



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Stewardship A Way of Life

Aloha my Brothers and Sisters,

Over the past year, St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church has received many gifts from our parishioners; thanks be to God for our faith. We have been moved by the love and generosity of so many in this community. We are, of course, amazed by the many monetary gifts we have received, but most of all we are deeply moved by the desire to share gratuitously the time and talents of so many people.

The greatest gift we have all received is our faith, the gift of our salvation in Christ present here and now, and alive in His body the Church. Our parish exists as part of Christ's body and our goal does not consist in any human program. It is Christ's mission of salvation towards the world as the Son of God.

This weekend kicks off our Yearly Stewardship Renewal, where we are all being asked by God, to discern where we can best live out the Four Pillars of Stewardship, **HOSPITALITY, PRAYER, FORMATION, and SERVICE**. This year's theme is "Encountering Jesus".

Stewardship is a way of life.

As living disciples, we ask everyone to actively engage in the life of the parish.

First, we welcome and accept the fact that God is the source of all things. Second, we are responsible and accountable for all his gifts. Third, we are to be Christ-like, generous as the scriptures say in 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, "Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need; you may have an abundance for every good work."

We encourage each other to deepen our prayer life, reflect on our God-given gifts and how we can share them with our parish family. Together we'll work to grow in our understanding of stewardship as a way of life and conversion. We look forward to the many blessings this will bring to us, our families, and our parish.

In this weekend's bulletin is an insert to refresh ourselves on what is Stewardship and its Four Pillars.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Anthony

Fr. JoJo

Dcn. Mike

Dcn. Romeo

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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 31/ SEPT 1
Sunday Collection	\$ 10,154.52
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 4,802.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 461.75
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 55.00
Marriage	\$ 500.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 5,874.01
Mass Intentions	\$100.00
Candles	\$ 908.00
Social Ministry	\$ 25.00
Stewardship	\$ 20.00
Peter’s Pence	\$ 20.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 50.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 25.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 22,995.28

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

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

Our readings today offer us a message of hope — God is with us and wants to heal us. May this message come ablaze in our hearts so that we might live with unwavering faith.

The Gospel presents us with the story of the profound physical healing of a deaf man with a speech impediment. People brought him to Jesus and begged for his healing. Jesus took the man off by himself, touched his ears and his tongue, then proclaimed, “Be opened!” Immediately he was healed.



This story in our Gospel overwhelms us with comfort and peace because we have a compassionate God who sees our physical needs. Yet if we reflect further on this reading, we see that God uses this moment of physical healing as an opportunity to restore something much deeper — our souls.

Oftentimes we are blind and deaf to God in our lives. We miss countless opportunities to see God working in our day-to-day moments — through our loved ones, our community, or even a stranger. We miss the quiet voice of Jesus in our hearts telling us to choose Him instead of sin, respond in love instead of anger, or care for someone else in a moment instead of ourselves.

These are how we need to be spiritually healed. And the scriptures remind us that God is with us and wants to heal us.

This week let us seek God to heal our souls and transform our hearts. Let us pray that our eyes and our ears might “be open” to His workings, words, and promptings in our lives.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4c-9a (131B)

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

Responsorial Psalm: 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Respect Life: “We pray to you, O Lord, that we always recognize each member of this human family as being made in your image and beloved by you, with worth and dignity.”

USCCB, “Prayer to Heal Racial Division”

“Say to those whose hearts are frightened; Be strong, fear not! Here is your God.”

STEWARDSHIP

A Way of Life at St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church



What's Stewardship?

Stewardship is a way that leads us to a deeper relationship with God. We are not our own, we belong to God our loving father. He gives us everything we need. Stewardship answers the “need to give to God, not giving to a need” as a way to live Christ like. We learn to offer him our prayers, time and talent, and treasure in gratitude and fulfillment. God is a communion of life-giving Persons. We sincerely long to honor the deep and infinite human desire of a life-giving person that our God created human beings with.

Stewardship of Hospitality

Christian kindness is to know and care about each other, to share a deep sense of belonging and to welcome the stranger. “All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say: ‘I was a stranger and you welcomed me.’” The Rule of St. Benedict

Invite your family and friends to our upcoming Family Movie Night for the showing of “I Believe” on Thursday, September 20th, at 6:30pm in the OCC. Stay tuned for more parish events planned for the remainder of the year!

Stewardship of Prayer

Is a heart to heart with God. It is through prayer that we nurture our personal relationship with Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. The Pillar of Prayer offers opportunities and teaches us all to participate in prayer as a community and at home in the domestic church. It is through prayer and Mass that we learn to gratefully recognize, receive and share our gifts in love of God and neighbor. ***We encourage you to attend our Encounter Nights. Our first one starts this Wednesday evening, at 7:00 pm in the church.***

Stewardship of Formation

Is a continuous conversion of formation that involves education of the mind, and conversion of the heart. The meaning of faithful stewardship and how to live this way of life is at the core of the disciple's response to the gift of faith given to us by God. Evangelization + Discipleship + Stewardship formation should be woven into all aspects of our wonderful parish life and is a priority. ***We invite you to attend Fr. Herman Gomes', talk on Stewardship a Way of Life, in the OCC this Thursday evening, September 12, at 7:00pm.***

Stewardship of Service

Love in action: "The son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as ransom for many." Matthew 29:29

Service is that place where we take stock of our personal gifts, our individual strengths and discern where God may be calling us to put our faith into action. The pillar of service brings into practice the other three pillars. ***We also encourage you to attend our upcoming Ministry Fair, which will be held next weekend after all Masses in the OCC. Come learn more about the various ministries our parish has that perhaps God may be calling you to serve in.***



STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT WEEKEND
GIVING BACK TO THE ONE WHO GAVE FIRST
October 5 & 6, 2024 at all Masses

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church



Stewardship as A Way of Life

Speaker: Fr. Herman Gomes, SS.CC.

Thursday, September 12, 2024

7:00 P.M. | One Community Center

God reveals his perfect and infinite love for us most visibly in his Son, Jesus Christ. A good steward makes God's love visible by imitating Jesus. Stewardship is the response to God's love and generosity! The more deeply one grows in love for God, the more one sees stewardship as a way of life – a way of love – a way to the Kingdom. Stewardship sees every good thing as a gift from God and responds in gratitude with the gift of self!

Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will!

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**Jesus is Waiting for You
at
Encounter Night
Eucharistic Exposition
and Benediction**

September 11th | 7pm

*Could you not stay watch
with me for one hour?*

Matthew 26:40



Every member of the St. John Ohana has a treasure they are able to share with our Parish Community to help build up the Kingdom of God.

Join us at our Annual Ministry Fair in the One Community Center after all Masses on the weekend of September 14 and 15.

Walk through the Ministry Fair to see the various ways you can serve at St. John.

See you at the fair!

Celebrate!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

PRAY, FAST, SACRIFICE, & AFFIRM



WITHOUT **PRIESTS**,
THERE IS NO EUCHARIST,
WITHOUT THE EUCHARIST,
THERE IS NO CHURCH!

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST IN
CELEBRATION OF OUR PRIESTS**

**Sunday, September 29
after all morning Masses
in the One Community Center**

ALL ARE INVITED!

What is Priesthood Sunday?

Priesthood Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024, is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one.

Priesthood Sunday specifically honors priests, without whom the Mass could not be offered, and Sacraments could not be celebrated.

It is essential to note that the number of priests and ordinations in the United States has steadily declined in the past 50 years. The men who answer the call to priesthood are special indeed, and they are working harder than ever before.

**Please pray for our priests,
praising God for their courage
and generosity.**

**Let us show Fr. Anthony and
Fr. Jojo our encouragement and
gratitude in thoughts
and deeds.**

God bless our priests!



19 Ways to Let Your Parish Priest Know You Appreciate Them

(Online Source: <https://focusoncampus.org/content/19-ways-to-let-your-parish-priest-know- you-appreciate-them>)

Our parish priests are some of the hardest working members of the Church. The typical parish priest works every weekend and holiday, lives in the same building as their office, and only gets one day off a week, not to mention they're being asked to care for more souls and take on more responsibilities and roles than ever before.

A few parish priests were asked how we could best let them know we're thankful for them and all the work they do for us.

In no particular order:

1. Pray for Your Priest(s)

"The most important thing a parishioner can do for his/her priest is pray for them. We are always praying for someone, even required to offer a Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation on behalf of our parishioners. It's just good to know that they pray for us every day."

"A rosary, a holy hour, a small offering or a daily suffering offered for the priest."

"Send cards to priests with assurances of prayer for their intentions."

"The offering of prayers for the priest and his ministry. (It's a great joy to know of prayers since I know that my life and ministry are only as fruitful as the people praying for me.)"

2. Cook Them a Meal, Especially on Their Busy Days

"It would be nice if someone made sure that the priest(s) of the parish had a nice cooked meal on Sundays and major holidays. We often have no cooks and after a long morning, it would be nice to come home to something we didn't have to make."

"Find out his favorite meal and make it for him."

3. Celebrate Their Special Days

"Celebrating the priest's birthday and ordination day are good thoughts, too." "It's nice to be remembered on the day of my priestly ordination."

4. Pray More, Complain Less

"The vast majority of interactions seem to revolve around a complaint about the priest, the parish, a parishioner, the music, the temperature in the church, a burned-out lightbulb, a decision, etc. and rarely about the supernatural realities."

5. Offer to Help

"Don't wait to be asked! Priests are ordained to give, and it's hard for us to ask for things."

"Volunteer your time to the parish as a sign of support and service." "Consider increasing your tithe to show your support for the parish and priest."

6. Go to Mass and/or Confession "Nothing will make a priest happier."

"Pick a day, go to a Mass that he's celebrating, and get a bunch of people to sit in the front rows. When Father asks you after Mass why, tell him you were offering your participation at Mass in thanksgiving for His priesthood."

7. Write Them a Note Expressing Your Gratitude

“A note, especially to a priest with whom you’ve lost touch, letting him know how his priesthood impacted your life - and that you’re still with the program - means a lot.”

“My favorite thing to receive from people is a letter. Not a card with a few words. Those are nice too, but I love receiving a letter or a card with a substantial message in it. It is very powerful to hear somebody describe exactly HOW the thing I said or did was so fruitful for them. It is a reminder that Jesus is a lot bigger than me and he can do great things with the little I have to offer.”

“I really appreciate when people say to me personally or send notes of gratitude: “Thanks for your priesthood”, “Thanks for being our pastor.” “Thanks for answering the call.”

“Tell them that they have made a difference in your life.” “Write them a thank you with a tone of appreciation.”

“Simple notes mean a great deal to priests these days. Things like notes of appreciation after funerals and weddings, a simple compliment after a well-prepared homily.”

“Being specific helps!”

8. Say Thank You

“Thank the priest for every Mass. Even if you don’t necessarily like the priest, as the Mass is always about the presence of Jesus.”

“Even something as simple as saying to the priest after confession “Thank you for your ministry and I will pray for you” can mean a great deal.”

9. Give Them a Compliment

“Look for opportunities to compliment priests. Even ones you don’t particularly like.”

“I always cheer up when someone tells me after Mass, ‘That was a beautiful Mass, Father.’”

10. Look Out for Their Wellbeing

“Encourage priest to take time off.”

11. Save the Drama for Yo Mama

“Avoid and discourage gossip about priests and parishes.”

“Don’t gossip or criticize, instead offer to help and to build up. I wonder how many vocations were ruined when young people hear adults tear down the priest, usually because of some petty parish dispute.”

12. Let Him Know You Have His Back

“When you witness a situation when someone is being rude to a priest, let him know that you noticed and express compassion.”

13. Establish a Relationship

“Don’t tell him what you don’t like if that’s the first time you’ve bothered to talk to him.”

“Say hello before telling him what’s wrong.”

14. Have Realistic Expectations and Be Helpful

“He’s probably not a plumber, so don’t expect him to fix the leaky pipe. But definitely do ask him if he knows it’s leaking.”

“Always assume good will. Offering feedback is helpful, but criticism and complaint given without humility and sincere love is draining after a while.”

15. Don't Be a “Priest Collector”

“Don't think that you have to have the priest over every Sunday. Don't expect to be the priest's friend - he is your pastor/parochial vicar and he needs to keep things professional. Don't brag to fellow parishioners how “Close you guys are” as then that creates animosity or jealousy - and THAT stresses the priest out.”

16. Be Supportive

“Whenever there is something that is stressful, such as a difficult time during the parish, I know “reinforcement” is appreciated. I recall some tremendously difficult funerals where people sent a nice note.”

17. Give Him Space

“Sometimes it's good to be just left alone, too. Stay away from what is called “unkind kindness” which is assuming Father is (Lonely, depressed, stressed, anxious, etc.) when sometimes he needs to just blow off some steam.”

18. Invite Him Over

“It's nice when people think to invite me to family gatherings: special birthdays or anniversary celebrations, holiday dinners (even though I usually decline because I'm with my own family -- it's nice to be invited).”

19. Strive for Holiness

“Ultimately, being the saint God desires them to be! There's nothing more exciting for a priest than witnessing holiness in the lives of the people to whom he ministers; not only is that an experience of grace that his labor is bearing fruit but it's also tremendously edifying in his own pursuit of holiness.”

Hopefully this list has inspired you to do something for your priests. Remember, each priest has his own preferences and ways that make him feel appreciated. Some may really like being invited over for dinner, while other priests may recharge with a quiet dinner alone in the rectory. No matter what you do, let's make sure we let our priests know just how much we care for them.

“The priest is not a priest for himself; he does not give himself absolution; he does not administer the Sacraments to himself. He is not for himself; he is for you.

- St. John Vianney

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This 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.

WE LOVE OUR PRIESTS! Our priests need the prayers of the faithful that they become the men God has called them to be. Offer a Holy Hour for Fr. Anthony and Fr. Jojo, and their intentions before the Most Blessed Sacrament at Encounter Night, Wednesday, September 11th, at 7pm. Spiritual Bouquet Cards will be available for you to give to our priests. You may drop off your card in the office during office hours, drop-box outside the office, offertory basket, or personally give it to Fr. Anthony and Fr. Jojo on Priesthood Sunday!

It is hard to believe that September is upon us and we will soon be ending the liturgical year. Take a breather with a good book! Your **SJAE LIBRARY TEAM** will be happy to help you find something that will meet your reading needs. Stop by after all Masses next weekend 9/14-9/15 and check out some good Catholic resources.

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY: **FREE FLU VACCINATION**

Provided by Times Pharmacy

Saturday, September 21, 2024

Sign in after all Masses on September 7,8,14 and 15.



SJAE is blessed to have Children's Masses and a **CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIR** to sing at the masses! If you have a child or teen who likes to sing or already plays an instrument, consider signing them up for Children & Youth Choir. The Choir practices on Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the church. Our first meeting with 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.

ST JOHN CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL would like to invite our parishioners to participate in our annual Trunk-or-Treat celebration on Thursday, October 31st, 9:30am – 11:00am in the SJAE parking lot. Decorate your car trunk with cute, age-appropriate Halloween/Fall décor and bring your children, grandchildren, and/or great-grandchildren to enjoy in the festivities. For more information, please call our Preschool office at 808.744.9538 or email us at stjohns_preschool@rcchawaii.org.



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.

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.**



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



SCAN QR Code for Survey

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	September 9, 2024	Saturday	September 14, 2024
8 AM	Cathy Delos Reyes (Healing) Chloe-Belle (Birthday Blessing)	8 AM	Lucy Santiago (Blessing) Honorio V. Ocampo (RIP)
Tuesday	September 10, 2024	5 PM	Florencia Solano (Death Anniversary)
8 AM	James & Mildred Mizoguchi (RIP) Consolacion Yumang (Birthday Memorial) Paula Rabanes (RIP)		
Wednesday	September 11, 2024	Sunday	September 15, 2024
8 AM	Margarita M. Dela Cruz (Birthday Blessing) Antonio Ramos (Birthday Memorial) Juan Mauricio K. Achaval Jr (2nd Death Anniversary)	7 AM	David M. Torres (Death Anniversary)
Thursday	September 12, 2024	9 AM	For the People
8 AM	Jordan Tano (Birthday Blessing)		
Friday	September 13, 2024	11 AM	Kaylen Samson (Birthday Blessing)
8 AM	Samantha Barros (Birthday Blessing) Samuel Rombaoa (RIP)	6 PM	Marcial Taglinao (Death Anniversary)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

RICHARD CROSS (RIP)- Tuesday September 17, 2024 – St John, Mililani; Visitation: 9:30 am, Eulogy: 10:15 am, Mass: 11:00 am; Burial: 2:00 pm ~ Hawaii State Veteran's Cemetery.

DOMINADOR RULLODA (RIP)- Wednesday, September 18, 2024 – St John's, Mililani; Visitation: 9:30 am, Mass: 10:30 am; Burial: 1:00 pm ~ Hawaii State Veteran's Cemetery.

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, Clarita Martinez & Jim Guzior.

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.