

SPIRIT-LED NEWS

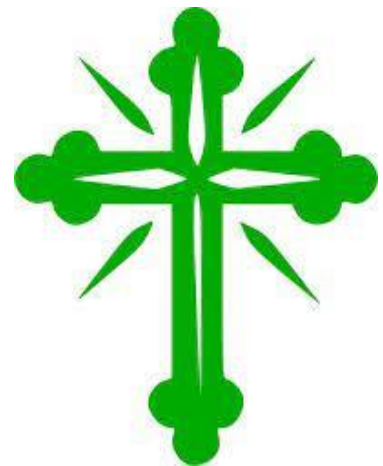


PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

What Is Ordinary Time?

Ordinary Time encompasses that part of the year that does not fall within the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter. The Catholic Church celebrates two periods of Ordinary Time. The first period, Ordinary Time I, begins after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and ends the Tuesday evening before Ash Wednesday. Ordinary Time II runs from the Monday after Pentecost until the Evening Prayer is said the night before Advent begins. Ordinary Time gets its name from the word ordinal, meaning “numbered,” since the weeks of Ordinary Time are expressed numerically. Depending on the year, there are either 33 or 34 weeks of Ordinary Time.



Ordinary time does not mean “plain,” and is not meant to imply that we somehow get a break from practicing our faith. Ordinary Time celebrates the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. Many important liturgical celebrations occur during Ordinary Time including the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, the Solemnity of the Assumption, the Solemnity of All Saints, and the Solemnity of Christ the King. Ordinary Time invites us to contemplate the parts of Jesus’ life that were ordinary, much like our own lives and inspires us to see the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in the most ordinary events and everyday activities of our lives. When we are able to see God in the most mundane aspects of our lives, we realize that nothing is in fact ordinary! The liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green, symbolizing hope and growth.

Fr. Anthony Rapar

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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

JAN 6/7

Sunday Collection	\$11,775.15
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,204.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 591.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 90.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 6,207.24
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 210.00
Candles	\$ 423.00
Christmas	\$ 105.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 15.00

WEEKEND TOTAL

\$ 22,625.39

For the month of December 2023
 We collected 97.07% (\$459,727 YTD) of
 our budget: \$473,600.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 15th, in observance of Martin Luther King Holiday!

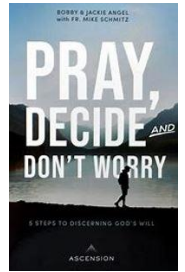
Become a regular reader at the **SJAE Library Table!** Stop by, talk story, check out our spiritual resources after all Masses **THIS** weekend.



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.

Please attend the **1st SENIOR MINISTRY EVENT** of the new year on Sunday, January 28th from 1pm to 3:30pm in the OCC. An afternoon of fun, fellowship, refreshments and of course BINGO is planned for you. We encourage the seniors of our parish to participate. Please email or call to reserve your place, susantamaru66@gmail.com or call (808) 386-0949. See you there!



PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY: Free workshop on ***Preparing a Catholic Advanced Health Care Directive*** on Saturday, February 3, 2024, 9am – 12noon in the OCC. This session will provide a comprehensive understating of Catholic teaching on end-of-life care, ethical considerations, and the importance of creating advanced directives that reflect your values.

Speakers: Fr Mark Gantley, JCL (Diocese of Honolulu) – Hope Young (Kokua Mau) and Eva Andrade (Hawaii Catholic Conference). For more information and to RSVP by TEXT, contact Elaine Gibson at (808) 779-2600. Everyone is welcome!

ROSARY MAKING MINISTRY, the next gathering is on Saturday, February 17th at 9 am - 11 am on the church lanai. Please contact Felicia Routon (808) 386-1486.



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.

Pre-March for Life Mass and Adoration: There will be a Mass and Adoration with Bishop Larry Silva on Thursday, January 18, 2023 beginning at 6pm



Catholicism 101: Apologetics – Defense for Your Faith

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

Presenter: Msgr. John Mbinda

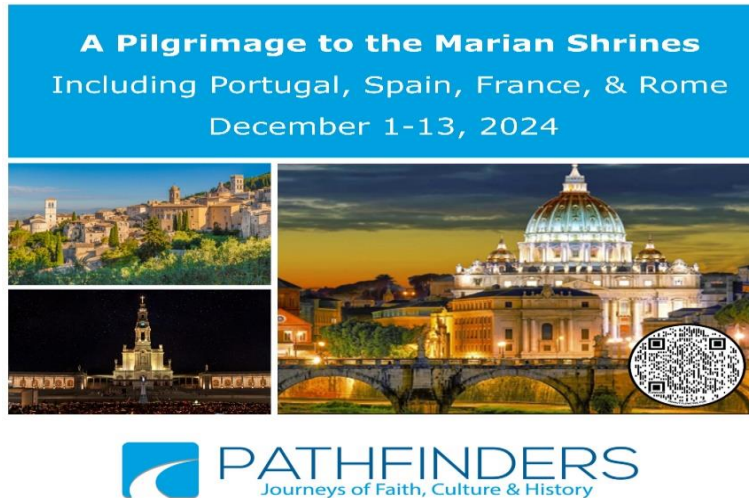
Please register on the parish website to attend.

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.





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 GOSPEL REFLECTION (JOHN 1:35-42) BY DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

We begin Ordinary Time in our liturgical year by reflecting on what it means to be “called” by the Lord Jesus. In the Gospel, it is John the Baptist who points two of his followers in the direction of Jesus, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” One of them is Andrew and he later brings his own brother along. Here it is clear that the call to follow Jesus can come through others and does not necessarily have to come directly from God Himself.

We are invited to reflect on our own lives. Most of us probably don't think that we are called by God. Yet the Scriptures shows us that each person has a special call from God: to serve God, perhaps to be married, to be a priest or deacon, perhaps to lead and perhaps to follow someone else. A call from God is a call to live. To be called does not require perfection on our behalf, only fidelity and holy listening.

In order to hear a call, we must become silent so that we can listen. This is probably the greatest challenge of all in our present age. There is so much noise and so much distraction and so many people and things that want our attention. Modern technology is now a major distraction that has overtaken our attention and priorities.

Our Catholic Christian tradition tells us that we must listen to God's voice in the Scriptures. We must come to recognize that voice of God speaking to us in revelation and in the Church. We want to know how God speaks in Scripture and in the Church so that we can listen more attentively to how God might be speaking to us.

On this Second Sunday of the Year, the Lord Jesus offers us the invitation to **listen** and to **respond**, “Come and see!” Our response should be that of Samuel, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening!”

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

Third 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



- "Speak, for your servant is listening."

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday January 15, 2024**

8AM Nita Arellano (Birthday Blessing)

Pablo M. Benítez
(Birthday Memorial)**Tuesday January 16, 2024**

8AM Alex Dizol

Wednesday January 17, 2024

8AM Paul Carvalho (RIP)

Thursday January 18, 2024

8AM Fr. Paul McLeod (RIP)

Friday**January 19, 2024**

Edward & Glory Lamug (Healing)

Erlinda Juan (RIP)

Saturday**January 20, 2024**

8AM

Fr Patrick Cole (RIP)

5PM

Perm. Diaconate Ordination –
Cohort 10
(Thanksgiving & Blessings)**Sunday****January 21, 2024**

7AM

German A. & Claudia C. Vergara
(RIP)

9 AM

For the People

11 AM

Rodolfo Eslava II
(Birthday Blessing)

6 PM

M/M Josefa & Apolina Herrera
(RIP)

Respect Life: “When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others’ lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“How to Build a Culture of Life” ([respectlife.org/culture-of-life](https://www.respectlife.org/culture-of-life))**FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:**

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

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.