



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

This week, I would like to talk about what Catholic Prayer of Supplication is.

A prayer of supplication in the Catholic faith is a humble and earnest request made to God for help, protection, or a favor, often expressing a need or vulnerability. It's a form of prayer where one seeks God's intervention in their life or the lives of others.

Key aspects of a Catholic prayer of supplication:

Humility:

Supplication is rooted in a recognition of one's own limitations and dependence on God's power and love.

Petitioning:

It involves making specific requests for God's intervention in one's life or the lives of others.

Acknowledgment of Need:

Supplication often arises from a sense of vulnerability or a specific need that one seeks to have met by God.

Trust in God:

Supplicants trust that God will answer their prayers and provide the help they need.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church expands on this definition and connects it to other synonyms that helps us understand it.

The vocabulary of supplication in the New Testament is rich in shades of meaning: ask, beseech, plead, invoke, entreat, cry out, even "struggle in prayer." Its most usual form, because the most spontaneous, is petition: by prayer of petition, we express awareness of our relationship with God. We are creatures who are not our own beginning, not the masters of adversity, not our own last end. We are sinners who as Christians know that we have turned away from our Father. Our petition is already a turning back to him. (CCC 2629)

In the broader context of prayer, supplication, then, is a prayer of petition that asks our Heavenly Father for a particular spiritual or material benefit. It recognizes God's supreme power over all creation and his ability to grant us what we need.

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 Monday – Saturday
Sunday: 5PM (Anticipated Mass), 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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	MAY 10/11
Sunday Collection	\$ 11,252.92
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 582.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 2,882.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 436.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 60.00
Funerals	\$ 600.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 860.00
Preschool	\$ 270.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 170.00
Candles	\$ 690.55
Mission Outreach	\$ 55.00
Mother’s Day	\$ 140.00
Christmas	\$ 25.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 25.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement	\$ 3,498.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 21,546.47

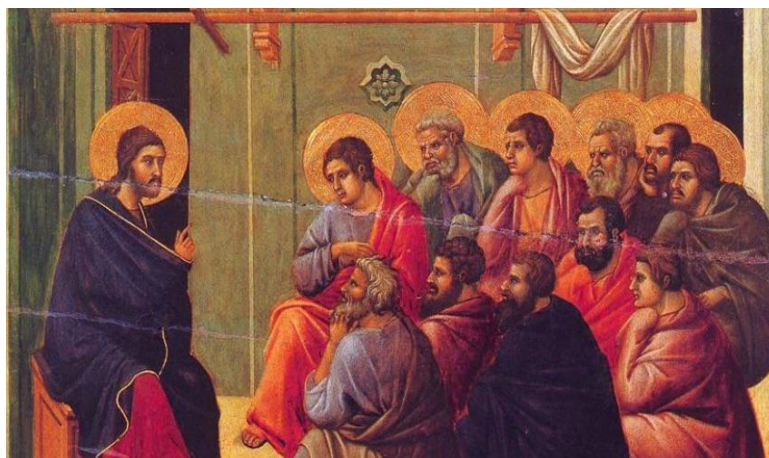
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 Anointing, Baptisms, Blessings, Funeral,
 Homebound Communion & Marriage.

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

Today's readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter contain inspiring but challenging messages for us Christian stewards.

The Gospel from John includes this well-known verse: "My children...I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

What a succinct description of a stewardship way of life. It sounds so simple. But simple does not necessarily mean easy.



How exactly is Jesus Calling us to love? As He, Himself loved. Jesus loved (and loves) by serving us and by making a sacrifice of His very life for us. That is a tall order.

Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is not easy because it requires us to continuously fight against our selfish inclinations. But the more we empty ourselves of "self" by serving others, the more room we make in our hearts for God to pour His grace into us. Amazingly, the more we give our lives away to others, the more He fills us up with Himself who is love itself.

And amid the inevitable challenging moments this way of life entails we can be assured that the Lord who loves us so much that He died for us and established the Eucharist to be our strength and nourishment, is right here with us every step of the way.

As we face the hardships that come with living as Christian stewards, we can continue to rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter season, finding great joy in following in our Lord's footsteps and in loving as He loves.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Responsorial Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

"God loves us, all of us, evil will not prevail. We are all in the hands of God. Without fear, united, hand in hand with God and among ourselves, we will go forward. We are disciples of Christ, Christ goes before us, and the world needs His light. Humanity needs Him like a bridge to reach God and His love."

~POPE LEO XIV

Walking with Moms in Need | Pray for Moms



INTERCEDE



PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECT

Each year, on the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy, remembering the message Jesus so ardently instructed St. Faustina to spread of His endless mercy and forgiveness to those who seek it. Rooted in Christ's message of Divine Mercy is *trust*: trust that Jesus loves us, desires to heal our souls, and is with us.

This is an especially important message for expectant mothers preparing for the births of their children. They may often be gripped by fear and anxiety, without sources of support. May we prayerfully consider how we are called to help mothers who may be struggling in a particular way. And in our own lives, each of us is invited to come to Jesus just as we are and lay our cares, fears, and anxieties upon Him. The words Christ revealed to St. Faustina, He speaks to us and all who feel afraid: "*Lay your head on my shoulder, rest and regain your strength. I am always with you*" (Diary, no. 848). As we seek to live out the message of Divine Mercy, we pray for the courage for all to proclaim, "*Jesus, I trust in you!*"

ACT *(choose one)*

- Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (uscgb.org/divine-mercy-chaplet) at 3:00 pm, the Hour of Mercy, for expectant mothers.
- Jesus spoke to St. Faustina, "*Reveal all the wounds of your heart. I will heal them*" (Diary, no. 1487). Expose the cuts and wounds of your heart to Christ and allow His healing mercy to reach every hurt and hidden pain through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for the featured intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

Learn about St. Faustina, the Apostle of Mercy, and the message of Christ's mercy that she conveyed to mankind: www.usccb.org/divine-mercy

DID YOU KNOW?

St. Gianna Beretta Molla was a 20th century physician, wife, and mother whose feast day is celebrated on April 28. A novena to St. Gianna is available and can be prayed any time of year: walkingwithmoms.com/saint-gianna-novena.

Excerpts from Maria Faustina Kowalska, *Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul*, 3rd ed. (Stockbridge, MA: Marian Press, 2007), 699. All rights reserved.

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

www.WalkingWithMoms.com

Diocese Respect Life Ministry Meeting Notice
Valerie and Dcn Gary Streff
6301 Pali Highway Kaneohe, HI
808-673-3074

Planning with Faith: A Catholic Guide to Advance Health Care Directives

Join us for a parish workshop exploring how to make end-of-life decisions that honor our faith, dignity, and values.

Date/Time: May 28, 2025 / 5:30 pm – 8 pm

Location: St. Jude Catholic Church (Multi-Purpose Room)

Facilitator: Deacon Raul Perez

Details: Learn how to complete a Catholic Advance Directive, choose a health care proxy, and prepare spiritually for future medical decisions.

Handouts and resources provided.

Contact: Dcn Gary and Val Streff (808)673-3074



**ST JOHN APOSTLE &
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**Starting May 31 until
June 29, 2025**

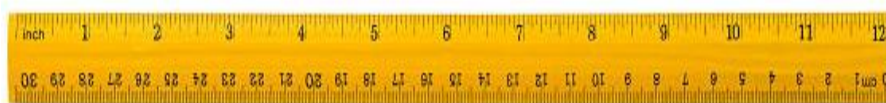
St. John is partnering with Kipapa Elementary School to help students from families with financial challenges with school supplies they need prior to the beginning of the school year. Here's how you can help:

Crayons (24 count)

Facial Tissue (Small box)

Facial Tissue (Large box, 240 count)

Ruler 12" (1/2 & metric markings)



Please drop off your donation during office hours or in the collection box located at the back of the church. Mahalo for your support!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

"By this everyone will know that you are My disciples." How will you manifest your discipleship? Consider living the Lord's new commandment of love 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.

Fr Anthony & Fr Jojo will be attending the Annual Priests' Retreat at St Stephen Diocesan Center from May 19th to May 23rd. There will be Communion Service in lieu of Daily Mass.

\$7 candles, exact cash only. Prices will increase to \$9 starting July 1st.

St John Apostle & Evangelist Adult Discipleship Group Presents: "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary" Group Study led by Fr Anthony. Classes has started on Thursday, May 1 | 9am & 6:30pm | One Community Center. ALL ARE INVITED. Come and Honor our Mother by learning more about her. If you are interested in learning more about Mary, come by the office and get your book.



SEASON OF HOPE | SEASON 3 – Has begun on May 6, 2025 | One Community Center

If you're in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith-sharing group is for you. It meets for six Tuesdays beginning May 6 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm for prayer, scripture, faith sharing and fellowship. For more information contact: Deacon Mike Browning @ (808) 295-3180 | Jeff Esposito @ (808) 392-0145.

Respect Life: "Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Radical Solidarity."

Join Fr. Jojo & Dcn. Romeo as they lead the pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe & Colonial Mexico, February 2 - 10, 2026. Informational meeting will be on June 28, 2025 @10 am in the OCC. For more info, contact Deacon Romeo Ganibe at rganibe@rcchawaii.org

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY: Safe Falling & Fall Prevention: Strengthen your body, protect your independence: **Saturday July 12, 2025 | 9:00 am – 11:00 am | One Community Center** – Speaker: Mikayla Soto. For more information, please contact Ms. Nona Manalo (808) 783-2335 or Ms. Bonnie De Los Santos: 1 (310) 293-3432.



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

stjohns_preschool@rcchawaii.org

Y.A.B.S: YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY in Room 1 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, May 19, 2025

8 AM Prayer Service

Tuesday May 20, 2025

8 AM Prayer Service

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

8 AM Prayer Service

Thursday, May 22, 2025

8 AM Prayer Service

Friday, May 23, 2025

8 AM Prayer Service

Saturday, May 24, 2025

8 AM Liana McKinney (Birthday Blessing)
Gregorio Taglinao (Death Anniversary)
Violet Mayock (Birthday Blessing)
Lois Martell

5 PM James E. Smith
(Birthday Memorial)

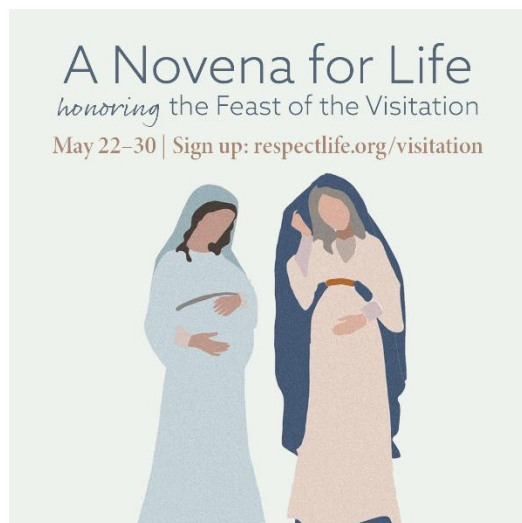
Sunday, May 25, 2025

7AM Taylor Mitchell (Birthday Blessing)

9 AM *For the People*

11 AM Mercedes D. Raneses (RIP)

6PM Magdalena Rivera (Birthday Blessing)



A Novena for Life, *honoring the Feast of the Visitation*

On May 31st, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the Blessed Mother's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers.

Join us in praying "A Novena for Life" from May 22-30.
To sign up: www.respectlife.org/visitation

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Thomas Ramos, John Bates, Cindy Abernathy, 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, Dolly Lapinad, Violet Mayock, & Jim Murphy.

DECEASED

Virginie Amo, Ellen Guay, Amelia Santos, Jaime Sagucio, Aunty Trudy, Teresa Topinio, Linda C. Moses-Soares, John Awong, Ernie Garcia Sr., Jim Walsh, Fr. Ambrose Monroy, Richard Asakura, Magda Lamm, Stephanie Rapozo, Richard Mendes, Veronica Mamuad, Edna Corniel & Clarita Martinez.