



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Aloha my Brothers and Sisters,

I am happy to announce our parish's upcoming new Eucharistic Revival Holy Hour called, "Encounter Nights". St. John's Encounter Nights will be a crucial part of our parish's mission to live out the 3rd year of the National Eucharistic Revival. ***Our Encounter Nights will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Our first Encounter Night will start on Wednesday, September 11, 2024.***

During this personal Holy Hour there is adoration and benediction as our response to the second invitation of the Revival (Personal Encounter), but the interior transformation experienced by all of us will directly impact our participation in the liturgy. I am hoping that this encounter with Jesus will draw you my fellow parishioners into a deeper relationship with Jesus, motivating all of us to learn more about our faith and to share the wonderful gift of the Eucharist with others. The liturgy for these Encounter Nights includes opportunities for the proclamation of Scripture, reflections, and sacred silence—cultivating a reverent atmosphere for an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist.

When we invite God to reveal himself, he always shows up! We all need to be ready for the Lord to work wonders in our lives as we encounter him in a personal way, possibly for the first time. I hope to see you all at our Encounter Night.

"Let us never forget that an age prospers or dwindles in proportion to its devotion to the Holy Eucharist. This is the measure of its spiritual life and its faith, of its charity and its virtue."

ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD



Fr. Anthony Pope

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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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AUG 24/25

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,526.59
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,396.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 310.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 325.00
Baptism	\$ 100.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,246.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 160.00
Candles	\$ 350.00
Social Ministry	\$ 10.00
Donation	\$ 210.00
Outreach Mission	\$ 530.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 365.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$ 20.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 19,548.59

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 call us to pause for a moment and consider how we respond to God's love for us each day.

Our Gospel recounts a dialogue between the Pharisees and Jesus. The Pharisees questioned why Jesus' disciples did not practice the ritual washing before eating a meal.

Jesus' response reminds us to ask ourselves 'why.' Why do we remain faithful to God's

commands? Why do we pray or go to Mass? Why do we participate in the sacraments? Why do we love others?

Often, we are living our faith a certain way out of obligation, fear, or duty. But Jesus reminds us that the greatest way to live out our faith is through love. Our faith has obligations to provide us opportunities to love, honor, and praise the Lord. They are meant to aid us on our personal journey with Jesus Christ.

St. James reminds us that every moment of each day is an opportunity to respond to God's infinite love for us with love and gratitude in return.

If we approach our relationship with Jesus with this in mind, then we begin to realize that the gift of the Mass is an opportunity to worship God, the sacraments are ways to draw us closer to Him and His commandments are opportunities to love Him more faithfully.

And if we approach our day-to-day moments with this in mind, then we begin to see just how many blessings God has given us. Looking at life through the lens of gratitude helps us to see each moment as a gift with endless opportunities to respond in love.

This is how we ought to live our lives as Christian stewards — by recognizing our lives as a gift and an opportunity to love God in response to how He has loved us.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a (128B)

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

"Jesus cautions us about a religiosity of appearances: looking good on the outside, while failing to purify the heart. He does not want outward appearances. He wants to put faith back at the center. He wants a faith that touches the heart."

~ POPE FRANCIS 3

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church



Encounter Nights

**Rediscover the sense of adoration in silence.
Exposition & Benediction | 7:00pm Wednesday
Evenings beginning September 11th**

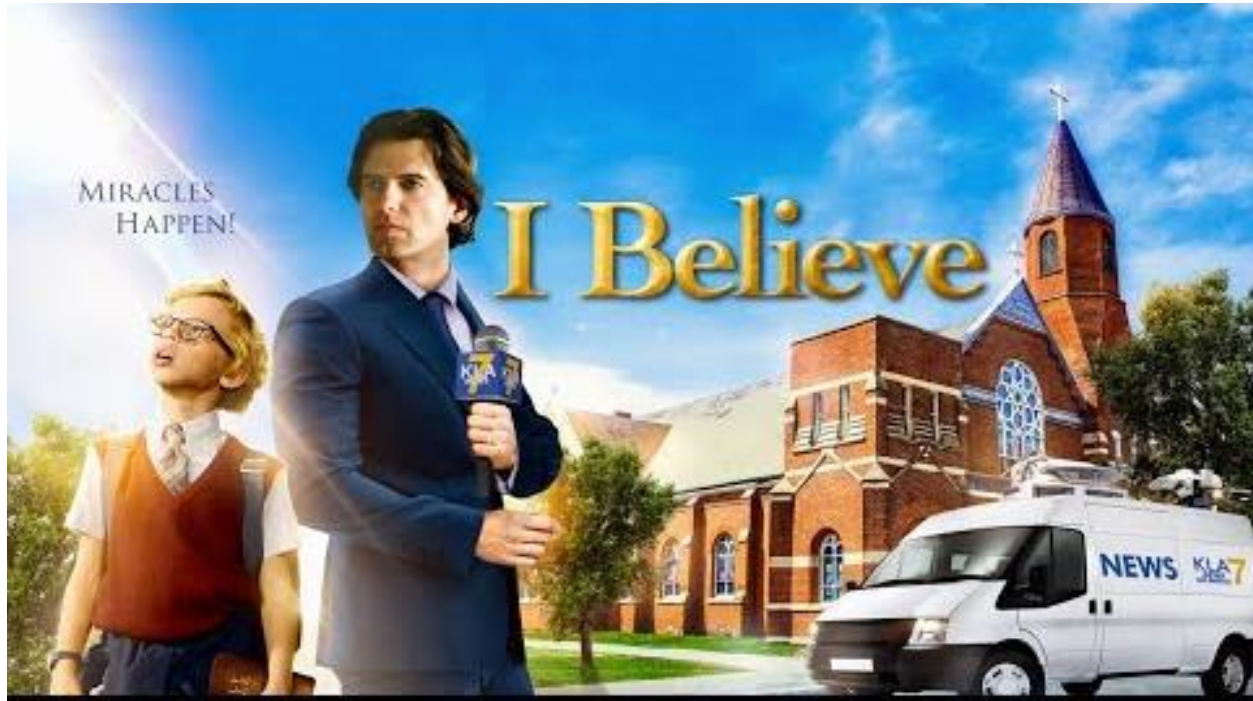
Why a Eucharistic Holy Hour? We know that the Lord's grace alone will bring about a Revival in the Church. We also firmly believe that the Lord hears our prayers, and because of that, our prayers are powerful. By uniting together and interceding for this Eucharistic Revival in our parish during these Encounter Nights, we believe the Lord will move in radical ways – ways we cannot fathom, yet our nation sorely needs.



Come. Jesus Is **Waiting** for You.



St. John Family Movie Night featuring



Friday, September 20, 2024 | 6:30 PM
One Community Center

Nine-year old Brian has a supernatural encounter with God, an experience that sends him on an adventurous quest to “find out more about what Christians believe.” He faces heavy opposition from the world around him especially from his own father Simon, an atheist TV newscaster. Brian finds allies in the pastor of a local church and a wounded U.S. Marine. Brian’s pure and innocent faith brings about manifestations of God’s extraordinary power that quickly become Breaking News. Don’t miss out on this miracle packed adventure!

INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ALL ARE WELCOME!



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St. John Annual Stewardship Renewal

1. Be on the lookout for your Renewal Packet in the mail!
2. Stewardship as A Way of Life Presentation:
September 12th, 7pm | One Community Center
Speaker: Fr. Herman Gomes
3. Parish Ministry Fair, September 14/15 after all Masses
4. Commitment Weekend, Oct 5 and 6

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St. John "Salt and Light" T-Shirts

A limited supply of
T-Shirts are available for sale on the
lanai next Sunday (Sept. 8th) after
the morning Masses until we sell out.
Cost: \$20
Proceeds go to OCC
Debt Reduction.
Mahalo for your support!

*Be the salt of the earth and light of
the world. Matthew 5:13-16*



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**ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL**

Akamai Owls Newsletter

September 2024

**Aloha!**

Our Akamai Owls are adapting well with the daily routine of handwashing, putting up their name for attendance, saying goodbye to their parents with a big hug and kiss, and selecting work tasks. We thank you, the parents, for encouraging them to become very independent.

As we begin our second month of school, the children will learn more about themselves: their bodies, their senses, their feelings, and their family. As a fun activity, we will have the children share a family portrait with their peers and display it on the "My Loving Ohana" board in the classroom.

As a reminder, please continue to check your child's mailbox and file for important notes and information.

Thank you for your continued support of St. John's Catholic Preschool.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Tuesday, September 13 – Grandparents Day Prayer Service

LOOKING AHEAD

October 3 ... Fall Picture Taking

October 7 - 11... Fall Break

October 14 ... Parent/ Teacher Conference (No School)

October 15 ... School Resumes

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

September 29 – Lucas

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

for ages 2.8 years - 6 years old.

For more information, call (808) 744-9538

or stohns_preschool@rcchawaii.org.



We must help the child to act for himself, will for himself, think for himself; this is the art of those who aspire to serve the spirit."

-Maria Montessori

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd, in observance of Labor Day.

St. John is participating in Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts

Program. From Sept 1- 30, customers are invited to make donations of up to \$249 (per person) at checkout. Donations are accepted by Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farm checkout. At checkout, present your Maika'i card (or provide number) and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to: **St. John Apostle & Evangelist, #77455.**



Next weekend **Sept 7/8**, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for **THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA**. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate & graduate students to help educate them to serve the Church and nation as the Catholic leaders of tomorrow. Envelopes are at the back of the Church. You may drop your donation during offertory. You can learn more at collection.catholic.edu.



SJAE LIBRARY IS BACK! Sorry to report that summer is nearly over, a new school year has begun, and your SJAE Library Team has plenty of good books lined up for you to read. The Library Team will be on the lanai after all Masses on 14-15 September – stop by and check us out! If you are a reader and/or would like to volunteer for the Library Team, just call or email Deb Zedalis (808-348-2973 or dzedalis@hawaii.rr.com).

Do you have a child or teen who likes to sing or plays an instrument? If so, we would love them to join the **SJAE CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIR!** The Choir is open to children/youth ages 4-17. **Choir practice will be on Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the church.** First meeting of parents, children and youth will be on **Thursday, Sep 26, 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the church.** Need more info? Call/text Deb Zedalis at 808-348-2973 or email at dzedalis@hawaii.rr.com.



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.

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: “Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Every Suicide is Tragic”
usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic

HAWAII CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SERVICES

Save The Date

44th Regional Catholic Charismatic Conference

Faithful Endurance

But you be self possessed in all circumstances, put up with hardship, perform the work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry -2 Tim 4:5

Saturday, 28 September 2024
9 am - 6 pm
Catholic Charities Hawaii
 1822 Ke’eaumoku Street, Honolulu, HI 96822

Admission is free to this one- day conference

MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Monday</i>	<i>September 2, 2024</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>September 7, 2024</i>
8 AM	Marcus Anthony Edwards (Healing) Mert Garma (RIP)	8 AM	Mert Garma (RIP) Alejandro Rodriguez (RIP)
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>September 3, 2024</i>	5 PM	Chloe-Belle (Birthday Blessing)
8 AM	Romeo & Gregorio Euben (Death Anniversary) Maria Amaral (Birthday Blessing)		
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>September 4, 2024</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>September 8, 2024</i>
8 AM	Pilar Rauboro (Healing) Filemon Santos (Death Anniversary)	7 AM	Harvey Dizol
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>September 5, 2024</i>	9 AM	For the People
8 AM	Marcus Anthony Edwards (Healing) Beatriz Ebuena (Birthday Memorial)		
<i>Friday</i>	<i>September 6, 2024</i>	11 AM	Patrick M. Mayock (Celebration of Life)
8 AM	Guerrero Family (Blessings/Thanksgiving) Feliciano Dona (RIP)	6 PM	Wilfredo Pacleb (RIP)

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 Ural, Hildegard Borowitz, Virginia Amo, John Basug, Claire Pilar, Roland Crisostomo, Addie Pablo, Margie Romasanta, Clarita Martinez & Jim Guzor.

DECEASED

Julian Rillamas Jr., Vivencia Mamaril, Salvador Ganzon Jr & Sr, Philip Chircop Sr., George Szczepkowski, Robert Ane, Sam Rombaoa, Albino Macedo, Gene Lumantas, Ray Beauchemin, Dominador Rulloda, Dan & Clemente Flojo, Alejandro Rodriguez, Richard Cross, Marcela S. Escamilla & Eduardo E. Islao.