

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This week, I want to share with you what Mantillas/Chapel Veils are and what is the meaning behind it and why some young women today are once again wearing them.

Since the early days of Christianity, wearing chapel veils has been a common practice among faithful women. Chapel veils, also commonly called mantillas, which comes from the word manta, meaning cape, are typically circular or triangular-shaped pieces of black or white lace that are draped over a woman's head when attending Mass, or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Traditionally, the black veils were worn by married or widowed women, while the white veils were worn by young girls or unmarried women.



Throughout the centuries, the use of the mantilla by women has had many purposes. The wearing of the mantilla is an act of veiling a woman's physical beauty, so that the beauty of God may be glorified instead. It is also a way of emulating Mary, our mother, who is the archetype of purity and humility. Moreover, the mantilla, or chapel veil, signifies the role of women as a life-bearing vessel. The chalice holding the blood of Christ is veiled until the Preparation of the Gifts, and the tabernacle is veiled between Masses. Both of these vessels hold the Eucharist – the very life of Christ. In a similar fashion, the woman was endowed by God with the special gift of bearing new human life. Because of this, women, as all things holy and sacred, are veiled.

Before the Second Vatican Council, the wearing of chapel veils was required for a woman when attending Mass, as a symbol of her modesty and humility before God. Although this practice is no longer required, it is still very much supported and encouraged by the Church as a sign of reverence and piety while in the presence of God.

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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

NOV 4/5

Sunday Collection	\$ 14,388.50
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 5,014.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 1,366.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 105.00
Funeral	\$ 600.00
Blessing	\$ 100.00
Stewardship	\$ 20.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 7,267.82
Bishop	\$ 100.00
Garage Sale (10/28/23)	\$ 61.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 80.00
Candles	\$ 545.00
All Souls' Day	\$ 1,160.00
World Mission Day	\$ 5.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 25.00

WEEKEND TOTAL

\$ 30,787.32



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Helena, a 19-year-old college student, said, "When I wore the veil, it was a reminder to be pure and keep pure thoughts and pure actions only and to be chaste." For 25-year-old Ruth, the veil calls to mind the importance of sexual purity, and how it reminds her of being the bride of Christ, walking up the aisle to receive Christ in the Eucharist. She said, "You are being pure and just reverent and humbling yourself down for that one hour for Christ, to be His bride in that one hour" of Mass."

These were the response of just a few of the women she interviewed. To learn more please read her article found here with this link: <https://religionandpolitics.org/2022/02/08/why-a-new-generation-of-catholic-women-is-wearing-chapel-veils/>.

Fr. Anthony Rapon

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OHANA IN CHRIST: This weekend, 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!

ADVENT IS 2 WEEKS AWAY! Stop by the Library Table after all masses this weekend. Be ready! How about reading The Essential Advent and Christmas Handbook which has morning and evening prayers, a short history of Advent, information on traditional Christmas symbols and practices, as well as daily meditations. Let your Library Team help you start the new liturgical year with a boost.

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 Toups 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!

NEXT WEEKEND (11/18-19), our collection will support the **CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT** "Working on the Margins." **Please respond to Pope Francis' call for the World Day of the Poor the weekend of November 19.** Please remember that 25% of the CCHD collection in our diocese stays in Hawaii. CCHD funds donated from our parishes contribute to a variety of effective community efforts including helping houseless survivors of natural disasters rebuild their lives, assisting formerly incarcerated or homeless women with transitional housing and job training, and supporting non-profit organizations helping low-income families build and own affordable housing.



Please prayerfully consider Bishop Larry Silva's call to give generously to the CCHD collection as a way of witnessing to Jesus. MAHALO



SAVE THE DATE! Friday, December 15, 6:30pm in the OCC. Please join the parish to celebrate the Advent and Christmas season at our “Journey to the Inn” event. It will be a program of Prayer, Meditation, Singing, and Pageantry as we remember the lives of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph during the time of our Savior’s Birth. Potluck and fellowship to follow. Please see the parish website and future bulletins for more information.

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

EPIC MINISTRY– “Faith Sharing” is on Monday, November 13th, 7PM at St John’s, Mililani. 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.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED:

Paul the Apostle | The Bible Collection

The church's greatest enemy became Christ's most prolific messenger. Beautifully shot in the Moroccan desert, Paul the Apostle is a sweeping saga of the man who brought the Gospel to the Western world.

Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.

Saints Peter and Paul

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on FORMED, they discuss an icon depicting Sts. Peter and Paul.

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

Respect Life: “In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our *own* hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own.”

*Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge,
Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities
“Living Radical Solidarity”*





ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU
WITNESS TO JESUS

November 1, 2023

"She reaches out her hands to the poor and extends her arms to the needy." (Proverbs 31:20)

First Reading, Sunday, November 19, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year, Sunday November 19 is the World Day of the Poor, whose theme is *"Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor"* (Tob 4:7). On that date our diocese will participate in the U.S. Bishops' annual national collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development-CCHD**. Through this second collection, support for CCHD helps people work together responding to others in need and overcoming the complex challenges of poverty across the United States.

Please remember that 25% of the CCHD collection in our diocese stays in Hawaii to extend our hands and arms to others in need here. CCHD funds donated from our parishes have contributed to a variety of effective community efforts including: helping houseless survivors of natural disasters rebuild their lives; assisting formerly incarcerated or homeless women with transitional housing and job training; and supporting non-profit organizations helping low-income families build and own affordable housing.

I strongly encourage all to give generously to the CCHD collection as a way of witnessing to Jesus by reaching out our hands to the poor and extending our arms to those in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Larry Silva*

Most Reverend Larry Silva
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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

LEARN about those living in poverty who are working to improve their communities. • **ACT** and spread the word about poverty by sharing this flier. • **CONNECT** with the work of CCHD by supporting the collection. • **PRAY** for those who benefit from this collection.

For more than 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has supported organizations that combat poverty and improve the lives of people in communities across the United States. Not only do CCHD-funded organizations advocate with civic, business, and community religious leaders to improve access to affordable housing, job and educational opportunities, and rights for immigrants—they also respond quickly to urgent needs when communities experience emergencies.

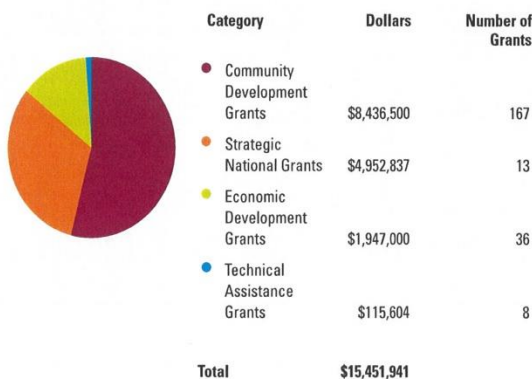
An effective response to natural disasters begins with effective planning before disasters occur. In New Orleans and surrounding areas in southern Louisiana, CCHD is helping Together New Orleans develop a project called Community Lighthouse, which will equip 85 congregations and community organizations with commercial-scale solar power and backup battery storage. This effort will form a network of response centers ready to serve

communities in a hurricane or other natural disaster once the solar power equipment is completely installed. By using solar power and backup batteries, the response centers can continue operating in the event of power loss—but they will also be using clean, renewable energy rather than fossil fuels that contribute to climate change and pollution.

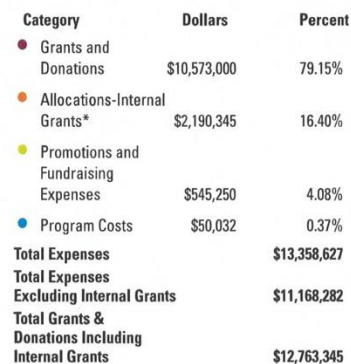
When you support CCHD, you help local communities across the country innovate and work together to solve their own unique challenges. Twenty-five percent of your contribution stays in your diocese to support the organizations addressing your community's needs for housing, jobs, and educational opportunities—and for keeping the lights on during a storm.

To learn more about the collection for the CCHD and the way CCHD upholds the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

2021-2022 GRANTS



2021 EXPENSES



*Internal grants include a distribution from the CCHD collection for CCHD operations expenses and for the USCCB Justice, Peace, and Human Development's education and outreach program, which includes engaging Catholics in our faith-filled call to address the root causes of poverty.



Office of National Collections

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What is Silent Prayer

By Jeremy Harrington, OFM

<https://blog.franciscanmedia.org/franciscan-spirit/what-is-silent-prayer>

I hope this blog will help you find the contemplative experience you seek. What you and I may indeed need at this juncture is what some spiritual guides and writers call the “Prayer of Inner Quiet.” One of the richest forms of prayer can occur when the heart is absolutely quiet. As the psalmist says, “Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10).

Several years ago, Dominican Sister Sylvia Rosell, from the Stillpoint House of Prayer in Albany, New York, explained it to me this way: “If you still your mind, you can hear your own heart. And at the core of your heart is the indwelling of God. It’s just like when you love someone, you just sit there and you look at each other. You just silently stare, and there is a terrible presence between you. It’s an awesome thing. God is present and you are present—to each other. It’s a matter of just being there.”

For example, we might start out with the reading of a short passage from Scripture, but gradually our words and thoughts simplify. The natural drift of prayer is often *from words to silence*, according to Father William Johnson, SJ, who has written several books on prayer. At times, he says, we may feel led, as if by a hidden compass, into this kind of silent union with God.

In many cases, prayers that rely on words may be the best form of prayer for us. In fact, Father Johnson cautions against striving too hard to get rid of words and thoughts. Yet he believes we should be conscious of those times when the Spirit is moving us to silence. “It’s like there are two layers of the psyche,” he explains. “In one layer there are lots of words and thoughts going on, but on a deeper level, you are united closely to God.” When we feel drawn to silent union, it is good to go there and rest in God as long as the Spirit invites.

Similar to the “Prayer of Inner Quiet” is what we might call the “Prayer of Listening.” In this prayer, the focus is on listening to God, who reveals himself in our inmost being. You listen at the core of your being to the deepest voice of all, the voice of God and of the Spirit. Thomas Merton describes this kind of prayer as “finding one’s deepest center, awakening the profound depths of our being in the presence of God, who is the source of our being and life.”

A PRAYER OF SILENT UNION WITH GOD

You may find it rewarding to try this simple prayer exercise:

Just sit down and, keeping your back straight but free, begin quieting your mind and your body by taking a few relaxing, deep breaths. Close your eyes if you wish. Center your awareness on the silent and infinite presence of God within your heart. Let the Spirit lead you beyond the noisy world of space and time and into the silent realm where God dwells as the source and ground of your being. Center your attention on that hushed point within you where the human touches the divine, where the branch (you) intersects with Jesus, the vine—where you and God are one and dwell in each other.

Let yourself sink into the silent immensity of God. Simply let your prayer be a silent *being there* with God. Without any need for thoughts and words, exchange quiet love with God for as long as you feel inspired to do so.

Silent Prayer – is it biblical?

<https://www.gotquestions.org/silent-prayer.html>

Question: "Silent prayer - is it biblical?"

Answer: The Bible gives an example of silent prayer in **Hannah's** inaudible petition (**1 Samuel 1:10, 13**), but it does not give specific instructions on praying silently. That does not mean that silent prayer is any less valid than praying out loud—Hannah's prayer was answered, after all. God can hear our thoughts just as easily as He can hear our words (**Psalm 139:23; Jeremiah 12:3**). Jesus knew the evil thoughts of the Pharisees (**Matthew 12:24-26; Luke 11:17**). Nothing we do, say, or think is hidden from God, who does not need to hear our words to know our thoughts. He has access to all **prayers** directed to Him, whether or not they are spoken.

The Bible mentions praying in private (**Matthew 6:6**). What is the difference between praying aloud or silently if you are by yourself? There are some circumstances where only silent prayer is appropriate, e.g., praying for something that needs to stay between you and God only, praying for someone who is present, etc. There is not anything wrong with praying silently, as long as you are not doing it because you are embarrassed to be heard praying.

Perhaps the best verse to indicate the validity of unspoken prayers is **1 Thessalonians 5:17**: "Pray without ceasing." To **pray unceasingly** obviously cannot mean we are praying out loud all of the time. Rather, it means we are to be in a constant state of God-consciousness, where we take every thought captive to Him (**2 Corinthians 10:5**) and bring every situation, plan, fear, or concern before His throne. Unceasing prayer will include prayers that are spoken, whispered, shouted, sung, and silent as we direct our thoughts of praise, petition, supplication, and thanksgiving to God.

Recommended Resource: **The Prayer That Turns the World Upside Down: The Lord's Prayer as a Manifesto for Revolution by R. Albert Mohler Jr.**

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION (MATTHEW 25:1-13) BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

Wisdom is a central theme in our readings today. It is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, key to living the stewardship way of life in our complex world. As Christian stewards, we should rely on this gift and ask the Holy Spirit to increase it within us.

Jesus teaches the importance of wisdom in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of ten virgins awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom who will welcome them in to the wedding feast. Five of the virgins were foolish and five were wise. The foolish virgins failed to bring oil along with their lamps when they went to meet the bridegroom. The wise ones, however, had prepared and brought sufficient oil to keep their lamps lit when the bridegroom came. The foolish virgins, caught off guard, ran off to buy more oil, but they were too late. The door to the wedding feast was locked to them. Jesus cautions, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."



The stewardship way of life — with its daily and weekly commitments to giving God the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure — is the "oil" that we keep with us at all times. When we have this plan in place and we rely deeply on the Holy Spirit to guide us through the twists and turns of each day, we are free, we are ready to answer the Bridegroom when He calls us. We live in wisdom.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GAVINA LARGO TAMONTE (RIP) – Tuesday, November 14, 2023, St John- Family: 9:00 am; Visitation: 9:30 am; Eulogy: 10:15 am; Mass: 10:30 am; Burial: 1:00 pm ~ Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery- Kaneohe

ANTONIO PASCUA (RIP) – Thursday, November 16, 2023, St John- Honolulu Fire Dept: 9:30 am; Visitation: 9:35 am; HFD: 10:15 am; Mass: 10:30 am; Final Alarm: 12:00 pm.

SERIACA "MONICA" LAGUA PANGELINAN (RIP) – Tuesday, November 21, 2023, St John- Family: 9:00 am; Visitation: 9:30 am; Eulogy: 10:30 am; Mass: 11:00 am; Burial: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 – 10:30 am ~ Punchbowl

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 (157A)

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30



- "You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for Joy!"

-PSALM 63:8

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday November 13, 2023

8AM Dennis Nakamura
(Birthday Memorial)
Gloria Ursal Munson (RIP)
Fritz Campbell (Birthday Blessing)
Tessie Orden (Birthday Blessing)

Tuesday November 14, 2023

8AM Felicia, Alfredo Cordial Jr & Sr (RIP)
Daniel Fernandez (RIP)
Glenda Buiz (RIP)
Henedine Smith (Thanksgiving)

Wednesday November 15, 2023

8AM All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Visitacion P. Corpuz
(Birthday Memorial)
Rosalinda Aglanao
(Birthday Memorial)
Isabello Palalay (RIP)

Thursday November 16, 2023

8AM John & Agatha Kim (RIP)
Panijo & Pedro (RIP)

Friday

8AM Poor Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Alveria Maldonado
(Birthday Memorial)
Suzanna Foster (RIP)
Gene Nishikawa (Thanksgiving)

Saturday November 18, 2023

8AM All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Shirley Del Rosario (RIP)
Visitacion Jacinto (RIP)
Jim Walsh (Healing)
Isabello Palalay (RIP)

Sunday November 19, 2023

7AM Lorna Tulang (RIP)
9 AM For the People
11 AM Lydia A. Flores (RIP)
6 PM Patricia Merideth (RIP)

Tsuneo & Masako Nishikawa (RIP)
Isabella Leguizamon
(16th Birthday Blessing)

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, Gary Garcia, Daniel Ariola Maxima Looney & Suzanna Foster.