

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU
WITNESS TO JESUS

July 8, 2024

Dear Father Rapozo and the faithful of St. John Apostle & Evangelist,

Peace be with you!

I write to you today with a heart full of gratitude and appreciation for the incredible work you do every day in promoting the values and beliefs of our Catholic faith. Your dedication, compassion, and unwavering commitment to your Catholic communities are truly inspiring. Each of you plays a vital role in nurturing the spiritual growth, ministry and well-being of the Church and her people, and for that, I am profoundly grateful.

Your partnership with the Diocese is invaluable. As we recently marked the end of our fiscal year, I want to extend my sincere thanks for your continued collaboration and the financial support you provide, which is crucial for our operations. It is through your generosity and shared vision that together we can fulfill our mission. The Diocese is committed to steward your gifts responsibly, ensuring they are utilized to provide essential administrative support and other services, so that you may focus more intently on the critical work of creating disciples for our faith.

As we move forward together in our ministry, let us continue to support and uplift one another in prayer and fellowship. May we remain united in our mission to give witness to Jesus and to be stewards of the Gospel to all corners of our communities.

Thank you again, and may God bless you abundantly!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu

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
PAROCHIAL VICAR Fr. Cipriano “Jojo” 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 JUNE 29/30

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,944.83
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,126.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 559.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 55.00
Healing Mass (7.8.24)	\$ 100.00
Marriage	\$ 140.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 6,289.92
Mass Intentions	\$ 270.00
Candles	\$ 537.00
Holy Father (Peter’s Pence)	\$ 665.00
Social Ministry	\$ 105.00
School Supplies	\$ 20.00
Outreach Mission	\$ 25.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 12.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 22,848.75

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 readings today remind us to live our lives in total surrender to God's care.

The Gospel recounts when Jesus instructs His twelve apostles to begin their missionary work two by two. He encouraged them to take very little – a walking stick and sandals.

If you can recall a time you packed for a trip, or even left the house for a day's travel, you might remember making a list or packing days in advance. We tend to pack so we know we will be comfortable.

If we extend this concept of "comfort" into other areas of our lives, we will most likely find a few instances where we ensure life is comfortable. It could be buying extra food at the grocery store, making sure we have the most updated technology, or even feeling safe in our bank accounts.

It is not bad to have extra food in the pantry or a new phone. And it isn't bad to save money. These things can be good when used properly.

But what if we are looking to these things for comfort, security or even happiness?

Imagine, if Jesus approached you and said, *"Go out and do my work, but you can only bring a walking stick and shoes."* Would you be willing to surrender all the rest?

A key component of living out our call as Christian stewards is total surrender. It is trusting in God during our best moments and our hardest. It is looking to Him for security, comfort and happiness.

Reflect of the ways you might be looking for comfort in the things of this world. Tangibly find a way to become independent from that "thing" so that you can become more dependent on God.

"Show us, Lord, your mercy; grant us your salvation."

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Can't find your keys?
- ❖ Having difficulty remembering names?
- ❖ And asking yourself.... Do I have Alzheimer's ?
Are these the questions you ask yourself?

THE PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY will be hosting
Alzheimer's: Basic Foundations on Saturday, July 20th at
9 am – 12 noon in the One Community Center.
If you have any questions, feel free to contact:
Linda Ward lindalouiseward@gmail.com



Information Night is on Wednesday, July 24 at 6:30 pm in the OCC. Come meet Ms. Kelly Higa, RE Director. Come learn about the Sophia Institute curriculum "Spirit and Truth" used by our RE program.

GO MAKE DISCIPLES AND SHARE THE GOSPEL! Support St. John's outreach and evangelization efforts by making a donation towards feeding the hungry and spreading the Good News! Envelopes are available at the back of the church, or you may donate on the parish website online giving. Mahalo for your generosity.

VOLUNTEER TO SERVE A MEAL AT INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES (IHS): St. John has been approved to serve dinner at IHS Men's Shelter, 350 Sumner St. in Honolulu every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30-7pm. A maximum of 5 people is allowed to serve in the kitchen. Parking is available. If your ministry or group would like to serve, please contact the parish office to sign up.

Still time to sign up! St Ann Religious Education presents: **CATECHIST TRAINING WORKSHOP.** Do you have a desire to learn more about being a catechist? Or are you looking to polish the skills you already have? Come join us? July 23, 2024 : 6 pm – 8:30 pm, St Ann Church, Kaneohe. For more information, please contact Mary Rose Timmons (808) 247-3092 ext 104 or mtimmons@saintannhawaii.org.

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CHURCH

PRESENTS FROM THE AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



A SMALL GROUP STUDY ON TUESDAY NIGHTS
7 SESSIONS: AUGUST 6, 20, 27, SEPTEMBER 3, 10, 17, AND 24
6:30 PM | ONE COMMUNITY CENTER

The Search is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence.

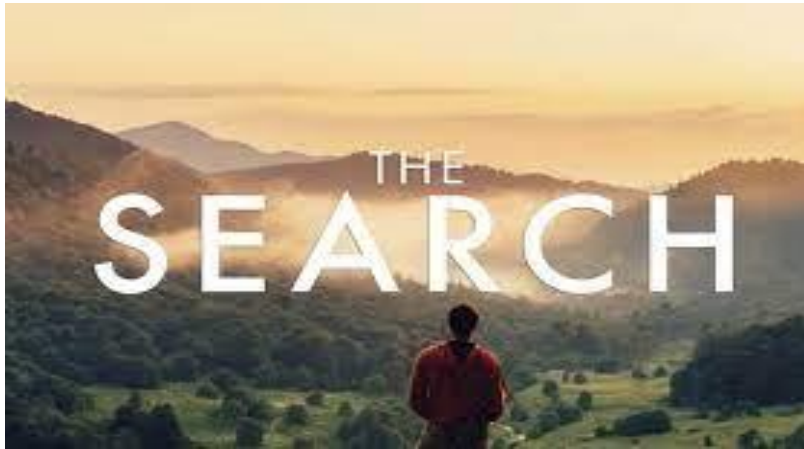
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Are you ready for *The Search*?

COME AND BE FILLED. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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What is this journey in between the event we call “birth” and the one we call “death”? Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination that could extend beyond your last breath? What do you want from your life during the in between? The questions are there. And, the answers are too.

August 6 - Episode 1: What do you seek?

In Episode 1, we open hearts with a look at the question “What do you seek?” What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We’re all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? For some this question is on their minds every day. For others, life goes by in a flash without even asking the question.

August 20 - Episode 2: Who are you?

To find clues as to the meaning of life, we first look at ourselves. Who am I? Is there more to me than matter? Is there more to us than meets the eye? We talk with neuroscientists, psychologists, composers, and artists to examine the mystery of you. If you’re just a body, then satisfaction in life should come from tending to simple bodily needs. Fill your stomach, be comfortable. But there’s more to you than that. You are material and immaterial. And that unseen part of you craves for so much more. As C.S. Lewis once said, “If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.”

August 27 - Episode 3: Why a God?

Today we seem to think we’ve moved beyond the idea of God, but this secular view of life is a very new and unusual idea to humanity. All through human history man has looked to something outside himself for the answers to life. Why have we given up on God? Do we think science has disproven Him? Do we think society is better off without him? We talk with astrophysicist, chemists, Harvard professors, and more to make the case that it’s not only reasonable to believe in God, it’s essential if you want to have a truly amazing life. Our souls seek their creator, and we’ll never be truly happy unless we seek Him out. As St. Augustine famously said, “You have made us for Yourself O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee.”

September 3 - Episode 4: What’s your story?

Your life is a story. And it’s caught up in the great story of humanity. This great story, as we see it in the Scriptures, shows us the amazing love story that is God’s pursuit of man.

The God that is love created so we can ultimately be with his love. We were made to be with God. Union with God is so central to the purpose of life, we even see the afterlife in these terms. Our definition of Heaven is union with God, is so central to the purpose of life, we even see the afterlife in these terms. Our definition of Heaven is union with God, and hell is the absence of Him. Your life has a plot. Your life has a purpose. Your life has value. We need to see how we fit into this big love story to begin to know why we exist. And that love of God isn't abstract. It has a face and name: Jesus.

September 10 - Episode 5: Who is Jesus?

The most beautiful part of this story is this: we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history? Christianity isn't simply a philosophy for life – the center of Christianity is a person. We look at the life of Jesus and what he came to do. Ultimately, we need to decide if Jesus really was who he said he was. We can't sit on the fence. Because if Jesus is really was who he said he was, we need to make him the Lord of our lives, and everything changes.

September 17 - Episode 6: Am I saved?

What Jesus did for us through his life, death and resurrection was the greatest act of love in history. He saved us. He did this for each one of us. Personally. But some might feel unworthy of this gift of love. We may feel we have too much baggage. We may feel unlovable. But God didn't come to reveal himself to us on a pedestal, he came to enter into our messy human condition. To fix us from within. To transform us from the inside out. Some might be surprised by how generous the love of God really is. We don't deserve God's love, but that's the amazing reality of God's mercy. This relationship with God isn't all about our love for Him. It's about His love for us that changes our lives forever.

September 24 - Episode 7: Why a Church?

How do I access this man who live 2000 years ago? How do I live this call of love? We uniquely encounter the love of God in His Church. But really? The Church? There are so many negative views of the Church. It's out of touch. It's full of bad people. It's just too boring. Maybe when we say "The Church" we mean a little more. The church is the family of God that's been lovingly gathered through our entire story. It's the place we were meant to encounter His grace that prepares us for every step of life. The God that is love knows how we're made-material and spiritual-we need tangible ways to live our faith. We can't be spiritual but not religious. This is where we'll find ultimate happiness in life. This is where the God that has been seeking humanity, who wrote the deepest desires into our human hearts, encounters us. Jesus' first words to humanity in the Gospel of John are "what do you seek?" The one that asked the question not only knows the answer, He is the answer. The answers to everything. And you find him most profoundly here in His Church.

Join us in exploring life's biggest questions...

ST. JOHN'S FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Featuring

"UNSUNG HERO"

FRIDAY
AUGUST 2nd



6:30 PM



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One family's journey from Down Under to center stage.

When David Smallbone's successful music company collapses, he moves his family from Australia to the United States in search of a brighter future. With nothing more than their six children, their suitcases and their love of music, David (for KING + COUNTRY's Joel Smallbone) and his pregnant wife Helen (Daisy Belts) set out to rebuild their lives from the ground up. Based on a remarkable true story, a mum's faith stands against all odds; and inspires her husband and children to hold onto theirs.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY JULY 21, 2024

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

- ❖ Never Confirmed in the Catholic Church?
- ❖ Do you want to be baptized?
- ❖ Are you or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a part of the Catholic Faith?
- ❖ Let us help you with your journey in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation.
- ❖ Candidates will explore the elements of the Catholic faith in weekly meetings with Catechists in preparation to receive all the Sacraments of Initiation. For more information, contact Deacon Romeo Ganibe at rganibe@rcchawaii.org.



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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"An Adoption Love Story"

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	July 15, 2024	Saturday	July 20, 2024
8 AM	Reynaldo Santos (Death Anniversary) Francisco P. Corpuz (RIP)	8 AM	Mark Pascual (Birthday Blessing) Jon Suzawa (RIP)
Tuesday	July 16, 2024	5 PM	Gregorio & Romeo Ebuena (Birthday Memorial)
8 AM	Richard Amaral (Birthday Memorial) Fr. Anthony Rapozo (Birthday Blessing)		
Wednesday	July 17, 2024	Sunday	July 21, 2024
8 AM	Richard Agbanlog (Special Intention)	7 AM	Federico & Carmelita Somaoang (RIP)
Thursday	July 18, 2024	9 AM	For the People
8 AM	David Browning (Birthday Blessing)		
Friday	July 19, 2024	11 AM	Craig Smith & Family
8 AM	Isabelle Browning (RIP) Patrick M. Mayock (Death Anniversary)	6 PM	Francis Corpuz (RIP)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SAMUEL PASCUAL ROMBAOA (RIP) – Tuesday, July 16, 2024. St John, Mililani; Visitation: 10:00 am, Mass: 10:30 am, Burial: 1:30 pm - Mililani Memorial Park

GENE LUMANTAS (RIP) – Saturday, July 20, 2024, St Anthony Church, Kalihi; Visitation: 10:00 am, Mass: 10:30 am, Burial: 2:00 pm – Hawaiian Memorial Park, Kaneohe.

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Stephanie Rapozo, Thomas Ramos, John Bates, Cindy Abernathy, Florida Badua, Allene Ishikawa, Cherissalyn & Tuputasi Gaopoa, Nicole Guerrero, Lourdes Amasol, Dr. Luis Raguton, Manny Rodil, Aida Antalan, Barbara Ursal, Hildegard Borowitz, Virginia Amo, John Basug, Claire Pilar, Roland Crisostomo, Addie Pablo & Margie Romasanta.

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, Gene Lumantas & Ray Beauchemin.