

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

So, as we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas, let joy be burning in our hearts not just this Christmas day, but the whole year, not just the whole year, but our whole lives. Let us inspire the world, that can be seen so lost in darkness, with the light of Christ, in the light of our joy. Let us welcome family and friends. Let us welcome strangers and travelers in our midst, who may join us to celebrate the Eucharist. Make room in the pews; greet them with a welcoming smile and gracious hospitality to those like Mary and Joseph, who are seeking room in the inn. Let us not send them away to be born in a manger like baby Jesus.

If you are returning to Church today from a long absence, or even a short one, let the joy of this celebration fill you. Let the light of Christ into your lives and into your hearts so that your hearts may grow "three sizes" this day and return to the joy of celebrating the Eucharist today and every week of the year.

As we celebrate the Nativity of Jesus, we remain eternally grateful to God for all the blessings, especially for the gifts of life, family, faith community, friends, and neighbors. I take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely as you have been such a blessing to our parish by being active and supporting us with your gifts of time, talents, and timely financial help. My special gratitude goes to all the volunteers in our different ministries who do such a wonderful job in serving the various needs of our parish with much enthusiasm and commitment. I hope and pray that you will have a wonderful and blessed time during this Christmas Season. Together with Deacon Romeo and our staff members, I wish you all a blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May God bless you this Christmas and may all darkness in your lives be removed by the light of Christ. May your hearts be filled with the Joy of Christ's birth, and may you be missionaries of that joy, Amen.

Fr. Anthony Romeo

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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 16/17

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,134.63
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 4,138.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 648.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 405.00
Funerals	\$ 700.00
Misa de Gallo	\$ 1,598.75
Debt Reduction	\$ 599.00
Stewardship	\$ 25.00
Flowers	\$ 365.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 410.00
Candles	\$ 766.00
Christmas	\$ 515.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 30.00
All Souls'	\$ 10.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 178.00
World Mission	\$ 3.50
Catholic Charities	\$ 10.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$ 573.00

WEEKEND TOTAL

\$22,108.88



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Christmas Eve Masses, December 24th at 6 PM (Please note the 6 pm Mass on December 24 (Christmas Eve) fulfills ONLY the Christmas Obligation but not the Sunday Obligation.) and 12:00 Midnight. Christmas Day Masses, December 25th at 7:00AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00 AM. There will be no 6PM Mass.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, December 25, in observance of Christmas Eve and Tuesday, December 26, Christmas Day.

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."



THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 27th. Masses will be at 8:00 A.M. and 6:30pm. The 8am Mass will be followed by breakfast in the One Community Center. Please register on the parish website if you will be joining us for breakfast.

Join us for the Ordination to the Holy Orders of Diaconate Mike Browning at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, 712 N. School St., Honolulu. Bus transportation is available. The school bus will pick up at St. John at 8:00 A.M. and pick up at St. Theresa at 1:30 P.M. Please contact the parish office to sign up. Cost is \$5.

BIBLE STUDY: Catholic Women who wish to grow and persevere in their spiritual life and increase their knowledge of the Catholic faith are invited to join the Miles Christi Catholic Women's Bible Study group meets on Saturdays, 10 am to 12:00 am. We will not meet on Saturday, December 30th. We will resume on January 6, 2024. If you are interested, contact Barbara Ural: bursal@twc.com or (808) 671 4750.

FOOD PANTRY: There is a need for non-perishable and pop-up cans for the **FOOD PANTRY**. SPAM, Corned Beef, Ravioli, Beef Stew, Vienna Sausage, Rice, Breakfast Items, Soda Crackers, Ritz Crackers, Saimin, etc. Please drop it off at the rectory office. Thank you for your continued support.

*"Lay Your Hands
Gently Upon Us...
May Their Touch
Render Your Peace..."*



**Monday, January 8, 2024
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
St. John A&E Parish**

**Praise and Worship 7:00 pm
Healing Mass 7:30 pm
Celebrant: Fr. Anthony Rapozo**

Sponsored by St. John Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group
For information: Victoria Achaval 623-8860 Stephen/Helen Uyehara 623-7423



WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. Our prayers and presence in the public square can change policies to promote a Culture of Life!

Thursday, January 18, 6 p.m., Mass followed by an hour of adoration with Celebrant: Bishop Larry Silva at St. Theresa Co-Cathedral.

Friday, January 19 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the State Capitol.



SANTO NIÑO Novena

Sponsored by the Fil-Am Catholic Group

The promise of the Infant of Prague:

***"The more you honor me,
the more I will bless you".***

Please join us in our novena to the Holy Infant of Prague starting **January 11th to January 19th**, at 6 pm in room #1.

There will be fellowship after the January 19th novena.

For more information: contact Henedine at

henedine702@gmail.com



Catholicism 101: Apologetics – Defense for Your Faith

Monday, January 22, 2024 at 7pm - One Community Center

Presenter: Msgr. John Mbinda

Catholic apologetics is the defense and explanation of the teachings, beliefs, and practices of the Catholic Church. Its goal is to remove objections, shed light on difficult or misunderstood matters, and ultimately help win minds and souls for Jesus Christ. Want to become a better defender of the Catholic Faith, but not sure where to start?

Come and see!

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



PATHFINDERS
Journeys of Faith, Culture & History

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.

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION (LUKE 1:26-38) BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

There is just one day left until the celebration of Christmas begins. Let's live this last day of Advent well.

We read in today's Gospel passage from Luke the wonderful words of the Blessed Mother's "fiat," her "yes" to God's plan. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." These are among the most beloved words in the Gospel. But the next sentence is also important for the Christian steward.

After Mary's fiat, we read, "Then the angel departed from her." Our Blessed Mother was left with a lot of unexplained details about God's plan for her! Yet, she followed God's will perfectly. She gave herself and her life fully to God as a gift. She was the first disciple. We are called to follow her example today.

This Christmas let us resolve to make our whole life a gift to the One Who has given us everything. He will give us all the help and strength we need.



- "At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern."

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday December 25, 2023

7AM Monte M. Campell (RIP)
 9AM Christy Esposito
 (Birthday Memorial)
 11AM Long & McGie Family

Tuesday December 26, 2023

8AM Harold Jones Sr & Jr (RIP)
 Aaron Saler (Birthday Blessing)
 Melanie Pacpaco (Thanksgiving)
 Richard Amaral (RIP)

Wednesday December 27, 2023

8AM Primo & Joey Pablo
 (Wedding Anniversary Blessing)
 Gene Nishikawa (Thanksgiving)
 Suzanna Foster (RIP)
 Gavina Tamonte (RIP)
 Lydia A. Flores (Death Anniversary)

Thursday December 28, 2023

8AM Patrick Mayock
 (Death Anniversary)
 Harley Kingsley
 (Birthday Memorial)

Friday

8AM Larry Savet (Death Anniversary)
 Erlinda Juan (RIP)
 Maxima Looney (RIP)
 Gloria Lamug (Birthday Blessing)

Saturday December 30, 2023

8AM Earl Pfeiffer (RIP)
 Gene Nishikawa (Thanksgiving)
 Suzanna Foster (RIP)
 Gaopoa Family
 (Thanksgiving/Blessing)
 Fr Anthony Rapozo
 (Ordination Anniversary)
 Ruth Hartzel (RIP)

Sunday December 31, 2023

7AM Cristina Falke (Death Anniversary)
 9 AM For the people
 11 AM Lawrence Scott
 (Birthday Memorial)
 6 PM Gene Nishikawa (Thanksgiving)
 Suzanna Foster (RIP)

Jonathan Somaoang (RIP)
 Lydia A. Flores (Death Anniversary)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3 (17B)

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm: 105:1-2,3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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, Allene Ishikawa & Dominador Rulloda.

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.

