

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



Sunday is

A DAY OF FAMILY

From *"Living the Gift of Sunday"*

FROM THE RICHES OF OUR FAITH

We, the baptized, are God's adopted sons and daughters. We seek to understand what it means for us to be brothers and sisters in Christ, a family of believers in the Church.

We also realize the importance of the domestic Church – praying together as a family, attending Mass together, and being together as a family unit on the Lord's Day.

"The demands of work can't bully people out of needed time off" and "Sunday must be a day of rest for everyone, so people can be free to be with their families and with God." Furthermore, "By defending Sunday, one defends human freedom," said Pope Emeritus Benedict (Catholic News Service June 6, 2012).

"This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24) and our Sunday rest allows us time and space to enter into a period of family recreation and refreshment, limited not only to our nuclear families at home, but also in a spirit of charity and unity with the parish family, and, ultimately, with the whole Church, visible in common fraternity and worship of Almighty God.

LIVE IT!

- Set aside time to be with family on Sundays, share a meal as a household, and engage in recreation together. Is there a family member you haven't connected with for a while? Take the time to call, text, email, or contact the person in some way.
- Think of a strength or gift that each family member possesses and give thanks to God for that person.
- Take time during the week to read and reflect on the readings for the upcoming Sunday and discuss as a family.

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

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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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

MAY 11/12

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,464.30
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,176.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 164.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 65.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,007.00
Funeral	\$ 300.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Candles	\$ 622.00
Mother's Day	\$ 91.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 630.25
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 16,524.55

Please call the office for all other inquiries:
 Anointing, Baptisms, Blessings, Food Pantry,
 Funeral, Homebound Communion & Marriage.

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS



Our Easter season culminates with the glorious feast of Pentecost. We can imagine how incredible that moment was for the apostles and all who witnessed it. The Holy Spirit was alive and working.

The Holy Spirit is just as alive and willing to work here and now in our day-to-day moments as back at our first Pentecost.

Our First Reading bears witness to the first Pentecost. During the encounter with the Holy Spirit, the apostles and Mary felt a driving wind, there were tongues of fire on the heads of each of them and the Spirit allowed them to speak in different tongues proclaiming acts of God.

We might hear this reading and wish the Holy Spirit worked that obviously in our lives each day. The truth is, the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives is obvious – we just might be blind to it, or it might be that we have closed ourselves off to the Holy Spirit's wonderful works.

Our tongues of fire might be a profound conversation with a friend, something that you needed to hear in the exact moment, or even a closed door to an opportunity for something much, much greater. These are movements of the Holy Spirit in our everyday moments.

The more we take to recognize them, the more we become aware of them.

On this Pentecost Sunday, let us give thanks to God for sending us His Holy Spirit. And let us strive to be in tune with the Holy Spirit by looking for ways God has been working in our lives.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."
~ GALATIANS 5:22-23



Congratulations on Full Initiation into the Catholic Church!



Eleanor Barlaan

Olivia Barlaan

Cecilina Cantero

Dace Jasmen Cantero

Quinn Castro

Aliana Dolan

Kristen Margret Ebanez

Charleigh Grossweiler

Reymon Hemon

John Johnny

Redeemer Johnny

Gabriella Manrique

Nateo Pogoso

Marco Rivas

Rafael Rivas

Adrian Roman

Charles Textor

Elisha Wright



Offer | Strengthen | Sustain

**The Original Order
Sacraments of Initiation:
Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist**

(Diocese of Honolulu, 2024)

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." (USCCB, 2024)



PENTECOST

**Quote:**

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. ~[Acts 2:1–4](#)

Today, we celebrate the glorious Solemnity of Pentecost, the promised Gift of the Father and the Son to Jesus' disciples. After rising from the dead, Jesus appeared to His disciples for forty days, offering them proof of His resurrection, teaching them, and reminding them of all He had revealed to them about His death and Resurrection to prepare them for the next step of their mission.

During the ten days after Jesus' Ascension, the eleven Apostles gathered together in the upper room – most likely the place where they ate the first Eucharist – with Jesus' mother and many other disciples, totaling 120. As they met, they cast lots and chose Matthias as Judas' successor.

On the fiftieth day after Jesus' Resurrection, ten days after His Ascension, the 120 disciples were again gathered in the upper room when they experienced something beyond their imagination. From the sky, a noise like a strong driving wind filled the room. Tongues, as of fire, fell upon all gathered, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, they were given the gift of tongues, which enabled them to speak in different languages to the diverse groups of people in Jerusalem.

The disciples went out into Jerusalem and boldly proclaimed the Gospel. Peter stood up and gave a stirring and powerful sermon that presented the whole mystery of salvation. He spoke of Jesus as the Savior and of the need to repent and be baptized. “Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day” ([Acts 2:41](#)). The new followers then devoted themselves to learning from the Apostles and to the celebration of the Eucharist.

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. The Holy Spirit formed the Church and empowered each baptized member to fulfill a specific duty. Some preached, some cared for the poor, and some shed their blood for their faith. The newly converted and empowered disciples traveled far and wide to expand the newborn Church that grew rapidly as the new Body of Christ fulfilled its mission.

In the years and centuries ahead, the Holy Spirit continued to form the Church. The Apostles were inspired to write what is today the New Testament so that future believers would have firsthand accounts of the Gospel. The Apostles’ and Saint Peter’s successors helped form Sacred Tradition, the ongoing deepening revelation of the Word of God to address new questions.

The Holy Spirit also sanctifies every individual believer, especially through the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord...They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them. They make the faithful docile in readily obeying divine inspirations” (#1831). The Holy Spirit also instills twelve fruits: “The fruits of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. The tradition of the Church lists twelve of them: ‘charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity’” (#1832). These graces are given in Baptism and perfected in Confirmation. Each baptized and confirmed member of Christ has the potential to fully realize these graces so as to grow in holiness and fulfill their divine mission.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, come to me and bestow upon me Your seven-fold gifts, so that I can grow closer to Christ Jesus and act more faithfully as a member of His Body. Bear good fruit in my life and in the lives of others, so that the saving message of the Gospel will draw all people to Yourself for Your eternal praise and glory. Most Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—I love You, believe in You, and trust in You.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY MAY 26, 2024

The Most Holy Trinity

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Responsorial Psalm: 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2024 HOLY GHOST FEAST ROYAL COURT! Queen: Amirah Grossweiler; Ladies-in-Waiting: Charleigh Grossweiler, Isabella Ladiero, Aubrey Madarang and Elisha Wright.

Fr. Anthony will be attending the **ANNUAL PRIESTS' RETREAT** at St. Stephen Diocesan Center from May 20th – 24th. There will be Communion Service in lieu of daily Mass.

**ST ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL – 60TH DIAMOND JUBILEE
CELEBRATING OUR 60 YEARS OF SPARKLING LEGACY**

MAY 23, 2024 - 5:30 PM – 10:00 PM

HAWAII OKINAWA CENTER – LEGACY BALLROOM

94-587 Uke'e Street, Waipahu, HI 96797

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – SEATING IS LIMITED –

For more information, contact the school or church (808) 487-2414.

To purchase tickets, scan the code. Mahalo!!



ST CATHERINE CHURCH and SCHOOL – Fr Dario Rinaldi will be here on Sunday, May 26 at all Masses. He will discuss about their school.

DUANE PAVAO from **HAWAII CATHOLIC CEMETERIES** will be here on May 26th after all Sunday morning Masses in the OCC to give a brief presentation of our Columbaria (niche) project on where we are and will take initial sales from those who are ready. For more information, please contact Duane (808) 783-6778.

FATHER'S DAY – JUNE 16: Honor your father, living or deceased, this **FATHER'S DAY**, by making a Mass offering. All the names will be published as an insert in the June 8/9 bulletin. **Please PRINT LEGIBLY.** Envelopes are available at the back of the church. The deadline to submit your father's name for publication is **Monday, June 3.**

**JOB OPENING: PRESCHOOL HEAD TEACHER**APPLY TODAY: <https://www.catholichawaii.org/about-us/careers/>

Call 808.744.9538 for more information.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday May 20, 2024
8 AM Communion Service

Tuesday May 21, 2024

8AM Communion Service

Wednesday May 22, 2024
8 AM Communion Service

Thursday May 23, 2024
8 AM Communion Service

Friday May 24, 2024
8 AM Communion Service

Saturday May 25 2024
8 AM Lois Martell
(Death Anniversary)
5 PM Taylor Mitchell
(Birthday Blessing/
Thanksgiving)

Sunday May 26, 2024
7 AM Avelino Collado (RIP)
9 AM *For All the People*
11 AM Ernalyn Basilo (RIP)

6 PM Cecelia Kahaulelio
(Birthday Memorial)

Respect Life: “Without a foundational, practical formation, it is difficult for our consciences to guide us well in concrete situations. As Catholics, we have the immense gift of the teaching authority of the Catholic Church and can turn to it for help forming our consciences. For example, learning about Christian moral principles, reading the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, or researching what the Church says about a challenging teaching will help us grow in knowledge of the truth.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Understanding Conscience”

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, Aida Antalan, Barbara Ursal, Hildegard Borowitz & Virginia Amo.

DECEASED

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 & Albino Macedo.