



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Aloha my Brothers and Sisters,

Coming in October, Fr. JoJo and I will be presenting a course from the Augustine Institute called **Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well on October 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2024 at 6:30pm in the One Community Center.** *Eternal Rest examines the origin of death, the afterlife, and the powerful reality around the sacrament that ushers us into eternal life. It presents the Catholic Church's teaching about death and God's response to it with wisdom and truth, gentleness and compassion, so we can think about and prepare for death in the light of Jesus Christ, the Author of life.*

October 3: The Story of Death

Where did death come from? What does death mean for the human person? Is it simply just part of life, or is it something else? In this first session, we discuss the story of death and God's response to it: defeating death by dying and rising from the dead.

October 10: The Afterlife

What happens after the moment of our death? Once the soul has been separated from the body, then what? What is heaven, hell, and purgatory? What is the difference between the particular judgment and the general judgment? This session looks at the truth about what awaits the human person on the other side of death.

October 17: The Hour of Our Death

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. But whom exactly is this sacrament for? What are its effects? In this session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, in the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.

October 24: The Faithful Departed

What is left for the living to do after someone dies? In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead. We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians.

We pray that through Eternal Rest, God may give you greater peace, solace, and perspective.

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

SEPT 14/15

Sunday Collection	\$ 13,276.55
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 4,356.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 912.10
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 65.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 736.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 210.00
Candles	\$ 421.55
All Souls’ Day	\$ 10.00
Stewardship	\$ 25.00
Mission Outreach	\$ 1,374.00
Salt & Light T-Shirt Sales	\$ 100.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 45.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 10.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 21,541.20

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 bring to light the daily struggle between good and evil and how we can combat this struggle through gratitude.

In our Gospel, we see an example of how surrendering to our passions negatively affects us. Jesus was with His disciples when they began to argue amongst themselves as to who was the greatest in the group.



If we look at our own lives, we might find many instances where we fall into the same tendencies — we constantly compare ourselves to others, out of pride we feel the need to point out another's faults or choose to fight back in an argument. We know we should act one way but choose another.

When Jesus hears what the apostles are discussing, He has them focus on a child. "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."

If we reflect on the moment someone receives a child, oftentimes their hearts are overwhelmed with joy and gratitude for this gift. There is no jealousy or anger, just thanksgiving, and appreciation.

The apostles are busy bickering about who was the best. Their vision was clouded, and they could not even stop and be grateful for the gift to be so close to our Savior and that they were chosen to be His closest followers.

When we are caught in the raging war of jealousy, fighting, and pride, and begin to become enslaved to our passions we are ultimately being ungrateful for what we have been given. We overlook the blessing God has given us and the gifts and talents He has entrusted to us.

Today, let us recall that we have an infinitely loving God who cares deeply for us. Consider all that He has blessed you with, and how you can use those blessings for His glory.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: 119:105, 106, 122-124, 125

Gospel: Mark 9:35-37, 40, 41-42

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

ETERNAL REST™

THE ART OF DYING WELL



DEATH IS AN END, BUT IT'S NOT *the* END

Join us to watch this 4-Episode Series from the Augustine Institute.
A Study Guide will be provided and led by Fr. Anthony.

Thursday Evenings: October 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2024

6:30 PM | One Community Center

From the discussion about why there is such a thing as death and what happens to the soul after death, to how we can prepare ourselves well for our own death and what the Church calls the living to do after someone has died, the focus of *Eternal Rest* is a steady gaze on the promises of Jesus Christ. Such concentration on him gives encouragement to the grieving, endurance to the sick and dying, and a refreshed longing for the fulfillment of the Christian hope of the resurrection hope of the resurrection to all mortals living with the awareness of their mortality.

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St. John Columbarium

Explore the option of placing your loved one's urn in our parish cremation columbaria niches - a final resting place on sacred ground within our parish community, united by faith and the hope of Resurrection. Embrace the peace and reverence of these sacred spaces while honoring your loved ones. Your reservation of a niche not only provides a meaningful resting place but also supports our Parish and the broader diocesan community. Secure your niche today to ensure a cherished memorial within our parish columbaria.

For more information or to answer any questions, please contact:
Duane Pavao, Director of Cemeteries
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hawaiicatholiccemeteries.org

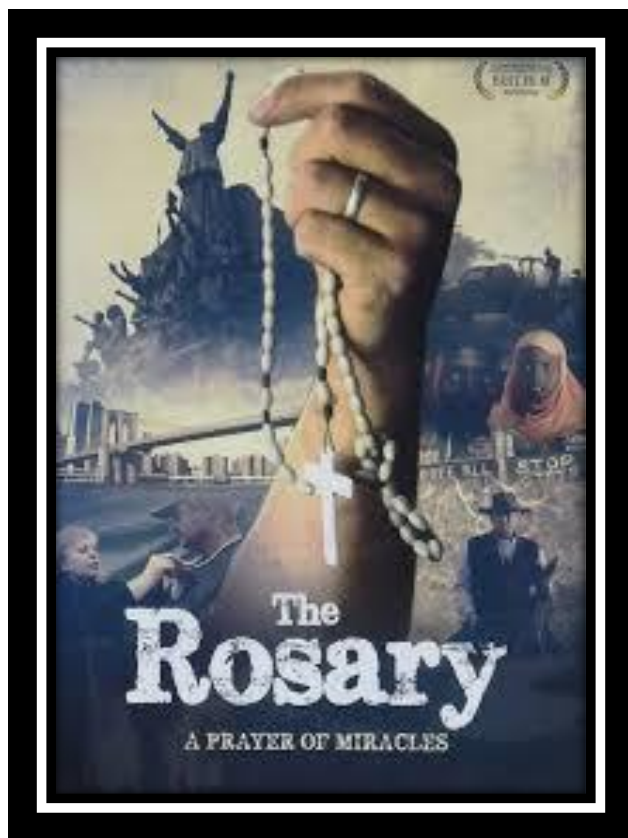


In the past week, Fr. Anthony sent everyone a letter reflecting on our annual commitment to a life of Christian stewardship. Enclosed with his letter was this year's Stewardship Commitment Form.

Please prayerfully reflect on what God is asking of you this year. How will you glorify God by your life? In two weeks, our parish family will be invited to reflect on the importance of Christian stewardship in our lives and the life of our parish, and to recommit our gifts and financial resources to God for the next year. This weekend, we thank Mr. Patrick Guzman, Mr. Regan Ramos, Mr. Jefferey Esposito and Mr. Rodney Kekina, for speaking at Masses about their Encounter with Jesus experiences in their stewardship journey and its impact on their lives.



You're Invited!



The Rosary

A PRAYER OF MIRACLES

Friday, October 11, 2024

6:30 P.M. | One Community Center

A deeply inspiring documentary that reveals the miraculous power of the Rosary from incredible stories of how it saved nations and impacted history. A young American soldier was seriously injured in war. With his clenched fist, dirty with blood, he raised a Rosary. The true story of this photograph was an inspiration for the film directors to embark on a journey across four continents to investigate claims that the recitation of the Rosary can change the course of history.

Is it true that a crusade of the Rosary caused the Soviet troops to withdraw from Austria, and that the prayer of the Rosary by hundreds of thousands of demonstrators caused the fall of Ferdinand Marcos in the Philippines? Will the mystical vision of a Nigerian bishop be confirmed that the terrorist group Boko Haram would be defeated by the prayer of the Rosary? Will a million white rosaries restore peace in Ukraine? With stunning live footage from these events, this is the great epic story about the power of the Rosary prayer, intertwined with the destiny of nations and the world.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are excited to announce that on September 22 our parish will begin using Pushpay as our new giving solution. Pushpay is an industry leader known for creating an easy, secure way to manage your own giving from the convenience of a mobile device or your desktop computer. If you are currently using the existing online giving platform WeShare, you will be receiving an email soon on how to migrate to our new solution.



This Thursday, Sep 26, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the church is **the first meeting of the SJAE CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIR.** If you have a child or teen who would love to participate in our choir, please attend. Choir practice begins on Thursday Oct 2d. Have questions or need more information? 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 21 – 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



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY is next week on September 29th! Let us show Fr. Anthony and Fr. Jojo our encouragement and gratitude in thoughts and deeds. Please join us for breakfast in celebration of our priests in the One Community Center after the morning Masses.

	ENCOUNTER NIGHTS Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction Wednesday Evenings 7:00 PM Rediscover the sense of adoration in silence.
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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.**



Eat, Drink, and Give Aloha

Dine at a Foodland restaurant or bar from September 23-30, 2024 and Foodland will donate a portion of proceeds from food and non-alcoholic beverage purchases to the Give Aloha matching gift.

Participating Locations:

REDFISH *Mahi'ai Table* PAU HANA BAR
THE BAR ELEVEN *et al.*

Liquor sales excluded from this promotion

Visit foodland.com/our-restaurants



Celebrating 25 years



Youth Ministry

GRADES 6-8 CLASS:
1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS

2:00pm to 4:00pm

Are you ready to discover a deeper connection with God?
Join our youth ministry and embark on a spiritual journey
filled with adventure, friendship, and faith.

YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE.

PARENT/STUDENT MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29
1:30PM TO 2:30PM

VOLUNTEERS TO HELP/TA
ARE WELCOME!

GRADES 9-12 CLASS:
2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS

2:00pm to 4:00pm




What to look forward to:

- Inspiring teachings that bring the Bible to life
- Life-changing retreats that will shape your future
- A community of friends who share your beliefs

For more information, please contact Chayne Garma: cgarma@rcchawaii.org. Registration is available on the website, under Youth Ministry.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024

Y.A.B.S

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Come join us in Room 5

Lets discover our faith and grow friendships. This is an amazing opportunity to deepen our love for Jesus in this modern age.

Each month consists of bible programs from Ascencion, Augustine Institute and much more.

Any Questions?
Feel free to email:

sjaeyouth@rcchawaii.org



HELP SAVE LIVES IN HONOLULU!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

Stand and pray for mothers & fathers with unplanned pregnancies. Be the sign they are praying for! Join this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast on the sidewalk fronting the Honolulu abortion facility with 40 Days for Life!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers.

With God's answered prayers:

- Over 23,000 babies saved from abortion
- Over 250 abortion workers converted
- 150 abortion centers closed

Join us to pray one hour once a week for six weeks at the Honolulu abortion facility:

Vigil location:

Planned Parenthood Honolulu
839 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Praying hours:

7:00 am to 7:00 pm
Monday-Saturday

For info, contact:

James, 808-302-5968
Mike, 808-204-5336

Learn more...get involved...sign up to pray for one hour a week for the six week Lenten vigil, between 7:00 am-7:00 pm, Monday-Saturday, September 25-November 3, 2024

40daysforlife.com/honolulu

Opening Mass	September 21 - St. Theresa Co-Cathedral: 8:00 a.m.
Opening Rally	September 28 – Guest Speaker in front of Planned Parenthood: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Mid-Vigil	October 19 - Candlelight Prayer in front of Planned Parenthood: 7 p.m.
Closing Mass	November 2 - St. Theresa Co-Cathedral: 8:00 a.m.
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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

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.

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 23, 2024**
 8 AM Mark Bates
 (Birthday Blessing)
 Paulina Wong
 (Birthday Memorial)
 Dominador Rulloda (RIP)

Saturday **September 28, 2024**
 8 AM Isabel Villanueva DeCosta
 (Birthday Blessing)
 Dominador Rulloda (RIP)

Tuesday **September 24, 2024**
 8 AM Eric Umetsu (RIP)
 Fr. Jojo Cipriano
 (Thanksgiving)
 Gene Lumantas (RIP)
 Robert Ane (RIP)

5 PM Virgilio Delos Santos
 (Death Anniversary)

Wednesday **September 25, 2024**
 8 AM M/M Mike Aguinaldo (RIP)
 Fr. Anthony Rapozo
 (Thanksgiving)
 Mona Lisa Writa (RIP)
 Dominador Rulloda (RIP)

Sunday **September 29, 2024**
 7 AM D.J. Shockley
 (Birthday Blessing)

Thursday **September 26, 2024**
 8 AM Pearl Bates (Special Intentions)
 Charles & Chieko Beeson (RIP)
 Sam Rambaoa (RIP)
 Dominador Rulloda (RIP)

9 AM For the People

Friday **September 27, 2024**
 8 AM Jayton Borromeo
 (Birthday Blessing)
 Tony Bamer
 Dominador Rulloda (RIP)
 (Birthday Memorial)

11 AM Alfredo Cordial Sr. & Jr. (RIP)
 6 PM Felicitas Cordial (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 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 & Hermina Dosztal.