



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Gospel of the Lord.” This dismissal at the end of Mass urges us to take what we have received and share it with others. While we hear the Great Commission every week, how often do we truly take it as a personal challenge? Every time you receive the Eucharist, you are being nourished to live this mission in a unique and personal way.

This is the basic premise behind the videos we have been showing before Mass lately. It's part of the fourth pillar of the Year of Mission—Eucharistic Mission—is the natural fruit of the first three pillars. Your personal encounters with Christ, the identity you've embraced as his beloved, and the Eucharistic life you've cultivated all lead to sharing that love with others.

This Eucharistic Mission compels each of us to live this joy outwardly—to be a light in the small, daily ways we reflect Christ's love to those around us. If we open our hearts, Christ's transformative presence will permeate every part of our lives, filling us with unquenchable zeal to help build his Kingdom in our own communities here on earth.

I encourage you all this week to take a moment to ask Jesus: How is his calling me to integrate this mission deeper into my daily life? There is someone in your life right now whom Jesus longs to call to himself. He wants to spark a relationship with them and bless them with his sacraments. This is your opportunity to be God's instrument in the life of another person. Imagine how our families, neighborhoods, and country will be transformed if every active Catholic answers this call!

This year's flagship initiative is **Walk With One**—a simple, yet powerful, invitation to be God's instrument in the life of one other person.

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 23/24

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,586.00
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 842.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 4,172.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 115.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 60.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 165.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Stewardship	\$ 100.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 480.00
Candles	\$ 341.00
Flowers	\$ 20.00
All Souls' Day	\$ 5.00
Angel Tree	\$ 25.00
'Ohana in Christ	\$ 80.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$ 752.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 25.00

WEEKEND TOTAL

\$ 18,773.00



Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Prenger Solutions Group

We long for a closeness with God. And Advent is the perfect time to journey toward this intimacy with the Lord. After all, it is the season when our heavenly Father demonstrates His deep love for us – by preparing us to receive the gift of His Son. It doesn't get more personal than that!

But sometimes our anxieties and the trappings of this world can take root in us, preoccupy our thoughts and attentions and keep us from entering fully into a relationship with God. Earthly concerns – completing year-end projects at work, ticking off items on our Christmas shopping list, planning the big family celebration – distract us from what God most desires of us – communion with Him.



In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us to "be vigilant at all times." He warns us to "beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from...drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." Let us take to heart Christ's message so that we can enter fully into this "watchful and waiting" season. Let us "wake up" to the many ways we can keep Jesus' teachings front and center in our lives: time with the scriptures, volunteering at a homeless shelter, inviting an elderly neighbor to dinner, bookending the day with prayer, donating to charity, and giving to the 'Ohana in Christ appeal.

Yes, Advent is a season of preparation and patience, but it is also a season of promise. It is a time when, through prayer and sacrifice, we remember the true meaning of Christmas – how Christ's birth in a lowly manger over 2000 years ago was the cause of our salvation.

We thank you in advance for your generosity, for heeding Christ's call to love your neighbors through the sharing of your blessings. May the peace of Christ be with you this Advent season.

Readings for next Sunday, December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9 (6C)

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

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

~ "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



Augustus Tolton was born into slavery to Catholic parents. Shortly after the American Civil War broke out, he escaped with his mom into Illinois. After facing harsh prejudice at a Catholic school in Quincy, Augustus was welcomed by Fr. Peter McGirr to his parish's school, where he ensured Augustus received a Catholic education. He later opened the first Catholic school for black children in Quincy.

Augustus was accepted into seminary in Rome after being refused admittance into seminary in America. He was ordained a deacon in 1885, and assumed he would be sent to Africa after being ordained a priest. However, Giovanni Cardinal Simeoni believed America needed to see its first black Catholic priest and ensured that Fr. Tolton would be assigned there. After serving as the pastor of St. Joseph's, a black parish, he was reassigned to the Archdiocese of Chicago and served the black Catholic community there before dying of heat stroke at 43 years old.

Fr. Augustus Tolton leaves a legacy of faith and perseverance despite the odds. Who in your life might God be calling to something extraordinary but just needs the encouragement in the faith that you can provide? Take that next step and Walk With One!

Learn more at www.eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one





The Power of a Quiet Witness – Colleen’s Story

I didn't believe that the church was true. I decided officially not to be confirmed and not to pursue my faith any further. Luckily, I had a priest that didn't give up on me - Father Norman.

I ended up speaking with him and he just constantly was a quiet witness to me of what it meant to love Jesus with totality and seeing him hold up the Eucharist during a Mass and seeing like the love in his eyes that he had while holding up the Eucharist and realizing that he really believed that was true. Then just looking at the way he lived his life; it all kind of made sense that his life wasn't possible without that being true Jesus like smacked me over the face with a 2x4.

I think the Eucharist is the most beautiful thing I I've ever encountered in the world and the Eucharist is 100% the love of my life. Don't underestimate the power of a quiet Witness.

Colleen didn't believe the Church was true and decided not to continue in the faith. But neither could she deny the witness of Fr. Fischer's Christlike life and deep love for the Eucharist. In time, she realized that such a life was only possible because the Eucharist is truly Jesus.

All it takes is one example, one encounter, one conversation to point someone to Jesus. Who will you walk with? Learn more about how you can Walk with One at eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one



ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL
Akamai Owls Newsletter
December 2024



Aloha!

The month of December will be a busy and short month for us. Thank you for your generosity in donating to our Christmas Wishes Program. We were able to collect a total of 25 gifts!

This month, we will be discussing about Advent as the special preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ. This will transition into the celebration of Christmas and the true meaning of it; love, giving, receiving, and sharing God's love. The students will also learn about how different countries celebrate this festive occasion.

One of the highlights for this month will be our Christmas program scheduled for December 20 at 9:30am in the SJAEE OCC. There will be an early dismissal at 11:30am after the program.

We would like to wish you and yours a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. May this wondrous occasion help us to share the gifts of peace and love that the infant Jesus brought to our world. Merry Christmas!

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 20...Christmas Pageant at 9:30am - Early dismissal at 11:30am

December 23-January 3...Christmas Vacation

LOOKING AHEAD

January 6...School Resumes

January 20...MLK Jr. Holiday (No School)

January 31...Annual Conference for Catholic School Educators (No School)

CLASSROOM WISH LIST

- Package of paper napkins
- Facial tissue boxes
- 3 oz. paper cups

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

December 25...Stella

December 27...Otto



"The strength of even the smallest children is more than we imagine, but it must have a free play in order to reveal itself."

-Maria Montessori

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church

"To make disciples is to engage with God in fulfilling His desire to bless all the peoples of the earth." – John B. McDonald



December 3-11	Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena
December 9	Masses for The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) , 8 AM and 6:30 PM
December 10 & 11	Parish Advent Retreat, 6:30 PM
December 11	Parish Retreat/Penance Service/Adoration, 6:30 PM
December 12	Mañanitas, 5 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, 6 PM
December 13	Journey to the Inn, 6:30 PM
December 16-24	Misa de Gallo, 5 AM
Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation	
December 24	Christmas Eve Masses: 6 PM, Midnight Mass
December 25	Christmas Day Masses: 7 AM, 9AM, 11AM (No Evening Mass)
December 27	St. John Apostle & Evangelist Feast Day Masses: 8 AM and 6:30 PM – Light appetizers will be served
December 29	Feast of the Holy Family
December 30	8 AM Mass of Thanksgiving Fr. Anthony Rapozo's 13th Ordination Anniversary
January 1	The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, 8 AM
January 5	Epiphany of the Lord (Regular Sunday Mass Schedule)
January 12	Baptism of the Lord (Regular Sunday Mass Schedule)





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
T	3	5 pm
W	4	5 pm
Th	5	5 pm
F	6	5 pm
S	7	4 pm
Su	8	5 pm
M	9	5 pm
T	10	5 pm
W	11	5 pm

December 12, 2024
Thursday (Feast Day)
5:00 PM Mañanitas
6:00 PM Mass
7:00 PM Potluck

For more information contact:

Zoila: (808) 799-7856

zoilahorta@gmail.com

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!



FRIDAY, 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



Scan for Registration Form

Youth Ministry

Grades 6-12

GRADES 6-8 CLASS:

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:

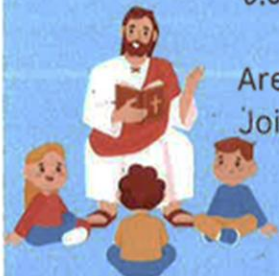
- Inspiring teachings that bring the Bible to life
- Life-changing retreats that will shape your future
- A community of friends who share your beliefs

YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE.

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

Questions? Contact:
cgarma@rcchawaii.org







LET'S CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN'S A&E CHURCH WOMEN'S GUILD

Come join us for a special evening honoring 50 years of Faith, Fellowship and Service.

When: Saturday, January 18, 2025

Where: St John's A&E OCC

Time: 5p-9p
Mass @ 5p

Luau Dinner and Entertainment to follow

Dinner Purchase of \$25 per person required for entrance.

- Available for purchase on the Church Lanai after every Mass
- on 12/08 and 12/15.

For more information or ticket inquiries:
See Any Women's Guild Board Member or
Text Abbie@808-216-2128





Diocese
of Honolulu
Respect Life Office

I CALLED YOU BY NAME YOU ARE MINE

Isaiah 43:1

Mass for the Order for Naming and Commendation
of an Infant who Died before Birth

Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 6:30 PM



BISHOP LARRY SILVA, CELEBRANT



For more info, contact
Dcn. Gary Streff, 808-673-3074
gstreff@rcchawaii.org



**Co-Cathedral of
St. Theresa of the Child Jesus**
Honolulu



St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church



**Join us for *Misa de Gallo*
at 5:00 A.M. with our Celebrants:**

Dec 16	Fr. Anthony Rapozo & Fr. Jojo Alnas
Dec 17	Fr. Romple Emwalu
Dec 18	Bishop Larry Silva
Dec 19	Fr. EJ Resinto
Dec 20	Fr. Boniface Sakala
Dec 21	Fr. Manny Hewe
Dec 22	Fr. Jojo Alnas
Dec 23	Fr. Ed Barut
Dec 24	Fr. Jojo Alnas

Parish Announcements

"Like a man away on a journey, he assigns each of us a task; be on the alert." Being chosen to serve as a priest or in consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation. 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.

SUPPORT A LIFETIME OF SERVICE! Women and men religious have spent their lives servicing others in prayer, ministry, education, and care for those in need – usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Next weekend (**12/7-12/8**), please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please drop your donation during offertory or you may also donate online through our parish "Online Giving."

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!



ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS interested in attending Chaminade University of Honolulu! Chaminade Scholars form a community of life and learning that provides each member with the support needed to excel academically, to pursue spiritual development and to thrive socially at Chaminade University. A Chaminade Scholar is challenged to discover his or her life vocation, to be a servant leader and to use God-given gifts and talents to pursue the common good. Recipients of the scholarship receive a \$2000 award each year for 4 years. If you scan the QR code on the poster, it will take you to a webpage with detailed information about the scholarship.





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	December 2, 2024	Friday	December 6, 2024
8 AM	Skye Megan Eslava (Birthday Blessing) Clemente Flojo (RIP) Charmaine Chavez (RIP)	8 AM	Guerrero Family (Thanksgiving/Blessings) Feliciano Dona (RIP)
Tuesday	December 3, 2024	Saturday	December 7, 2024
8 AM	James & Mildred Mizoguchi (RIP) Desuacido Family (Thanksgiving) Clemente Flojo (RIP) Demitri Chaconas (RIP)	8 AM	Candace Gabriel (RIP) Clemente Flojo (RIP)
Wednesday	December 4, 2024	5 PM	Xavier P. Belleza (Birthday Blessing)
8 AM	Felicidad Fernandez (Death Anniversary) Demétrio Galicinao (RIP)	Sunday	December 8, 2024
Thursday	December 5, 2024	7 AM	Charles & Chieko Beeson (RIP)
8 AM	Frank & Christopher Tadda Roberto Dael (RIP) Corazon Rodil (Birthday Memorial)	9 AM	For the People
		11 AM	Myra & Carmello Salomon
		6 PM	Brandon M. Browning (Birthday Blessing)

Respect Life: “*The Gospel of Life* recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers’ wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the ‘least of these’ in our world’s estimation.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life

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.