

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Imagine how difficult the Magi's journey was. If they came from Persia, as most scholars believe, they would have had to travel nearly one thousand miles. That's four months on the road. Traveling all that time with treasures like gold, frankincense, and myrrh would have made them ripe targets for brigands and highway robbers. And then there were the general conditions, "the ways deep and the weather sharp," as the poet T. S. Eliot put it. How many times do you think they were tempted to turn around and return home?

To add insult to injury, when they came to Jerusalem, they discovered there was no "*newborn king of the Jews*" to be found (Matthew 2:2). They had to go to Bethlehem and "*search diligently*" for him there (2:8). What a model of faithfulness and perseverance! And these were pagans who didn't even worship the God of Israel!

Today, we celebrate the showing forth (Epiphany) of Jesus to the nations beyond Israel. When astrologers, or magi, from the East saw a new star appear in the sky, they accepted it as a sign that a great leader had been born. Without knowing where the star would lead them or what they would find, the magi set out bearing gifts. Their faith and courage were rewarded when God revealed to them his own Son.

Question of the Week!

On our faith journeys, we, too, have to remain alert for the signs through which Jesus reveals his presence to us. His "stars" are all around us-- in the beauty of creation, in the Church, in the arts and sciences, in the uniqueness of each person. How will you be alert to the "stars" around you? How can you let Jesus shine through you?

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 30/31

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,252.21
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 9,558.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 225.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 9,290.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 3,697.00
Stewardship	\$ 20.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Flowers	\$ 180.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 150.00
Misa de Gallo	\$ 100.00
Candles	\$ 778.00
Christmas	\$ 2,060.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 135.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 100.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$ 5.00

WEEKEND TOTAL \$37,565.21



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEBT REDUCTION SECOND COLLECTION: We will have a second collection this 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.

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



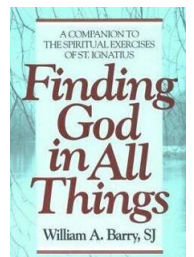
Monday, January 8, 2024
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
St. John A&E Parish

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

THE NEW YEAR – 2024 – is HERE! This is the year for you to grow even more in your spiritual life. SJAELIBRARY has books, CDs, and DVDs to help you and your entire family. Stop by the library table after all Masses next weekend (and return any resources you may have borrowed in 2023).



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.

Due to the Ordination to the Diaconate of Mike Browning, Daily Mass will be at 7am (instead of 8am) on Sat. January 20th.

Join us for the Ordination to the Holy Orders of Diaconate of Mike Browning on Saturday, January 20th at 10am at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, in Honolulu. Bus transportation to and from St Theresa is available. Please contact the parish office to sign up. Cost is \$5.

The parish will host a reception on Sunday, January 21st after the 11 am Mass in the One Community Center. Please note seating will be on a ***"first come first served basis"*** up to the maximum seating capacity. In an effort to seat people efficiently, ***we ask that all members of your party must be present to be seated***. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.





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!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII: Transportation Friends for Kupuna Project

Are you 60 years old or older, who lives independently on Oahu and needs transportation and/or chaperone assistance? Catholic Charities Hawaii's volunteer drivers and chaperones in the Transportation Friends for Kupuna Project are ready to assist you! If you are interested in this service, please call the Catholic Charities Hawaii Senior Help Line at 808-527-4777.



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 (MATTHEW 2:1-12) BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

As our celebration of Christmas continues, today we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The word "epiphany" comes from Greek and means manifestation or appearance. The stewardship way of life is one in which we live in grateful response to God's countless manifestations in our lives.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, has much to teach us about stewardship, through the actions of the magi.

As good stewards, the magi were watching for manifestations of God's presence in their lives. "We have seen the star at its rising," they say. Good stewards are keenly aware of the "star" of God's presence and His gifts in their lives. It is this awareness that fills them with gratitude and the desire to both worship God and share His gifts with others.

The magi, upon seeing the manifestation of God's presence in their lives, "were overjoyed." Good stewards, who live with the awareness of God's presence and gifts to them, simply can't help but be filled with joy. Not necessarily the fleeting and superficial kind of joy the world promises through wealth or power, but rather the deep, unalterable joy only God can give.

Finally, the magi were so filled with awe upon encountering the newborn Jesus, they prostrated themselves before him and "opened their treasures and offered him gifts." This is precisely why good stewards generously share their material gifts — as a loving act of worship to an extravagantly loving God.

Let us rejoice in God's manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead.



- "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you."

~ ISAIAH 60:10

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday January 8, 2024

8AM Joe Godbout (Birthday Blessing)

Frederick Kaha'ulelio
(Birthday Memorial)

Tuesday January 9, 2024

8AM Magdalena Pascual
(Death Anniversary)
Bobby, Alice, & Brenda Roberson
(RIP)

Wednesday January 10, 2024

8AM Carly Rose Ramos
(Birthday Blessing)

Thursday January 11, 2024

8AM Lucas Rapozo (Birthday Blessing)

Friday

January 12, 2024

Edward & Glory Lamug (Healing)

Erlinda Juan (RIP)

Saturday

January 13, 2024

8AM

Terry & Vernon Silva
(Anniversary Blessing)

5PM

Lydia & Sam Rodrigues (RIP)

Sunday

January 14, 2024

7AM

German A. & Claudia C. Vergara
(RIP)

9 AM

For the people

11 AM

Teodula Z. Villareal (RIP)

6 PM

Demetrio & Dorothea Agustin (RIP)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

SUZANNA FOSTER (RIP) – Friday, January 19, 2024, St John, Mililani; Visitation: 10:30 am, Mass: 11:00 am.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 (65B)

Responsorial Psalm: 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Stephanie Rapozo, Thomas Ramos, John Bates, Cindy Abernathy, Richard Guillory, Marisol Aguirre, Lana Daszek, Vanessa Liu, Michael Donlin, Patrice Wilson, Gene Lumantas, Clarita Martinez, Julian Rillamas Jr., Jim Walsh, Lita Guerrero, Florida Badua, Allene Ishikawa, Dominador Rulloda, Cherissalyn and Tuputasi Gaopoa..

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.