



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Aloha my brothers and sisters:

As incidents of violence and threats within houses of worship become more prominent across the country, the safety and security of the faithful is a concern of the Diocese of Honolulu. Each person who visits our parishes should be able to pray, attend Liturgies, and conduct other activities in a safe and secure environment. Parishes should take precautions to minimize the risk from those who intend to inflict harm. Because the requirements for security and safety vary so much from one location to another, each parish in our Diocese is required to take the appropriate steps to ensure that the parish addresses and puts into place preventative measures suitable for their individual parish conditions.

St. John's established a security committee one year ago. The committee comprises of Patrick Guzman, Christopher Lowell, Dennis Tulang, Herman Gonzalez, Dcn. Romeo, Fr. JoJo, myself, and Chairperson Dcn. Mike Browning. This committee, along with the PPBC created a parish Emergency Plan and will begin training sessions for our Ushers and other liturgical ministries in the coming weeks.

I would like to inform all of you that the first change everyone here will soon notice is the replacement of the two gates located on the Kuahelani Avenue side of our church. They will be replaced with fire doors that meet the City & County of Honolulu requirements. This means that once the new doors are installed, no one can enter our church via those doors. However, parishioners can exit through those doors after mass, ensuring we can always keep our worship safe and secure.

Picture is a photo of what the new doors will look like. We are expecting to install them sometime in late February or early March.



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 Monday – 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 15/16

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,294.22
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 632.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 4,285.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 596.05
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 60.00
Healing Mass (2.10.25)	\$ 269.00
Baptism	\$ 20.00
Funeral	\$ 300.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,171.00
Preschool	\$ 100.00
Social Ministry	\$ 5.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 40.00
Candles	\$ 481.00
Mission Outreach	\$ 5.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 15.00
Catholic Charities HI	\$ 12.00
St Augustine Foundation	\$ 145.00
Retired Fund Religious	\$ 20.00

WEEKEND TOTAL \$ 18,450.27

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

In today's Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic." It



makes one want to say, "Seriously, Lord?" And He doesn't stop there. Jesus adds, "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."

It seems so unfair! That is, unless we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), but it also actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has and all that he is — his very life — is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money, and time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

Does this mean we are to be passive "doormats" to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the next verse of this passage when He says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." There is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His own image and likeness. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts, with this same attitude. He is giving us a definition here of real love, a steward's love!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

~ "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."

- LUKE 6:27-28

**Pilgrims on the way of Hope:
Jubilee of Deacons
KEY SAINTS**



St. Stephen (1st century A.D., feast day December 26), first Christian martyr, whose death closely mirrored the death of Christ.

St. Philip (1st century A.D., feast day June 6), one of the original seven deacons mentioned in the Book of Acts, converted the Ethiopian eunuch of Queen Candace's court bringing Christianity to the East African region.



St. Lawrence of Rome (d. c. 258, feast day August 10), remembered for presenting the poor, the lame, and the infirm as the "Treasure of the Church", was sentenced to death by public execution on a slow burning griddle; his cheerful martyrdom converted many in Rome.



St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226, Feast Day October 4), chose not to be ordained to the priesthood out of humility, the first recorded recipient of the stigmata, and founder of the religious order of the Franciscans.



Deacon Ministry

BEING A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST

A Eucharistic Mission

February 26-27, 2025 | 7PM

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church

Guest Speaker: Sister Alicia Torres, F.E.



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.

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.

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.



"For I was hungry and you gave me food." (Matthew 25:35)

Help individuals and families needing food assistance.



SHARE the Love

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

FOOD DRIVE

MARCH 1-31, 2025

Suggested Items: Cup Noodles, Spam, Vienna Sausage, SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, Tuna, Canned Fruits and Vegetables, Granola Bars.

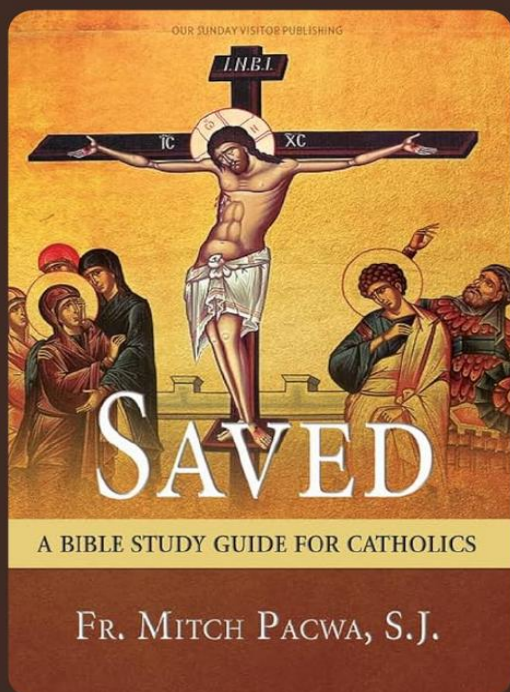
[Please make sure items are unopened, not damaged, and not expired.]

Donations may be dropped off in the trolley at the main entrance to the church. **MAHALO!**

Sponsored by St. John Women's Guild



What does it mean to be saved?



This is a free six week parish small-group study that will help you begin to discover the infinite mystery of our salvation, deepening your relationship with the God who saves us.

Join Dcn Mike and others each Thursday, beginning March 6th from 6:30pm in the One Community Center.

ST JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST Youth Ministry

GRADES 6-8 CLASS:
1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS

Grades 6-12

GRADES 9-12 CLASS:
2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAYS

6:00pm to 8:00pm

6:00pm to 8:00pm

IN THE ONE COMMUNITY CENTER

Are you ready to discover a deeper connection with God?
Join our youth ministry and embark on a spiritual journey
filled with adventure, friendship, and faith.



What to look forward to:

- Inspiring teachings that bring the Bible to life
- Life-changing retreats that will shape your future
- A community of friends who share your beliefs

YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE.

**VOLUNTEERS TO HELP/TA
ARE WELCOME!**

Questions? Contact:
cgarma@rcchawaii.org



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

“I give you a new commandment says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.” 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.

DEBT REDUCTION SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend, We will have a second collection for debt reduction. Envelopes are available at the back of the church, or you may donate on the parish website, online giving. Your generosity is much appreciated.

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 and April 18 (Good Friday) at 5:30 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.

LENT IS ONLY 10 DAYS AWAY! Need a pick-me-up spiritual boost for Lent? If so, stop by the SJAE Lending Library Tables after all Masses on March 8-9. We have Lenten CDs, DVDs, and books for adults and children. Stop by and check us out! Also, if you have overdue books, please return them so that others may read them too. Thank you!

Respect Life: *“The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished.”*

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent

usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection



ST JOHN PRESCHOOL – FUNDRAISER: LAST WEEKEND (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 24 2025

8 AM Gabe Ganibe (Healing)
 Pearl Bates (Thanksgiving)

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

8 AM Eulalia DeJesus (Death Anniversary)
 Maureen Torres (Healing)

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

8 AM Suzanna Foster (RIP)
 Caridad Andres (RIP)

Thursday, February 27, 2025

8 AM James & Mildred Mizoguchi (RIP)
 Eric Umetsu (RIP)

Friday, February 28, 2025

8 AM Consolacion Alcadi Yumang
 (Death Anniversary)
 Joseph C. Domanguera
 (Death Anniversary)

Saturday, March 1, 2025

8 AM All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

5 PM Gabe Ganibe (Healing)

Sunday, March 2, 2025

7 AM Yvonne Dizol

9 AM *For the People*

11 AM Alvin Cordura (RIP)

6PM Channing Fukuda (Death Anniversary)

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, Adam & Rosie Olivares.

DECEASED

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, Teresa Topinio, Linda C. Moses-Soares, John Awong, Ernie Garcia Sr. & Jim Walsh.