



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Aloha my brothers and sisters:

The focus on the Feast of the Epiphany is often on the mysterious Magi who offer unique and strange gifts to the child Jesus. But of great importance are the gifts themselves. The word Epiphany means manifestation. What is being manifested is the identity of who Jesus is: the Christ of God. The gifts brought to the child symbolize his identity. The offering of gold, a royal and precious metal, manifests Christ's identity as king. The offering of frankincense, a symbol of prayer rising up to God, manifests Christ's identity as High Priest and mediator between God and man. Finally, the offering of myrrh, a burial ointment, manifests Christ's identity as savior, who freely dies for the salvation of the world.

These gifts brought by the Magi were offered in honor of the Christ Child. They were also offered with love and sacrifice. In this new year, I would encourage you to consider what precious and loving gifts you can offer to God and others.

I feel that more and more, we live in a society that "takes" rather than gives. At the root of many social ills is an entitlement mentality that usurps the age-old idea that "it is better to give than to receive." Everybody, no matter their condition, has the ability to give, even if it's just by their presence. Jesus highlighted this when he said that he came to serve and not to be served. Everyone can serve in some way. Let's all make a New Year's resolution to be a more giving people; a people who actually serve others, not necessarily in their obvious need, but by giving what they need the most for their true betterment. That takes some discernment and prayer if it is to be done right. But when it is done right, it serves and honors the dignity of their person in the highest and truest way. And let's also give God honor, love, and sacrifice in thanksgiving for his many gifts to us.

Blessings for the new year.

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 28/29

Sunday Collection	\$ 14,534.55
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 2,882.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 3,284.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 140.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 5,690.00
Marriage	\$ 300.00
Christmas Immaculate Conception	\$ 2,050.00 \$ 60.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 3,691.00
Preschool	\$ 75.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 330.00
Candles	\$ 716.00
Flowers	\$ 20.00
Mission Outreach	\$ 15.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 50.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 25.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$ 25.00
Retirement fund for Religious	\$ 50.00
‘Ohana in Hawaii	\$ 215.00

WEEKEND TOTAL

\$ 34,157.55



SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. For centuries we as Catholics celebrated this Feast on Jan. 6, but the decision was made a number of years ago (at least in the United States) to celebrate the Epiphany on the Sunday which falls between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8.

“Epiphany” means “manifestation.” It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations.

Officially Christmas is not over. In fact, the recommendation of the Church is that on this day those who display a crèche, a nativity or manger scene, should replace



the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled as well as their gifts. However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day.

At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.

The poet William Cullen Bryant captures the significance of the star the Magi followed very well when he wrote, “O Father, may that Holy Star, Grow every year more bright, and send its glorious beams afar, To fill the world with light.”

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, (21C)

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

~ “God's faithfulness is stronger than our unfaithfulness and our infidelities”





Ignatius of Loyola and Francis Xavier were roommates at the University of Paris, but they couldn't have been more different. Ignatius was in his late thirties and intent on becoming a priest, while Francis was a young 20-something with worldly ambitions. As their friendship grew, Ignatius encouraged Francis to consider doing something more with his life. Francis eventually became a priest, one of the first members of the Society of Jesus, and a missionary to Asia, where he died in service of God's kingdom.

There's probably someone in your life whom God is calling to himself but who doesn't seem interested in spiritual things. Is God calling YOU to befriend that person?

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



INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE NOVENA AND FEAST CELEBRATION

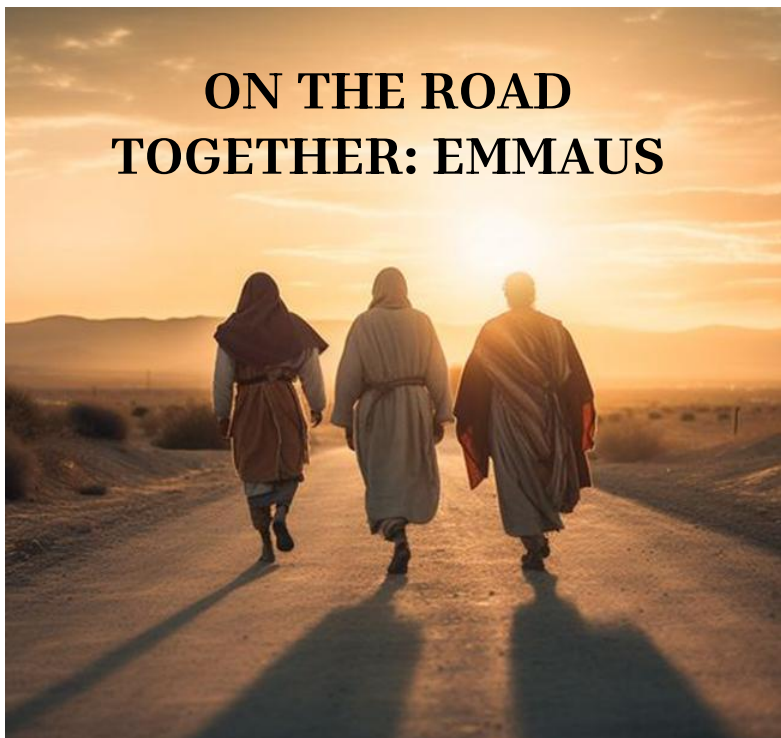
The promise of the Infant of Prague:

“The more you honor me, the more I will bless you.”



Sunday, 1/5 : 3 - 4 PM	Monday, 1/6 : 6 – 7 PM
Tuesday, 1/7 : 6 – 7 PM	Wednesday, 1/8 : 5 PM – 6 PM
Thursday, 1/9 : 6 – 7 PM	Friday, 1/10 : 6 PM – 7 PM
Saturday, 1/11 : 4 – 5 PM	Sunday, 1/12 : 3 – 4 PM
Monday, 1/13 : 6 – 7 PM	in classroom 1.
Feast Day Celebration – Tuesday, 1/14 at 8:00 AM	
Fellowship at OCC at 11:30	
All are welcome	

ON THE ROAD TOGETHER: EMMAUS



This is a free 6-week small group series helping Catholics share their faith and life through the story of the disciples' travels to Emmaus.

The focus is based on a shared journey via faith development, community and discipleship building.

Join Deacon Mike and Clergy, as classes will start on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 6:30 pm in the One Community Center.

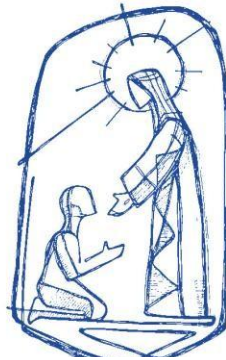
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office: Fr. Joseph Diaz (Director of Vocations) at (808) 585.3355 or via email:

jodiaz@rcchawaii.org.

Make 2025 your best spiritual growth year yet! Your **SJAE LENDING LIBRARY** has all kinds of resources to help you – prayer, contemplation, history, church teaching, saints and more! The Library Team will be on the lanai after all Masses on January 11-12. Stop by and check out something to feed your soul. And, if you have any overdue books, please return them at the same time. Happy New Year from your Library Team!

*"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.



St. John Apostle and Evangelist Catholic Church will provide a bus to the 2025 Annual March for Life that will be held on Friday, January 24, 2025, at the Hawaii Capitol from 2 - 5 pm. The bus will leave from Resurrection of the Lord Waipio Gentry parking lot at 1 pm. Please plan to arrive at least fifteen minutes prior to our scheduled departure. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Early reservations can be made by calling the Respect Life Committee, Mary Smart at 808-741-2358.





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 2025-2026

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 January 6, 2025

8 AM Balthazar Mauleon
(Birthday Memorial)
Wilfredo Pacleb (RIP)
Helen Johnson (RIP)

Tuesday January 7, 2025

8 AM Frederick Kahalelio
(Birthday Memorial)
Carly Rose Ramos
(Birthday Blessing)

Wednesday January 8, 2025

8 AM Suzanna Foster (RIP)
Joe Godbout (Birthday Blessing)

Thursday January 9, 2025

8 AM Hildegard Borowitz (Blessing)
Alice, Bobby, & Brenda Roberson
(RIP)

Friday January 10, 2025

8 AM Krystle Manguba-Glover
(Blessing)
Myrna DeVega (Blessing)

Saturday January 11, 2025

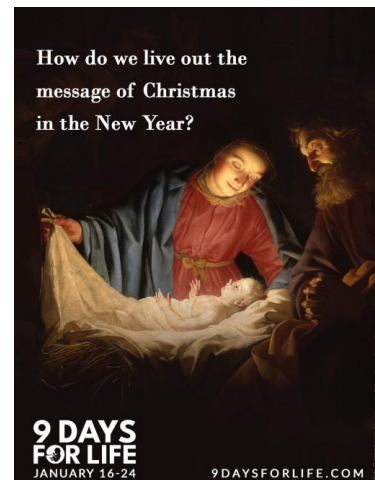
8 AM Jerry Mendoza (RIP)
5 PM Hiram deFries – Saronitman &
Preston Kaluhiwa (RIP)

Sunday January 12, 2025

7 AM Jaime Sagucio (RIP)
9 AM *For the People*
11 AM Natividad Jaramillo (RIP)
6 PM Maxima Pablo (RIP)

Respect Life: “Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world.”

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 & 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 & Aunty Trudy.