

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story.

A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.



Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless, the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

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 DEC 2/3

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,948.00
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 5,636.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 603.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 560.00
Social Ministry	\$ 200.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 6,745.00
Stewardship	\$ 20.00
Flowers	\$ 1,432.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 670.00
Candles	\$ 567.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$ 90.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 5.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 25.00

WEEKEND TOTAL \$ 28,501.00

For the month of November 2023
 We collected 95.18% (\$354,544 YTD) of our
 budget: \$372,500.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUPPORT A LIFETIME OF SERVICE! Women and men religious have spent their lives servicing others in prayer, ministry, education, and care for those in need – usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please drop your donation during offertory or you may also donate online through our parish “Online Giving.”

Join us for Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group is sponsoring a Novena in the OCC on Dec 10-11 at 5pm.

The Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe is on Dec 12th, 5 pm Mañanitas, and 6pm Mass followed by potluck in the OCC.

Our **Advent Penance Service** will be held on Wednesday, December 13th at 7 pm. There will be 7 priests available to hear confessions.

MISA DE GALLO at 5:00 am will be held on December 16 – 24 at 5 am.

JOURNEY TO THE INN Advent Celebration event is on **Friday, December 15, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the OCC.** All are invited! Bring your family and friends! And bring a potluck dish to SHARE!

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS: Christmas Eve Masses, December 24th at 6 PM and 12:00 Midnight. Christmas Day Masses, December 25th at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, and 11:00 AM. There will be no 6PM Mass.

Remember a loved one by making a flower offering this Christmas. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or you may also make a donation online by visiting our parish website, clicking on “Online Giving.”



A Pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines
Including Portugal, Spain, France, & Rome
December 1-13, 2024

Join Fr. Anthony Rapozo, Spiritual Director, December 1-13, 2024, for a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines! Journey through some of Europe's most treasured shrines with stops in Portugal, Spain, France, and Rome!

Please visit the website for more information, stjohnmililani.org.



‘OHANA IN CHRIST – The Annual Appeal for the Catholic Church in Hawaii: Please support your Diocesan Church ministries by contributing to the 2023- 2024 Appeal. Your Stewardship of Treasure will especially help: Parish Priests & Deacons, Youth & Young Adult Ministry and Those Most in Need. Mahalo for your generous support - All gifts are important and appreciated. 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, December 18th, 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.

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:

The Spirituality of Advent

Dr. Tim Gray discusses the spirituality of Advent and the joy of waiting for Christ.

The incredible true story of Our Lady of Guadalupe | Chris Stefanick Show

Check out this episode of the Chris Stefanick Show to learn the amazing story Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Yakhal/Hope | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

In the Bible people who have hope are very different from optimists! In this video, we'll explore how biblical hope looks to God's character alone as a basis for trusting that the future will be better than the present.

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

Respect Life: “O Blessed Mother, at the angel’s word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Prayer for Radical Solidarity (www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity)

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION (MARK 1:1-8)

BY DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

Many of us really don't like reminders but sometimes reminders are a very good thing. The same thing can happen in our spiritual lives. We are well aware of many things when it comes to faith. We've heard certain stories a million times. We've said the same prayers over and over again. We know about loving our enemies, turning the other cheek, and forgiving seventy times seven times. And there is a temptation to just presume that we don't need to hear the same things over and over, that we don't need any kind of "reminder". And we could not be more wrong.



And that brings us to Advent, a season that looks pretty much the same from year to year and seems to revisit the same stories and the same themes. And so, none of these things are really "new" and none of them are things we haven't heard before. But what they are, are "sacred reminders". These are opportunities for God to tap each of us on the shoulder and whisper in our ear, "In case you've forgotten"

We heard in today's gospel reading what John the Baptist is doing. The people knew to expect a Messiah. John wanted to make sure they knew he was closer than they thought. The people knew about the need for repentance. John wanted to make sure they knew that the time to make the necessary changes was NOW. John wanted to make sure they knew that only God could cleanse them in the only way that truly mattered. Yes, John was awfully good at reminding them of what they should have remembered all along.

Advent is filled with just such reminders

We are reminded of God's great plan for the world, and how everything will be brought to fulfillment at the end of time. We are reminded of how a person of little outward significance said "yes" --- and changed the world. We are reminded of how two people trusted deeply and became the holiest of families.

And we are reminded of just how much God loves us, that he became one of us, to show us the way, to teach us the way, to be THE WAY. All things we know, but sometimes "forget", and sometimes don't truly live in the light of those truths. The purpose of this season is precisely that we might become "new", and that we might open ourselves up to our God who wants to be born not simply in a manger two thousand years ago, but in this time and place, re-born within our hearts.



- "The Son of God became man for our salvation but only in Mary and through Mary."

~ SAINT LOUIS MARIE DE MONTFORT

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday December 11, 2023

8AM Demetrio Galicinao (RIP)
Felix & Magdalene Rosario (RIP)
Quirino & Francisca Ugario (RIP)
Wendell Perry (RIP)

Tuesday December 12, 2023

8AM David M. Torres (RIP)
Demetrio Galicinao (RIP)
Juan & Maria Achaval
(Anniversary Blessing)

Wednesday December 13, 2023

8AM Suzanna Foster (RIP)
Demetrio Galicinao (RIP)
Poor Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Jane Beauchemin (RIP)

Thursday December 14, 2023

8AM Patrick Mayock
(Birthday Memorial)
Demetrio Galicinao (RIP)
John & Frances Clarke (RIP)
Msgr. John Mbinda

(Ordination Anniversary)

Friday**December 15, 2023**

8AM Demetrio Galicinao (RIP)
Wilfred Alfaro (RIP)
Henedine Smith (Blessing)
Manny Rodil
(Birthday Blessing/Thanksgiving)

Saturday**December 16, 2023**

8AM Angelito Taglinao
(Death Anniversary)
Demetrio Galicinao (RIP)
Joan Madsen (Birthday Blessing)
Fr. Edward Eschweiler (RIP)
Narciso & Pacita Redoble (RIP)

Sunday**December 17, 2023**

7AM German A. & Claudia C. Vergara
(RIP)
9 AM For the People
11 AM Demetrio Galicinao (RIP)
6 PM Gene Nishikawa (Thanksgiving)
Suzanna Foster (RIP)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent**First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 (8B)****Responsorial Psalm: Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54****Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24****Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

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, 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 & Ruth Hartzel.