

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Aloha my Brothers and Sisters,

This week I want to talk about the American Wheelchair Mission, which is a non-profit organization with the goal to deliver brand new, free wheelchairs and mobility aids to physically disabled children, teens and adults throughout the world who are without mobility or the means to acquire a wheelchair. This mission has changed the lives of entire families with the gifts of hope, dignity, freedom and independence.

Since 2003, the Knights of Columbus has been a partner of the American Wheelchair Mission. The Knights have funded the delivery of tens of thousands of wheelchairs around the world, and right here at home. Thousands of veterans and their families across the United States in need of wheelchairs have received new mobility and honor the Knights with their thanks and prayers.

Since 2007, Knights across the U.S. have been having "Wheelchair Sunday" parish drives to raise funds for the delivery of wheelchairs. Beginning with Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Pasadena, California where Fr. Gerard O'Brien coined the phrase "Wheelchair Sunday," this program has spread to several states and is catching on quickly.

Our parish recently had a Wheelchair Sunday in June and thanks to the generosity of you, my fellow parishioners of St. John we were able to raise \$15,000. The goal of the Knights of Columbus for this year's drive is \$280 wheelchairs, which will cost around \$42,000. Along with St. John, St. Michael of Wailua just completed their drive last weekend November 2 & 3, 2024. The wheelchairs that the Hawaii Knights of Columbus will purchase will be delivered to the following locations in the Philippines: Nueva Ecija, Bataan, and Pampanga.

The brand-new wheelchairs that the Knights will deliver will be in 5 sizes (12, 14, 16, 18 & 20-inch seat widths) would sell for over \$500 in a medical supply store, but because the Knights ship by 100 to 280 wheelchair containers from the factories directly to the country of delivery, the Knights can do this at an average price of \$150 each.

Therefore, I want to thank everyone who has supported the Hawaii Knights' mission to bring free wheelchairs to the Philippines. You are allowing the Knights to be tools in God's hands doing his work on earth, and with our parish's continued support we can all help the Knights to work harder to do even more.

Fr. Anthony Roper

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
 95-370 Kuahelani Ave. Mililani, Hawaii 96789 | (808) 623-3332
www.stjohnmililani.org

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

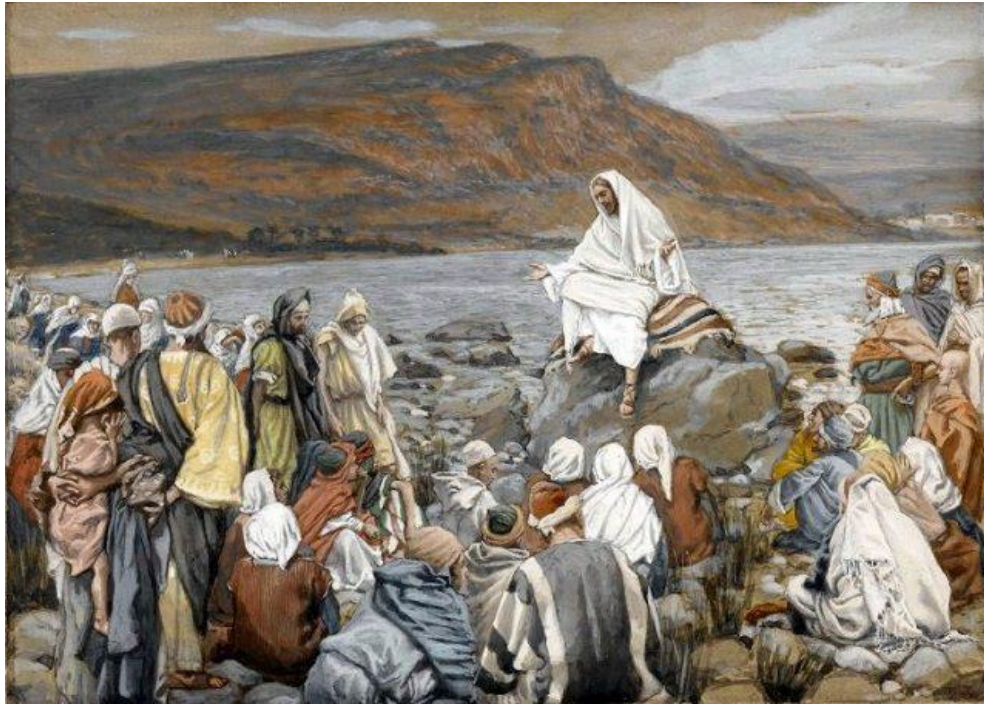
Please call the office for all other inquiries:
 Anointing, Baptisms, Blessings, Food Pantry,
 Funeral, Homebound Communion & Marriage.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE JULY 27/28

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,029.01
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,871.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 283.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 55.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 751.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 70.00
Candles	\$ 7.00
Outreach Mission	\$ 30.00
Social Ministry	\$ 10.00
Priest Retirement Fund	\$ 100.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 100.00
School Supplies	\$ 20.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$ 100.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 15,426.01

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS



Often, we live our lives working for temporary happiness. But today, Jesus reminds us to “not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life.”

Our Eucharistic meal is the Spiritual Food that we consume — Jesus Himself, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It will satisfy us as Jesus says, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

We all have the need to be satisfied. It is in our humanity. And in that incompleteness, we grab at what surrounds us to satisfy our hearts. It could be the next job promotion, the comforts in our homes, the next trip we plan to take. The list goes on. We might think to ourselves, ‘then I will be happier.’ Or maybe we don’t even realize how we are relying on those things or events in our lives.

And while many of those things are good and bring us joy, they are only a small glimpse of the deeper, lasting happiness that the Lord offers us. They are gifts that should remind us of our Good and Gracious Creator. Instead of placing undue importance on those things or people, place it on Jesus, as He says, “Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” He is the One who fills our hearts.

As you go about your day-to-day lives this week, try to recognize the times you are “working for food that perishes” by seeking things of the world to satisfy your heart. In those moments, recall that everything we have is a gift from God. Instead of misusing that gift, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for all He has given to you.

“We are exceptionally good at seeing the faults in others and exceptionally adept at ignoring the faults in ourselves.”

~ BISHOP ROBERT BARRON



ENTHRONEMENT OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The rubrics for the enthronement ceremony calls for a home blessing by a priest. Get a framed image or statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Then pick a place in your house where you will prominently display the image or statue. This will probably be a mantle over the fireplace, or in the main family room. You can also add other items around the image to create a focal point—such as a crucifix and a candle. A choice between Holy Mass or blessing is offered that day in the home as an act of love and reparation. After the ceremony, your family receives a certificate of Enthronement, and the family's name and address are sent to the National Enthronement Center.

Fr. Anthony and Fr. JoJo are available to perform this ceremony. If you wish to Enthroner your house to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, please call the parish office to set-up a date and time. 808-623-3332 x100

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CHURCH PRESENTS



FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2024 | 6:30 PM

ONE COMMUNITY CENTER

Tickets available on the parish website:

stjohnmililani.org

(Please note tickets will not be sold at the door.)



In *Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist*, we embark on a global journey to rediscover and revive the transformative power of the Eucharist. Engaging in dialogue with notable Catholic figures, the film explores the biblical origins of the Eucharist and shares personal stories of individuals whose lives have been transformed by the Blessed Sacrament.

This exploration makes it unmistakably clear that the Eucharist is not merely a symbol, but is indeed Jesus Christ Himself – fervent desiring to quench our spiritual thirst with His boundless love.

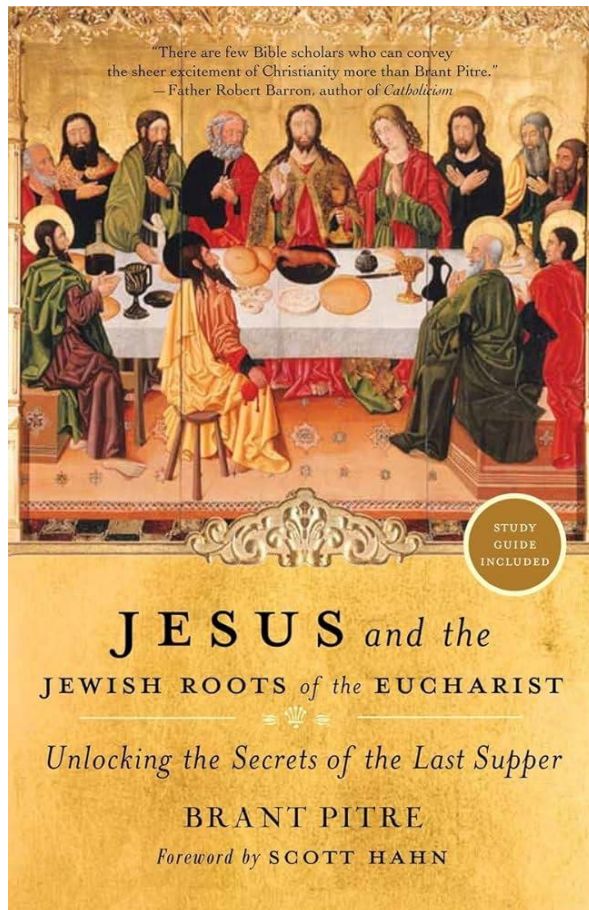


Come and be filled. All are welcome.
sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org | 808.623.3332



“Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist”

Group Study led by Fr. Anthony and Dcn. Mike



Wednesday, August 28th
Chapters 1-5
(Fr. Anthony)

Thursday, August 29th
Chapters 6-8 (Dcn. Mike)

6:30pm
One Community Center

All are invited.
Come and be filled.

The author, Dr. Brant Pitre, uses the Hebrew Scriptures and Jewish tradition to frame the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper, and to provide a fresh look at the heart of Catholic practice — the Eucharist. By taking us back to the Jewish roots of our faith, Dr. Pitre gives us a powerful lens through which to see anew the bread of the presence, the manna, the Last Supper, and ultimately the meaning of the Eucharist.



Come and be filled. All are welcome.
jaeinfo@rcchawaii.org | 808.623.3332



ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL

Akamai Owls Newsletter

August 2024

Whoo's ready to learn?**Aloha!**

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our "Akamai Owls" bunch. This month we will focus on our classroom rules and circle routines. We will be demonstrating the various materials from each of the Learning Centers: Practical Life, Sensorial, Math, Language, and Cosmic Areas. They will also engage in activities of grace and courtesy, as well as care for oneself, others and the environment.

The children will become familiar with practical life skills that will help them establish order, concentration, coordination, and independence. The proficiencies they develop will serve as a foundation for other skills utilized in the future for more complex activities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our Head Teacher, Ms. Krystle, or our Preschool Director, Ms. Angie. We look forward to working together with you to deliver the best educational experience for your child.

As always, thank you for your continued support of St. John's Catholic Preschool.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, August 15 – Mass of the Holy Spirit (No School)

Friday, August 16 – Admissions Day Holiday (No School)

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, September 2 – Labor Day Holiday (No School)

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

August 13 – Olivia

August 17 – Jaxten

**ST JOHN PRESCHOOL –
OPEN ENROLLMENT SY 2024-2025**

for ages 2.8 years – 6 years old.

Year-round Montessori based teaching.

Call for an application or schedule a tour

For more information,
call (808) 744-9538 or email:
stjohns_preschool@rcchawaii.org.



"Within the child lies the fate of the future."

-Maria Montessori

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEBT REDUCTION SECOND COLLECTION: We will have a second collection, this weekend **August 3/4**, 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.

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. **A Small Group Study will be held on Tuesday Nights: August 6, 20, 27, September 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 6:30 PM in the One Community Center. All are invited. Come and be filled.**



SENIOR FRAUD is on the rise, so please join us for an essential SENIOR FRAUD AWARENESS PRESENTATION designed to educate and empower older adults against the growing threat of senior fraud.

Guest Presenter: Brian Ishikawa – SVP and Director of Bank of Hawaii Corporate Security

Date: Saturday, August 10, 2024

Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Place: SJAE One Community Center

In this session you will:

- ◆ Learn about senior financial abuse
- ◆ Identify different types of scams
- ◆ Understand how to protect yourself from fraud
- ◆ Know what to do if you become a victim of fraud

If you wish to attend, please RSVP by text message to Elaine Gibson at (808) 779-2600.

This is being presented by Bank of Hawaii in partnership with SJAE Parish Health Ministry.

Convalidation Information Day with St. John's clergy will be held on Saturday, August 24th, 9am-12noon in the One Community Center. The Lord has richly blessed our Church with the gift of His many graces, made available to us in the sacraments. For couples who have been married outside the Church, there could be no better way to strengthen your faith life and marriage than by entering the Marriage Convalidation program and preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage! We encourage all parishioners interested in this wonderful opportunity to contact Dcn. Mike Browning at mbrowning@rcchawaii.org, 808.623.3332.

GO MAKE DISCIPLES AND SHARE THE GOSPEL! In this National Eucharistic Revival Year of Mission, we are asked to recommit from our Eucharistic heart to go out as missionaries of God's love. Support St. John's outreach efforts to serve the needy and spread the Good News! Mission envelopes are available at the back of the church or you may donate on the parish website online giving. Mahalo for your support!

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 11, 2024

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings: 19:4-8,

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Responsorial Psalm: 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Gospel: John 6:41-51

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.



Respect Life: “We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (EV 86).

Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.
Used with permission. All rights reserved.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8 AM	August 5, 2024 Shalei Sequeira (Blessings) Kaloa Arincorayan (Birthday Blessing) Mariano Rivera (Death Anniversary)	Saturday 8 AM	August 10, 2024 Marlina G. Fernandez (RIP) Ernesto Garcia (Healing)
Tuesday 8 AM	August 6, 2024 James & Mildred Mizoguchi (RIP) Mary Datuin (Healing) Ernesto Garcia (Healing)	5 PM	Benilda Labayog (RIP)
Wednesday 8 AM	August 7, 2024 Jonathan Somaoang (RIP) Albino Macedo (RIP)	Sunday 7 AM	August 11, 2024 Cathy DeJesus (Birthday Blessing)
Thursday 8 AM	August 8, 2024 Jeff Castellano Chock (Birthday Blessing) Klaus Happersberger (RIP)	9 AM	For the People
Friday 8 AM	August 9, 2024 Samuel Aguirre (Birthday Blessing) Robert Ane (RIP) Christel Nagel	11 AM 6 PM	Ventura Family Marcus Anthony Edwards (Healing)

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.