



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

This week I would like to talk about what Sacramentals are.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, sacramentals are sacred signs instituted by the Church to prepare us to receive the fruit of the sacraments and to sanctify different circumstances of our lives (no. 1677).

Our crucifix, icons and other articles are examples of what we call sacramentals. Practically speaking, the myriad of little things that are sacramentals are the parts of catholicity that jostle against us in our everyday life, those little extras that often tell others we are Catholic. They are the images, actions and blessings that are unique to our faith; those sometimes-humble reminders of what the Catholic faith is all about, like the crucifix on our wall, holy water, ashes, medals, relics, blessed salt and blessed objects like rosaries and scapulars.

Their Significance:

Sacramentals are not as powerful as the seven sacraments, which directly impart grace, but they are valuable for deepening faith and drawing closer to God.

Their Purpose:

They serve to:

- Prepare people to receive the sacraments.
- Make various occasions in life holy.
- Help us call on God's blessings.
- Prompt us to serve God.

Key Difference from Sacraments:

Sacraments, like Baptism or Holy Communion, are efficacious signs that directly impart grace to the recipient. Sacramentals, on the other hand, signify grace and help us to receive it through the Church's intercession.

Living as a Catholic is more than the bare bones: attending Mass, receiving Communion twice a year, going to confession, getting confirmed, married and buried in the Church. It is even more than practicing virtues and avoiding sin. It is a way of life in which the body, its senses and spirit are intermingled.

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
DEACONS 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 17/18
Sunday Collection	\$ 11,099.35
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 797.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 4,159.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 812.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 310.00
Baptism	\$ 100.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 777.00
Preschool	\$ 100.00
Candles	\$ 237.60
‘Ohana in Christ	\$ 50.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund	\$ 228.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 20.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 18,689.95

Please call the office for all other inquiries:
 Anointing, Baptisms, Blessings, Funeral,
 Homebound Communion & Marriage.

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

The concept of hospitality is fundamental to a stewardship way of life. When we envision hospitality, we naturally think of offering a sincere and warm welcome — to those new to our parish, for instance. We picture inviting them in and making them feel at home and at ease in our presence, communicating to them that they are highly valued.

Today's Gospel reading from John invites us to think of hospitality in a slightly different way. In it, we hear Jesus speaking this to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

Jesus is asking that we permit the Blessed Trinity to come and dwell within us. This is a stunning request. It tells us that our first and most privileged form of hospitality should be directed towards God Himself.

How does one show hospitality to God? How do we make God "at home and at ease" within us? How can we communicate to God that He is "highly valued" by us? Jesus tells us how: we are to keep His word, to follow His teachings.

To keep His word, we must know His word. This takes discipline and effort on our part. We must make the study of Scripture and Church teaching a priority in our daily lives.

If we want our parish to be a place of genuine Christian hospitality, we must be sure that our own hearts are hospitable dwelling places for the Blessed Trinity. Then our smiles and words, our greetings and ministries will radiate with the warmth of God's love. And our parish family will become at least a little bit like Heaven on earth. This is the simplicity and glory of a stewardship way of life.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

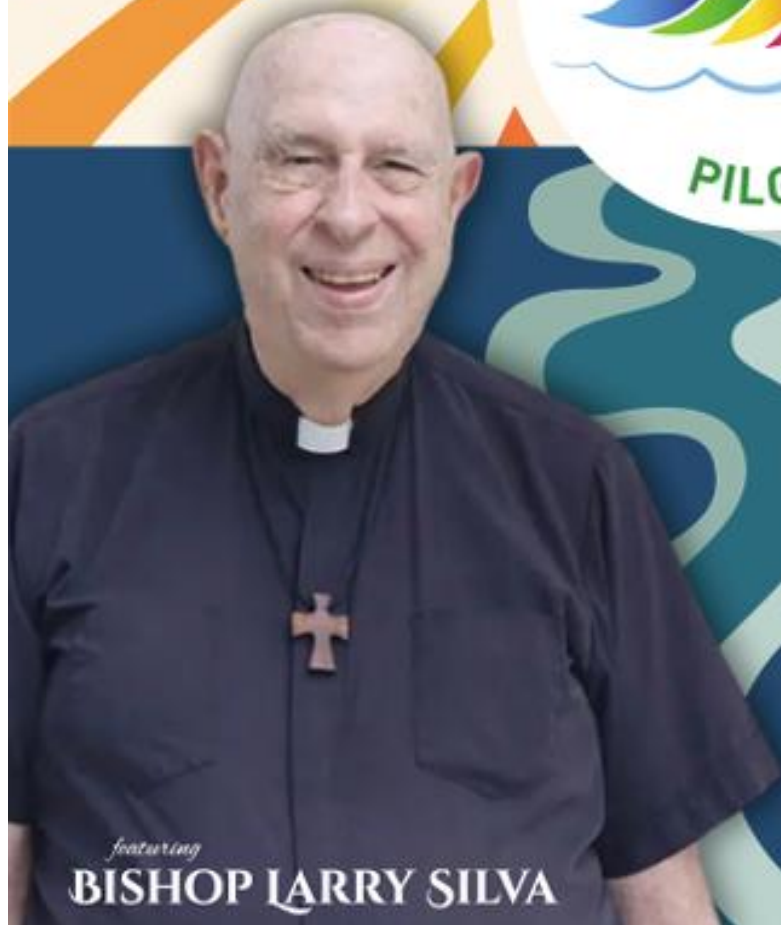
"If you follow the will of God, you know that in spite of all the terrible things that happen to you, you will never lose a final refuge."

~POPE BENEDICT XVI



Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

Day of Study



featuring
BISHOP LARRY SILVA

Saturday, June 14, 2025

8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

St. Elizabeth Church

99-312 Moanalua Rd

Aiea, HI 96701

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OR OYYAM@RCCHAWAII.ORG

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church “Vocations Chalice Initiative Program”
“Praying for Vocations to Religious Life and our Priest”

The purpose of the Vocations Chalice Program is to encourage people and families to pray for vocations and to promote vocations within their own parish family. In 2015, the Knights of Columbus Council initiated the Vocations Chalice Program, the purpose of which is to celebrate consecrated religious life and to offer a program of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The chalice for this program was donated and paid for by our parish Knights of Columbus Council 14663, an anonymous donor.

The chalice is offered to help serve as a visible reminder of our commitment to pray for vocations during the week, and also as a reminder that the Mass does not end with the closing prayer. Rather, we take home with us from the Mass, the joy, the gratitude, and the mission to share the love of Christ with others in our families and our workplaces. We suggest that you place the chalice in a highly visible place in your home. For example, place it on the mantel of your fireplace or in the center of your dining room table.

We ask that you pray once each day for vocations, if only it be the Lord's Prayer (Our Father), Hail Mary, or Glory Be. Enclosed in the parish vocations set is a recommended prayer and intention for each day, but please feel free to adapt these prayers. An especially good time to pray might be just before meals, or you might pray a rosary first thing in the morning before going off to work or school.

If you have children or grandchildren, we encourage you to talk to them about vocations, about God's plan for them to grow in holiness, and answer any questions they might have. You should feel free to let them see and hold the chalice and case, even young children, if supervised, make sure they treat it respectfully, like all sacred objects.

In addition, if inclined, please add comments in the journal included in parish vocations set. Others who are experiencing this program may appreciate your perspective and your comments may also help those responsible for coordinating and improving this program. Thank you.

Upon completion of your week with the chalice in your home, please return the chalice, case, program materials, and journal to church the following weekend at the Mass that is scheduled for the Vocations Chalice to be received by the next family. Please check in with the MC 15 minutes prior to Mass so he or she can coordinate with the receiving family and Father. You will transfer the chalice to the next family with Father's blessing during the final blessing of the Mass.

You may sign up on the Vocations Chalice Sign-up Book (found at the entrance of our church) with your name, email and phone number. We will then send you an email confirmation of the week you choose to host the Vocations Chalice in your home. Sign-ups start on the first weekend of June, with July as the month we start sending the Chalice home with families.

The chalice is exchanged each weekend during Mass.

The current rotation is as follows:

Week 1: Saturday, 5pm Mass

Week 2: Sunday, 9am Mass

Week 3: Sunday, 11:00am Mass

Week 4: Sunday, 6:00pm Mass

Repeat

Thank you.



St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church "Prayer Requests Initiative"

For Catholics, prayer is a vital dialogue with God, a way to deepen one's relationship with the divine. It is a form of communion with Christ and a means of seeking God's guidance, grace, and presence in all aspects of life. Catholics engage in various types of prayer, including vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplative prayer, to foster this connection with God.

As everyone knows, currently the parish receives Mass intentions from parishioners. In the Catholic Church, Mass intentions are specific purposes for which a priest offers a Mass, applying the graces of the Eucharist to a particular person, need, or situation. These intentions can be for the living or deceased, for special occasions, or for thanksgiving. Mass intentions are a long-standing tradition, signifying the sacrificial nature of giving and associating with Christ's offering. However, only one intention can be offered per Mass.

Simple prayer requests are different. In the Catholic Church, prayer requests, both for oneself and for others, are a significant aspect of faith. Catholics believe that God hears and responds to our prayers, and they view prayer as a way to deepen their relationship with God. Prayer requests are often made for a variety of needs, including physical healing, guidance, peace, and the needs of others.

Therefore, starting the first weekend in June, our parish will begin accepting Prayer Requests for all Masses. A Parish Prayer Request Book will be located at the entrance of our church for families to write in their prayer requests. During our Offertory procession this Booklet along with the Bread, Wine, & Collection Offering will be brought to the Altar.

All Prayer Requests are free! If you wish to offer a specific Mass intention, you need to go the Parish Office during our work week to schedule a Mass. Our Parish office hours are as follows: Monday - Closed, Tuesday through Friday-8:30am to 4:00pm, or you can call the office at (808) 623-3332.

St. Therese of Lisieux once said that "prayer is a cry of the heart" to the Lord who offers himself as a companion through every human suffering. As his Body, his Church, the St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church community welcomes the requests of parishioners and friends. Remember, God is with you, and He delights when we lift our voices and give our worries over to Him. All prayer requests are placed in the Parish Prayer Book where they receive the benefits of our entire community in prayer at Mass.





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 (Wednesday) 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Location: St. Jude Parish – Multi-Purpose Room

Details: What is a Catholic Advance Directive?
Importance of choosing a Health Care Proxy
Prepare Spiritually for future medical decisions
Handouts and Resources provided

Offering up suffering is a way to channel one's pain and hardships into a prayer for the souls in Purgatory, who are being cleansed of sin before entering heaven.

Facilitator: Deacon Raul Perez, MPT Chaplaincy Instructor and Supervisor for Permanent Deacon Formation

Contact: Respect Life Ministry Deacon Gary and Valerie Streff
(808) 673-3074



ST JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CHURCH

THIS WEEKEND,
May 24 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.

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, May 26th, in observance of Memorial Day.

Next weekend, May 31/ June 1, our special collection supports the **CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN**. This campaign engages and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please drop your donation during offertory or you may also donate online through our parish website by clicking "Online Giving Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

DEBT REDUCTION SECOND COLLECTION: We will have a second collection, next weekend, **May 31/ June 1**, 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 on our parish website, give online. Your generosity is much appreciated.

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.

Our Lady of Guadalupe & Colonial Mexico

with Deacon Romeo Ganibe

February 2 - 10, 2026











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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 26, 2025

8 AM Cecilia Kahaulelio (Birthday Memorial)
Dominador Rulloda (Birthday Memorial)
Anthony Sayas (RIP)

Tuesday May 27, 2025

8 AM Stephanie June Rapozo (RIP)
Magda Lamm (RIP)
Robert Uytingco (Birthday Memorial)

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

8 AM Suzanna Foster (RIP)
Joan Madsen (Healing)
Marie Ann U. Wasnock (Birthday Blessing)

Thursday, May 29, 2025

8 AM Mike Kozelka (RIP)
Magdalena Nazareno
Anthony Sayas (RIP)

Friday, May 30, 2025

8 AM Elaine Gibson (Blessings/Thanksgiving)
Officially entering the Religious
Order for Widows Carmelites
Anthony Sayas (RIP)

Saturday, May 31, 2025

8 AM Rodolfo Taglinao (Death Anniversary)
Anthony Scarpelli (Birthday Memorial)
Gregorio Ebuén (Death Anniversary)
5 PM Norma Gamulo (Birthday Blessing)

Sunday, June 1, 2025

7AM Stephanie June Rapozo (RIP)
9 AM *For the People*
11 AM Alvin Cordura (RIP)
6PM Suzanna Foster (RIP)

Respect Life “Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”

USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis’ “Day for Life Greeting”

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FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

FRANCISCA VICTORIO (RIP)- Tuesday, May 27, 2025 – St John, Mililani; Arrival: 9:00 am;
Funeral Mass: 9:30 am; Burial: 11:30 pm ~ Valley of the Temples, Kaneohe.

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, 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 & Antonio J. Saguibo Sr.