



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Aloha my Brothers and Sisters,

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. According to Reverend Matthew R. Mauriello, current scholarship traces the development of the Rosary to the High Middle Ages period. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

The Rosary is appealing and simple. The purpose of the Rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Every time we pray the Our Father, we are reminded that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. Praying the Hail Mary reminds us that we are joining with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. In addition, they help to make us aware that Mary was and is still intimately joined with her son, Jesus, in all the mysteries of earthly and heavenly existence. The constant repetition of prayer creates an atmosphere of contemplation.

The feast was introduced by Pope St. Pius V (1504-1572) in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valor of the soldiers who fought there.

The word Rosary means "Crown of Roses". Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses. The rose is the queen of flowers, and so the Rosary is the rose of all devotions and it is therefore the most important one.

In every apparition, our heavenly Mother has invited us to say the Rosary as a powerful weapon against evil, to bring us to true peace. With our prayer made together with our heavenly Mother, we can obtain the great gift of bringing about a change of hearts and conversion. Each day, through prayer we can drive away from ourselves and from our homeland many dangers and many evils.

The traditional fifteen Mysteries of the Rosary were finalized by the sixteenth century. The mysteries are grouped into sets: the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, the Glorious Mysteries, and, in 2002, Pope John Paul II announced the new Luminous Mysteries.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said, "The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description."

Fr. Anthony Rago

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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 21/22**

Sunday Collection	\$ 22,495.44
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,320.00
Healing Mass (9.16.24)	\$ 268.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 177.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 305.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 461.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 20.00
Candles	\$ 407.00
Funerals	\$ 600.00
Stewardship	\$ 125.00
Mission Outreach	\$ 255.40
Frugal Meal	\$ 30.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 25.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 28,488.84

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

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

In our readings this week, Eldad, Medad, and the man driving out demons were all doing the work of God. They had been entrusted with a gift and used it to glorify the Lord. Joshua and John should have responded in joy and appreciation for another's gifts and talents.

We oftentimes look at another's strengths as our weakness whether it be in parish life, in the workforce, or even in our own families.



Jesus is calling us to cut out those sinful thoughts and attitudes from our lives. The next time we witness someone being a good steward of God's gifts — rejoice! And continue to examine how you are using your gifts and talents to ensure you are being a good steward of what God has entrusted to you.

We do not want to end up like the rich in our Second Reading from St. James. They stored up their riches to the point where they withheld wages from their workers! They clenched tightly to the pleasures and luxuries that the world offers and put it in front of both God and their neighbor. They misused the gifts God bestowed on them.

We must keep this in perspective as we journey on our path as Christian stewards. We do not live for this life, but for the next.

He has given us time every day, countless talents, and numerous treasures. Are we using them for His glory?

This week when we witness other people in our lives using the gifts God has given to them, instead of becoming jealous or critical, say a prayer of thanksgiving and take time to reflect on what God has gifted you and how you can offer it to Him for His glory.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

"All of us are brothers and sisters! Let us pray to the Most High that, after this time of trial, there may no longer be "others", but rather, a great "we", rich in diversity."

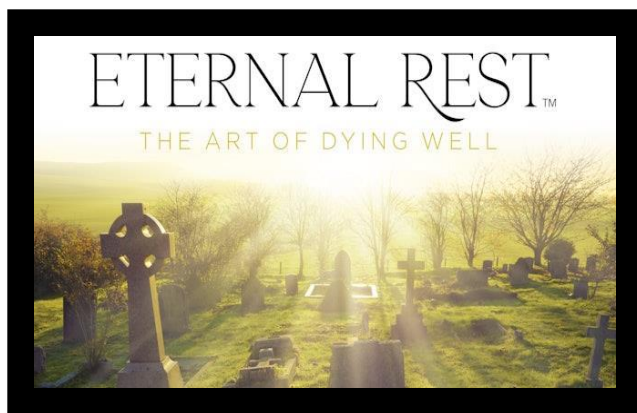
~ POPE FRANCIS



Next weekend, October 5 & 6, is our Stewardship Commitment Weekend, when everyone in our parish family will be invited to recommit their time, talent, and treasure to the Lord for the next year. Everything we have is a gift. Please pray this week that our hearts be open to the possibility of giving more of ourselves and our treasure to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

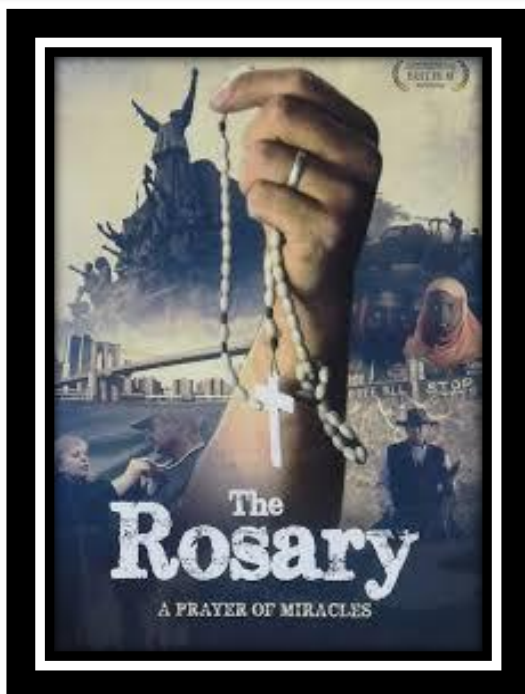
Why fill out a Commitment Form?

By filling out a Commitment Form you are committing to a certain course of action. When God calls us, He doesn't want us to say "yes" and then never do it. He desires that we be faithful to Him, faithful to His commands, and faithful to our word. When we fill out a Commitment Form, we are saying, "God, I choose to commit myself to You and to a life lived for You. With Your grace, may I do as You desire." The Commitment Form helps each of us to become better stewards, and when that happens, we become a faith-filled people, ready to live our lives in gratitude for all He has given us!



***Eternal Rest* presents the Church's teaching about death and God's response to it with wisdom, truth, gentleness, and compassion so Catholics can think about and prepare for death in the light of Jesus Christ, the Author of Life.**

Join us to watch this 4-Episode Series on Death and Dying October 3, 10, 17, & 24 6:30pm | One Community Center



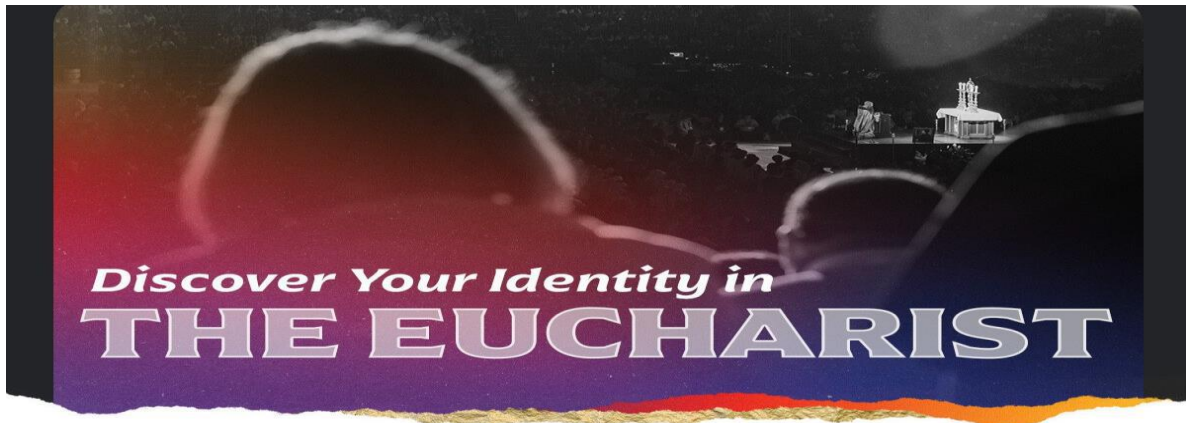
The Rosary

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. Film directors embarked on a journey across four continents to investigate claims that the recitation of the Rosary can change the course of history.



Your Mission Flows from Your Identity in Christ.

The more we encounter Jesus in the Eucharist, the better we come to know him. The more we bask in his love, the easier it becomes to see ourselves as beloved. As we realize the incredible mystery of who we are and the beauty of who we were made to be, we are moved to respond in love as missionary disciples!

Do you truly see yourself as a beloved child of the Father? Have you internalized that Jesus died for YOU and remains present in the Eucharist for YOU?

Take some time this week to discuss these things with Jesus—ideally in Eucharistic adoration or right after you’ve received communion. Ask him to reveal your identity in the light of the Gospel and to fill you with the grace you need to accomplish the mission he has for you.



ENCOUNTER NIGHTS
Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction
Wednesdays | 7:00 PM
 Rediscover the sense of adoration in silence.



Priesthood Sunday - September 29, 2024

Today is a special day to thank, pray for, and support our priests, especially our Pastor, Fr. Anthony and Parochial Vicar, Fr. Jojo.

Many priests have touched our lives. We thank them for saying “YES” to following in Jesus’ footsteps and caring for all of the people of God.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Whoever is not against us is for us.” Pray for your priest. They heard God calling them to the priest hood and chose to serve Christ. Now, they enrich our spiritual well-being everyday in the name of God.

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.**



“Seasons of Hope”

Season 2 Begins on October 1, 2024

One Community Center MPR

If you’re in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith-sharing group is for you. It meets for six Tuesdays beginning October 1 from 6:30- 8:30pm for prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship.

For more information contact:
Dcn Mike Browning @ (808) 295-3180
Jeff Esposito @ (808) 392-0145



YES, you can still sign up for SJAEC Children & Youth Choir! First choir practice is this Thursday, October 3, 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the church. Come and join us if you are 4-17 and like to sing or play an instrument. Come and join us if you would like to volunteer to help with the choir! Have questions or need more information? Call/text Deb Zedalis at 808-348-2973 or email at dzedalis@hawaii.rr.com.

DEBT REDUCTION SECOND COLLECTION: We will have a second collection, next weekend **October 5/6**, for debt reduction. Your donation will help pay for the mortgage of the **One Community Center**. Envelopes are available at the back of the church, or you may donate on our parish website, online giving. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Next weekend, **October 5/6**, **The PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY** is sponsoring Free Blood Pressure screenings after all Masses on the church lanai.

Get ready for the month of October where we honor and pray to our Blessed Mother! Your **SJAE LIBRARY TEAM** will be on the lanai after all masses on October 12-13 and will have plenty of Marian resources for you (books, music, DVDs).



Youth Ministry

GRADES 6-8 CLASS:

Grades 6-12

1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS

6:00pm to 8:00pm

GRADES 9-12 CLASS:

2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAYS

6:00pm to 8:00pm

IN THE ONE COMMUNITY CENTER

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.

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

YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE.

**VOLUNTEERS TO HELP/TA
ARE WELCOME!**

Questions? Contact:
cgarma@rcchawaii.org





TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024

Y.A.B.S YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

In Room 4

On Tuesdays 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

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

Join us this month in the program
Freedom To Love by Christopher West

Any Questions?

Feel free to email:

sjaeyoungadult@rcchawaii.org



One-Day St. Benedict Men's Retreat

Living Out
The Rule of St. Benedict
as Catholic Men

7:00 am to 7:00 pm
Saturday, October 19, 2024

\$65*

*Get Early Bird
pricing when you pay
by 30 September!

\$75 regular price



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CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF HAWAII

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: “Over the years, the FDA has bent the law and shown disregard for women’s health when it comes to chemical abortion. In 2000, mifepristone was first approved using an ‘accelerated’ review process that is supposed to be only for new drugs that treat serious illnesses and are better than existing treatments. But pregnancy is not an illness, and abortion drugs are riskier than surgical abortion.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Abortion Pills: The Basics”

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8 AM	September 30, 2024 Wilfredo Pacleb (RIP) Dominador Rulloda (RIP) Leeann Pacleb (Healing)	Saturday 8 AM	October 5, 2024 Dorothy Isaac (Birthday Blessing) Robert Ane (RIP)
Tuesday 8 AM	October 1, 2024 James & Mildred Mizoguchi (RIP) Dominador Rulloda (RIP) Paz Fonacier (Retirement Blessing)	5 PM	Wilfredo Pacleb (RIP)
Wednesday 8 AM	October 2, 2024 Mario Pichon (Birthday Memorial) Dominador Rulloda (RIP) Rita DeSilva (RIP)	Sunday 7 AM	October 6, 2024 Floencia Silva Solano (Death Anniversary)
Thursday 8 AM	October 3, 2024 Jolly Guerrero-Tano (Thanksgiving)	9 AM	For the People
Friday 8 AM	October 4, 2024 Guerrero Family (Blessings/Thanksgiving)	11 AM	Suzanna Foster (RIP)
		6 PM	Leeann Pacleb (Healing)

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Stephanie Rapozo, Thomas Ramos, John Bates, Cindy Abernathy, 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, Freddy Willems, Florence Willems, Ross Licare, Butch Corpuz & Noemi Angeles.

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.