

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

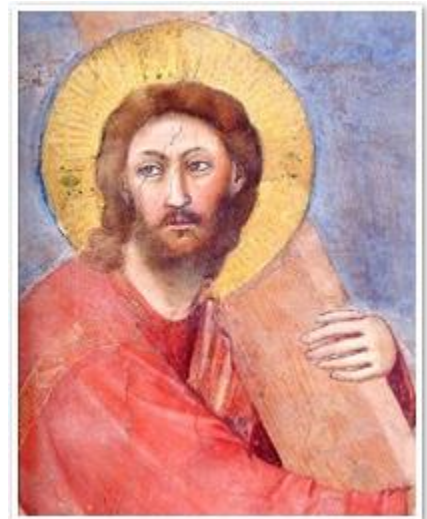
This Sunday's Gospel reading talks about Jesus' healing people, and below is an article by Pope Benedict XVI: Called "Jesus Heals."

First Simon Peter's mother-in-law who was in bed with a fever and Jesus, taking her by the hand, healed her and helped her to her feet; then all the sick in Capernaum, tried in body, mind, and spirit, and he healed many...and cast out many demons (Mk 1:34). The four Evangelists agree in testifying that this liberation from illness and infirmity of every kind was — together with preaching — Jesus main activity in his public ministry.

Illness is in fact a sign of the action of evil in the world and in people, whereas healing shows that the Kingdom of God, God himself, is at hand. Jesus Christ came to defeat evil at the root, and instances of healing are an anticipation of his triumph, obtained with his Death and Resurrection.

Jesus said one day: those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick (Mk 2:17). On that occasion he was referring to sinners, whom he came to call and to save. It is nonetheless true that illness is a typically human condition in which we feel strongly that we are not self-sufficient but need others. In this regard we might say paradoxically that illness can be a salutary moment in which to experience the attention of others and to pay attention to others!

However, illness is also always a trial that can even become long and difficult. When healing does not happen and suffering is prolonged, we can be as it were overwhelmed, isolated, and then our life is depressed and dehumanized. How should we react to this attack of evil? With the appropriate treatment, certainly — medicine in these decades has taken giant strides and we are grateful for it — but the Word of God teaches us that there is a crucial basic attitude with which to face illness and it is that of faith in God, in his goodness. Jesus always repeats this to the people he heals: your faith has made you well (cf. Mk 5:34, 36).



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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

DEACONS Dcn. Romeo Ganibe

Dcn. Mike Browning

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 27/28

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,632.00
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,708.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 465.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 55.00
Funeral	\$ 300.00
Blessings	\$ 50.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 790.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 130.00
Candles	\$ 372.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 25.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 1,052.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 20.00
Christmas	\$ 25.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 18,629.00

For the month of January 2024,
 We collected 96.36% (\$518,011 YTD)
 of our budget: \$537,600.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN HAWAII –**

There are over 6,000 students in Hawaii Catholic Schools. Become our partner

in Catholic education, support the Augustine Educational Foundation's Tuition Scholarship Program on February 10th & 11th. Money raised in this collection will go to support our parish and vicariate families with tuition assistance for the upcoming school year. You may donate online through their website www.augustinefoundation.org and join the Augustine Educational Foundation's campaign Make a Student Smile – Give the Gift of Catholic Education by making a gift! Envelopes are available at the back of the church or you may donate online by visiting our parish website and clicking "Online Giving." Please be generous! Mahalo!

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 pm. We will not meet on Saturday, February 3rd. We will resume on February 10, 2024. If you are interested, contact Barbara Ural: bursal@twc.com or (808) 671 4750.

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

HEALING MASS
Monday, February 12, 2024
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
St. John A&E Parish

Praise and Worship 7:00 pm
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

SJAE LIBRARY: Ash Wednesday is next week – February 14th. Your SJAE Lending Library has books, CDs, and DVDs for adults and children to help you make this THE best Lent ever! Library table will be on the lanai after all Masses on February 10-11 (or you may get a key to the library in Room #1 from the church office and self-check out books at any time). Stop by our SJAE Library or the Library tables and make this Lent a spirit-filled retreat for you. Happy Reading!

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS? If you have any overdue SJAE library books, please return them to the library tables on February 10-11th.



ST JOHN PRESCHOOL – OPEN ENROLLMENT SY 2024 for ages 2.8 years - 6 years old.
For more information, call (808) 744-9538 or stohns_preschool@rcchawaii.org.

Job Opening:

Preschool Teacher (Full-Time) Description: Provides instructional programming including lesson implementation, classroom preparation, clerical help and supervision of students and must maintain an environment of safety and security. For more information, contact the preschool office at (808) 744-3538. Please consider joining our Preschool staff as part of your support encourage those you know to support our preschool and our church – we need your help! to our parish. To apply:

<https://www.hrsymphony.com/hrs/route/position/8041/M8SA#>

This week on FORMED:

Sts. Benedict and Scholastica | Littlest Saints

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.

Visit their website here: www.littlestsaints.com

St. Scholastica | Holy Women You Never Heard Of | Episode 3

Dive into the lives of Holy Women You've Never Heard Of with Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Dr. Jessica Murdoch. St. Scholastica is the sister of St. Benedict. Holy siblings and holy families change the world!

Bakhita: From Slave to Saint

Bakhita: From Slave to Saint tells the incredible story of St. Josephine Bakhita. Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers and was eventually sold to a merchant in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness and mercy which led her to become a saint.

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



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.

Respect Life: "A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded, or abandoned."

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Even in the face of death, faith can make possible what is humanly impossible. But faith in what? In the love of God. This is the real answer which radically defeats evil. Just as Jesus confronted the Evil One with the power of the love that came to him from the Father, so we too can confront and live through the trial of illness, keeping our heart immersed in God's love.

We all know people who were able to bear terrible suffering because God gave them profound serenity.... Nonetheless, in sickness we all need human warmth: to comfort a sick person, what counts more than words is serene and sincere closeness.

Article can be found at: <https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/religion-and-philosophy/spiritual-life/jesus-heals.html>

Fr. Anthony Rapier

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION (JOB 7:1-4, 6-7) (MARK 1:29 - 29) BY DEACON ROMEO GANIBE

"I shall not see happiness again." Says Job as he tries to deal with a life that seems to have taken a terrible turn for the worse. These are the words of someone who has seemingly lost all hope in his suffering. Can you imagine yourself or a loved one uttering these same words? I think many of us can relate all too well to the words of Job because of the suffering in our own lives. Job's story is in a sense, our story too. We all experience suffering due to natural disasters, personal or family crises, or even because of our own sinfulness. We may be tempted to stop amidst this suffering and indeed lose hope.

So how, you might ask, does Job's story relate to us? That is where the psalm and the Gospel weave into our bigger story. Job himself suffered greatly, but at the end of the day God rewarded his humility, faith, and prayer by removing his suffering and blessing him. Jesus wants to do the same thing for us today, amidst our own sufferings, whatever they might be. He wants to heal us!

In the Gospel, when Jesus learns that Simon's mother-in-law is sick with a fever, he grasps her hand and heals her. Simon's mother-in-law responds to Jesus' healing by serving them; in other words, she responds in discipleship, which is the Christian response to Jesus' healing in our lives. The whole town was brought to Jesus to be healed and "cured" many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons. Jesus wants to heal the whole world. He ultimately does this because in his death on the cross Jesus brings all of us, not just all of Galilee, but all of humanity, fully back into relationship with God, our heavenly Father. This is the ultimate healing of sinful humanity, administered by Jesus; He takes on sin itself to heal us and to redeem us. He suffers the punishment of sin, which is Death, for us.

If we find ourselves in Job's position of thinking we will never see happiness again because of our suffering, it isn't the end of our story! Remember that Jesus wants to heal us, and He does heal us through His sacrifice on the cross. Know that Jesus is always with us amidst our suffering and will always heal our soul when we reach out to him. And the healing that Jesus gives us is accessible to all through His sacraments and in a special way through the Holy Eucharist and the Sacraments of Confession, which in turn prompts from us a response of gratitude and love.



"Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted!"

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday February 5, 2024

8AM Pablo Corpuz (Birthday Memorial)
Dominador Rulloda (Healing)

Tuesday February 6, 2024

8AM Cindy Abernathy (Birthday Blessing)

Wednesday February 7, 2024

8AM Marvin Acosta (Birthday Blessing)

Thursday February 8, 2024

8AM Henry & Mona DeCosta
(Anniversary Blessing)

Friday February 9, 2024

David M. Torres
(Birthday Memorial)
David Santiago Jr (RIP)

Saturday February 10, 2024

8AM Allen Bates (Birthday Blessing)
Valerie & Solamona Daldulao (RIP)
5PM Dominador Rulloda (Healing)

Sunday February 11, 2024

7AM Maxima Looney (RIP)
9 AM For the People
11 AM Dominador Rulloda (Healing)
6 PM Lucy & Francis Santiago (Blessing)

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, Jim Walsh, Lita Guerrero, Florida Badua, Allene Ishikawa, Dominador Rulloda, Sam Rombaoa, Cherissalyn and Tuputasi Gaopoa.

DECEASED

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, Diane Kotch, Florence P. Albano & Julian Rillamas Jr.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 (77B)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Responsorial Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11

Gospel: Mark: 1:40-45

HAWAII
CATHOLIC CEMETERIES



ST JOHN CREMATION NICHES is available, and space is limited. For more information about reserving your niche please contact Duane Pavao, Director of Cemeteries (808) 783-6778 or dpavao@cfsmission.org or Teal Kumai, Family Service Advisor (808) 778-7623 or tkumai@cfsmission.org