

SPIRIT-LED NEWS

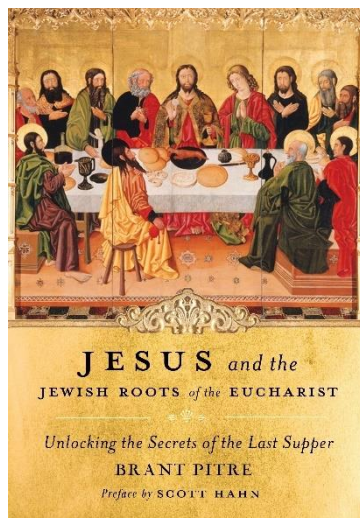


PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

On January 26, 2020, the Catholic Church inaugurated the *Sunday of the Word of God!* In an Apostolic Letter given on September 30, 2019, Pope Francis declared that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time be designated as the Sunday of the Word of God, to be “devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God” and to the sacred scriptures.

In keeping with the Pope’s instruction, St. John Apostle and Evangelist celebrates and recognizes the role of God’s Word in each of our lives. We will commission our Lectors at all Masses and will hand out the “*Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*,” after all Masses the weekend of Jan 27/28. We invite all in the parish family to reflect on the great importance of sacred scripture in lighting our way to Jesus, who is the Incarnate Word of God. We pray that God’s Word will remain at the center of our lives – on our minds, on our lips and in our hearts.



Fr. Anthony Rapon

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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 13/14

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,387.28
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 4,418.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 327.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 115.00
Healing Mass (01.15.24)	\$ 277.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 8,704.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 330.00
All Souls Day	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 263.00
Stewardship	\$ 25.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 10.00
'Ohana in Christ	\$ 100.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 23,971.28



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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!

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA AND BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION: Next weekend

(1/27 – 1/28), our parish will be participating in two special collections; Church in Latin America and the Black and Indian Missions. Your gift will go to help fund programs such as evangelization and catechesis for the missions. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. You may drop your donation during offertory or make a donation online by visiting our parish website, clicking “Online Giving.” Please be generous.



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!

Old Blessed Palms NEEDED for Ash Wednesday! Please drop off your old palms through Sunday, February 4th in the box provided at the entrance of the church. Mahalo!



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.

This week on FORMED:

Saint Francis de Sales and the Character of a Christian: Devotion (Part 1 of 4)

In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher O. Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales, his best-known work "The Introduction to the Devout Life", and the character of a Christian.

The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3

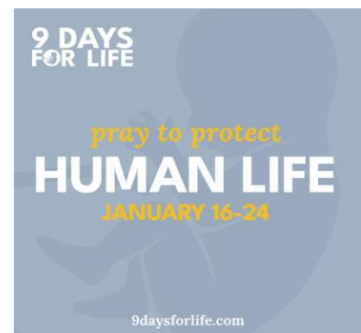
The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.

The Conversion of Saint Paul

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. James Prothro, Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss the conversion of one of the largest figures in Christianity, Saint Paul.

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

Respect Life: "There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: *We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled, or desperate that life may seem.* In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is *always and radically incompatible* with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image."



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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.

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION (MARK 1:14 - 20)

BY DEACON MIKE BROWNING

Today is the Third Sunday in Ordinary time, but this is no time for the ordinary. Ordinary time in our church reveals the teaching and healing mission of Christ which allows us to better understand God who became human and gave of himself completely so that we may enjoy life everlasting. So here are three points on why today and every Sunday is not just ordinary for all of us.

First, today is **“Word of God Sunday.”** Pope Francis in his apostolic letter *“Aperuit Illis - Instituting the Sunday of the Word of God”*, on September 30, 2019, cites work from the Second Vatican Council which “gave us great impulse to rediscover the word of God; Sacred Scripture.” He reminds us that the bible is the book for the Lord’s people. The word of God should move us from division in our communities towards unity; and the sacred word should unite believers to become one people; the people of God. Further, Scriptures teach the truth of God which will lead us towards salvation. We need to gather around the word every day, to bring it to life and allow the sweetness of God’s word to lead us to share it with all those we encounter. “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!” insists St. Jerome.

Our second point is, the **“Word dwelt among us.”** In our Gospel reading from Mark, we see Jesus making his way to Galilee and he approached Andrew, Simon-Peter, and the brothers James and John. These were ordinary men; fishermen trying to survive in their world under Roman rule. They have families, obligations, bills, just like you and me. We see that the response from these men were immediate – they dropped their nets. These ardent fishermen, instantly left behind their learned livelihood, to embrace a radical discipleship. To become a part of Jesus’ new family; to reorient our relationships to become – “Fishers of men.”

It is the deep love and affection that the Apostles grew as one together as Jesus dwelt among them. His love radiated and reflected on each of them, just as the sun’s light reflects off the moon. This new life and new learned love for one another demanded that the apostles grow in their radical love affair with the Holy One; the one they called the Messiah, and they all became more than just ordinary.

We too are called by our baptism and confirmation to be sent out into the world. We are called to read Sacred Scriptures often so that we can better understand what God is calling us to. We are called to receive the Holy Eucharist at every Mass, so that we are nourished by his body and blood made present at each celebration. And we are called out of the ordinary, to be extraordinary to each other by pouring out God’s love that he gives abundantly.

Which brings me to my final point, that the **“Word becomes Flesh”**, at every Mass. We are here to encounter the real Jesus in the Eucharist. It is truly Christ who breaks the bread and shares his cup of salvation – the true presence of his body, blood, soul, and divinity which is poured out for us so that we may share in life beyond this earthly world. But we are called to be more than witness to this occurrence. We are called forward to receive Christ into our own bodies so that we can become more like Christ. So that we can leave this Mass and share Christ’ saving graces with those that we meet. To reveal Christ through our words and actions in our everyday living. It means being forgiving and loving to all. It is healing our divisions in our own families, or caring for someone that is homebound and who needs a compassionate voice and a tender hug, just like Christ does for us each day whether we realize it or not. So, on this 3rd Sunday of Ordinary time, let us be what we are called to be: **EXTRAORDINARY to one another!**

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday January 22, 2024

8AM Fr Anthony Rapozo &
Fr John Gabriel (Blessings)
Eric Umetsu (RIP)

Tuesday January 23, 2024

8AM James & Mildred Mizoguchi (RIP)

Wednesday January 24, 2024

8AM Creighton Dizol

Thursday January 25, 2024

8AM Felisa Dicsen (Birthday Memorial)

Friday**January 26, 2024**

Christy Cagauan (Healing)

Yvette Browning
(Birthday Blessing)

Saturday**January 27, 2024**

8AM

Fernando Dizol (RIP)

5PM

Lilian Lapa (RIP)

Sunday**January 28, 2024**

7AM

German A. & Claudia C. Vergara
(RIP)

9 AM

For the People

11 AM

Jesse Dela Cruz & Family

6 PM

John Gibson (Death Anniversary)

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Stephanie Rapozo, Thomas Ramos, John Bates, Cindy Abernathy, Richard Guillory, 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, Sam Rombaoa, 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.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

LINDA WALKER (RIP): Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024,
St John, Mililani – Family arrives: 10:15 am;
Visitation: 10:30am; Mass: 11:00 – Burial: 1:00 pm
~ Punchbowl.

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