



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Aloha my brothers and sisters:

In 2019, Pope Francis established the Sunday of the Word of God to be celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. As the Holy Father stated in his apostolic letter instituting the observance, “Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world” (Aperuit illud, no. 2). But “What is the Word of God?”

We can look to the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference, Resources for ‘Sunday of the Word of God’, dated January 14, 2020, to give us all a clearer definition to our question. According to them:

“We often identify the Bible as the Word of God. This is not wrong, but God speaks to our hearts in many different ways. For instance, he speaks to us in prayer and through our conscience, and often through other people. Hence, the Word of God covers much more than a printed book. Nevertheless, the Bible is the privileged collection of communications between God and his people. These stories and poems have nourished the lives of the people of Israel and the Christian Church right through the centuries, and they continue to nourish us today. They tell the story of God’s love and our salvation from ancient times onwards. The scriptural texts offer us both challenge and encouragement for our lives and are especially valuable to us through the hope they offer us at dark moments.”

The Conference goes on to say that:

“The Holy Spirit was at work in the whole process of the formation of the Scriptures. This is why, even though many people across different times and places contributed to the writing, we believe that the Scriptures are divinely inspired. But the Holy Spirit’s work does not come to an end with the writing of the text. The Holy Spirit, who dwells in us by virtue of our baptism, is also at work in us as we listen to the text. Therefore, through the Spirit’s inspiration, the words of Scripture can become a living Word of the Lord to us here and now.”

This weekend’s bulletin contains an insert called: “Enthroning the Bible in the Family”. I would encourage all families to celebrate this short rite as a family, and to also read your Bibles once a week.

Gratefully yours in the heart of Jesus Christ,

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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 18/19

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,791.52
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 757.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 3,916.00
Healing Mass (1.13.25)	\$ 252.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 814.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 60.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 591.00
Stewardship	\$ 100.00
Preschool	\$ 100.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 470.00
Candles	\$ 434.00
Mission Outreach	\$ 50.00
Catholic Charities HI	\$ 20.00
Christmas	\$ 25.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 21.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
‘Ohana in Hawaii	\$ 12.00

WEEKEND TOTAL

\$ 18,418.52



SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

In St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, it states *"If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is there are many parts, yet one body."*
(1 COR 12:18-20)

What does this teach us as Christian stewards? It shows us that we all have equal dignity and worth in God's sight, and that if God sees us as equally precious, we should view each other in this same light. It teaches us to humbly recognize our own gifts as well as the giftedness of every member of our parish family. And, while God designed us to be ultimately dependent on Him, it seems He has also designed us to need each other!



This is part of the beauty and richness of a stewardship way of life. No one person can "do it all" in life — whether in family life or parish life. But God does not ask us to do it all. He simply asks us to share the gifts and talents we do have in the season of life we find ourselves right now.

It might feel uncomfortable at first. But the good news is you don't have to do it all. Do your part, let your brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ do theirs, and know that the Spirit of the Lord is upon us all as we live out this stewardship way of life.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Responsorial Psalm: 24:7-10

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

~ *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."*



BEING A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST

A Eucharistic Mission

Guest Speaker: Sister Alicia Torres, F.E.



February 26–27, 2025

7:00 P.M.

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Wednesday, February 26th - Encounter Leads to Identity: How Jesus in the Eucharist Reveals Our Identity to Us
This evening will focus on the ways that we encounter Jesus, especially in the Eucharist, and how Jesus reveals to us who we are: beloved children of God the Father. The talk will touch on key Church teachings such as the Doctrine of Imago Dei, Baptism, the Incarnation, and the Paschal Mystery.

Thursday, February 27th - Every Day Matters: How Eucharistic Living and Mission Go Hand in Hand
This evening will focus on how the way we live day in, and day out has a tremendous impact on the Kingdom of God. This talk will touch on key Church teachings such as the nature of Christian community as described in Acts, self-gift and agape love, the works of Mercy, how Eucharistic mission differs from a general notation of mission and how all that we do as Catholics flows from and leads back to the Mass.

Join us as we learn how to be committed to following Jesus through *Eucharistic Encounter*, leading to *Eucharistic Identity* poured out in a *Eucharistic Life*, all on the way to *Eucharistic Mission*.

Sr. Alicia is a member of the Franciscans of the Eucharist of Chicago. She earned her BA in Theology at Loyola University Chicago, a MDiv at University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary and a Master of Arts in Teaching at Dominican University. In addition to participating in the apostolic works of her religious community, she competed on and won the Food Network's Chopped in 2015 and has had articles and reflections published in various print and online media outlets. She has been honored to serve the National Eucharistic Revival in a plethora of ways since 2021.



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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

"You are the body of Christ and individually members of it." Are you being called to strengthen His body through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life?? Contact the Vocation Office: Fr. Joseph Diaz (Director of Vocations) at (808) 585.3355 or via email:

jodiaz@rcchawaii.org.

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA AND BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION: This weekend (1/25 – 1/26), our parish will be participating in two special collections; Church in Latin America and the Black and Indian Missions. Your gift will go to help fund programs such as evangelization and catechesis for the missions. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. You may drop your donation during offertory or make a donation online by visiting our parish website, clicking "Online Giving." Please be generous.

DEBT REDUCTION SECOND COLLECTION: We will have a second collection next weekend, February 1/ 2 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.

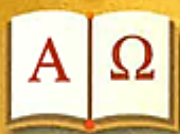
NEXT WEEKEND, CANDLEMAS, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ, will be celebrated at all Masses on Sunday, February 2nd. It is a Christian Holy Day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. If you wish to have your candles blessed, please bring it with you to Mass.

Chilly weather? Curl up with some good Catholic reading! Your **SJAE Library Team** will be on the lanai on February 8-9 with good books for you!

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, classes are on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the One Community Center.



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



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 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Enthroning the Bible in the Family

To show that God is at the center of their lives, many families enthrone the Bible, the Word of God, in a visible place in their homes. By placing the Sacred Scriptures in a prominent place decorated with flowers and art, and by gathering at this spot for daily prayer, families show that God is present and active through his Word.

Enthroning the Bible in your home is easy. Simply pick a place where the Bible can be honored. The Bible should be placed where it will be seen regularly, but the location should be apart from the noise and confusion of the family entertainment. Place the Bible, opened to a favorite passage or the readings of the day (these can be found at www.usccb.org/nab), on a table or shelf. Decorate the area around the Bible with a cloth, flowers, and/or a candle—whatever makes sense to you. Use the following ritual prayer when you gather as a family to enthrone the Bible.

Things to Prepare

- Bible
- A shelf or table where the Bible will be placed (the shelf may be adorned with a cloth and candles)

Ritual

When possible, the ritual may start outside the main door to the house or outside the main entrance to the room. One member of the family holds the Bible, raised slightly. The father, mother, or other leader begins the celebration with the opening litany:

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Word of the Father.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Leader: You became one with us to tell of the Father's love.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Leader: You are the light that shines in the darkness.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Leader: You save us from fear and break the bonds of sin and death.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Leader: You come to guide our steps and lead us to God.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Leader: You are the Word of eternal life.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Leader: You fill us with the Holy Spirit.
Response: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

As everyone enters the house or room, they may sing a suitable song.

Then one of the following Scripture passages is read from the Bible:

Matthew 4:17-23	<i>Jesus calls and heals through the power of his Word.</i>
Mark 4:1-20	<i>The Word is like the seed.</i>
Luke 4:14-21	<i>Jesus proclaims the Word in Nazareth.</i>
John 1:10-14	<i>Jesus is the Word of God and the light of the world.</i>

After the reading, the leader places the Bible in the place prepared for it. All bow deeply before the enthroned Bible.

Leader:
 We have heard your words, Jesus.
 They give us joy and bring light and truth into our lives.
 Your presence gives us peace in our troubled and divided world.
 Let your Word create in our hearts a deep desire for you.
 Be with us in our hearts and homes, in our community and country.
 Give us your Holy Spirit to help us to understand your Word.
 We enthrone now this Holy Bible in our midst.
 Make your Word the center of our lives.
 May your Word inspire all that we think and say and do.
 May your Word bind us together in unity with each other and with you,
 today and forever.
Response: Amen.

All join in saying the Lord's Prayer.

All repeat after the leader:

We promise to respect the Word of God in our midst.
 We shall read and reflect on it as a family of God.
 May we draw from it inspiration for our decisions,
 strength for our work,
 and comfort in suffering.
 Jesus, help us to be faithful to our promise,
 you who live forever and ever.
 Amen.

The celebration concludes with a sign of peace.

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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!

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week with St. John's Catholic Preschool - January 26 – February 1, 2025. Visit <https://www.ncea.org/csw> for more information.



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

This weekend (**1/25- 1/26**), Ms. Angie, Ms. Krystle & Ms. Coco will be on the church lanai after all Masses. Please stop by and say Hello!



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. 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, January 27, 2025

8 AM Fernando Dizol (Birthday Blessing)
Andy Moseley (RIP)
Ernesta Tolentino (Healing/Blessings)

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

8 AM Sr. Miriam Cabacuguan
(Birthday Blessing)
Andy Moseley (RIP)
Orlando Antolin (Death Anniversary)

Wednesday, January 29, 2024

8 AM Eleanor Tamura (Birthday Blessing)
Andy Moseley (RIP)
Ernesta Tolentino (Healing/Blessing)

Thursday, January 30, 2025

8 AM Tina Aguinaldo (Birthday Memorial)
Lennon Pascual (Birthday Blessing)
Deacon Romeo Ganibe
(10th year anniversary Ordination in the Diaconate)

Friday, January 31, 2025

8 AM Ann Medina (Healing)
Trinidad Angeles (RIP)
Ernesta Tolentino (Healing/Blessings)

Saturday, February 1, 2025

8 AM Robert Ane (RIP)
All Souls in Purgatory
5 PM Ann Medina (Healing)

Sunday, February 2, 2024

7 AM Ann Medina (Healing)
9 AM *For the People*
11 AM Alvin Cordura (RIP)
6PM Pablo M. Benitez (RIP)

Respect Life: “Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in “How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an Abortion”: <http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion>
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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

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, Auntie Trudy, Teresa Topinio & Linda C. Moses-Soares.