



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas Primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

Now you might also be asking yourself why is Christ the King celebrated before Advent? The Feast of Christ the King, the final Sunday on the liturgical calendar, is wisely juxtaposed against the first Sunday of Advent, the first Sunday of the New Year. If the Solemnity of Christ the King is all about celebrating "Big Jesus," then the season of Advent is all about adoring "Little Jesus."

God is our father; Christ is our brother. Christ is the King of Kings. He gave us the greatest gift: a greater gift than any earthly King. He made us sons and daughters of the living God with eternal life. The royalty of Christ is the royalty of love.

Lastly what life messages does the Feast of Christ the King teach us? It teaches us that we need to assess our commitment to Christ the King today. As we celebrate the Kingship of Christ today, let us remember the truth that he is not our King if we do not listen to him, love him, serve him, and follow him.

For as Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.

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

DEACON Dcn. Romeo Ganibe
Dcn. Mike Browning

*FULL Parish Clergy & Staff Directory
available on our website.*

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: 8AM Tuesday – 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

NOV 16/17

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,824.68
Healing Mass (11/11/24)	\$ 221.27
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,429.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 1,574.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 656.60
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 60.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 962.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Stewardship	\$ 25.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 70.00
Candles	\$ 458.00
Flowers	\$ 25.00
All Souls' Day	\$ 10.00
Preschool	\$ 75.00
'Ohana in Christ	\$ 3,094.55
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$ 175.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 310.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 10.00

WEEKEND TOTAL

\$ 22,985.10



SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

On this last Sunday of Ordinary Time for the liturgical year, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, at a time when the world was experiencing a rise of secularism, materialism and individualism, and an increasing denial of Christ's existence and authority.

The hope was that the establishment of this feast would accomplish three goals: that nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, that leaders and nations would see that they are required to give respect to Christ, the King of kings, and that the faithful would be strengthened and encouraged by the reminder that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies.



This feast is needed more than ever for all people and for us especially, as Christian stewards. It reminds us of three vital truths.

First, even when it seems the world is spinning out of control, we need not fear because we have a King of kings who is very much in charge and who is loving, merciful and just.

Second, if Christ is king of all, then He is also king of me, personally. I am not "lord" of my time, talents, and treasure. He is. I am a servant of the King and a steward of His gifts to me.

Third, as His disciple, I am called to imitate my King. Christ's kingship is characterized by humble service, by emptying Himself for the good of others.

The Scriptures tell us He went about doing good and He says of Himself, "I came not to be served but to serve." How can I live in any other way than as a humble servant like my King?

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (3C)

Responsorial Psalm: 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

~ "The kingship of Jesus is completely different than that of the world: He did not come to dominate but to serve. He did not come amid signs of power, but with the power of signs. He is not like other kings, but he is King for the others."



-POPE FRANCIS



Speaker: Fr. Chris Arockiaraj, P.S.S.
December 10th Presentation: 6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
December 11th Presentation & Penance Service:
6:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church
95-370 Kuahelani Avenue, Mililani
All are welcome to attend

About Fr. Chris:

Father Chris joined the formation faculty at Theological College and the teaching faculty at The Catholic University of America in 2017. In addition to being Vice-Rector, he serves as TC's Coordinator of Pastoral Formation. He is also adjunct associate professor in the School of Theology and Religious Studies at Catholic University and is the coordinator of the Basic Supervised Ministry Program at Catholic University. In addition, he serves on the national steering committee for the Association of Theological Field Education for North America and as USCCB liaison for Indian American Catholics in the United States.

As a priest, Fr. Chris has held various positions, including those of pastor, hospital chaplain, formation advisor, spiritual director, academic dean, dean of men, director of field education, and coordinator of the pastoral-year program. He is a certified pastoral counselor and has clinical experience working with families and individuals. He has a certificate in spiritual direction from the Institute for Priestly Formation in Omaha.



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NOVENA FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FOR A NEW CULTURE OF LIFE

Throughout this Novena we ask the intercession of Mary, the Merciful Mother of Jesus, for a New Culture of Life and the conversion of the Americas.

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH
DECEMBER 3 -11, 2024
NOVENA ROSARY AT OCC

	Dec	Rosary	December 12, 2024
T	3	5 pm	Thursday (Feast Day)
W	4	5 pm	5:00 PM Mañanitas
Th	5	5 pm	6:00 PM Mass
F	6	5 pm	7:00 PM Potluck
S	7	4 pm	
Su	8	5 pm	For more information contact:
M	9	5 pm	Zoila (808) 799-7856
T	10	5 pm	zoilahorta@gmail.com
W	11	5 pm	Patricia (808) 256-0830

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION is on Dec. 12th starting at 5pm with the Mañanitas. The "Mañanitas" is a Latin traditional song to Our Lady. If anyone is interested in performing, please contact Zoila (808) 799-7856 or email zoilahorta@gmail.com | Patricia (808) 256-0830.

3RD ST JOHN APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST CHURCH

Journey to the Inn Event SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, DEC 13, 2024 | 6:30 PM | OCC

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE



Scripture



Prayer



Song



& Fellowship



NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

QUESTIONS, CONTACT REGAN & MILA RAMOS

TEXT/CALL: (425) 890-8377 | EMAIL: reganmila@yahoo.com

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

"My kingdom does not belong to this world." Help lead others to Christ and to know his merciful love. Prayerfully consider he may be calling you to serve in this world as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office: Fr. Joseph Diaz (Director of Vocations) at (808) 585.3355 or via email: jodiaz@rcchawaii.org.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th in observance of Thanksgiving.

WE GIVE THANKS TO OUR LORD FOR ALL HIS BLESSINGS! Join us in gratitude at the 8:00 am Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thurs, Nov 28th! Bring a meal item (labeled with your name) for your thanksgiving table for a blessing before sharing it with your family & friends (i.e., apple cider, dinner rolls, fruit, etc.) Our Liturgical Environment Ministry will place the item on the sanctuary with you.



Please return your **St John's Christmas Wish** gifts wrapped before Mass on November 23,24,30 – December 1. Thank you for being an Angel by providing a Christmas gift to Catholic Charities, St John's and Helping Hands. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

DEBT REDUCTION SECOND COLLECTION: We will have a second collection next weekend, November 30/ December 1 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 online on our parish website. Your generosity is much appreciated.

The Women's Guild Bringing Joy to Pearl City Care Home on December 7, 2024, as part of our commitment to serve our greater community. We will share the spirit of fellowship and joy with the 41 long-term patients through uplifting music and heartfelt gifts. We aim to brighten their day and remind them of the love and care of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is to be celebrated on Monday, December 9, 2024, as a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION in the Diocese of Honolulu. It will be celebrated on Monday, December 9 at 8am and 6:30 pm Mass.

Remember a loved one by making a flower offering this Christmas. Envelopes are available at the back of the church, or you may also make a donation online by visiting our parish website, online giving.



LITTLE BETHLEHEM CHRISTIANS is a group that represents Christian Families who live in the Holy Land of Bethlehem that make their living as wood carvers. The Alsaouri Family will display a collection of hand-carved olive wood religious items for sale on **December 14th & 15th** after all Masses. All profits will support Christianity in the land of Christ.



OHANA IN CHRIST: Please support your Diocesan Church ministries by contributing to the 2024- 2025 Appeal. Your Stewardship of Treasure will especially help: Parish Priests & Deacons, Youth & Young Adult Ministry and Those Most in Need. Mahalo for your generous support - All gifts are important and appreciated. Envelopes are located at the back of the church, or you may donate through our parish website: stjohnmililani.org.

Mahalo for your generous support!





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

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.

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.



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	November 25, 2024	Friday	November 29, 2024
8 AM	Aggie Browning (Birthday Blessing) Anna Maria Aguirre (RIP)	8 AM	Deyton Shockley (Birthday Blessings) Pedro Taglinao (Death Anniversary) Virginie Amo (RIP)
Tuesday	November 26, 2024	Saturday	November 30, 2024
8 AM	Eric Umetsu (RIP) Dan Flojo (RIP) John T. Dela Cruz (Birthday Blessing)	8 AM	Freddie Williams (Birthday Blessing) Dan Elvena (RIP)
Wednesday	November 27, 2024	5 PM	Constance Achaval (Birthday Blessing)
8 AM	Lani Escamilla (Birthday Blessing) Dan Flojo (RIP)	Sunday	December 1, 2024
Thursday	November 28, 2024	7 AM	Charles & Chieko Beeson (RIP)
8 AM	The Benitez & Browning Family (Thanksgiving/Blessings) Robert Ane (RIP)	9 AM	For the People
		11 AM	Suzanne Foster (RIP)
		6 PM	Primo Pablo (Birthday Blessing)

Respect Life: “Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary”

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, John Basug, Claire Pilar, Roland Crisostomo, Addie Pablo, Margie Romasanta, Jim Guzior, Freddy Willems, Florence Willems, Ross Licare, Butch Corpuz, Noemi Angeles, & Julius Magio.

DECEASED

Robert Ane, 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, Virginie Amo, Clarita Martinez, Dr. Tom Nestor, Alvin Cordura & Roberto Dael.