



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Aloha my brothers and sisters:

This year the Women's Guild will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in January, I would like to share some very important facts of the Women's Guild you may not be aware of. The Women's Guild start out as St. John's Sodality Society. A Catholic Sodality Society was a voluntary association of Catholics that promotes Christian charity and piety. The word "sodality" comes from the Latin word sodalis, which means "companion". They were established and guided by ecclesiastical authority. Sodalities are devoted to a variety of works of mercy, and many canonized saints were Sodalists.

It was founded in 1972, which means it was most likely a Sodality of the Blessed Virgin, which was founded in Rome in 1563 by Rev. John Leunis, S.J. The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin influenced the lives of millions of people through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and devotion to Mary. In 1971, the Sodality became the Christian Life Communities. It is a Catholic church society for young ladies that has four components: 1) Religion, 2) Purity & virtue, 3) Charity, 4) Social. The emphasis on each of these four parts seems to have differed somewhat from parish to parish and from age to age.

However, in 1973, for reasons unknown that Sodality changed its name to St. John's Women's Guild, under the leadership of Fr. Edward Tuner. From that point on the Women's Guild promoted fellowship among all the women of the parish, to help the parish with its functions and to provide support to its priests. In addition, its members wanted to promote their spiritual life with others and to extend themselves not only to the parish but also to the community. And they took care of the church altar and linens.

The Women's Guild was the forerunner of St. John's Outreach, which, in 1986 was coordinated by Kathleen McDonald. The members of the also put together Thanksgiving and Easter baskets for the poor and visited patients at various hospitals, such as Wahiawa Hospital and Waimano Home for the mentally challenged and disabled.

Today, 50 years later, the Women's Guild purpose is the same as in 1973. It continues to play an active role in helping the church and decorating it for special holidays and supporting the parish priests. And it still takes care of the cleaning of the linens, and they also go on yearly pilgrimages to different churches in October. In May, they host and celebrate May Crowning.

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

JAN 4/5

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,304.50
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 1,393.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 7,026.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 741.12
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 85.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 8,759.00
Preschool	\$ 100.00
Mass Intentions	\$410.00
Candles	\$ 904.00
Christmas	\$ 40.00
Mission Outreach	\$ 105.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 5.00
Misa de Gallo	\$ 100.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 30.00
Retirement fund for Religious	\$ 45.00
‘Ohana in Hawaii	\$ 1,000.00

WEEKEND TOTAL

\$ 33,062.62



SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

As we celebrate this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we can study His actions at the Jordan River as a powerful example of servant leadership. We see in Jesus a type of leadership that is characterized by humility and leading by example.

Certainly, the sinless Savior did not need a baptism of repentance! But Jesus humbly made Himself one with his people to draw us to Him and create a relationship with us so that we would be open to His teachings and influence.



As a servant leader, we also see that Jesus leads by example. He doesn't just tell the people they need to be baptized. He shows them how and does it Himself to teach them. To lead like Jesus, we, too, must "walk the walk" and not just "talk the talk." If we want those who we lead to be generous and hard-working, then we must show them how to do this by demonstrating generosity and hard work ourselves.

Immediately after His baptism, we learn of the powerful affirmation of the Father who opens the heavens, sends the Holy Spirit upon Jesus in bodily form, and says audibly, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased." Let us be filled with gratitude for our amazing God and be reminded that when we are grateful followers of Jesus and servant-leaders in imitation of Him, the Father will be well-pleased with us, too.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5 (66C)

Responsorial Psalm: 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

~ "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."



Walking with Moms in Need | Pray for Moms



INTERCEDE



PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECT

Each year on January 1 the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God. When we approach the manger to adore the infant Son of God, we cannot help but recognize that Mary is indeed *Mother of God*. The holy Nativity calls us to meditate more deeply on the mystery that God used the womb of a woman to bring salvation to the world.

This feast of Mary reminds us of the great miracle of motherhood, and it reveals how God has elevated and sanctified the vocation of mothers. We therefore invite the Blessed Mother to guide us as we seek a deeper understanding of the difficulties of motherhood. We pray that through her intercession each of our hearts may be renewed with empathy and increased awareness of the challenges that so many mothers face in welcoming and caring for the gift of life. May Our Blessed Mother inspire in us a desire and resolve to increase our compassionate care and support of mothers in need.

ACT *(choose one)*

- Pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life (bit.ly/mother-of-life) for the featured intention.
- Create a list of ways that you can personally increase your support of mothers in need. Take your list to prayer, asking the Lord for guidance on what he is asking of you and the grace to faithfully respond.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for the featured intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

Learn more about the challenges that mothers face and the inspiration for *Walking with Moms in Need* in this brief article: bit.ly/wwmin-inspiration

DID YOU KNOW?

Each year on January 22, the Church in the United States observes a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (respectlife.org/january-22). As individuals, we are each called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms.

For additional prayers, resources, and ideas on supporting mothers in your local area:

www.WalkingWithMoms.com

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“Walking with Moms in Need.”
Bulletin Information

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be “islands of mercy in the midst of a sea of indifference.”

Everyone in the parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need.



Walking with Moms in Need is an opportunity for Catholic parishes and communities to "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women in need, accompanying them in friendship and helping to connect moms with local resources.

Walking with Moms in Need provides parishes with a framework to inventory local resources, identify gaps in services, and implement a parish response based on their findings.

Parishes can support local pregnancy centers where they exist, and where there are few local resources, they can create their own based on the gifts of the parish community.



To learn more about Walking with Moms, visit their website at: www.walkingwithmoms.com/



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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."



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.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE JANUARY 16-24



Pray to protect human life!

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena *9 Days for Life*, Thursday, January 16 – Friday, January 24.

9daysforlife.com

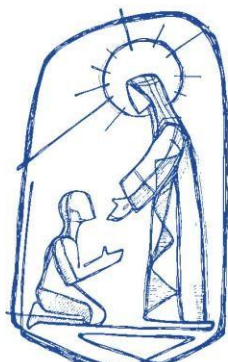


PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

"This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, deacon, 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 23rd, 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!



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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 13, 2025

8 AM Vernon & Terry Silva
(Wedding Anniversary Blessing)
Felicia Routon (Healing)

Tuesday January 14, 2025

8 AM Helen Mendez (RIP)
Felicia Routon (Healing)
Teodula Z. Villareal (RIP)

Wednesday January 15, 2025

8 AM Alex Dizol (Birthday Blessing)
Pablo M. Benitez
(Birthday Memorial)
Felicia Routon (Healing)

Thursday January 16, 2025

8 AM Suzanna Foster (Birthday Memorial)
Robert Ane (RIP)

Friday January 17, 2025

8 AM Robert Ane (RIP)
Frederick Pablo

Saturday January 18, 2025

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

Sunday January 19, 2025

7 AM Jaime Sagucio (RIP)
9 AM *For the People*
11 AM Natividad Jaramillo (RIP)
6 PM Jeffrey Fiala (RIP) & Diane
Kotch (1 yr. Death Anniversary)

Respect Life: ““When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others’ lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“How to Build a Culture of Life” (respectlife.org/culture-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 Ural, 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.