

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



Sunday is

A DAY OF MISSION

From *"Living the Gift of Sunday"*

FROM THE RICHES OF OUR FAITH

Each Sunday we hear the Good News proclaimed – God’s own communication of love and mercy. Each Sunday we receive the Body of Christ to become the Body of Christ in this world. At the end of Mass, the celebrant sends us forth on a mission to proclaim the Good News with our lives, and to be Good News for others by being instruments of God’s love. Evangelization is all about proclaiming the Good News of the salvation of Christ to the world. We do it through word, action and attitude.

From the sustaining banquet of the Eucharist, where worship has been rendered to God, we are sent to “be” Christ for the whole world. The Eucharist, source, and summit of the life of the Church, does not exhaust all the Church’s endeavors, as the Second Vatican Council teaches. We must become what we receive and cooperate with His plan for the salvation of the whole world.

The announcements after the Mass should not just be fodder for the bulletin but marching orders for mission in the world.

“Of course, all of us are called to mature in our work as evangelizers. We want to have better training, a deepening love, and a clearer witness to the Gospel. In this sense, we ought to let others be constantly evangelizing us. But this does not mean that we should postpone the evangelizing mission; rather, each of us should find ways to communicate Jesus wherever we are. All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word, and his strength, and gives meaning to our lives. In your heart you know that it is not the same to live without him; what you have come to realize, what has helped you to live and given you hope, is what you also need to communicate to others” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 121).

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ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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 MAY 18/19

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,891.37
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 4,906.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 610.25
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 55.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 761.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 120.00
Blessings	\$ 40.00
Social Ministry	
Candles	\$ 595.00
Father's Day	\$ 56.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 510.00
All Souls' Day	\$ 10.00
Stewardship	\$ 125.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund	\$ 20.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 17,699.62

LIVE IT!

- Fall in love with Jesus and live as His disciple. This means helping another person do the same. Who in your life needs to know of God's great love for them? Can you bring a meal to a neighbor or sit and visit with them? Reflect and give thanks for the ways you can "serve" others.
- What does, "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life," mean for you at this point in your life? Discuss and plan a "Family Service Project" based on the message you heard in the homily delivered at the Mass you attended. Some service opportunities include Catholic Charities, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and Capuchins Community Service.
- Spend some time as a family going through a newspaper, news magazine, or a news program on television or online and choose a story that the whole family agrees needs special prayer. Dedicate some time to offering some prayers and intercession for this cause.

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

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

Today, we celebrate an essential doctrine of our Catholic faith — the Most Holy Trinity. It expresses God as three Divine Persons, unified in One Divine nature. It is a topic we could never exhaust nor fully understand until we see God face to face. Although it is incomprehensible, it is still deeply personal.

Our Second Reading, from St. Paul, expresses the relationship of the three Divine Persons — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. By our Baptism, we received the Holy Spirit becoming adopted children of God. It is by the grace of the Holy Spirit that we call God, "Abba, Father!" And it is with the Holy Spirit that we can unite all of our sufferings to Christ so that we might one day rise with Him.

Our relationship with God is right before us. As we became God's adopted children, we received His endless grace. We can cry out to our Father in a moment of joy or sorrow, invite the Holy Spirit in to all that we do throughout our days, and suffer every hardship with Christ Himself. All we need to do is invoke His name in each moment.

As we celebrate this glorious Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, may we praise God in word and deed and may we seek moments to encounter the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit each day — through Scripture, prayer, sacraments and blessings throughout our day, as Jesus tell us, "I am with you always, until the end of the age."

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

~ MATTHEW 28:19-20



St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church



June 1 – July 7, 2024

Help Hawaii's Keiki Get Ready for School.

St. John is partnering with Kipapa Elementary School and Helping Hands Hawaii to help students from families with financial challenges with school supplies they need prior to the beginning of the school year. Here's how you can help:

Kipapa Elementary School is the only Title 1 school in Mililani and has about 51% of the students who qualify for Free or Reduced priced meals. **St. John is collecting 500 Packs of No. 2 Pencils (12pencils per pack).**

Helping Hands Hawaii Ready to Learn is a school supply program to help prepare keiki for low-income and homeless families for school. Their goal is to ensure Hawaii's youth have the necessary tools to be successful in the classroom despite their family's financial challenges by providing them with the educational supplies they need to learn.

St. John is collecting the following school supplies:

Backpacks, Ball point pens (black or blue), Composition books (wide ruled), Crayons (24 count), Dry erase markers, Erasers, Folder papers (150 pk), Glue (4 fl. oz.), Glue sticks, Hand sanitizers (pocket size), Highlighters, Markers (washable, colored, broad line), Pencils (colored, 12 count), Pencils (No. 2), Permanent markers (black), Portfolios (2 pockets).

Please drop off your donation in the collection box provided at the main entrance to the church or in the parish office during office hours. Mahalo for your support and God Bless You!

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THE ESSENCE OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” [Matthew 28:19–20](#)

Of all the great feasts we celebrate within the Church throughout the year, today's Solemnity presents us with a Mystery that is so deep and transcendent that our eternity will be spent in perpetual contemplation. The Trinity, the life of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will never get old, never be fully understood, and will be the cause of our everlasting adoration and joy. Though the Church has used philosophical concepts to explain the Trinity, no human concept or description will ever fully explain Who God is. Though we can point to some general truths about God, we will never be able to fully depict the inner essence, depth, beauty and omnipotence of the Trinity.

As we consider that fact, it's important to understand that the Trinity is not first a theological mystery we try to define. Rather, the Trinity is first a communion of Persons we are invited to know. We do not primarily come to know God through intellectual deduction. We come to know God through prayerful union with Him.

Though theology is exceptionally useful and important, the essence of God is beyond any and every philosophical concept we can define.

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are Persons. And as Persons, they want to be known. And they want to be known primarily through a life of deep and intimate prayer. Praying to One Person, of course, is praying to all, since they are One God. But we are, nonetheless, called to a relationship of love with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. And though our feeble minds may not be able to fully comprehend the essence of God, He will draw us deeper and deeper into a knowledge of Him if we let Him.

Prayer often begins by saying prayers, by meditating upon Scripture, and by listening. But true prayer is something much deeper. True prayer is contemplative prayer that ultimately leads to divine union. Only God can initiate this form of prayer in our lives, and only God, through this deep form of prayer, can communicate Himself to us as He is. Some of the greatest mystics of our Church, such as Saint John of the Cross and Saint Teresa of Ávila, explain in their mystical theology that the deepest knowledge of God does not come through concepts or images. In fact, if we wish to obtain a knowledge of God in His essence, we must allow Him to purge every concept of Who He is so that the pure light of His essence can be poured forth upon our minds. This knowledge, they say, is beyond knowing “about” God. It’s the beginning of a knowledge “of ” God.

Reflect, today, upon the Most Holy Trinity. As you do, say a prayer to God asking for a deeper and more intimate knowledge of Him. Ask Him to communicate to you His divine love and to open your mind and heart to a deeper understanding of Who He is. Try to humble yourself before the great Mystery of the inner life of God. Humility before the Mystery of God means that we know how little we know about Him and how little we know of Him. But that humble truth will help you move closer to the deeper relationship of love to which you are called.

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, please draw me into a relationship of love with You Who are one God and three divine Persons. May the mystery and beauty of Your life become more known and loved by me each day through the gift of transforming mystical prayer. Jesus, I trust in You

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 2, 2024

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8

Responsorial Psalm: 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel: Mark 14:12—16, 22-26

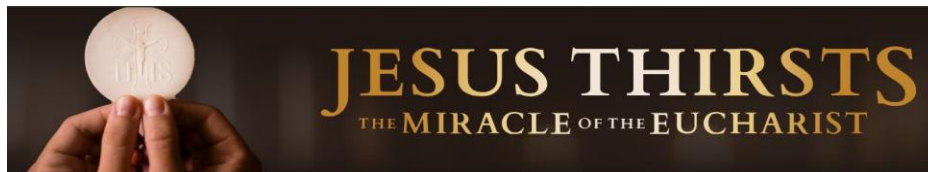
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, May 27th, in observance of Memorial Day.

Please join us next weekend for our **2nd ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION** around the block after our 9 am Mass on Corpus Christi.

DEBT REDUCTION SECOND COLLECTION: We will have a second collection, next weekend **June 1/2**, for debt reduction. Your donation will help pay for the mortgage of the **One Community Center**. Envelopes are available at the back of the church, or you may donate on our parish website, online giving. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Next weekend, **June 1/2**, **The PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY** is sponsoring Free Blood Pressure screenings after all Sunday Morning Masses on the OCC lanai.



NEW DOCUMENTARY
ON THE EUCHARIST IS IN
U.S. THEATERS THIS
JUNE!

A movie to see **Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist**, a new feature documentary film that will be in U.S. theaters June 4, 5 and 6 (***June 6 appears with Spanish subtitles**). The movie is from Spirit Filled Hearts, executive producer Deacon Steve Greco and producers James Wahlberg and Tim Moriarty. Arriving during the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and amid the U.S. Eucharistic Revival movement, **Jesus Thirsts** is cinematic catechesis on the Eucharist that features authoritative voices in the Catholic Church such as: Dr. Scott Hahn; Curtis Martin; Dr. Timothy Gray; Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC; Fr. Chris Alar, MIC; Fr. Robert Spitzer; Sr. Briege McKenna; Noel Díaz; Eduardo Verástegui; Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly; Dan DeMatte and the Sisters of Life. See the film at 4:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. (check local listings) and visit [JesusThirstsFilm.com](https://www.JesusThirstsFilm.com) for resources and ticket information. Find your theater at FathomEvents.com. Follow on social media at [#JesusThirstsFilm](https://www.JesusThirstsFilm.com)

Fr. Anthony has bought group tickets for 24 people to accompany him to see this movie on Tuesday night, June 4, 2024, at 7pm. Tickets can be bought at the church office this week on a first-come basis. Tickets cost \$16.00.



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 27, 2024	Saturday	June 1, 2024
8 AM	Lydia A. Flores (Death Anniversary) Petra Flores (RIP)	8 AM	Victorino Arellano (RIP)
Tuesday	May 28, 2024	5 PM	Anthony Scarpelli (Birthday Memorial)
8 AM	Dorferio & Isabel Arellano (RIP) Hermogenes Arellano (Birthday Blessing)		
Wednesday	May 29, 2024	Sunday	June 2, 2024
8 AM	Necifora & Romeo Arellano (RIP) Dylan & Mateo Lopez (Graduation Blessing)	7 AM	Christy Esposito (RIP)
Thursday	May 30, 2024	9 AM	For All the People
8 AM	Tomas & Victoriano Collado (RIP) Gwen Mitsui (Birthday Blessing) Edna Nazareno (Birthday Blessing)	11 AM	Paulina Wong (Death Anniversary)
Friday	May 31, 2024	6 PM	Jerry Fonacier (Birthday Blessing)
8 AM	Frances & Francis Flores (RIP) Rodolfo Taglinao (Death Anniversary) Liana McKinney		

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.