



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Aloha my brothers and sisters,

Next weekend, our parish will be starting a new monthly community event for all to attend, called Ohana Sunday. The purpose of this monthly event is for us as a parish community to gather for fellowship after our 11:00 AM mass. We can freely share our faith, joy, and love of God as a Christian community through the sharing of food, stories, families, and fun.

Gathering as a community is a divine command, as we find in the letter to the Hebrews 10:25, *"We should not stay away from our assembly, as is the custom of some, but encourage one another . . ."* We could stop right here. God said it; that's all we need to know. But God wants us to try to understand his ways. So, I would like to provide a couple of reasons why we as a Christian community should gather together:

Gathering as a community helps us to experience God's presence within our parish life and families, as St. Matthew reminds us in his Gospel 10:18 *"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."* As Christians, it's incredibly valuable to train ourselves to be aware of God's presence always and everywhere. In this verse, Jesus promises a different kind of presence, a sense of Jesus himself being among us in a way we can only experience with other people.

As a Spirit-led parish we know that the fruit of the Holy Spirit is relational. As the letter to the Galatians 5:22 tells us, *" . . . the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."* We can't love in isolation; God wants us to love one another. Patience and kindness and goodness and gentleness can't exist in a vacuum; you practice them towards other people. We may experience joy, peace, and even self-control when we're alone, but we develop them best in response to other people. All the facets of the fruit of the Spirit are ways of relating. We can only grow and demonstrate the Spirit's fruit with other people.

Lastly, we gather together for support. As the Book of Ecclesiastes 4:9–12, reminds us: *"Two are better than one: They get a good wage for their toil. If the one falls, the other will help the fallen one. But woe to the solitary person! If that one should fall, there is no other to help. So also, if two sleep together, they keep each other warm. How can one alone keep warm? Where one alone may be overcome, two together can resist. A three-ply cord is not easily broken."* When we stick with each other, we can protect and support one another. It's like an old Boy Scout saying: *"Pull one stick out of a campfire, and soon it will go out. Put it back, and it will reignite."* Each of us is like a stick in the campfire. We need each other to keep the fire burning.

We meet together so the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers can equip us to do God's work until we all resemble God's Son. If any of us doesn't fully resemble Jesus, we can't stop coming together. So, I encourage you to please attend this event next Sunday.

Gratefully yours in the heart of Jesus Christ,

Fr. Anthony Rapozo

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	OCT 12/13
Sunday Collection	\$ 11,241.00
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,015.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 450.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 65.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 30.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,342.00
Candles	\$ 537.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 10.00
All Souls’ Day	\$ 260.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 3.50
Social Ministry	\$ 75.00
Stewardship	\$ 25.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 10.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 3.50
Seminarian Education Fund	\$ 20.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 17,087.00

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS



Our Gospel today conveys how we are called to imitate Jesus through humility and service.

We are reminded that the Son of God became man and surrendered His life into the hands of men so that we might be saved. The life of Jesus was centered around His Father's mission and the service of mankind. And this is how we ought to live — in imitation of Christ.

James and John wanted to ensure they had a spot in heaven with Jesus. They

were concerned about themselves in that moment — “Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left.”

Jesus quickly reminded them, “whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.”

Our culture constantly encourages us to do what we can to get ahead in this world, to do what feels good, no matter the effects — that power, authority, and wealth should be our goals in life.

Our faith offers us something different and fulfilling — a life of humility and service. As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in service of God and neighbor, just as Jesus did. Our life is not about us. It is about fulfilling God's glorious plan for each one of us.

So, we must ask ourselves, are we living out God's plan for our lives? Is my life centered on Christ and those around me or is it centered on me?

It can be difficult to know God's plan for our entire life. He sees the whole picture — we only see the now. All we can do is seek Him daily. If each day is centered on Him, then our entire lives will become the work of Jesus.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU
WITNESS TO JESUS

October 15, 2024
Memorial of St. Theresa of Avila

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Diocese of Honolulu,

Peace be with you!

St. Theresa of Avila was known for her personal holiness, but also for her vision and hard work in reforming the Carmelite Order, which had become very lax. Some applauded her efforts, while others opposed them; but she knew, through her prayerful discernment, that this reform was the will of God, even though it was difficult to achieve.

As we approach the 2024 election, we know that there is much to be reformed in our own country. We have lost a respect for life in all its stages. We have allowed marriage and solid parenting as the basis for a stable society to erode. We have the heavy challenge of not only housing the homeless but of addressing the root causes of homelessness. Our civil disagreement with one another has become toxic, demonizing of those who do not agree with us. While religious freedom once prevailed, there was a general sense that religion was respected for its thoughtful and experienced service of the community, and this, too, has eroded.

We are soon to experience one of the most important elections for the future of our country. It is our duty as followers of Jesus to take our civic duties seriously. We are to be good stewards of our beloved land by voting, so that those we elect can embody the values that will truly reform our country. We need to carefully prepare for voting by prayerfully discerning the Lord's will and applying what we discern on the ballot. And even after the election we need to continually pray for our elected leaders and stay engaged with them, so that the gift of democracy that has been given to us can truly flourish.

Please pray, discern, and VOTE! St. Theresa, pray for us!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu

It only takes one phone call.



Go connect.

Everyone knows someone who has fallen away from the faith. God wants YOU to be a part of their story of rediscovery. Ask him who he wants you to reach out to. Listen, be open, and let Christ's love shine through your words. You don't need to have all the answers—you just need to be present. One phone call could be the catalyst for their return to Christ and his Church.





ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

will be celebrating our parish's First Ohana Sunday on October 27, 2024, following our 11:00 AM Mass.

The concept of 'Ohana involves creating loving relationships with more than just blood relatives. Embracing 'Ohana means developing a sense of familial care and devotion to all members of the human family.

We at Saint John's are comprised of our own unique 'ohana, in what is biblically called a Christian community.

As a Christian Community, we see ourselves as a group of people who love Jesus and fellowship with one another. It's a place where we as a parish can express God's love by supporting each other and growing together. The main goal of 'ohana Sunday is to encourage us all to become more like Christ.

Our celebration as a Christian Community will start with our 9:00 AM Children's Mass and our 4th annual dress as a Saint procession during Mass.

Our big event will begin after our 11:00 AM Mass, which will include a potluck lunch, entertainment, prizes, interactive games, and Catechesis on Blessed Carlos Acutis in the OCC.

As the Gospel of Matthew 18:20 proclaims, "*For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them.*"



ST. JOHN APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH DRESS AS A SAINT FAMILY EVENT

Sunday, October 27, 2024 – 9:00 AM

Children are invited to dress as their favorite Saint and process in at the beginning of Mass with Father and the Deacons. Every child in costume will receive a Halloween bag filled with candy.

We will also be celebrating our parish's First Ohana Sunday on October 27th in the OCC, following our 11:00 AM Mass.

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ENCOUNTER NIGHTS

Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction

Wednesday Evenings | 7:00 PM

Rediscover the sense of adoration in silence.

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SENIOR MINISTRY



MEDICARE CHANGES
COMING...

How will this affect YOU?

NOV 10, 2024 (SUN)

12:30 - 3:30 pm

Inside OCC

*** ADULT children welcome

- MEDICARE 101 Workshop
- Rhythmic Drumming

... All Seniors & their ADULT Children are
welcome to join us to learn about
MEDICARE, participate in a Rhythmic
Drumming Session and learn from
participating vendors.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

"What do you wish for me to do for you?" Listen closely to your heart. Is God calling you to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life?" Let the grace of prayer encourage you.
- Deacon John Coughlin, Co-Director at (808)203-6729 or jcoughlin@rcchawaii.org.

THIS WEEKEND IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (10/19- 10/20). We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity! Envelopes are available at the back of the church. For more information, please visit www.onefamilyinmission.org. Mahalo!

"Seasons of Hope" Season 2 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. **This meets on Tuesdays (10/22, 10/29, 11/5)** 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.

ETERNAL REST Final Episode, "The Faithful Departed": 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. **Join us on Thursday, October 24th, 6:30pm in the One Community Center.**

EPIC MINISTRY- "Master, I want to see" is on Monday, October 21st at 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Sorrows, Wahiawa. Open to young adults ages 18-39. For more information: email: centraloahu@epicministry.net, text **EPICMINISTRY** to **8456** or call (808) 354-0971.

OHANA SUNDAY – OCTOBER 27, 2024 –

Join us in the OCC for Potluck, Catechesis, Music, Fun & Fellowship – 12PM – 3PM

Drop off your potluck dish between 10AM – 12PM

THEME OF THE DAY: SAINTHOOD

Y.A.B.S: YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY in Room 4

On Tuesdays 6:30 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.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS, commemorating all those who have gone before us, will be on Saturday, November 2nd, at 8:00 am & 10:00 am. All Souls Offering envelopes are available at the main entrance of the church. Please submit your offering **no later than Thursday, October 31**. We hope to see you as we gather in prayer for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

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: “I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.”

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	October 21, 2024	Friday	October 25, 2024
8 AM	Fe Guadalupe Villareal (RIP) Nathan & Wally Ho (RIP) Lisa Dennis (RIP)	8 AM	Alfredo Cordial Jr. & Sr. (RIP) Felicitas Cordial (RIP) Lisa Dennis (RIP) Maria Pascual (Birthday Blessing)
Tuesday	October 22, 2024	Saturday	October 26, 2024
8 AM	Philip Pagador (Birthday Memorial) Eduardo Islao (RIP) Dan Flojo (RIP)	8 AM	Leeann Pacleb (Healing) Eugenio Quiddaoen (RIP) Rowena Arocan
Wednesday	October 23, 2024	5 PM	Wilfredo Pacleb (RIP)
	Seth Hayakawa (RIP) Eduardo Islao (RIP) Dan Flojo (RIP)		
Thursday	October 24, 2024	Sunday	October 27, 2024
8 AM	Lynn Fukumitsu (RIP) Lucerio Yumang (RIP) Dan Flojo (RIP)	7 AM	Wallace Salvador
		9 AM	For The People
		11 AM	Maria Bugarin (RIP)
		6 PM	Alfred Cayetano (Death Anniversary)

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

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 & Dale Cox Jr.