

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

According to the Apostolic Exhortation *Christifideles Laici*, the family is presented, in the Creator's plan, as "the primary place of 'humanization' for the person and society and the cradle of life and love." It is in the family that one learns the love and faithfulness of the Lord, and the need to respond to these. And our perfect model for the family is Jesus' own earth family of Joseph and Mary.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, it is good for us to spend some time reflecting on Jesus, Mary, and Joseph living a simple and quiet life in Nazareth. Though they are the holiest people who ever lived, most of what they did took place behind closed doors. They grew in holiness by living a simple family life. Joseph sacrificed to provide for the family. Work was a drudgery for him as it is for us. But for the sake of Mary and Jesus, he did it anyway. Mary also spent her days tending to their home. She didn't always feel like doing it either, but she did it out of love for Jesus and Joseph. Though He was God and came to earth on a great mission to save the world, Jesus humbly obeyed Joseph and Mary and learned the craft of carpentry so that, when Joseph eventually died, He could provide for His mother.

The Holy Family is a model of holiness for us. To be saints doesn't require us to do extraordinary things. We don't have to go to some exotic location to prove how holy we are. Rather, we become saints wherever we find ourselves - especially in our homes and with our families. In fact, if I cannot be a saint in and with my family, then I am not going to be a saint anywhere else. Families are the place where we learn about and practice sacrificing ourselves out of love for others, which is what holiness is all about.

So, it should be no surprise to us. If we are going to have good and holy families, then practicing our faith should be at the center of our home life. It all begins with Sunday Mass. As a family, we should be planning our weekends around Mass. We should not be planning Mass around our other weekend plans. Our children should know that going to Mass is non-negotiable. Mass is so important because it is here that we encounter the Risen Lord Jesus and grow in our relationship with Him. We hear His word, and it forms our hearts so that we learn to love what is good. In this place, we learn reverence and respect that will carry over into all other areas of our lives. Faith brings us together as a family and strengthens the bonds of love between us.

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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	\$ 17,984.38
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 4,328.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 250.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 350.00
Misa de Gallo (12/21,12/22,12/23,12/24)	\$ 3,133.75
Debt Reduction	\$ 3,406.00
Stewardship	\$ 100.00
Flowers	\$ 555.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 190.00
Misa de Gallo Candle sales to Debt Reduction	\$955.00
Candles	\$ 758.00
Christmas Mass (Midnight, 7am, 9am, 11am, 6pm)	\$ 20,530.35
All Souls'	\$ 20.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 60.00

WEEKEND TOTAL \$52,620.48



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Sunday Mass is only the beginning. Prayer must also be a part of our home life every other day of the week. Saying grace before meals is an important way to grow in gratitude for all the blessings God has given us. Having Christian symbols in the home like the crucifix or an image of Our Lady can serve as reminders that God is present. Making other times for prayer like saying the rosary or other devotions can create times of peace and calm when things get chaotic. Above all, prayer keeps us in tune with God so that we can weather whatever storms life throws our way.

Whatever your family looks like, God is calling you to love your father, mother, sister, brothers, and children. Only by cultivating an active faith life - and teaching our children to do the same - can our families be healed and strengthened.

Fr. Anthony Rapozo

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEBT REDUCTION SECOND COLLECTION: We will have a second collection next weekend after communion, **January 6/7** for debt reduction. Your donation will help pay for the mortgage of the One Community Center. Envelopes are available at the back of the church, or you may donate through our parish website online giving. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Next weekend, **January 6/7**, **The PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY** is sponsoring Free Blood Pressure screenings after all Sunday Morning Masses on the OCC lanai.

*"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

Get ready for 2024! **SJAE LIBRARY TEAM** has resources to help you meet your 2024 spiritual fitness goals. Library Tables will be on the lanai after all Masses on January 13-14.

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. **Saturday, January 20th** is the feast day, Mass at 5 pm. For more information: contact Henedine at henedine702@gmail.com.



Join us for the Ordination to the Holy Orders of Deaconate of 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.



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.

St. John Apostle and Evangelist Catholic Church will join Resurrection of the Lord Church on a bus to the 2024 annual March for Life. Riders will meet at Resurrection of the Lord Church by 2 pm on January 19, 2024 to travel to the State Capitol. The bus will leave the State Capitol area at 5:45 pm. Seats are limited at no cost to participants. To reserve a seat on the bus, call Mary Smart at 808-741-2358 by January 18, 2024. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Catholicism 101: Apologetics – Defense for Your Faith

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

Presenter: Msgr. John Mbinda

Please register on the parish website to attend.

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 2:22-40) BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

Today, we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Just as the Holy Family is holy, we are also called to be holy. This holiness is achievable by living as disciples of Christ.

St. Paul calls us to put on "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience... as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do." Let us "give thanks to God the Father" by being good stewards of His love and mercy to all our family members.

Today's Gospel says a lot about trust and surrender to our Lord. When Simeon and Anna prophesized about what was to come, Jesus' parents were "amazed at what was said about him." We can imagine that two parents would be taken back by these words! Yet, the Holy Family surrendered their lives to God and had unwavering faith and trust in His plan.

God's plan will fulfill our hearts more than we could have ever imagined. Like the Holy Family, we just need to trust, surrender and be attentive to God's voice.



- "Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land the LORD your God is giving you."

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday January 1, 2023**

8AM Guerrero Family
(Blessings/Thanksgiving)
Nora Arellano & Family
(Thanksgiving)

Tuesday January 2, 2023

8AM Christy Esposito (RIP)

Wednesday January 3, 2023

8AM The Benitez & Browning Family
(Thanksgiving/Blessings)

Thursday January 4, 2023

8AM Daniel English (Birthday Blessings)

Friday**January 5, 2023**

Feliciano Dona (RIP)

Guerrero Family
(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Saturday**January 6, 2023**

8AM

Kim & Colin Rapozo (RIP)

5PM

Yvonne Pascual (RIP)

Sunday**January 7, 2023**

7AM

German A. & Claudia C. Vergara
(RIP)

9 AM

For the people

11 AM

Amaral Family (Thanksgiving)

6 PM

Vivencia Mamaril (Healing)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023**The Epiphany of the Lord**

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 (20ABC)

Responsorial Psalm: 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2 -3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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 & Angela Topinio.