

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This week I want to share the meaning of the Chalice Veil and the altar crucifix during our Liturgical Celebration of our Holy Mass.

The chalice veil

In Christianity, as in other religions, the veiling of persons and things denotes a sense of sacredness, of being “set aside for God”, or even of being deputed for worship (veiling, when used as a sign of dominance over or ownership of other people, is not part of the Christian ethos and is to be firmly rejected). The veil over the chalice denotes that the sacred vessels are “set aside for God” for use in the Sacred Liturgy. It also symbolizes more. On the one hand, the veiled chalice, which gets unveiled during the offertory rite, represents the fact that the mysteries spoken of in the Liturgy of the Word are “unveiled” and fulfilled in the great mystery of the Holy Eucharist. On the other hand, the chalice represents Christ. As the liturgy progresses and we sacramentally relive the self-offering of Christ in the Paschal Mystery, our Lord is “stripped of his clothing” just as he was stripped on the original way of the Cross. Christ becomes poor and exposed, for the sake of the poor and the vulnerable.

Lastly, the color of the chalice veil changes through the liturgical season, which lets us know what season we are currently celebrating. Green – Ordinary Time, White – Easter / Christmas, Purple – Lent, Violet – Advent, Red – Palm Sunday and Good Friday; and it also represents the Holy Spirit, the Apostles, Martyrs, and Rose (sometimes mistaken for Pink) is used twice a year, on the 3rd Sunday of Advent called “*Gaudete Sunday*” and the 3rd Sunday in Lent called “*Laetare Sunday*”.

The altar crucifix

The altar is a symbol struck through with many meanings. It is the Altar of Sacrifice, signifying the Sacrifice of Christ on Calvary made mysteriously present in the Holy Eucharist. It is the Table of the Lord, representing the sacred convivium of the pilgrim people of God, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. It is also a symbol of Christ Himself, cornerstone of the Church.

The crucifix placed upon the altar.



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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 11/12

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,548.32
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,179.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 211.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 1,587.00
Funerals	\$ 600.00
Blessing	\$ 20.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,176.00
Knights of Columbus Breakfast (11/12/23)	\$ 752.00
'Ohana in Christ	\$ 12,868.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 20.00
Candles	\$ 405.00
All Souls' Day	\$ 30.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$ 55.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 100.00
T-shirt	\$ 2,543.02
Seminar Education Fund	\$ 100.00
Social Ministry	\$ 100.00

WEEKEND TOTAL \$ 32,294.34



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS 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!



There will be **COMMUNION SERVICES** on Monday, November 20 to Wednesday, November 22, in lieu of daily Mass.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th in observance of Thanksgiving.

WE GIVE THANKS TO OUR LORD FOR ALL HIS BLESSINGS! Join us in gratitude at the 8:00 am Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thurs, Nov 23rd! Bring a meal item (labeled with your name) for your thanksgiving table for a blessing before sharing it with your family & friends (i.e., apple cider, dinner rolls, fruit, etc.) Our Liturgical Environment Ministry will place the item on the sanctuary with you.

MILILANI HAWAIIAN HOLIDAY PARADE is on Saturday, December 2, 2023. Please join us as we represent **St John Apostle & Evangelist** in the 36th Annual Mililani Holiday Parade. All participants are requested to bring 1 canned food item as a donation to the Hawaii Food Bank. All participating minors must be accompanied by at least one parent or guardian. Please be at the Mililani High School Stadium at 8am. The parade begins at 9am and will end at 10:30am, Town Center of Mililani. Don't forget to wear comfy walking shoes and a red shirt.

LITTLE BETHLEHEM CHRISTIANS is a group that represents Christian Families who live in the Holy Land of Bethlehem that make their living as wood carvers. The Alsahouri Family will display a collection of hand-carved olive wood religious items for sale on **December 2nd & 3rd** after all Masses. All profits will support Christianity in the land of Christ.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group is sponsoring a Novena in the OCC on Dec 3-8 (5pm), Dec 9 (4pm), Dec 10-11 (5pm). **The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** is on Dec 12th, 5 pm Mañanitas, and 6pm Mass followed by potluck.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration is on Dec. 12th starting at 5pm with the **Mañanitas**. The "**Mañanitas**" is a Latin traditional song to Our Lady. If anyone is interested in performing, please contact Jenn (520) 631-6438 - Zoila (808) 799-7856, ourladyofguadalupe@mililani@gmail.com.

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.





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/>, envelopes are located at the back of the church, or you may donate through our parish website: stjohnmililani.org. Mahalo for your generous support!

EPIC MINISTRY- "Faith Sharing" is on Monday, November 20th, 7PM at Resurrection of the Lord, Waipio. 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:

St. Clement of Rome | Catholic Saints

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Carl Vennerstrom as they discuss Pope St. Clement of Rome, who was an early Church Father and the third successor to St. Peter.

Ode to Saint Cecilia

The lives of the saints are epic stories and particular expressions of God's grace in humanity. Celebrate St. Cecilia with this audio drama by the Augustine Institute Radio Theatre.

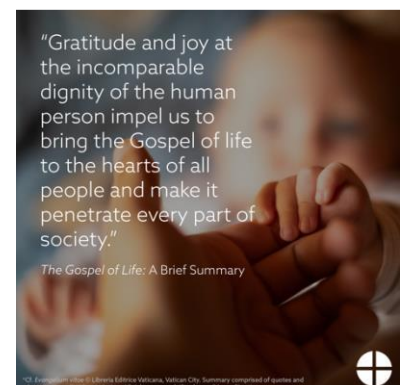
Our Mother Mary

What is Mariology? Learn about this fascinating topic in this interview with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

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

Respect Life: "We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well... Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives."

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
"An Adoption Love Story" (respectlife.org/adoption-love-story)*





Journey to the Inn

Friday, Dec 15, 2023, 6:30pm, OCC
A Special Advent Evening Celebration

PLEASE RSVP
Call/Text 425-890-8377 by Dec 10



Scripture

Prayer

Song & Fellowship

ALL are invited! Bring your Family & Friends!
AND bring a potluck dish to SHARE!

For More Information: Call Regan Ramos
MFL Chair @ 425-736-9204

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION (MATTHEW 25:14-30) BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

We are reminded today that we will each be called to give an account for the gifts God has given us — our physical, intellectual, and material gifts — as well as the gift of time itself.

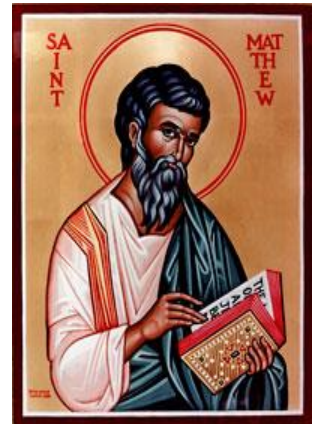
Jesus illustrates this truth in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of a wealthy man who is about to go on a journey. Before he leaves, the man calls his three servants to “entrust his possessions to them.”

The master in our parable gives to the care of each servant a portion of his money (“talent”) commensurate with that servant’s abilities. The first two prove to be good and faithful servants — they “immediately” put the talents to use, doubling what had been entrusted to them. The third servant reacted to this responsibility with fear — in fact, he did the opposite. He hid master’s talent, burying it in the ground. He took the safe way, the easy way out.

What a tragic response!

This servant did not understand his master at all. He failed to see what a privilege he had been given. The master wanted to give all his servants the joy and satisfaction of helping him grow his kingdom. This is what our Heavenly Father wants for us, too — the incredible privilege of helping to advance the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Let us embrace the stewardship way of life, using all the gifts entrusted to us — Time, Talent, and Treasure — in such a way that at the end of our life on this earth, we will hear these words from our Father: “Well done, my good and faithful servant... Come, share your master’s joy.”



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 (160A)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 5

Responsorial Psalm: 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46



- "Do not let a day pass without doing some good during it!"

-ST. PHILIP NERI

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday November 20, 2023

8AM Communion Service

Tuesday November 21, 2023

8AM Communion Service

Wednesday November 22, 2023

8AM Communion Service

Thursday November 23, 2023

8AM Poor Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
 Marco Quiban (RIP)
 Suzanna Foster (RIP)
 Gene Nishikawa (Thanksgiving)

Friday November 24, 2023

8AM Avery Curet (Birthday Memorial)
 Bryant DeCosta
 (Birthday Memorial)

Saturday

8AM

5PM

Sunday

7AM

9 AM

11 AM

6 PM

The Amaral Family (Thanksgiving)
 Long & McGie Family
 (Thanksgiving)

Anastacia & Brígido Torres
 (Wedding Memorial)

November 25, 2023

Shirley Del Rosario (RIP)
 Wendell Perry (RIP)
 Monica Pangelinan (RIP)
 Jane Beauchemin (RIP)
 Aggie Browning (Birthday Blessing)

November 26, 2023

German A. & Claudia C. Vergara
 (RIP)

For the People

Lydia A. Flores (RIP)

Milagros Uytingco
 (Birthday Blessing)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

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

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 & Florida Badua.

DECEASED

Jane Beauchemin, 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 & Ruth Hartzel.