

SPIRIT-LED NEWS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Aloha my Brothers and Sisters,

Every year on August 15th, our Church honors the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is one of our Blessed Mother's principal feasts and a holy day of obligation in most diocese throughout the United States. Here at St. John, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with Masses on Wednesday, August 14th at 6:30pm (Vigil) and Thursday, August 15th at 8am and 6:30pm.

Jesus took up and received His Mother in the totality of her being, a joyous union of God-bearer and Son. The earliest accounts of this mystery are from the 5th or 6th century. In the thirteenth century, Albert the Great, St. Aquinas, and St. Bonaventure endorsed the teaching, which was then a pious belief.

In 1950 Pope Pius XII issued the apostolic constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* declaring "... for the glory of Almighty God, who poured his special affection upon the Virgin Mary for the honor of his Son ... we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a revealed dogma that the Immaculate Mother of God, having completed the course of earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." Our Mother's Assumption is honored as the fourth Glorious Mystery in the Holy Rosary.

So, you might be asking yourselves, why is this so important? The feast of Mary's Assumption is a preview of what our lives will be. At the end of her earthly life, Mary was assumed, or taken up, into heaven body and soul. She did not have to wait for the end of the world, as we do. God granted her this special privilege because of her sinlessness and her fullness of grace.

Our God creates human life and gives it value. Jesus sacrificed his life on the cross to redeem each human person. By doing this, Jesus is saying that "Our life is worth him dying to save us." Through his own Resurrection, Jesus shows us the glory of our future resurrection and of our living in the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised that the body and soul of a righteous person, separated at death, will be joined together again in glory at the Last Judgment, and that we will be whole for all eternity.

As Jesus proclaims in the Gospel of John 6:51, *"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."*



Fr. Anthony Roper

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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
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*

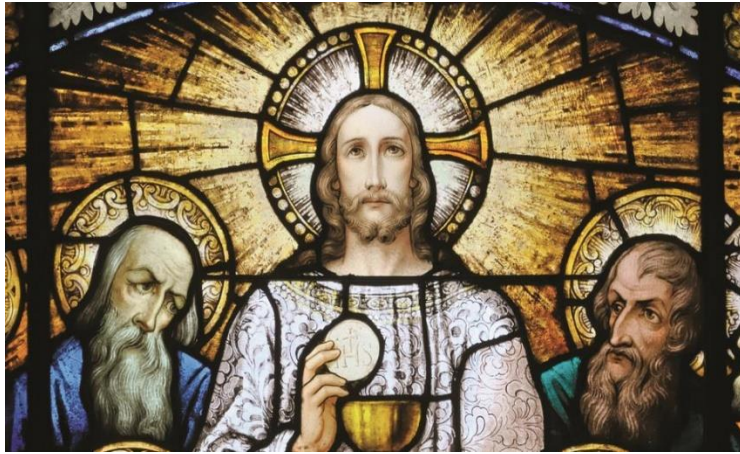
Please call the office for all other inquiries:
 Anointing, Baptisms, Blessings, Food Pantry,
 Funeral, Homebound Communion & Marriage.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AUG 3/4

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,262.46
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 5,241.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 672.65
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 85.00
Funeral	\$ 300.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 6,815.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 70.00
Candles	\$ 516.50
Flowers	\$ 5.00
Stewardship	\$ 20.00
Outreach Mission	\$ 155.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 5.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 12.00
Peter’s Pence	\$ 5.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 25.00
Augustine Education Foundation	\$ 20.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 25,214.61

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS



Our readings today continue to educate us on the Eucharist.

Jesus tells us in our Gospel that He is this Food that sustains us as He says, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven...and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." This bread He is referring to is His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity that we receive. This bread becomes the flesh of Christ Himself.

And in consuming Him, we receive every grace we need to live forever in eternal life. We are strengthened in virtue and united more closely to Christ. This is the Food that will fill us as we journey through this life.

Mistakenly we often take the Eucharist for granted. Maybe we come to Mass to "check the box" instead of actively partaking in this intimate exchange or we receive Jesus in the Eucharist and then forget about Him the second we leave the church after Mass.

To receive all that God wants to give us in the Eucharist, we must do our part in being receptive to His grace and living out active discipleship in our day-to-day lives.

Let us approach the Lord acknowledging His Divine Presence and be open to all the graces He desires to pour out on us. Then we must go forth, being attentive to the moments that the Holy Spirit is calling us to act as He acts — in total love and sacrifice.

The Eucharist affects our lives more than we can comprehend. We are receiving God Himself. Let us strive to receive Him reverently and with open hearts.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 18, 2024

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

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

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-5:20

Gospel: John 6:51-58

"Jesus reveals Himself as the Bread of Life. For He alone nourishes the souls, He alone makes us feel loved even if everyone else disappoints us, He alone gives us the strength to love and forgive in difficulties, He alone gives eternal life."

~ POPE FRANCIS

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A Message from the President

As many of you may know, the lease at our Bishop Street location expires at the end of July 2024. As such, some members of the Pearson Board for roughly the last two years have been going in and out of various locations around Honolulu, setting up meetings, doing walk-throughs, evaluating, assessing, etc. For various reasons, we just weren't able to lock into a favorable location.

Well, praise be to our loving God who always provides, we are now in the final stages of negotiations with the owner of a medical building! At this writing, our lawyer is reviewing the contract, and barring any stumbling blocks—life wouldn't be normal without them—it looks like the move-in date might be July 1.

It all looks very promising with ample parking, onsite security, and space enough for the possibility of an ultrasound machine in the future. The rent is more than what we are now paying, but we expected an increase since five years have gone by since our rental arrangement with the Daughters of St. Paul.

A big thank you to our faithful donors! It's because of them that we remain financially stable being just a few percentage points of income exceeding expenses. It is our desire to maintain this status, even with the cost of an impending move. We remain committed to a lean, low-cost operation and making sure that expenditures are justified and are of good value at the best price.

And, a big thank you to our volunteers who sacrifice their time week after week to faithfully encounter both scheduled, walk-in, and call-in clients. It is by their presence, for example, that because of a returned phone call by a volunteer, a lady seeking the abortion reversal pill was guided to an agency that was able to help her.

Even with the overturning of Roe vs. Wade, there has been an uptick in abortions nationwide; this does not even include the abortion pill which, as we know, is becoming more and more "popular" as the means to kill an unwanted baby in the earliest stages of a pregnancy. With this in mind, once in our new center, we plan not only to expand our hours by making appeals at our churches for more volunteers but, at the same time, to increase the advertisement of the services we provide. We know there are many young women and even men who are in situations in which the decisions they make will literally be decisions of life and death. We need to get the information to them that will help lead them to make the right decision: a decision for life.

Please continue to support us with your prayers to Our Lady of Guadalupe, that God send His Holy Spirit to others like those volunteers we have now, so that we may continue to serve and provide life-saving alternatives and direction to young women and men in what most times for them is a time of anxiety and fear.

Thank you and may God bless you all!

Alfred "Fred" Hagen, President
The Pearson Foundation of Hawaii, Inc.



COMING SOON...



A Pearson Place client will welcome this precious little one next month. Is it a boy or girl? Stay tuned!

Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I set you apart (Jeremiah 1:5).



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat October 4-6, 2024

For more information or to register for this post-abortive healing retreat for women and men, contact Lisa Shorba at (808) 469-5470 or email RVinHawaii@gmail.com. For more information, visit rachelsvineyard.org.



March for Life



Volunteers man the Pearson Place Pregnancy Resource Center table.



President Fred Hagen and Secretary Lynn Ziadie share information.

This year's March for Life was held at the Hawai'i State Capitol on January 19, 2024 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The march included music, a pro-life rosary, the national anthem, and the state song. Deacon Gary Streff, who leads the Respect Life Office for the Diocese of Honolulu, was the master of ceremonies for the event. Bishop Larry Silva gave the opening remarks and was followed by Sister Amata Filia, a Sister of Life who traveled from New York City, New York and gave a moving presentation. The Knights of Columbus and many clergy attended the event. There were many hired buses to bring and return participants to their neighborhoods. Pearson Place had a table with pro-life brochures and information about the services offered by our organization. There was significant interaction between our volunteers and the public who came to the Capitol to show respect for human life and dignity. The legislative session began that same week, and several elected representatives visited the event to show support.



Deacon Gary Streff addresses hundreds of attendees.



Bishop Larry Silva speaks about standing up for life.



Rep. Elijah Pierick, Rep. Lauren Matsumoto, and Rep. Diamond Garcia



Sisters of Life



Two Sisters of Life attended the Hawai'i March for Life 2024 as the keynote speakers. Before joining the congregation of the Sisters of Life, Sister Veronica Mary served as a nurse in the U.S. Air Force, and Sister Amata Filia was active in the first 40 Days for Life campaigns. Sister Amata prayed at the original Texas abortion facility depicted in the movie "Unplanned" that eventually closed. They both had interesting lives before dedicating their lives to Christ, His Church, and to women and men who are coping with an unplanned pregnancy. Since taking their vows, they are dedicated to a life of prayer and serving others in the community. Their cheerful, holy presence was a blessing to all of us. While on O'ahu, the Sisters received a call for help from a mainland organization, Let Them Live, and asked Pearson Place's office manager to drive them to meet with the local pregnant mom who was in need. The empathy that emanated from the Sisters for this young woman was clearly evident. A relationship has developed with the young woman who reached out for help. Many local organizations have responded to her needs. She is doing very well.



Sister Veronica Mary and Sister Amata Filia at Hawai'i March for Life 2024



Pearson Potluck with Father Shenan J. Boquet

On January 14, 2024, The Pearson Foundation of Hawai'i, Inc. Board of Directors, Pearson Place Pregnancy Resource Center volunteers, and pro-life advocates celebrated Christmas with Father Shenan J. Boquet, President of Human Life International (HLI), and his assistant, Stacy McVary. HLI was originally founded in 1972 as the Human Life Center by Father Paul Marx, O.S.B. In 1981, the organization was renamed to its current name, and in August 2011, Father Boquet took over the leadership of the organization. Father Boquet had planned several presentations on O'ahu; however, he and Stacy saved time during their busy schedule to relax and share our Christmas potluck dinner with us, our friends, and former volunteers. Father Boquet spoke about issues affecting our pro-life mission to respect the innate dignity and value of all life. He also spoke about events occurring around the world, especially those happening in our own nation. Father Boquet and Stacy were very generous with their time, and we look forward to when they may return to Hawai'i for a longer visit.



PreBorn!



On April 26, 2024, the nonprofit, pro-life organization, PreBorn!, hosted a prayerful luncheon get-together with Hawai'i pro-life pregnancy resource organizations. PreBorn! supports life-affirming pregnancy centers in their mission to assist women considering abortion. All services provided to expectant mothers within the PreBorn! Pregnancy Network are offered at no cost, emphasizing their commitment to life and a desire to spread the Christian perspective on life and living according to biblical teachings. Representatives from all three O'ahu pregnancy resource centers were present, and others attended from the islands of Hawai'i and Maui. Dan and Valerie Steiner hosted the event. This was the second time we all gathered in the past four years. We are very grateful to PreBorn! for their very generous donation to Pearson Place Pregnancy Resource Center. It is uplifting to meet with so many colleagues who are working to help young women and men while saving innocent lives.



Dan and Valerie Steiner from PreBorn!, Steve Holck from Aloha Pregnancy Care & Counseling Center, and Mary Smart from Pearson Place



From the Desk of the Pearson Place Office Manager



After two years of looking for a new office due to our landlord, the Daughters of St. Paul, leaving Hawai'i and selling their building, we are in negotiation for a new location. The building has parking for volunteers and clients and sufficient office space that we may be able to have an on-site ultrasound capability in the future. We hope to have an announcement in the near future once the contract has been signed by all parties.

The first half of the year has passed very quickly. We have been actively supporting young women and men who come to us for educational counseling, pregnancy tests, diapers and other baby items, ultrasound and housing referrals, and especially emotional support. It is heartwarming to know that we were at the pregnancy resource center and available to them when they needed us most. I am most grateful to the volunteers and donors who make this possible. We are a 100% volunteer organization with a strong commitment to serving the most vulnerable.

Mary Smart, Office Manager and Vice President
The Pearson Foundation of Hawai'i, Inc.



Donated baby gifts

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend 8/10-8/11, our second collection will be for **CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII (CCH)**. As part of the largest private network of social services organization in the United States, Catholic Charities offers much needed programs and services statewide, serving 40,000 individuals each year. Envelopes are available at the back of the church, or you may donate online by visiting our parish website and clicking "Online Giving." Please be generous!



FIL-AM CATHOLIC GROUP is having a fundraiser event.
Authentic Homemade Fried Lumpia and Pancit Sale, on Site after
each Mass on **Sunday, August 11, 2024 - 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM**
Your support and generosity are very much appreciated.
Proceeds will go to OCC Debt Reduction Fund

ST JOHN'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP is sponsoring a Healing Mass on Monday, August 12. Praise and worship will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by Mass celebrant by Fr Anthony. For information, contact Victoria Achaval (808) 623-8860 or Stephen/Helen Uyehara (808) 623-7423.



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Friday, August 16th in observance of Admission Day.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GUILD MINISTRY is having their annual BAKE SALE on Sunday, August 18 after the 7am, 9am and 11am Mass. The Members will be selling all kinds of baked goods, snacks and plants. Yes, plants. Your support is greatly appreciated.

THE SEARCH continues on Tuesday, August 20th, 6:30pm in the One Community Center with Episode 2: Who Am I? To find clues as to the meaning of life, we first look at ourselves.

If you missed "**JESUS THIRSTS: THE MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST**" in theaters this past June, now is your chance to see this powerful informative Catholic documentary! St. John is hosting the movie on Friday, August 23rd at 6:30pm in the One Community Center. Tickets are available on the parish website. Come and See. Invite family and friends. Bring those who have strayed from the Church and those who have never known the faith.

Is your marriage fully recognized by the Catholic Church? Catholics who exchange vows in the presence of ministers from other religious tradition or civil officials are not considered validly married in the eyes of the Catholic Church. Regardless of what happened in the past, we invite you to bring new meaning to your relationship by bringing your marriage in the Catholic Church. **CONVALIDATION INFORMATION DAY** will be held on Saturday, August 24th, 9am-12 noon in the One Community Center. Presenters will be Fr. Anthony, Fr. Jojo, Dcn Romeo, and Dcn Mike. Contact Dcn. Mike Browning, mbrowning@rcchawaii.org, 808-623-3332.

Join us for a Group Study of the book "**JESUS AND THE JEWISH ROOTS OF THE EUCHARIST**" by Dr. Brant Pitre. The study will be led by Fr. Anthony and Dcn Mike on Wednesday, August 28th and Thursday, August 29th at 6:30pm in the One Community Center. Learn the roots of the Last Supper through a historical Jewish lens.

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

Respect Life: "Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage"

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.



Grades 6-8
Middle School Classes
 aims to help adolescent youth to foster and grow their faith with the **EDGE** curriculum

High School Classes
 aims to help teenagers on their faith journey to become Christ like leaders and the LifeTeen lessons will help them find their sense of belonging in Christ

Youth Parish Involvement
 Youths will also get an opportunity to serve others in our parish in form of service projects, worship and retreats



Youth Ministry

CLASSES WILL START IN SEPTEMBER

UPDATES FOR REGISTRATION COMING SOON



Chayne Garma
 Youth Ministry Coordinator



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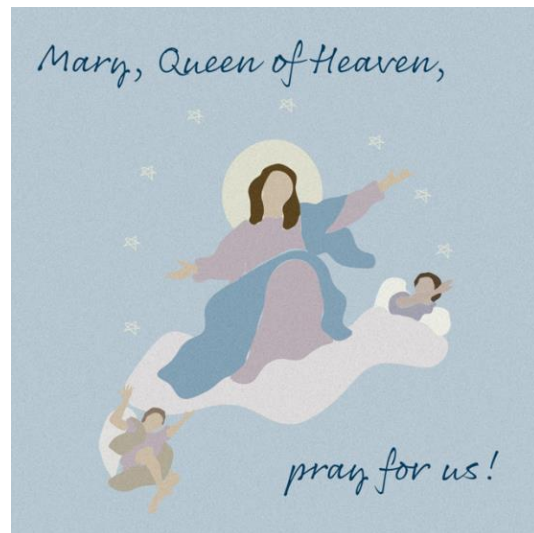
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CATHOLIC CEMETERIES







MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8 AM	August 12, 2024 Merlita Melegrito (Birthday Blessing) Robert Ane (RIP)	Saturday 8 AM	August 17, 2024 Fulgencio Miguel Marti (RIP) Joshua Momiyama (4 year Anniversary)
Tuesday 8 AM	August 13, 2024 Devin Shockley (Birthday Blessing) Martina Marquez (Healing)	5 PM	Cat Awong (Special Intentions)
Wednesday 8 AM	August 14, 2024 Augustus V. Benitez (Birthday Blessing) Michael Duran (Healing)	Sunday 7 AM	August 18, 2024 M/M Charley Jones (RIP)
Thursday 8 AM	August 15, 2024 Jorge Factor Fernandez (Birthday Memorial) Keawe & Julian Rillamas Jr. (RIP)	9 AM	For the People
Friday 8 AM	August 16, 2024 Maya Lagmay (Birthday Blessing) Robert Ane (RIP) Ernesto Garcia (Healing)	11 AM 6 PM	Connie Aruda (Thanksgiving) Marvin & Mae Acosta (Wedding Anniversary Blessings)

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.