



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Aloha my brothers and sisters:

"Gee, Wally...." I grew up hearing those words while watching reruns of the tv show "Leave it to Beaver." As Beaver Cleaver spoke these words often on the show. Over the years, I've heard people say how they wish family life were as simple and innocent as was seen in the household of Ward and June Cleaver. But, my friends, life is not black and white; and it's not a sitcom.... from the 50's or from today.

Family life is much more complex today. Still, life in a family has the possibility of truly being holy, and a place where each member of the family can grow in holiness. The family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus was faced with challenge and peril from the get-go, just like many of our families today. Life has never been "easy" but still, if we look to the love and care we receive from our Father, we can grow as His beloved sons and daughters no matter what family we may have or the challenges that might be present.

I want to challenge each of our parish families this coming new year to truly be present to each other. Whether you're a couple, have one child or many or none at all, make it a point to dedicate quality time to your family life. Be present to each other. Put the phones and I-pads and other electronic devices down. Look at each other in the eye and have real meaningful conversations; not conversations about the weather, but life, and faith, and things of substance. I believe that kids today are less social and more socially awkward because they don't have opportunities to have device-free conversations; person to person, especially with those who are closest to them in their families. When is the best time for this to happen? Well, God, our Father has given us the perfect time: Sunday, the Lord's Day! This is the day set aside so that we may give our Father praise and worship at Mass and grow in love with each other as family, both at the parish and home. This is a precious time. Make good use of it and make a real new year resolution to become a holy and loving family!

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 DEC 21/22 -23/24

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,818.55
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 892.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 2,274.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 270.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 60.00
Funerals	\$ 300.00
Christmas Mass (12/24-12/25)	\$ 24,854.43
Misa de Gallo (12/17-12/24)	\$ 4,579.60
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,601.00
Preschool	\$ 75.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 30.00
Candles	\$ 2,134.00
Flowers	\$ 425.00
Stewardship	\$ 100.00
Social Ministry	\$ 15.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Develop	\$ 9.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 25.00
Retirement fund for Religious	\$1, 085.00
‘Ohana in Hawaii	\$ 112.00

WEEKEND TOTAL \$ 49,659.58



SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION BY PRENGER SOLUTIONS GROUP

When Joseph and Mary discover Jesus in the Temple after three days of frantic searching, they are confused by his matter-of-fact response: “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” In contrast to Mary and Joseph, who “...did not understand what he said to them,” Jesus, at the very young age of 12, fully comprehends his mission.

Jesus is at home in the Temple. As he sits amongst his elders and listens to their exchanges, he is comfortable enough to ask questions and share his perspective. He is fully engaged. He doesn’t just sit on the sidelines as an observer. Even as a child, Jesus is a person of action, and his time in the Temple gives us a clue to what his future ministry will be like. To be his disciple is to be active, to serve others, to talk openly about God the Father and our relationships with Him, to question, to bring as many people the Father’s house as we can.

How do we do this today? By inviting those who have left the Church to Mass. By modeling a commitment to prayer and service to our children. And by supporting programs that build up the Kingdom of God here on earth, like giving to the ‘Ohana in Christ appeal.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 (20 ABC)

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Responsorial Psalm: 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13, 9-10

Gospel: Matthew 2:2



~ “The family...is the foundation of society.”



When Monica's son Augustine fell away from the faith in his teenage years to pursue personal addictions and worldly, she faithfully interceded for him. Ambrose, who was the Bishop of Milan at the time and a skilled orator like Augustine, befriended Augustine, whose heart was finally beginning to soften towards the Catholic faith. When Augustine experienced a conversion and decided to join the Church, Ambrose baptized him—in answer to the faithful prayers of Monica for 17 years.

Is there someone in your life who has walked away from the faith with seemingly no hope of coming back? Don't underestimate the power of your prayers and your friendship in that person's life.

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



ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL
Akamai Owls Newsletter
January 2025



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We welcome 2025 with a prayer of hope for peace throughout the world starting with our own families. May Jesus, the Prince of Peace, reign in our hearts as we strive to become His ambassadors of peace to all whom we encounter in this blessed year.

We would like to thank you all for the special gifts this past Christmas. Your thoughtfulness and generosity were very much appreciated.

As the children return to the routine of their school schedule, they will be reminded of the classroom and outdoor rules.

This month our focus will be on the study of the planets in our Solar System, with special attention to our planet earth. The students will be learning about the properties of matter and steps we can take in caring for our planet.

As always, we thank you for your continued support of St. John's Catholic Preschool.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 6...School Resumes

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

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

LOOKING AHEAD

February 17...Presidents Day
Holiday (No School)

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

January 10...Carson



"Let the children be free; encourage them; let them run outside when it is raining; let them remove their shoes when they find a puddle of water; and, when the grass of the meadows is damp with dew, let them run on it and trample it with their bare feet; let them rest peacefully when a tree invites them to sleep beneath its shade; let them shout and laugh when the sun wakes them in the morning as it wakes every living creature that divides its day between waking and sleeping." - Maria Montessori

Parish Announcements

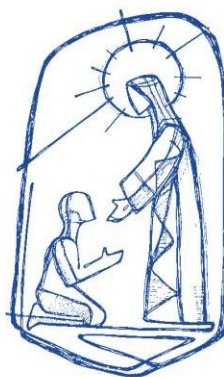
"He gave power to become children of God." If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest or reach out to the Vocation Office: Fr. Joseph Diaz (Director of Vocations) at (808) 585.3355 or via email: jodiaz@rcchawaii.org.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Tuesday, December 31, in observance of New Year's Eve and Wednesday, January 1, New Year's Day.

DEBT REDUCTION SECOND COLLECTION: We will have a second collection next weekend, **January 4/5** 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.

Next weekend, **January 4/5**, **The PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY** is sponsoring Free Blood Pressure screenings after all Sunday Morning Masses on the OCC lanai.

*"Lay Your Hands
Gently Upon Us...
May Their Touch
Render Your Peace..."*



**Monday, January 13, 2025
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
St. John A&E Parish**

Praise and Worship 7:00 pm
Mass 7:30 pm
Celebrant: Fr. Anthony Rapozo



Sponsored by St. John Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group
For information: Victoria Achaval 623-8860 Stephen/Helen Uyehara 623-7423

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 30, 2024

8 AM Fr. Anthony Rapozo
(Ordination Anniversary)
Christina Falke (Death Anniversary)
Estela Agpalza
(1st Death Anniversary)

Tuesday December 31, 2024

8 AM Roland Agbanglog (RIP)
Rodil Dela Cruz Family
(Thanksgiving)
Abernathy, Bates & DeCosta
Family (Special Intentions)

Wednesday January 1, 2025

8 AM Alex & Molly Dizol
(Wedding Anniversary)
The Benitez & Browning Family
(Thanksgiving/Blessing)

Thursday January 2, 2025

8 AM Tyler Chase Clark (RIP)
Anthony Kuloloia
(Birthday Blessing)

Friday January 3, 2025

8 AM Feliciano Dona (RIP)
Guerrero Family
(Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Saturday January 4, 2025

8 AM All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Dan English (Birthday Blessing)
5 PM Thaddeus Damo (RIP)

Sunday January 5, 2025

7 AM Nancy Burnett (Thanksgiving)
9 AM *For the People*
11 AM Alvin Cordura (RIP)
6 PM Maria Tham Lam (RIP)

Respect Life: “Dearest St Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life
(www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph)

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 & Aunt Trudy.

