

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Batman has the wealthy businessman persona. Superman is a mild-mannered reporter who well, wears glasses. Wonder Woman is a government agent who like Superman, wears glasses. Each of these classic superheroes hides his or her true identity underneath the (admittedly thin) layer of an alter ego.

Jesus, however, directly tells others to keep quiet about his identity. This motif of secrecy first surfaces in Mark 1:24–25, when he commands a demon to “be silent,” and it runs through Mark’s Gospel. But why does Jesus do this? Doesn’t he want people to spread the news about him?

There are three possible reasons why Jesus doesn’t want to make his identity known. First, he didn’t want to draw the attention of the foreign powers to himself too quickly. If the Roman authorities had become aware of Jesus’ claim to be a king, they would have quashed his movement from the beginning, as they did other messianic movements in the first century. In order to avoid a premature death, he ordered those he healed to keep his identity a secret. Secondly possible Jesus didn’t want people to be confused or deceived about who he really was. This is why Jesus did not permit demons to speak? Many of the early Church fathers explain that even though the demons had an understanding that Jesus was the promised Messiah, they did not understand fully what that meant and how He would accomplish His ultimate victory. Therefore, Jesus did not want them to speak only half-truths about Him, as the evil one often does, thus misleading the people. So, Jesus always forbade these demons from speaking about Him publicly.

And third possible reason is that Jesus needed time to redefine the common notion of the Messiah. In first-century Judaism, many thought the messianic king would be a political, militaristic king who would deliver them from Roman occupation and oppression. Such a view would not have fit with a Messiah who was crucified by the very enemy that the Jews hoped the Messiah would deliver them from. Jesus, therefore, had to spend some time reshaping the idea of the Messiah in order that his suffering and death would not be too high a hurdle for believers to overcome.

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

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

FEB 3/4

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,731.80
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 4,915.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 900.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 80.00
Funeral	\$ 500.00
Stewardship	\$ 20.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 6,263.92
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 160.00
Candles	\$ 722.10
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 30.00
Augustine Education Foundation	\$ 27.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$10.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 25.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$25,389.82



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

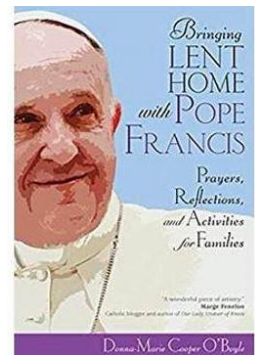
**SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN HAWAII –**

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!

ST JOHN'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP is sponsoring a Healing Mass celebrated by Fr. Anthony on Monday, February 12. Praise and worship will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by Mass. For information: Victoria Achaval 623-8860 Stephen/Helen Uyehara 623-7423.

SJAE LIBRARY: Lent begins **THIS** week! Get ready for the most spiritual Lent ever by stopping by the SJAE Lending Library Tables after all masses this week. The Library Team will help you find something – for adults and children – that will get your Lent off on a high note. Resources are checked out for 1 month but can be easily renewed. May you have a blessed Lent!

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



DIVORCE SUPPORT MINISTRY: If you are, or someone you know is, seeking support, fellowship, healing, hope, and Catholic conversations as a result of divorce. Please use the QR code to participate in a confidential survey sharing your spiritual needs that our ministry can assist you. This group fosters trust, spiritual support, and Catholic fellowship. We will build a safe place for divorcees to support each other along this challenging road. Through shared-experiences, we will understand our place in the Catholic Church during all stages of divorce and seek shared-healing rooted in our Catholic faith, in the Sacraments, and in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.



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. To apply:

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



ASH WEDNESDAY is on Wednesday, Feb 14. Masses at 8am, 5pm, & 7pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS is on Fridays, Feb 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, & 22 (6:30 pm), & 29 (5 pm).

Diocese of Honolulu 2024 Lenten Regulations

FASTING

☞ In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday (**February 14, 2024**) and Good Friday (**March 29, 2024**).

☞ To *fast* means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (excepting water and medicine) is not permitted on days of fasting.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

☞ Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

☞ To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

CENTRAL VICARIATE LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES at 7 PM	
St. Michael, Waialua	March 6 (6:30 pm)
Resurrection of the Lord, Waipio	March 12
St John Apostle & Evangelist Church, Mililani	March 13
Our Lady of Sorrows, Wahiawa	March 14
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pearl City	March 20
St Elizabeth, Aiea	March 21 (6:30 pm)

This week on FORMED:

Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.

The Story of Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 1

Where did death come from? What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else? In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God's response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead.

The Spirituality of Lent

Looking to take Lent more seriously this year? Join Tim Gray for ideas for a Lenten spirituality. 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.

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION (MARK) BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS



Today's readings prepare us for the penitential season of Lent.

In our Gospel, a leper knelt before Jesus and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus reached out and touched this diseased man and healed him. He then encouraged the man to show himself to the priest and offer himself a cleansing, referencing what was commanded in the Law of Moses. By completing these rituals, this man might be reinstituted into the community.

Let us approach this holy season of Lent like the leper. By our faults, we have distanced ourselves from God and His community. The leper reminds us Who go to so that we might be healed. Let us approach the Lord this season on our knees asking for forgiveness and healing from our offenses, says, "If you wish, you can make me clean." There is no doubt that, if we have a contrite heart, Jesus will stretch out His hand in forgiveness and His mercy will touch our lives.

And like the leper, we too should go forth from being healed with a commitment to cleanse ourselves from the lasting effects of sin. Lent is a time to offer acts of reparation through Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving so that we might be purified in all areas of our life and walk with the Gracious Healer, Who sacrificed His life for our sake.

This holy season of Lent is an opportunity to be healed and cleansed on our journey as disciples of Christ. Let us consider what we can do to offer acts of reparation so that we might be purified and one day partake in the resurrection of Christ.

St John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church



Calendar of Events

February

- 14** Ash Wednesday Masses: 8am, 5pm, 7pm
- 16** Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 18** First Sunday of Lent

March

- 1, 8, 15, 22** Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 9-10** Fr. Philip Chircop will preach at all Masses
- 11-12** Parish Lenten Mission, 7pm
Speaker: Fr. Philip Chircop
"Be This In Memory Of Me: Embracing a Eucharistic Lifestyle."
- 13** Lenten Penance Service, 7pm
- 24** Palm Sunday
- 28** Holy Thursday
Morning Prayers in lieu of daily Mass, 8am
Mass of the Last Supper, 7pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until Midnight
in the One Community Center.
- 29** Good Friday
Morning Prayers in lieu of daily Mass, 8am
Passion of the Lord, 3pm & 5:30pm
Stations of the Cross, 5pm
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 30** Holy Saturday
Morning Prayers in lieu of daily Mass, 8am /



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EUCCHARISTIC STEWARDSHIP

Eucharistic stewardship is of prime importance to the intentional disciple who leads a stewardship lifestyle. It can be described as living the Eucharist. By virtue of our common priesthood, that we received at baptism, we bring an offering for the sacrifice. The following two paragraphs, which elaborate on this concept, are taken from the pastoral letter of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The Eucharist is the great sign and agent of this expansive communion of charity. “Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf” (1 Cor 10:17). Here people enjoy a unique union with Christ and, in him, with one another. Here his love—indeed, his very self—flows into his disciples and, through them and their practice of stewardship, to the entire human race. Here Jesus renews his covenant-forming act of perfect fidelity to God, while also making it possible for us to cooperate. In the Eucharist, Christians reaffirm their participation in the New Covenant; they give thanks to God for blessings received; and they strengthen their bonds of commitment to one another as members of the covenant community Jesus forms.

And what do Christians bring to the Eucharistic celebration and join there with Jesus’ offering? Their lives as Christian disciples: their personal vocations and the stewardship they have exercised regarding them; their individual contributions to the great work of restoring all things in Christ. Disciples give thanks to God for gifts received and strive to share them with others. That is why, as Vatican II says of the Eucharist, “if this celebration is to be sincere and thorough, it must lead to various works of charity and mutual help, as well as to missionary activity and to different forms of Christian witness” (Presbyterorum Ordinis, no. 6).

Our steward’s prayer before mass is based on the fact that we are a community of intentional disciples that are living the Eucharist. By saying this prayer, we present our offering for the sacrifice, acknowledge God’s gifts, and ask for the strength to be the light of God’s love.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15 (23B)

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Responsorial Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Gospel: Mark: 1:12-15

“Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!”

-PSALM 119

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday February 12, 2024

8AM Elena & Antonio Ceres (RIP)
Modesta Yadao (Birthday Blessing)

Tuesday February 13, 2024

8AM Henry DeCosta (Birthday Blessing)
Eleanor Tamura (RIP)

Wednesday February 14, 2024

8AM Christy Esposito (RIP)

Thursday February 15, 2024

8AM Teodula Z. Villareal (RIP)

Friday February 16, 2024

Edward & Glori Lamug (Healing)

Erlinda Juan (RIP)

Saturday February 17, 2024

8AM Jesse Dela Cruz & Family
(Thanksgiving)
5PM Angela Topinio (RIP)

Sunday February 18, 2024

7AM Spencer Taylor (Birthday Blessing)
9 AM For the People
11 AM Eric Crabbe (RIP)
6 PM Tuputai & Cherissalyn Gaopoa
(Guidance/Blessing/Protection)

Respect Life: "Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together."

USCCB, *Married Love and the Gift of Life*

The upcoming observances of National Marriage Week (February 7-14, 2024) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 11, 2024) are opportunities to focus on building a culture of life and love by supporting and promoting marriage and the family.



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 & Tuputasi Gaopoa and Nicole Guerrero.

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.



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