

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



Sunday is

THE DAY THAT
BELONGS TO GOD

From *"Living the Gift of Sunday"*

FROM THE RICHES OF OUR FAITH

As Christians, we believe that God is at the very center of our lives. Our spiritual journey on earth is one of deepening our relationship with God, and that includes listening intently to His word. The deepest expression of that listening is hearing the communal proclamation of Sacred Scripture in the Liturgy of the Word. We listen to God speak so that we might internalize His message and put it into practice.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church starts its reflection on the Third Commandment with the scriptural meaning of the Sabbath. Exodus 20:8-11 states that the Sabbath was the seventh day on which the Lord rested after the work of the previous six days. Deuteronomy 5:12 adds that the Sabbath is a day of our renewing the covenant with God. The Sabbath is connected to creation and covenant. Second-century writers such as Justin Martyr attest to the widespread practice of Sunday worship (*First Apology*, chapter 67), and by 361 AD it had become a mandated weekly occurrence.

"The celebration of Sunday observes the moral commandment inscribed by nature in the human heart to render to God an outward, visible, and regular worship 'as a sign of his universal beneficence to all' [St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologica* II-II, 122,4]. Sunday worship fulfills the moral command of the Old Covenant, taking up its rhythm and spirit in the weekly celebration of the Creator and Redeemer of his people" (CCC, 2176). We are naturally driven to make Sundays special. Our active participation in the Lord's Day shows the world that we belong to God. Each Sunday, at Mass, God pours out His richest blessings upon us.

For Christians, Sunday is the day to come together to worship. Early Christians met together on Sunday to break bread and for preaching (Acts 20:7). Revelation 1:10 also refers to the Lord's Day. We receive God in the preached Word and through the Lord's Supper. At Mass, the Lord gives us what we most need. Sunday makes Monday right. Let us find time to be with Him.

As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, God made the Sabbath for man, providing the model of rest and refreshment it should embody (Cf. CCC, 2172, Matthew 2:27-28). Sunday specially belongs to God as it commemorates His saving deeds, from Creation through the Exodus to the great Paschal Mystery which is recalled each Sunday.

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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,
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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

APR 13/14

Sunday Collection	\$ 20,077.60
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 4,495.00
Healing Mass (04-08-24)	\$ 220.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 205.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 90.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 884.28
Stewardship	\$ 25.00
Easter Sunday	\$ 20.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 90.00
Candles	\$ 491.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement	\$30.00
Joseph Dutton	\$ 25.00
Mother's Day	\$ 116.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 22.00
Good Friday	\$ 1.00
All Souls' Day	\$ 10.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement	\$ 30.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 26,830.88

LIVE IT!

- Strive to put God at the center of your day. Arrive to Mass early, review the week and offer to God the good and ask forgiveness for the failures. Offer up the gifts and challenges of your past week and upcoming week along with the bread and wine as they are brought to the altar to be transformed.
- In the Book of Genesis God uses the Sabbath Rest to ponder the grandeur of Creation. After Mass consider a walk down a hiking trail, a ride down a bike path, a stroll along the lakeshore, or a climb up on the hills and give praise to God for “How Good” it is.
- Begin and end each day of the week by making the Sign of the Cross prayerfully recognizing we are loved by God

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

By Catholic Stewardship Consultants

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His sheep. Our readings today call us to reflect inward — do we allow Jesus to shepherd our lives?

In our Gospel Jesus reveals His radical love for us. He says, “I will lay down my life for the sheep.” Jesus tells us that we are His. We can compare this relationship to that of a loving parent to their child. The parent gives without much in return and if any evil came near the child, the parent would do anything, even lay down their life for their baby.



We are Christ's — even more so than a child is to a parent. He created us and sustains our lives each day. Evil persists in our world, so Jesus willingly laid down His life for us at Calvary for our salvation. He is our Good Shepherd, whether we remain in His flock or go astray.

But just as a baby is happiest in the arms of a parent, so too are we happiest in the flock of our Shepherd. And just as sheep go astray, we also stray from God, test our limits, and even follow false shepherds.

Thankfully our Shepherd is a Good Shepherd, and He laid down His life for us knowing every sin we will ever commit. Therefore, let us examine our hearts and return to our flock. We don't even need to find the way. He is right there always waiting to guide us home.

Let us look inward this week and ask ourselves, ‘who is my Shepherd?’ and ‘have I gone astray?’ Name the areas in your life that you have neglected. Ask Jesus to bring you home. Pray for His mercy, seek His forgiveness in the sacraments and begin again.

“God is love and he has defeated evil.”

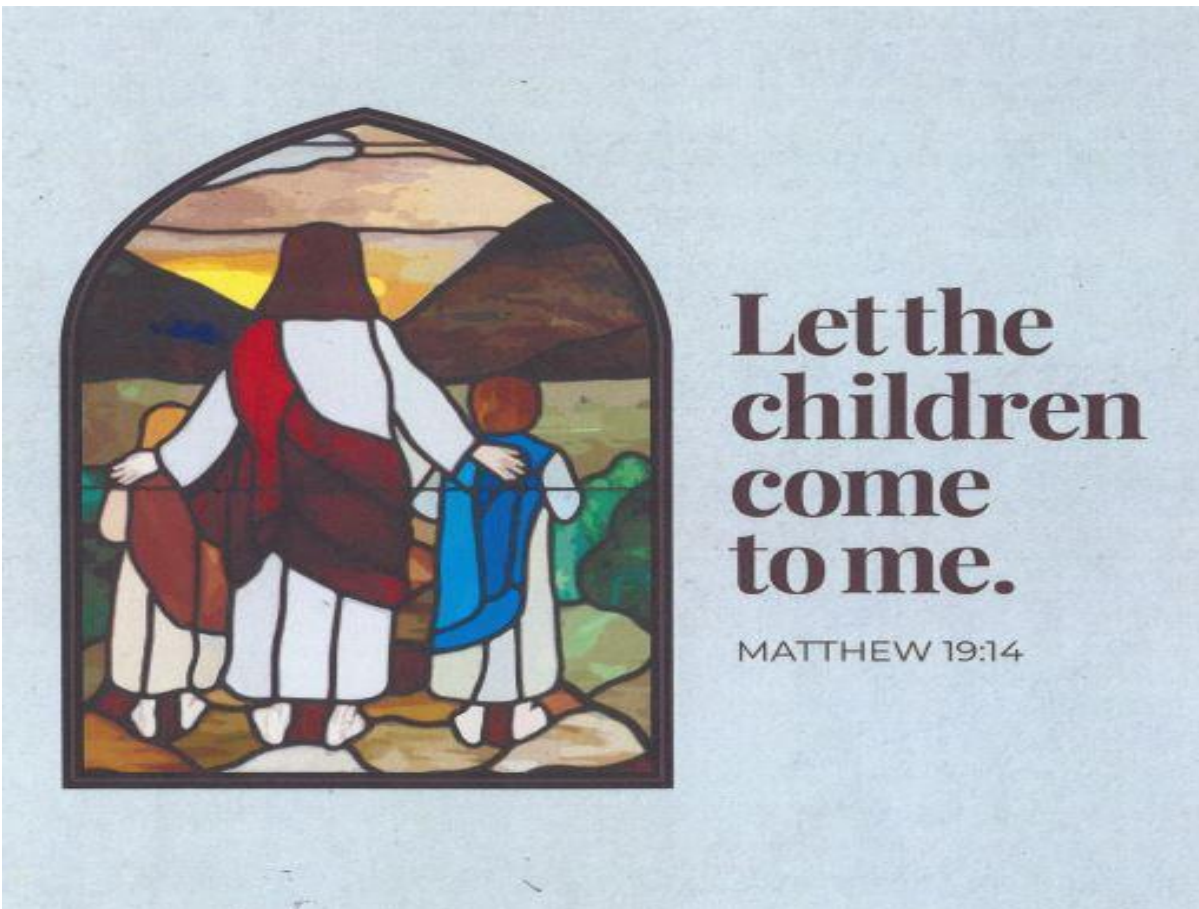
~ POPE FRANCIS



FINDING HAPPINESS IN MARRIAGE

"The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us." Catechism of the Catholic Church #1131

Understanding God's plan for marriage is one thing, living it out is another. Living Marriage examines the day-to-day challenges of being united as husband and wife, while maintaining individuality. Divine Mercy The Second Greatest Story Ever Told to watch the series and learn how to put faith at the center of your marriage. **For more information, visit FORMED.org**



2024-2025 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EARLY REGISTRATION
Next weekend, April 27/28, Registration Forms will be available after all Masses.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Responsorial Psalm: 22:26-27,28, 30, 31-32

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 26: Episode 3 (Moon to Blood) and Episode 4 (Calm Before) More episodes coming in May...



**Servant of God
Joseph Dutton
Layman**

Support the canonization of
Hawaii's next possible saint!
Special Collection
April 27 & 28, 2024

With your support, a humble Civil War lieutenant with a fervent desire to serve God may become Hawaii's third saint! Join your hearts with others in parishes in the Diocese of Honolulu for a special collection for the cause of Joseph Dutton Layman. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Mahalo!



WOMEN'S GUILD: For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. It is common for parishes to commemorate our Holy Mother throughout the month. At St. John's parish, we do this by upholding the longstanding tradition of crowning the statue of Mary located in the courtyard on the first Saturday of May. This beautiful custom, known as the "May Crowning," is being hosted by **St. John's Women's Guild on Saturday, May 11, 2024 after the 5 PM Mass.** Her crown is made of beautiful, Hawaiian blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue, which serves as a reminder to faithfully strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives. All parishioners are invited to this year's May Crowning. Please join us as we celebrate Mother Mary's life.

MOTHER'S DAY MASS OFFERING: Honor your mother, living or deceased, this Mother's Day, May 12th by making a Mass offering. All the names will be published in the May 5th bulletin. **Please PRINT LEGIBLY.** Envelopes are available at the back of the church. **The deadline to submit your mother's name for publication is Sunday, April 28.**

PLEASE CONSIDER NOMINATING YOUR DAUGHTER(S) for the **3rd Annual Holy Ghost Feast Celebration** on May 19th, at our 9 AM Mass and reception. If your daughter was selected in the past, they are not eligible again. The nomination forms are available at the main entrance of the church. **The deadline to submit the nomination form is May 5th at 6pm Mass**

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	April 22, 2024	Saturday	April 27, 2024
8 AM	Robert Bonifacio (RIP) Modesta Yadao (Thanksgiving)	8 AM	Joshua Momiyama (Birthday Memorial)
Tuesday	April 23, 2024	5 PM	Romeo Balino (RIP)
8AM	Diane Kotch (RIP) John Miller (Healing)		
Wednesday	April 24, 2024	Sunday	April 28, 2024
8 AM	Belinda Nakata (Birthday Blessing) Edwin Young (Healing)	7 AM	Bernardo P. Benigno (Death Anniversary)
Thursday	April 25, 2024	9 AM	For the People
8 AM	Jonah Fonacier (Birthday Blessing)	11 AM	Jayten Rivera (Birthday Blessing)
Friday	April 26, 2024	6 PM	Barbara J. Browning (Birthday Blessing)
8 AM	Claudio Malicay (RIP) Ronald Redoble (Thanksgiving)		

Respect Life: “Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die; they want to escape what they perceive to be an intolerable situation, and they inaccurately believe that suicide is their only way out. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Every Suicide is Tragic”
usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic

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, Cherissalyn & Tuputasi Gaopoa, Nicole Guerrero, Lourdes Amasol, Dr. Luis Raguton, Manny Rodil & Ida Antolin.

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 & Sam Rombaoa,.