a daily reflection which includes a passage from Scripture, thoughts from Pope Francis, questions for personal reflection, and a concluding prayer. This book and many others will be available at the Library Table after all masses on 11-12 November. Stop by and check out some Advent inspiration!



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 11 & 12!** For more information, contact the parish office.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will host a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 12th in the OCC from 9:00am until 12 Noon. \$10 at the door. Please come and enjoy breakfast and support the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus. We hope to see you there!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS monthly meeting is on the 2nd Tuesday, November 14 in classroom #1 at 7:00 pm. For more information, contact Patrick Guzman.

ST JOHN'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP is sponsoring a Healing Mass on Monday, November 13. Praise and worship will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by Mass presided by Fr. Anthony.

JOIN US FOR OUR ADVENT MISSION NIGHT! This program includes an inspirational journal and an engaging 30-minute video featuring reflections by presenter Fr. Mark Touns and his friends Sr. Josephine Garrett and Fr. Josh Johnson. Join us and experience real spiritual formation and growth from the beginning of Advent to Christmas Day. with Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture: **Tuesday, November 14 in the OCC at 7:00 PM.** Everyone is welcome!

THE ROSARY MAKING MINISTRY will be on a break for the month of November and December. The next gathering will be on Saturday, January 20, 2024. Please contact Felicia Routon (808) 386-1486.



*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.

This 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.

Next weekend, **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:

St. Leo the Great | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Carl Vennerstrom as they discuss St. Leo the Great, who served as pope during the tumultuous time of the Council of Chalcedon.

The INCREDIBLE Eucharistic Miracles w/Fr. Robert Spitzer | Chris Stefanick Show

Did you know there are miracles that back up the true presence of the Eucharist? It's true! And I brought Fr. Robert Spitzer back to tell us about the incredible science behind them.

The Church Needs More Saints w/ Jason Evert | SEEK23

Using the example of Pope St. John Paul II, Jason Evert discusses the importance of interior life in the mission of evangelization to which all Christians are called.

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

Respect Life: "Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope. Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients and their families."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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





NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 5-11, 2023

LABOURÉ TO THE RESCUE

STUDENT DEBT? NO PROBLEM

What if a young Catholic feels called, but has too much student debt to enter the seminary or convent? It's a serious problem that has put the brakes on many vocations. A young woman with \$50k in student loans simply can't expect a religious order to assume her debt.

Fortunately, there's a solution. The Labouré Society is responsible for rescuing hundreds of vocations, helping young men and women who otherwise could not have pursued God's call.



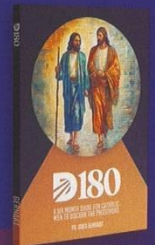
Labouré doesn't simply pay off student loans. Instead, they organize young people into "classes" and train them how to fundraise as a group. Depending on the level of debt, it can take six months to a couple of years of fundraising. Graduates of the program say it didn't just help them enter formation; it solidified their call and taught valuable lessons about working within the Church with all kinds of people.

If a young man gives seminary a try and later decides to "discern out," the donations he received go to other candidates, which satisfies both the donors and the IRS. To learn more or make a donation, visit rescuevocations.org.



180-DAY DISCERNMENT CHALLENGE

"As I worked with young men, I began to see that they needed more structure in their lives, especially while they're seeking to know their vocations," said Fr. Greg Gerhart, the Vocation Director for the Diocese of Austin. To help men on their journey, Fr. Greg created Discernment 180, a "rule of life" for six months of deep discernment, with daily readings and specific spiritual practices. "It's already borne incredible fruit in our diocese," he said. "Three of our new seminarians completed D180 before entering." Now the program is free for anyone to use at discernment180.com



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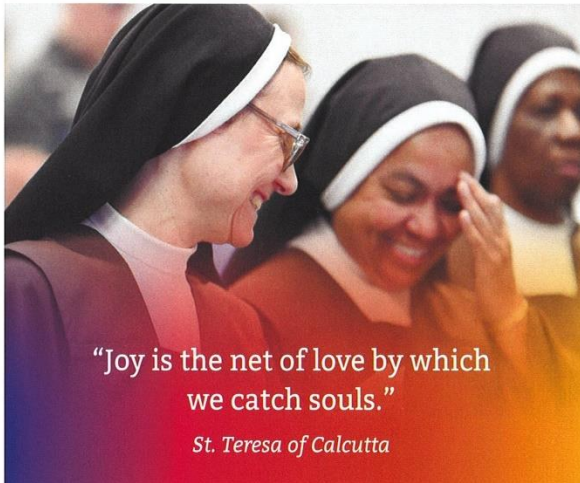
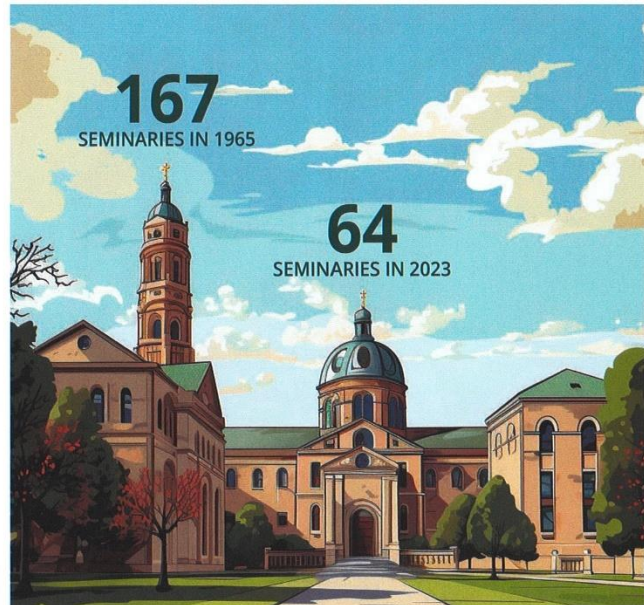
FEWER BUT STRONGER

We sometimes hear that seminaries in the U.S. are nearly full, which is true of many—but mainly because we have a hundred fewer seminaries than sixty years ago.

The Church envisions that in ideal circumstances, every diocese would have its own seminary. But fewer men in formation and scarce resources mean that most seminaries operate as regional institutions.

Ask any seminary rector, and he'll tell you that the scarcest resource is not money, but *personnel*—in particular, diocesan priests who are released by their bishops to leave parish ministry and serve in the seminary as spiritual directors.

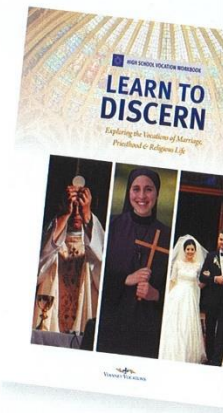
Please pray for our men in formation and for the generous priests who serve as their mentors.



TEACHING VOCATIONS

REACHING TEENS

Many catechists have lamented that Confirmation is often a "last chance" to reach the hearts of young Catholics. Acknowledging this, several dioceses are using the "Learn to Discern" curriculum in Confirmation classes to offer solid advice on growing in holiness and discerning a vocation to marriage, priesthood, or consecrated life. vianneyvocations.com

**50 YEARS OF FATHERLY ADVICE**

Fr. Jerry Dowling (right) is renowned in Australia for hosting the country's longest-running radio program, where he has provided fatherly advice to callers for over five decades. His show, "The Family Counsellor," was credited by one reporter to have "saved the lives of hundreds of people and brought comfort to thousands of others."

Priests like Fr. Dowling are an inspiration to all clergy who are engaging people through new media to spread the Gospel of Christ.



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SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION (MATTHEW 23:1-12) BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

There is no question that Jesus had a way with words. The Word of the Lord is filled with what we are very familiar with in our society — soundbites if you will, which convey so much meaning. The last verses of today's Gospel from St. Matthew contain one of those short statements which carry so much more meaning. Jesus says, "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."



In those two sentences are found the key to a stewardship way of life, which revolves around service and humility. There is no question that these are powerful words. They reveal to us all that we need to understand to be a true disciple of Christ. In his letter to the Philippians St. Paul wrote, "Though He was in the form of God, He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Phil. 2:5-8).

True humility will be ultimately exalted by God. Our society teaches us to strive to reach the top, but Jesus is reminding us that we need to regard others as more important than we are. We have two choices in life perhaps, to be self-exalters, or to be God-exalted. Is there any doubt as to what we as Christians should pursue?

MORE PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

EPIC MINISTRY- "Faith Sharing" is on Monday, November 6th, 7PM at Our Lady of Sorrows, Wahiawa. Open to young adults ages 18-39. For more information: email: centraloahu@epicministry.net, text **EPICMINISTRY to 8456** or call (808) 354-0971.

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16 (154A)

Responsorial Psalm: 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13 14

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13



- "The greatest among you must be your servant!"

-MATTHEW 23:11

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday November 6, 2023

8AM Orlando Antolin
(Birthday Memorial)
Isabel Villanueva (Birthday Blessing)
Susan Lorentino (Healing)
Cathy Delos Reyes (Healing)

Tuesday November 7, 2023

8AM Cristina Falke (Birthday Memorial)
Robert Alan Foulkes (RIP)
Earl John Pacpaco (RIP)
Avery Curet (Death Anniversary)
Virgilio Delos Santos
(Death Anniversary)

Wednesday November 8, 2023

8AM All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Louie Cuerva (Death Anniversary)
Susan Lorentino (Healing)
Tedelyn (Birthday Blessing)

Thursday November 9, 2023

8AM Robert Alan Foulkes (RIP)
Orlando Antolin
(Birthday Memorial)

Friday

8AM James & Mildred Mizoguchi (RIP)
Eric Umetsu (RIP)
Robert Alan Foulkes (RIP)
Poor Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Derrick Shockley
(Birthday Blessing)

Saturday November 11, 2023

8AM Robert Alan Foulkes (RIP)
Abraham Romero
(Birthday Blessing)
Jessica Warner (Birthday Blessing)
Dan Flojo (Healing)
Tony Jaramillo (Healing)

Sunday November 12, 2023

7AM M/M German A. & Claudia C.
Vergara (RIP)
For the People
9 AM Wayne Ursal (RIP)
11 AM Robert Alan Foulkes (RIP)
6 PM

All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Maria Aguirre (Thanksgiving)
Cathy Delos Reyes (Healing)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ALAN MICHAEL DE LEON (RIP) – Monday, November 6, 2023, St John- Family: 9:00am; Visitation: 9:30 am; Mass: 10:30 am. Burial: 12:30pm – Mililani Memorial Park.

MICHELLE BELINDA 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.