



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Annual Retirement Fund for Religious Collection is this weekend. Please join me in offering your prayerful support. This campaign is crucial, benefiting more than 24,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have been faithful servants within the Church, devoting their lives to service.

This year, I encourage you to reflect on the impact women and men religious have had on your life—whether through nurturing your faith, encouraging your vocational calling, or witnessing their selfless dedication in Catholic schools, hospitals, parishes, or other ministries.

Most senior religious worked many years for little pay, leaving their religious communities with a shortage of retirement savings. Rising healthcare costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet day-to-day needs for medications, nursing assistance, and other necessities.

Since its inception in 1988 by the US Catholic bishops, the Retirement Fund for Religious has helped address the retirement-savings deficit among many religious communities. The proceeds from this collection assist these communities in providing for their aging members.

While I know that many causes demand your attention and resources, I encourage you my fellow parishioners to contribute what you can and to pray for God's blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Gratefully yours in the heart of Jesus Christ,

Fr. Anthony Rapozo

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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 30/DEC 1

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,485.26
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 1,497.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 4,880.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 577.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 335.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 5,920.96
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Preschool	\$ 75.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 40.00
Candles	\$ 608.00
Flowers	\$ 1,550.00
Mission Outreach	\$ 10.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 70.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 50.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$ 15.00
Retirement fund for Religious	\$ 30.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 20.00

WEEKEND TOTAL

\$ 28,168.22



SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION BY PRENGER SOLUTIONS GROUP

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert.

He went throughout [the] whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

“A voice of one crying out in the desert: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”



Respect Life: “Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother.” Learn how at respectlife.org/support-her.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting”

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a (9C)

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

~ “At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God’s own love and concern.”

-MOTHER TERESA



G. K. Chesterton was a baptized Anglican whose intellectual writings on the Christian faith continue to influence many people today. However, despite his intentional search for the truth, his journey to becoming Catholic took over a decade. Along the way, he had Fr. John O'Connor to turn to—not only for friendship but also as an example of the faith. When Chesterton was finally ready to enter the Catholic Church, Fr. O'Connor was there to initiate him.

There may be someone in your life who seems open to the Church but is hesitant to take that next step. How can you walk with that person, recognizing that your friendship is one vital piece of their journey?

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





NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

"Mom, do you know Jesus?" – Transcript of Marji's Story

I came home from work one day. Amanda was probably 13 or 14 at the time and I came walking into her bedroom and she was sitting on the bed kind of crying and she said, "Mom do you know Jesus?" I said you grow up going to church and things like that, but I can't say I know who Jesus is. But Amanda is like... "I want to know who he is."

There was a Mass at St. Francis Cabrini that she went to with all of her friends and she kept on inviting me to go. So finally, I decided to go and during the whole Mass I just felt at such peace. I've never felt anything like that before and then she's just like... "Mom, will you come and become Catholic with me?" And I thought to myself, how could I tell my daughter "NO" and I decided to walk with her. I learned more in those nine months about Jesus and Catholicism and the sacraments and I felt like I was finally home. The first time I received the Eucharist, I was just speechless. I could not move. I could not talk, and I just was overcome with joy. It was just a beautiful, beautiful moment. It's been 20 years now that I've been a Catholic and I am just so grateful to Amanda for leading me to the Eucharist. God calls the children, so parents listen to your children.

When Marji's daughter wanted to know who Jesus is, Marji agreed to visit Mass with her. There, she felt a peace unlike anything she'd known before, and Marji decided to walk with her daughter on the journey to becoming Catholic.

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



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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

"A voice is calling." Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? 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. **THIS 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 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.

JOIN US FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PRAYER GROUP is sponsoring a Novena in the OCC on Dec 9-11 at 5pm.



Speaker: Fr. Chris Arockiaraj, P.S.S.

December 10th Presentation:
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

December 11th Presentation &
Penance Service: 6:30 PM – 9:00PM

All are welcome!

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE is on Dec 12th, 5 pm Mañanitas, and 6pm Mass followed by potluck in the OCC.

JOURNEY TO THE INN EVENT is on Friday, December 13, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the OCC. All are invited! Bring your family and friends! And bring a potluck dish to SHARE!

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 Alsahouri 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.

MISA DE GALLO at 5:00 am will be held on December 16 – 24 at 5 am.

SENIOR MINISTRY CHRISTMAS SOCIAL on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 at 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm. This weekend, sign-ups will be after all Masses (12/7-12/8). This is a FREE event for seniors and guests (invite a friend or an adult family member). We will have time for Christmas cheer, with games and food and socializing with friends, old and new.

If you have missed the sign up after Mass? Call Susan at (808) 386-0949 and please leave a message. Be sure to indicate your name and how many will be attending. See you there!

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.



**Blood Bank
of Hawaii**

St. John Apostle and Evangelist Catholic Church Blood Drive

COLLECTS 17 PINTS & SAVES 51 LIVES! 5 FIRST- TIME donors!

Record on Previous Year's Annual Blood Drive was

51 Pints saving total of 153 Lives in 2017.



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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	December 9, 2024	Friday	December 13, 2024
8 AM	Dolly Mandap (Birthday Memorial) Suzanna Foster & Riley Sagayaga (RIP) Modesta Yadao (Thanksgiving)	8 AM	Pamela Dizol Harley Kingsley (RIP) Dimitri Chaconas (RIP)
Tuesday	December 10, 2024	Saturday	December 14, 2024
8 AM	Kapua Browning (Birthday Blessing) Roberto Dael (RIP) Roland Agbanlog (RIP) Dimitri Chaconas (RIP)	8 AM	Msgr. John Mbinda (Ordination Anniversary) Patrick M. Mayock (Birthday Memorial) Dimitri Chaconas (RIP) Mercedes Raneses (RIP)
Wednesday	December 11, 2024	5 PM	Keawe & Julian Rillamas Jr. (RIP)
8 AM	Virginie Amo (RIP) Chanee Shockley & Gail Estanque (Special Intentions) Virgil Gabriel (Birthday Blessing)	Sunday	December 15, 2024
Thursday	December 12, 2024	7 AM	Wilfredo Alfaro (RIP)
8 AM	David M. Torres (RIP) Fr. Cletus Mooya (RIP) Virginie Amo (RIP) Demetrio & Dorothea Agustin (RIP)	9 AM	For the People
		11 AM	Suzanna Foster (RIP)
		6 PM	Charles & Chieko Beeson (RIP)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

HELEN FELIX MENDEZ: Age 95, a long-time SJAE parishioner who sang in the 11 a.m. choir and was an active Women's Guild member for many years passed on August 28. Her Memorial service will be on Monday, December 16, 2024, Sat 9 a.m. at Mililani Memorial Park, Mauka Chapel. Graveside service following at 1 p.m. at Hawaii State Veterans Memorial in Kaneohe.

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 & Ellen Guay .