



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Aloha my Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend our Universal Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday, marking the start of a new year of catechesis and formation in the Faith. This year's theme, "Lord, When Did We See You Hungry?" Matthew 25:37, reflects our call to missionary discipleship. As St. John Paul II reminded us: The universal call to holiness is closely linked to the universal call to mission. Every member of the faithful is called to holiness and to mission. We are called to be eucharist by word and action to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our times cry out for this kind of holiness, one inflamed by the ardent determination to bring as many of our brothers and sisters as possible to Christ.

We encounter the Lord's care for us first and foremost in the Divine Liturgy of our Mass. Our faith is a liturgical faith. We come to encounter God and deepen our relationship with the Most Holy Trinity in our celebrating of the Mass and the sacraments and by infusing the liturgy (the prayer of the Church with its customs and traditions) into all aspects of our lives. The Mass is the first and the best of teachers in the ways of Faith. The Lord teaches us at the Eucharist to offer our lives as a spiritual sacrifice to God, as we worship and pray together.

As we begin a new Catechetical Year, I invite you to immerse yourself in the richness of the Catholic Church's liturgy, her blessings, her customs and her traditions. I encourage you to meditate on these questions: How does the Mass challenge and change us? How does liturgy guide and form our beliefs and behaviors, and the way we pray?

Lastly, the task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer.

Thank you to all of those who serve as teachers and pass on our Catholic faith through word and action.

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

SEPT 7/ 8

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,633.25
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,316.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 220.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 105.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,248.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 447.00
Charity	\$ 10.00
Mission Outreach	\$ 25.00
Salt & Light T-Shirt Sales	\$ 1,210.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 62.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 781.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 20,067.25

For the month of August 2024,
 We collected 92.75% (\$134,400 YTD)
 of our budget \$ 144,765.

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

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

Jesus addresses His disciples saying, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” We are Jesus’ disciples, and He is speaking those same words to us here and now.



Living a life of discipleship is not always easy. It requires us to be imitators of Christ — who suffered, died, and rose from the dead out of total love for each one of us. This means we are called to share in Christ’s sufferings by taking up our cross and following Him daily.

But what does this look like in our day-to-day lives?

We can start by making a firm resolution to follow Christ today, here and now, and renewing that resolution each day when we rise. This requires time with Him each day — speaking and listening.

We should also strive to pick up our crosses each day with Christ by our side. Our cross might be suffering from an illness, fighting an addiction, a day of screaming kids, or a period where things just don’t seem to go our way. Instead of avoiding these sufferings or complaining about them, we are called to carry them with Christ, allowing Him to transform us through them.

If we live life constantly focused on us, we will ultimately lose ourselves, but if we surrender our lives for Christ and His mission, we will gain eternal life and become more alive than we could have ever imagined, “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.” This takes daily commitment and requires endurance in our faith, which can only be done through active discipleship.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

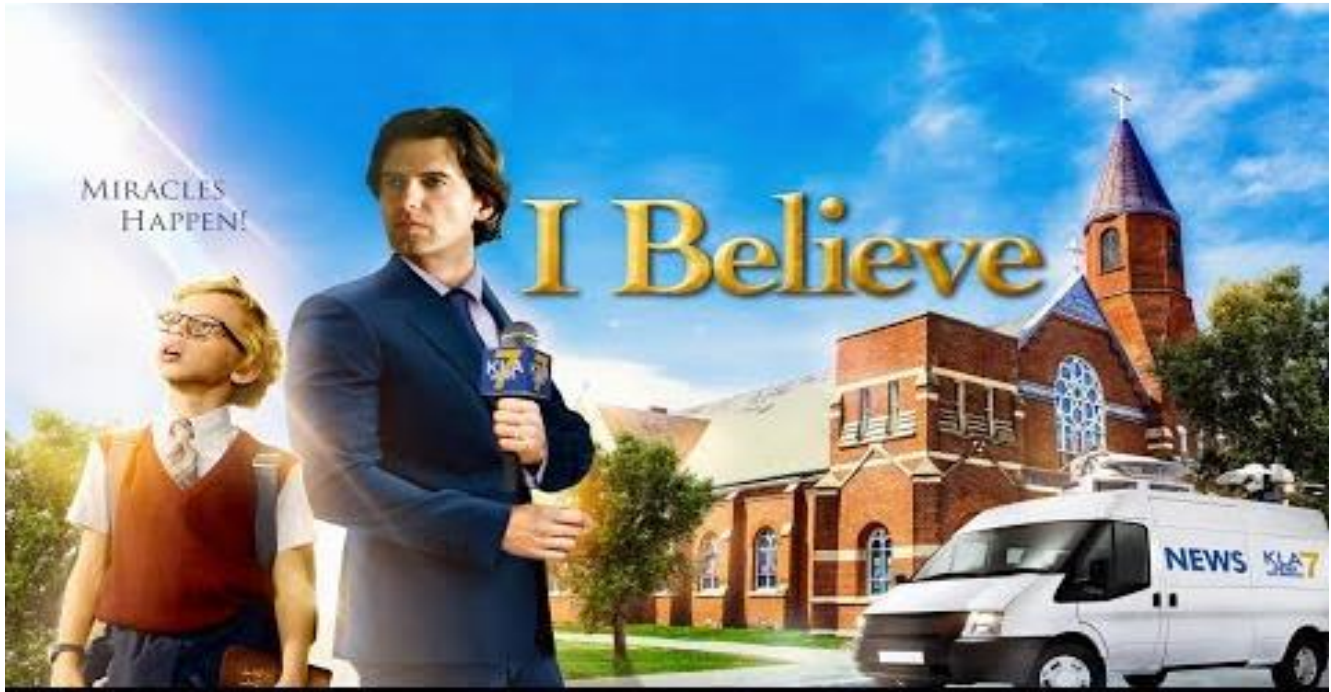
Second Reading: James 2:14-18

Responsorial Psalm: 54:3-4, 5, 6 & 8

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

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

~ ISAIAH 34.5



Family Movie Night

Invite family and friends to the showing of the movie, "I Believe" on Friday, September 20th, at 6:30pm in the One Community Center.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Over this past week, you should have received a letter from Fr. Anthony. Enclosed with his letter was this year's Stewardship Commitment Form.

On Stewardship Commitment Weekend, October 5 & 6, 2024, our parish family will be invited to reflect on the importance of living the stewardship way of life, and to recommit to being good stewards through a written pledge of our gifts to God for the coming year.



Encounter Night

Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction
Wednesdays | 7:00 PM

"Let us lend the ear of our hearts to the One, who in silence, wants to say to us: 'I am your God - the God of mercy and compassion, the God of pardon and love, the God of tenderness and care'..."

(Excerpt from Homily of Pope Francis,
Ash Wednesday, 2024)

COME. JESUS IS WAITING FOR YOU.

Celebrate!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

PRAY, FAST, SACRIFICE, & AFFIRM



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

Priesthood Sunday is on September 29th, a 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.

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

Please join us for breakfast on September 29th, after the morning Masses in the One Community Center.

ALL ARE INVITED!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST JOHN'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP is sponsoring a Healing Mass on Monday, September 16. 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.



Have a Catholic question that you would like answered? Have a favorite saint that you would like to read more about? Looking for something new to read – perhaps even fiction? Stop by after all masses this weekend and see what resources your **SJAE LIBRARY TEAM** has – we look forward to talking with you!

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY: **FREE FLU VACCINATION**

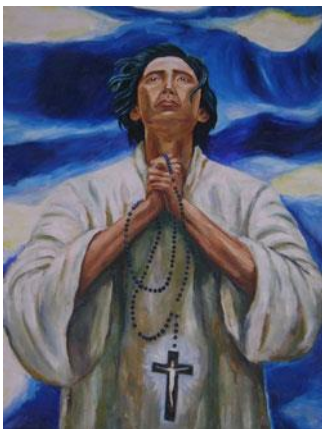
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Saturday, September 21, 2024

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



Does your child or teen love to sing or play an instrument? Would you like them to participate in an SJAE ministry? If so, **CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIR** is the perfect ministry! The Choir practices on Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the church and sings at the Children's Masses and special events. 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.



Saint John Apostle and Evangelist Church Filipino American Catholic Group

is hosting a Novena and a Mass in
Honor of St. Lorenzo Ruiz on
September 19 – September 27, 2024
6 P.M. to 6:45 P.M. in SJAE Room 1 (1st floor)

FEAST DAY: Sept. 28, 2024 – Saturday
6 P.M. in the OCC (After the 5:00 PM Mass)
All are invited to join in this celebration

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.





ST JOHN PRESCHOOL – OPEN ENROLLMENT SY 2024-2025

for ages 2.8 years - 6 years old.

Year-round Montessori based teaching.

For more information, call (808) 744-9538 or

stohns_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.



Respect Life: "Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)*."

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion"

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	September 16, 2024	Saturday	September 21, 2024
8 AM	Suzanne Foster (RIP) Nora Kyla Arellano (Birthday Blessing)	8 AM	Bobby, Alice, & Brenda Roberts (RIP)
Tuesday	September 17, 2024	5 PM	Wilfredo Pacleb (RIP)
8 AM	Mike & Aggie Browing (Wedding Anniversary Blessing) Fred Hall (RIP)		
Wednesday	September 18, 2024	Sunday	September 22, 2024
8 AM	Shirley Guerrero (Birthday Blessing)	7 AM	Wilfredo Pacleb (RIP)
Thursday	September 19, 2024	9 AM	For the People
8 AM	Gwen Kelly (Special Intentions) Julien Villalon (RIP) Rita DeSilva (RIP)		
Friday	September 20, 2024	11 AM	Helen Mendez (Birthday Memorial)
8 AM	Anthony Scarpelli (Death Anniversary) Cathy Delos Santos (Healing) Dominador Rulloda (RIP)	6 PM	Tony & Mona Caldera (RIP)

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

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 & Helen Mendez.