

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



Sunday is

A DAY OF CHRIST'S
RESURRECTION

From *"Living the Gift of Sunday"*

FROM THE RICHES OF OUR FAITH

Our lives have meaning because Christ rose from the dead. He is alive and present to us in Word, in Sacrament and in His Holy Spirit, who moves and guides us. Sunday is a day to rejoice in new life, eternal life, life in the love of God. We are invited to see every Sunday as a little Easter.

"Jesus rose from the dead 'on the first day of the week.' Because it is the 'first day,' the day of Christ's Resurrection recalls the first creation. Because it is the 'eighth day' following the sabbath, it symbolizes the new creation ushered in by Christ's Resurrection. For Christians it has become the first of all days, the first of all feasts, the Lord's Day" (*The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2174) [hereinafter, CCC]. "We all gather on the day of the sun, for it is the first day [after the Jewish sabbath, but also the first day] when God, separating matter from darkness, made the world; and on this same day Jesus Christ our Savior rose from the dead" (St. Justin, I Apol. 67, PG 6, 429 and 432).

Christ's triumph over death in His glorious Resurrection is the completion and fulfillment of the Old Law. It is, in Sunday worship, the highest and greatest of days, the principle day of obligation for the Christian faithful, and the culmination renewed and re-encountered each week, of the salvation God has wrought in His Son.

St. Luke's Gospel story of the two disciples and their encounter with the risen Jesus on Easter Sunday on the road to Emmaus (24: 13-35) beautifully connects how we come to know our risen Lord through Mass every Sunday. As the disciples walked and discussed Sacred Scripture with him they believed him to be a stranger, but they realized that it was the risen Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts are stirred by Jesus in the word as he prepares us to receive his Real Presence in the Eucharist.

LIVE IT!

- Celebrate Sunday as a little Easter each week by recalling Christ's resurrection and look forward to eternal life in Him.
- What area of your life are you in need of God's new life? Reflect on how God has been present in your life even in difficult times. Look for ways to share these insights with people you know.
- Ask your family and friends: What is something that gives you hope?

"Living the Gift of Sunday" - commissioned and designed by Archbishop ListECKi of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
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www.stjohnmililani.org

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 MAR 27/28

Sunday Collection	\$ 13,418.11
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 5,125.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 175.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 165.00
Funeral	\$ 300.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 851.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 546.00
Easter Sunday (7pm, 7am, 9am, 11am)	\$ 14,373.00
Stewardship	\$ 20.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 180.00
Candles	\$ 568.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 25.00
CRS Bowl	\$ 1,847.87
Holy Thursday	\$ 2,147.00
Good Friday	\$ 3,197.00
Holy Land	\$ 10.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 42,952.98

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

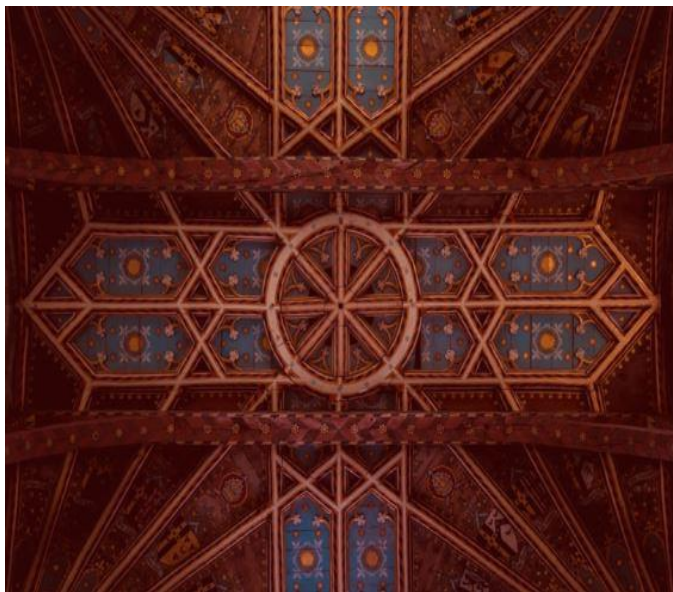
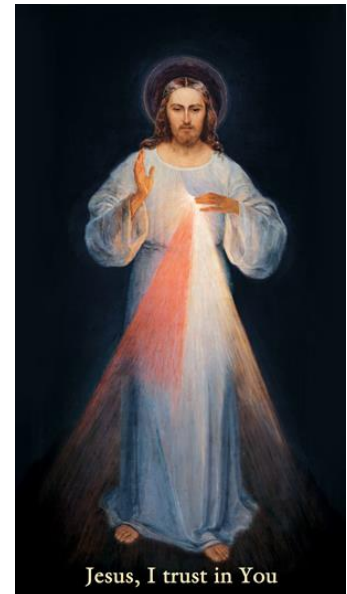
By Catholic Stewardship Consultants

On this second Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We celebrate this feast today since God's mercy was shared with us through the resurrection of Jesus. To put it simply, today, we are celebrating Jesus' merciful love for us and how we can partake in it.

No matter where we are on our journey as a disciple of Christ, we are all in need of God's merciful love. There are countless times throughout our day when we miss the mark. For instance, we might fail to respond in kind to our spouse or kids, fall into gossip in our workday, or even forget to think positively of others. These shortcomings call us to humble ourselves and receive the unwavering mercy of God.

Jesus is Mercy itself. He was born into time to save us from sin. And it ensures His Mercy was always available to us, He gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In our Gospel, Jesus encounters the apostles after the resurrection and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Jesus gave us the gift of this sacrament because He wants to help us reach eternal life. He knows we cannot do it without His merciful love, and a resolve to do better and to follow Him more faithfully.

Today, may we recall the precious gift God has given to us through His Son – Mercy itself. May we never forget that, with a contrite heart and a resolution to do better, God is always willing to forgive.



ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH YOUTH RETREAT

**ST. JOHN WELCOMES
MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS FOR A ONE DAY RETREAT ON THE TRUE
PRESENCE OF JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST**

Where: St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church

When: April 20th, 9am-5pm Mass

Who: Middle School and High School Students

FOR FREE! LUNCH IS PROVIDED

Please fill out registration form and turn in to St. John office by April 12.

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."

~ Martin Luther King



ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST 3RD ANNUAL HOLY GHOST FEAST

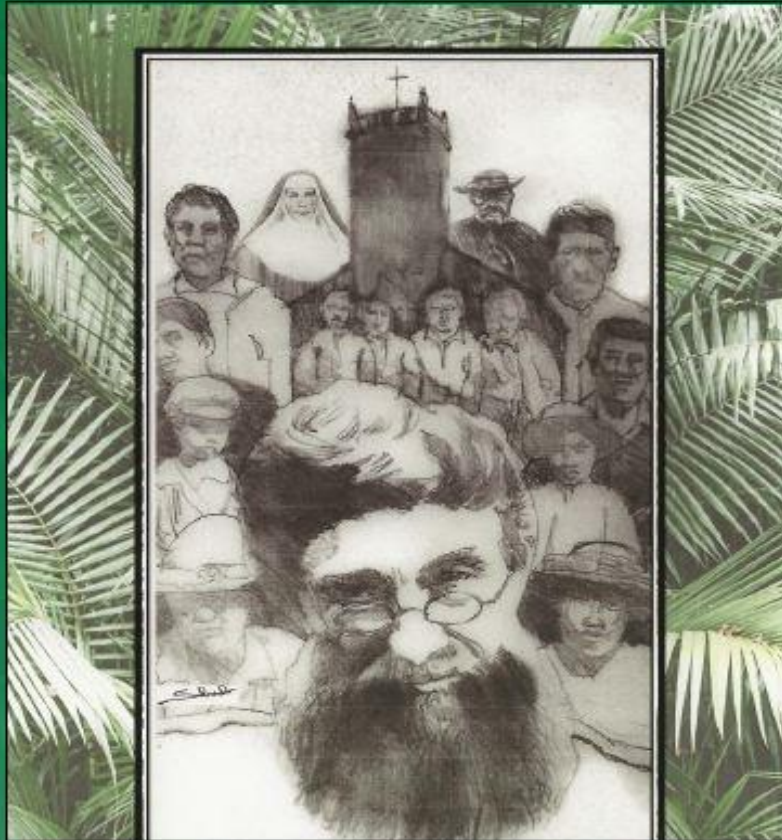
Our parish will be celebrating our 3rd Annual Holy Ghost Feast Day on May 19, 2024 at our 9:00 AM Mass. Please remember that there **WILL BE NO 11AM MASS** that Sunday!

Starting this weekend, we will be accepting nominations for both our Queen and her ladies in waiting. Nominees for the Queen must be between the ages of 11 to 18 years of age. Nominees for the ladies in waiting must be between the ages of 6 to 10 years of age. Ballot forms and boxes can be found in the main entrance of the Church. **The deadline to turn in your nomination is on Sunday May 5, 2024 after the 6:00 pm Mass.** We will be drawing the names of the Queen and her four ladies in waiting on May 12, 2024 at our 9:00 AM Mass. Winners will be contacted, and you don't need to be present at the Mass.

To be nominated girls only need to fill in the correct form themselves or with your family's help and drop it off in the correct box. **ONLY** the girls wishing to be nominated should fill out the forms.



On to the Vatican!

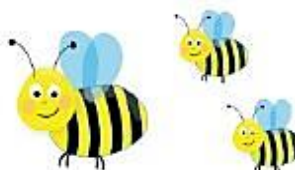


SERVANT OF GOD
JOSEPH DUTTON
HIS LIFE * HIS SERVICE * HIS LEGACY

Special Collection
April 27 & 28, 2024

Help advance the cause for canonization of
Servant of God Joseph Dutton Layman.

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL
 Busy Bees Newsletter
 April 2024



Happy Easter!

Aloha!

Our study of the plant kingdom went by so quickly! The children showed a lot of interest and care for the plants around them. We planted lima beans and showed the children an organic way of fertilizing the soil. In addition, we celebrated Dr. Seuss week by having a tasty meal of green eggs with Vienna sausage and making *Oobleck* for a science experiment.

As we look towards April, we will be studying the animal kingdom. This study includes the five classifications of vertebrates – (Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles, Birds, and Mammals). We will be discussing the characteristics of each group. Also, we will have a bug hunt for the children to enjoy while learning about this program.

Lastly, we will be celebrating Earth Day by bringing awareness to the different ways we can take care of our home planet.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1 – Easter Monday Holiday
(No School)

April 22 – Earth Day

April 26 – Springtime
Fundraiser – TBA (Early
dismissal at 11:30am)

BIRTHDAY SALUTATIONS

April 3 Soraya

SAVE THE DAY

Friday, April 26 - Easter Egg Hunt

Please save your plastic eggs and fillers. We are seeking these donations for our class event no later than Friday, April 12.



"Any child who is self-sufficient, who can tie his shoes, dress or undress himself, reflects in his joy and sense of achievement the image of human dignity which is derived from a sense of independence." -Maria Montessori

ST JOHN PRESCHOOL – OPEN ENROLLMENT SY 2024-2025, for ages 2.8 years – 6 years old. For more information, call (808) 744-9538 or email: stjohns_preschool@rcchawaii.org.

JOB OPENING:

Preschool Teacher (Full-Time) Description: Provides instructional programming including lesson implementation, classroom preparation, 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>

Mahalo for your continued support of St. John's Catholic Preschool

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15,17-19

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

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOHN'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP is sponsoring a Healing Mass on Monday, April 8. Praise and worship will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by Mass celebrant by Fr Anthony. For information, contact Victoria Achaval (808) 623-8860 or Stephen/Helen Uyehara (808) 623-7423.



Join St. John's Clergy in a Group Study of Jesus

and the **Jewish Roots of the Eucharist**

Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper by Dr. Brant Pitre

Thursdays, April 11 – May 30, 2024 6:30pm | One Community Center

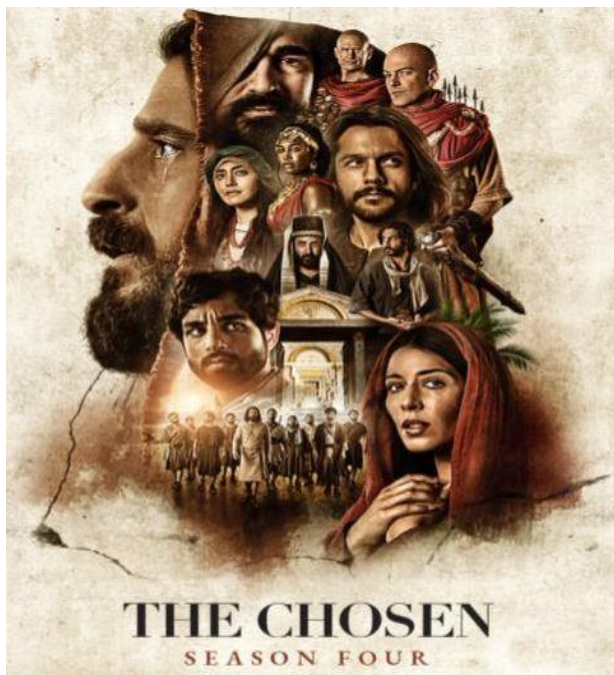


AN EVENING WITH SARAH HART IN CONCERT

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 at 7PM, OCC.

To purchase tickets, visit the parish website,

www.stjohnmililani.org



THE CHOSEN SEASON 4

CLASHING KINGDOMS. RIVAL RULERS. THE ENEMIES OF JESUS CLOSE IN WHILE HIS FOLLOWERS STRUGGLE TO KEEP UP, LEAVING HIM TO CARRY THE BURDEN ALONE.

Threatened by the reality of Jesus' growing influence, religious leaders do the unthinkable— ally with their Roman oppressors. As the seeds of betrayal are planted and opposition to Jesus' message turns violent, he's left with no alternative but demand his followers RISE UP.

Join us at 6:30pm in the One Community Center. April 19: Episode 1 (Promises) and Episode 2 (Confessions) April 26: Episode 3 (Moon to Blood) and Episode 4 (Calm Before) More episodes coming in May...

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	April 8, 2024	Saturday	April 13, 2024
8 AM	Suzanna Foster (RIP) Richard Amaral (RIP)	8 AM	Richard Amaral (RIP)
Tuesday	April 9, 2024	5 PM	Suzanna Foster (RIP)
8AM	Eric Umetsu (RIP) Richard Amaral (RIP)		
Wednesday	April 10, 2024	Sunday	April 14, 2024
8 AM	Richard Amaral (RIP)	7 AM	Richard Amaral (RIP)
Thursday	April 11, 2024	9 AM	For the People
8 AM	Kim Noveloso (Birthday Blessing) Jamie Dela Cruz (RIP)	11 AM	Francisca & Alejandro Jr. Aquino (RIP)
Friday	April 12, 2024	6 PM	Mary Ann Quiddaoen (Death Anniversary)
8 AM	Erlinda Juan (RIP) Richard Amaral (RIP)		

Respect Life: “If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select “Find Help” from the menu on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you. “

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion” www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy



HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Stephanie Rapozo, Thomas Ramos, John Bates, Cindy Abernathy, Richard Guillory, Patrice Wilson, Gene Lumantas, Clarita Martinez, Jim Walsh, Lita Guerrero, Florida Badua, Allene Ishikawa, Dominador Rulloda, Sam Rombaoa, Cherissalyn & Tuputasi Gaopoa, Nicole Guerrero, Lourdes Amasol, Dr. Luis Raguton & Manny Rodil.

DECEASED

Margaret Nakamura, Wendell Perry, Gary Garcia, Daniel Ariola, Maxima Looney, Suzanna Foster, Ruth Hartzel, Angela Topinio, Diane Kotch, Florence P. Albano, Julian Rillamas Jr., Vivencia Mamaril, Salvador Ganzon Jr & Sr, Philip Chircop Sr., George Szczepkowski & Robert Ane.