



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Aloha my brothers and sisters:

The Jubilee of Deacons will be held from Friday, February 21, to Sunday, February 23, 2025; however, these resources can be used for engaging and celebrating deacons at any time throughout the Jubilee Year.

In the Catholic Church, the diaconate is one of three degrees in ordained ministry - bishops, priests, and deacons. Since the Second Vatican Council, the Latin-rite Church has restored the diaconate "as a proper and permanent rank of the hierarchy". Deacons preparing for the priesthood are transitional deacons, while those not planning to be ordained priests are permanent deacons. Permanent diaconate can be conferred on a single or married man. If he is married, he must be so before receiving the diaconate.

Deacons embrace the ministry of word, ministry of liturgy, and works of charity which, in their turn, are carried into daily life. Depending on the circumstances, one or another of these may receive particular emphasis in an individual deacon's work but these three ministries are inseparably joined together as one in the service of God's redemptive plan.

Next weekend, join us as we celebrate The Jubilee of Deacons and honor our Parish Deacons. Come and meet them in the OCC after ALL Masses and enjoy light refreshments.

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, Funeral,
 Homebound Communion & Marriage.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE FEB 8/9

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,836.10
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 592.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 4,115.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 230.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 80.00
Blessings	\$ 100.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,226.00
Preschool	\$ 100.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 290.00
Candles	\$ 469.00
Mission Outreach	\$ 55.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00
Catholic Charities HI	\$ 5.00
St Augustine Foundation	\$ 815.00
Retired Fund Religious	\$ 25.00

WEEKEND TOTAL \$ 19,953.10

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

Today's readings speak of an essential quality for the Christian steward — hope. This is especially fitting this year, as Pope Francis has designated 2025 as a Jubilee Year with the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope."

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1817)."



In many ways, this is the very definition of a stewardship way of life — focusing on eternity as we live our daily lives and relying on God to provide for our needs and satisfy our deepest longings for meaning and happiness right now.

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus describes the true richness of life that is possible for those of us who are willing to live as his hope-filled disciples. We are all familiar with this passage in which Jesus reveals the Beatitudes: blessed are the poor; they have the kingdom of God. Blessed are those now hungry because they will be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep because they will laugh. Blessed are those who are hated, excluded, and insulted because they are disciples of Jesus; they will be greatly rewarded in heaven. Jesus is describing here the character of one who is living a life of hope — the life of a Christian steward whose trust is firmly rooted in God and who is focused on others and eternity. It is not always an easy life, but it is a deeply meaningful life and one that leads to eternal reward.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Responsorial Psalm: 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

~ *"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours."*

- LUKE 6:20

BEING A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST

A Eucharistic Mission

February 26-27, 2025

7 PM | St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church

Guest Speaker: Sister Alicia Torres, F.E.



Wednesday, February 26th

Encounter Leads to Identity:
How Jesus in the Eucharist Reveals
Our Identity to Us

Thursday, February 27th

Every Day Matters:
How Eucharistic Living and
Mission Go Hand in Hand

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.



The only response to uncertainty is...

Reflection by Sr. Alicia Torres – An excerpt from Heart of the Revival Newsletter, October 31, 2024

Uncertainty. We all experience it, and none of us is particularly fond of it. There is the everyday uncertainty of rain or shine, or the oscillating moods of family members or co-workers. Some of us experience long-term uncertainties around health or financial stability.

And most of all, a great number of us are pained over the uncertainty of whether or not our loved ones will return to Jesus in the Eucharist.

In the midst of all this, one thing is certain: the enduring love of God. Indeed, no greater love is there than to lay down one's life for one's friends (Jn 15:13)—which Jesus did for you and for me—a love that we experience in a profound and mysterious way at every Mass and in our times of Eucharistic adoration.

Our only proper response to the infinite love of God is to love one another. Love is at the heart of our Eucharistic Missionary call. Pope Francis reflects very beautifully on this missionary imperative in his new encyclical, *Dilexit Nos*. Our Holy Father's insights are a great encouragement to me to refocus my energy on what is most central and to allow all my other actions to flow from this reality. I thought we could all take this time to reflect on these few sentences from the document with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit, help us listen to the voice of Jesus.

"In your own way, you too must be a missionary, like the apostles and the first disciples of Jesus, who went forth to proclaim the love of God, to tell others that Christ is alive and worth knowing."

Pause and allow Jesus to help you reflect on these words.

"Saint Thérèse experienced this as an essential part of her oblation to merciful Love: 'I wanted to give my Beloved to drink and I felt myself consumed with a thirst for souls.' That is your mission as well. Each of us must carry it out in his or her own way; you will come to see how you can be a missionary. Jesus deserves no less."

Pause and allow Jesus to help you reflect on these words.

"If you accept the challenge, he will enlighten you, accompany you and strengthen you, and you will have an enriching experience that will bring you much happiness."

Pause and allow Jesus to help you reflect on these words.

"It is not important whether you see immediate results; leave that to the Lord who works in the secret of our hearts. Keep experiencing the joy born of our efforts to share the love of Christ with others" (*Dilexit Nos*, no. 216).

Jesus, you are the Lord of time, the Lord of history, and the Lord of our hearts. Help us to respond to the uncertainties of life by placing our faith in the certainty of your unconditional love, and to allow that love to bear great fruit in our lives through, with, and in you.

SAFE FALLING & FALL PREVENTION: STRENGTHEN YOUR BODY, PROTECT YOUR INDEPENDENCE

Falls are a leading cause of injury among older adults, but the right exercises and techniques can help you stay steady and independent.

In collaboration with the Parish Health Ministry, Certified Personal Trainer, Mikayla Soto will lead a practical presentation on improving balance, strength, and gait to prevent falls. Learn how to fall safely, get up with confidence, and build stability to stay active and secure in daily life.

SATURDAY



29 MARCH 2025



9:00 AM - 11:00AM



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TO ATTEND PLEASE CALL:



Ms. Nona Manalo: (808)783-2335

OR



Ms. Bonnie De Los Santos : 1(310)293-3432

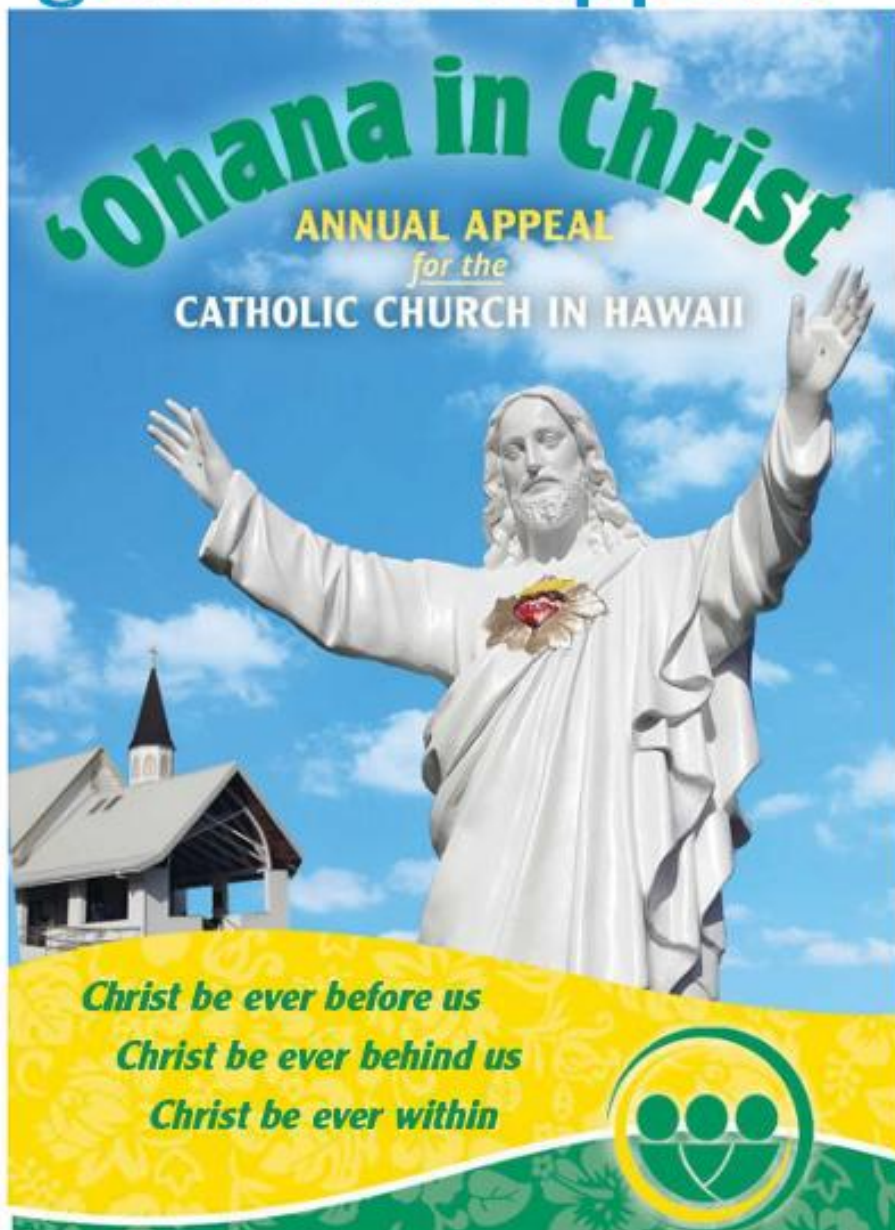


Mikayla Soto

B.A. Business Marketing, B.S. Psychology,
CPT, NC, WFS, CES

Speaker

**We did it! We reached
our goal of \$37,587.
Thank you all for your
generous support.**



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord." Are you being called to deepen your trust in the love of the Lord by serving Him 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.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 17th in observance of Presidents' Day.



Old Blessed Palms NEEDED for Ash Wednesday! It's not too late! Please drop off your old palms by Sunday, February 16th in the box provided at the entrance of the church. Mahalo!

ASH WEDNESDAY is on Wednesday, March 5. Masses at 8am, 5pm, & 7pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS is on Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 and 11 at 6:30 pm. Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

DIOCESE OF HONOLULU 2025 LENTEN REGULATIONS

FASTING

- ❖ In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday (March 5, 2025) and Good Friday (April 18, 2025).
- ❖ To fast means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (except for water and medicine) is not permitted on days of fasting.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

- ❖ Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.
- ❖ To abstain means refraining from eating the flesh, marrow and blood products of beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

Respect Life: "We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility"

respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

ST JOHN PRESCHOOL – FUNDRAISER: The weekend of (2/15- 2/16 and 2/22- 2/23), Ms. Angie, Ms. Krystle & Ms. Coco will be on the church lanai after all Masses selling Zippy tickets. For more information, contact the preschool office.

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.



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 17 2025

8 AM Holden Page (Birthday Blessing)
Lin Wong (Retirement Blessing)
Joey Fujioka (RIP)

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

8 AM Hak Soon Kim Mercado (RIP)
Spencer Taylor (Birthday Blessing)
Maria Pascual (RIP)

Wednesday, February 19, 2024

8 AM Gabe Ganibe (Healing)
Ramon Macrohon (RIP)
Lindy Lopez (Blessing)

Thursday, February 20, 2025

8 AM Demetrio Augustin (Birthday Memorial)
Gabe Ganibe (Healing)

Friday, February 21, 2025

8 AM Rosalinda Aglanao (Birthday Memorial)
Renelyn Tumacder (Death Anniversary)

Saturday, February 22, 2025

8 AM Gabe Ganibe (Healing)

5 PM Wilfredo Pacleb (RIP)

Sunday, February 23, 2024

7 AM Richard Cross (RIP)

9 AM *For the People*

11 AM Natividad Jaramillo (RIP)

6PM Suzanna Foster (RIP)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

FRANCISCO GIPAYA (RIP)- Friday, February 28, 2025 – Mililani Memorial Park – Mauka Chapel; Visitation: 8:30 am, Prayer Service: 9:30 am; Burial: 1:00 pm ~ Mililani Memorial Cemetery.

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

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, John Awong & Ernie Garcia Sr.