



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Aloha my brothers and sisters:

"The Light of 'Love' has come to earth. It's time for us to pause to see this Light and feel its warmth and celebrate its cause".

I wish a Holy and Blessed Christmas and Peaceful New Year to all our dear parishioners. May the Love, Joy and Peace of Baby Jesus be in your hearts and your homes. Please remember that the Opening Mass with the Holy Father is on December 24, 2024, and will be the start of the Jubilee year of Hope. Thus, we are all being called to be Pilgrims of Hope. So, as we celebrate Christmas let us show the Lords' hope to our world and all our dear and near ones in making Christmas a joyful occasion.

As we will celebrate Christmas Masses as one big parish family, each one of you can be certain that you are all remembered at the Holy Sacrifice of the mass and in the Liturgy of the Office.

All the readings for the various Christmas liturgies proclaim the same mystery. God not only authors life and pours out grace in the midst of it, he also chooses to join us in our lives by becoming one of us. Jesus enters life so we might do the same. Whatever the circumstances of your life right now; grief or joy, struggle or success, faith or doubt, Jesus has lived it himself, and He longs to live it with you. We choose life with Jesus! Let Him be born again in our hearts. We need to allow Him to enter our moments and give us the life for which we were created.

I would like to thank all our parishioners for your commitment to our parish this past year. The giving of your time, talent, and treasure to the Lord continues to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all who worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations truly wonderful. Thanks to all who were involved in decorating our church and setting up for the different liturgies this season and throughout the liturgical year. Lastly, a special thank you to the devoted members of the various ministries in our parish and especially to those who work quietly, behind the scenes.

Maybe the Christmas message this year should be a challenge for all of us to become more involved? It is not so much a question of giving more; it is a question of giving more of ourselves. After all, that's what God was doing when he got involved with us and our world at the first Christmas. Christmas belongs to believers, to those who believe that Jesus Christ, Son of God, was born of the Virgin Mary to reconcile us to one another and to the Father. This is why He came.

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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

DEC 14/15

Sunday Collection	\$ 11, 954.90
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 3,979.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 1,532.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 881.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 60.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 3,324.00
Social Ministry	\$ 10.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 788.00
Preschool	\$ 100.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 110.00
Candles	\$ 488.00
Flowers	\$ 478.00
Mission Outreach	\$ 10.00
Christmas	\$ 60.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe (12/9/2024)	\$ 429.00
Misa de Gallo	\$ 712.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 5.00
All Souls' Day	\$ 10.00
Retirement fund for Religious	\$ 477.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 10.00

WEEKEND TOTAL

\$ 25, 417.90



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God will fill us with His peace if there is room in our lives for Him.

In closing, my only prayer today, that you, your family and homes be filled with the Blessings of Peace, Joy, and Love. At the same time, I thank you all sincerely for your thoughtful prayers, Christmas greetings, and gifts. May all my dear parishioners be overshadowed with the mighty and powerful blessings of the Baby Jesus.

With my Christmas Blessings,

Fr. Anthony Rapozo

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION BY PRENGER SOLUTIONS GROUP

Good news is meant to be shared! Mary knew this when she visited her older cousin, Elizabeth. Both women were expecting. It was natural that they'd want to be together to share their joy and prepare for the coming births of their children.

Yet Mary's visit to Elizabeth was more than shared joy. She also sought to help someone in need. Elizabeth, much older than her young cousin, required assistance during her pregnancy, and Mary did not hesitate to provide this aid – despite being pregnant herself and traveling a great distance to Elizabeth's home.

Mary brings the light of Christ to her cousin. Elizabeth tells her that “the infant in my womb leaped for joy” at the sound of Mary's greeting. What a beautifully appropriate Gospel reading, since Advent is a time of joyful anticipation.

Let us, like Mary, be barriers of Christ's light to others. May we be generous of heart and eager of spirit, offering loving service this Advent by supporting the 'Ohana in Christ annual appeal.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 (17C)

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Responsorial Psalm: 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

~“Peace begins with a smile.”





Andrew Dung-Lac came from a non-Christian home but was instructed in the faith by a lay catechist. Later, he was ordained to the priesthood, and he also served with the priests of the Parish Missions Society. These priests were among the first to be martyred during a wave of persecution under Emperor Ming-Mang beginning in 1832. Fr. Andrew was arrested but ransomed by his parishioners before being arrested again, tortured, and beheaded in 1839. He was canonized along with 116 other martyrs who represent the estimated total of 100,000–300,000 martyrs from this period of persecution.

It doesn't necessarily take a saint or an ordained person to catechize the next generation of saints. We are all called to evangelize, and God wants to work through each of us—including you! Who could you walk with on their journey toward Christ and his Church?

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



Christmas in Italy

EPIC Christmas Banquet

Friday, January 3, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Hawaii Okinawa Center Legacy Ballroom

Honoring



Sr. Celeste "CC" Cabral, OSB

Buffet Dinner
Live Entertainment
Silent Auction
Wine Pull
and
the very first
Young Adult of the
Year Award!

Reserve your space!



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is by God's will that we have been sanctified.” How is God calling you to grow in holiness? If He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, 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.

MISA DE GALLO will be held on December 23 – 24 at 5 am.

CHRISTMAS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATIONS: Christmas Eve Masses, December 24th at 6 PM and 12:00 Midnight. Christmas Day Masses, December 25th at 7:00AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00 AM. There will be no 6PM Mass.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Tuesday, December 24, in observance of Christmas Eve and Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day.

THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST will be celebrated on Friday, December 27th. Masses will be at 8:00 A.M. and 6:30pm. The 6:30 pm Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the One Community Center. All are welcome!



REMEMBER A LOVED ONE BY MAKING A FLOWER OFFERING THIS CHRISTMAS.

Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or you may also make a donation online by visiting our parish website, clicking on “Online Giving.”

EPIC MINISTRY- “Faith Sharing – Family Drama: Slaughter of Innocents” is on Monday, December 23rd, 6:30PM 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.

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

Please join us for a special evening honoring 50 years of faith, fellowship and Service.

Saturday, January 18, 2025 | St John’s A&E One Community Center | 5p – 9p | Mass at 5p

Luau dinner and entertainment to follow. Dinner \$25 per person required for entrance. Tickets are available to purchase in the church office. For more information or ticket inquiries text Abbie @ 808-216-2128.

WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE ONE

ANOTHER. Our prayers and presence in the public square can change policies to promote a Culture of Life! Thursday, January 23, 6 p.m., Feast Day of

St. Marianne Cope. Mass followed by an hour of adoration with Celebrant: Bishop Larry Silva at St. Theresa Co-Cathedral. Friday, January 24 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the State Capitol.





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 December 23, 2024

8 AM Amaral Family (Thanksgiving)
Nimit & Josie Howcumfu
Maria B. Sablan (Death Anniversary)
Richard Cross (Birthday Memorial)

Tuesday December 24, 2024

8 AM Maria & Santiago Tumpap (RIP)
6PM Suzanna Foster (RIP)
12midnight LeeAnn & Wilfredo Pacleb

Wednesday December 25, 2024

7 AM Jacob Samson
9 AM The Benitez & Browning Families (Thanksgiving)
11AM Mucio Aguirre (RIP)

Thursday December 26, 2024

8 AM Harold Jones Sr. & Jr. (RIP)
George Dona
Jonah Fonacier
Roland Agbanlog (RIP)

Friday**December 27, 2024**

8 AM Felicitas Sotelho (Blessings)
Feliciano Dona (RIP)
Jesse Tano (Birthday Blessing)

Saturday**December 28, 2024**

8 AM Joey & Primo Pablo (Wedding Anniversary/Blessing)
Roberto Dael (RIP)
5 PM Chloe Fonacier

Sunday**December 29, 2024**

7 AM Larry Savet (Death Anniversary)
9 AM *For the People*
11 AM Suzanna Foster (RIP)
6 PM Charles & Chieko Beeson (RIP)

Respect Life: “O Blessed Mother, at the angel’s word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Prayer for Radical Solidarity (www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity)

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 & Felicia Routon.

DECEASED

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, Amelia Santos, & Jaime Sagucio.

