

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



Sunday is

A DAY OF UNITY

From *"Living the Gift of Sunday"*

FROM THE RICHES OF OUR FAITH

Parishes gather people who think about things differently, experience life differently, and live their lives differently, yet can meet around the same Eucharistic table despite their differences and receive the Body and Blood of the Lord together. Any movement toward unity that takes place in parishes has its origins in the Eucharistic feast. Different people with one faith sharing in one meal are drawn closer to one another in Holy Communion.

Only the Holy Spirit through the grace of the celebration of the Eucharist could bring together in the same pew a bank president, a person who lives on the street, a single mother with a rambunctious toddler and two fashionable urbane millennials.

From the moment, myrrh bearers found Christ's empty tomb, Sunday was known as the Lord's Day. By definition, each Sunday is a call to Christian unity since it is on this day that we are called to communion with the Lord, by the Lord. Despite all of the challenges that have tugged at the threads of Christian unity, the Lord's Day remains the one, unassailable marker of Christian unity since it is on this day that all of us, despite our many differences, gather together as believers in Christ.

"If you wish to be the body of Christ and His members, your mystery lies on the Lord's table, you receive your mystery...For you bear the body of Christ and you answer Amen. Be therefore a member of Christ's body in order that your Amen may be true" (Saint Augustine, Sermon 272).

"The celebration of Sunday observes the moral commandment inscribed by nature in the human heart to render to God an outward, visible, public, and regular worship 'as a sign of his universal beneficence to all.'

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).

In communal worship of the Most Holy Trinity, the Church fulfills the law written in the heart of each human being by the Creator Himself. Together, unified in doctrine and in worship, we present to the Father the gift given us by the Son: His very life, on behalf of all and for the salvation of all, until He returns.

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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

PAROCHIAL VICAR Fr. Cipriano Alnas

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 25/26

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,495.15
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,536.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 140.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 305.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 933.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 450.00
Father's Day	\$ 1,257.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 150.00
Easter	\$ 5.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 200.00
St Catherine	\$ 6,052.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 25,533.15

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

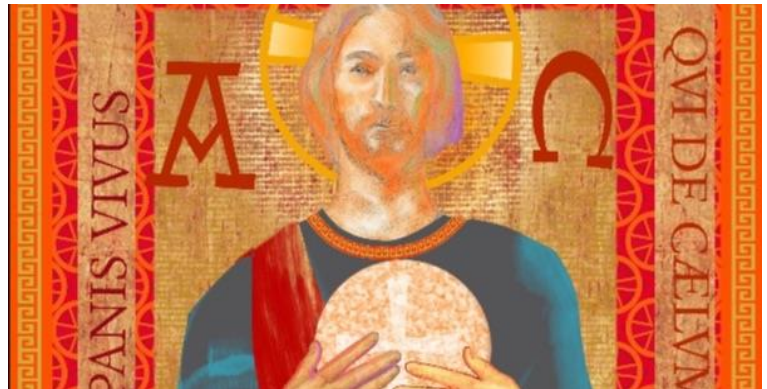
LIVE IT!

- What can you do to bring our unity in the Eucharist beyond the walls of our Church? What can you do to work for the common good of all God's children?
- Where do you find a lack of unity in your life? It may be with a person or group of people. Pray for that person or group of people as well as an understanding for yourself.
- Engage in a conversation with someone and actively listen to them so the other person feels heard and understood.

"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 Corpus Christi – the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus' Body and Blood was sacrificed for us on Calvary, but before that excruciating event, He humbly bound Himself to human hands in the Eucharist. As St. Thomas Aquinas expresses, "In this sacrament sins are purged away, virtues are increased, the soul satiated with an abundance of every spiritual gift. No other sacrament is so beneficial."



Our Gospel today recounts the Last Supper. As Jesus ate the Passover meal with His apostles, He broke bread, telling them, "This is my Body," and again, poured wine, saying, "This is my Blood..." which will be shed for many." In this moment, Jesus sacrificially gave us Himself in the Eucharist by foreshadowing His passion, death, and resurrection.

Out of total love, Jesus holds nothing back from us. He gives us His entire self.

We must ask ourselves; do we understand Who we consume at every Mass?

It is our Precious Redeemer.

As life becomes busy and our minds are filled with the countless things we must get done each day, we often forget to acknowledge our Savior at Mass; or to spend time with Him throughout our week; or to accept all the graces He wishes to bestow on us as we receive Him. So let us stop and recognize the real presence of our Savior.

Jesus gave us the perfect and loving Gift of Himself so that we might be nourished, strengthened and more fully united to Him as we journey to eternal life. Let us strive to intentionally honor and reverence Him at every Mass; strive to fully partake in each Eucharistic meal; and let us find time to visit our Savior in the Tabernacle.

"Jesus became bread broken for us, and He asks us to give ourselves to others, no longer to live for ourselves, but for one another."

~ POPE FRANCIS

OCIA at St. John Apostle and Evangelist Catholic Church

Never were Confirmed?

**Need to make your
First Communion?**

Want to be Baptized?

*Let us help you
get it done.*



WHAT IS IT?	WHEN IS IT AND WHERE?
† OCIA is the normal way for unbaptized persons and those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition to become a Catholic. † OCIA is for Baptized Catholics who have received no other faith formation and have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. † OCIA for children aged 7 - 17 who have not been baptized. Parents should register for their child.	Our 2024-2025 parish OCIA process begins on August 21, 2024. Candidates meet weekly on the church property, as well as participate in other special activities and retreats. Together with their catechists, they explore the elements of the Catholic faith and prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

How to begin:

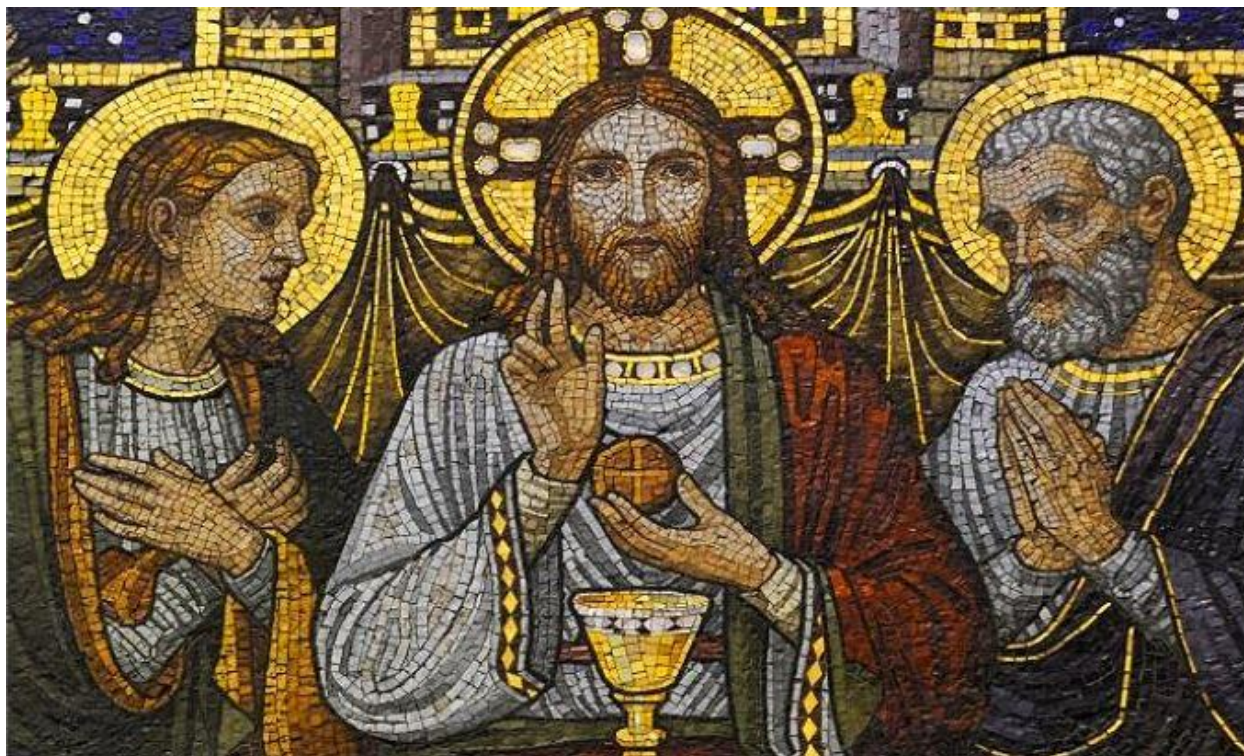
- † Fill out the SJAE OCIA registration form.
- † Leave the form on the table with an OCIA representative.
- † You will be contacted by Deacon Romeo Ganibe (OCIA Coordinator) to meet with you privately to discuss your needs.

For more information, email Deacon Ganibe at rganibe@rcchawaii.org or call 808-260-0501.

This weekend, June 1/2, OCIA registration will be available. For more information, please see Deacon Romeo on the church lanai after all Masses.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

WONDER AND AWE BEFORE THE EUCHARIST



While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take it; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.” [Mark 14:22–24 \(Year B Gospel\)](#)

At the holy Mass, as soon as the priest pronounces the words of the consecration, transforming the bread and wine into the Body and Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ our Lord, he genuflects, rises, and then says, “The mystery of faith.” What is “the mystery of faith?” Oftentimes, when we say that something is a mystery, we mean that the conclusion is hidden but that there are certain clues to help solve the mystery. And once the mystery is solved, everything is clear, and it is no longer a mystery.

“The mystery of faith” is much different. Those words are spoken at Mass immediately after the consecration as a way of drawing the faithful into a holy awe and amazement of what just took place. But this mystery can only produce wonder and awe if the reality

what just took place is understood through the gift of faith. Faith is knowing and believing without perceiving the reality before us with our five senses or through logical deduction. In other words, faith produces true knowledge of a spiritual reality that can only be known, understood, and believed through spiritual insight. Therefore, if we attend the Mass and have been gifted with the knowledge of faith, then as soon as the consecration of the bread and wine takes place, we will cry out interiorly, “My Lord and my God!” We will know that God the Son is present before us in a veiled way. Our eyes do not perceive, nor do any of our senses reveal to us the great reality before us. We cannot rationally deduce what just took place. Instead, we come to know and believe that the Son of God, the Savior of the World, is now present before us in His fullness, under the veil of mere bread and wine.

In addition to the divine presence of our Lord and our God, the entire Mystery of our Redemption is made present. Saint Pope John Paul II tells us that in this moment there is a “oneness in time” that links the Paschal Mystery, that is, the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus, to every moment that the Eucharist is celebrated and made present through the words of consecration. And that unity between each Mass and the Paschal Mystery “leads us to profound amazement and gratitude” (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, #5). Do you sense and experience this profound amazement and gratitude each time you attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? Do you realize as you attend the Mass and as the words of consecration are spoken that the entire Mystery of your redemption is made present before you, hidden from your eyes but visible to your soul by faith? Do you understand that it is God the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity Who descends to us to dwell with us in that moment of time in this glorious Sacrament?

Reflect, today, upon the hidden but real Mystery of Faith. Allow yourself to be drawn into a wonder and awe at what you are privileged to attend. Let your faith in the Most Holy Eucharist grow by being open to a deepening of this gift of faith through spiritual insight and belief. Behold this great Gift of the Eucharist with the eyes of faith and you will be drawn into the wonder and awe that God wants to bestow upon you.

My ever-glorious Eucharistic Lord, I do believe that You are here, made present in our world under the form of bread and wine, every time the Holy Mass is celebrated. Fill me with a deeper faith in this Holy Gift, dear Lord, so that I may be drawn into wonder and awe every time I witness this holy Consecration. Jesus, I trust in You.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 9, 2024

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Genesis 3:9-15

Responsorial Psalm: 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday is **"WHEELCHAIR SUNDAY."** Please join the Knights of Columbus for a brief presentation on how you can answer prayers and help someone in need receive a free wheelchair. Each \$150 donated can sponsor and deliver a brand-new wheelchair that would sell for over \$500. Your tax-deductible donations help the Knight change lives in an immediate and tangible way. Please help Fr Anthony in his efforts to reach the goal of \$12,000 for one full sea container of 280 wheelchairs.

Did you miss checking out summer reading from **the SJAE Library Table**? No worries – YOUR library is always open for you...just stop by the church office, get the key to Room #1, browse and self-checkout any of the resources in the library. Have fun and grow spiritually this summer with books from your SJAE Library!

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.**

JESUS IS LOOKING FOR ALTAR SERVERS:

"But you are a 'chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light'" (1 Pt. 2:9).

The mission of the St. John's Altar Servers is to minister at God's altar with reverence, fidelity, and love. Altar Servers assist during the celebration of Mass. They also can serve at Weddings, First Communion, Confirmation, and other special celebrations in the life of the Church. These include Holy Days, Holy Week, Christmas, and Easter. The presence of these young people at the altar is an important witness, reminding us that Catholics of every age have gifts to offer and a role in ministry. The weekend of June 15/16, Sign-ups will be on the church lanai after all Masses. If you are interested in serving, please email:

altarssjae@gmail.com.



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	June 3, 2024	Saturday	June 8, 2024
8 AM	Luther G. Fernandez (RIP) Mark John Roy Lagmay (Birthday Blessing)	8 AM	All Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	June 4, 2024	5 PM	Victor S. Peroff Jr. (Birthday Blessing)
8 AM	James & Mildred Mizoguchi (RIP) Robert Ane (RIP)		
Wednesday	June 5, 2024	Sunday	June 9, 2024
8 AM	Bobby, Alice & Brenda Roberson (RIP) Robert Reed (RIP)	7 AM	Christy Esposito (RIP)
Thursday	June 6, 2024	9 AM	For All the People
8 AM	Ari Arellano (Birthday Blessing) Ruth Bauman (Thanksgiving)	11 AM	Suzanna Foster (RIP)
Friday	June 7, 2024	6 PM	Brittany Browning (Birthday Blessing)
8 AM	Frances D. Navarro (RIP) Feliciano Dona (RIP)		

Respect Life: “Christ’s blood reveals to man that his greatness, and therefore his vocation, consists in the sincere gift of self. ...It is from the blood of Christ that all draw the strength to commit themselves to promoting life. It is precisely this blood that is the most powerful source of hope, indeed it is the foundation of the absolute certitude that in God’s plan life will be victorious.”

Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

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.