



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

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

The name "Scapular" comes from the Latin word *scapula*, which refers to the shoulder blade, over which the Scapular lays. Originally, the Scapular was a large piece of cloth, similar to an apron, that monks wore to protect their garments. As time went on, it became part of their habit. Today, the laity who wear Scapulars wear two small squares of cloth connected by two threads. The threads lay over the shoulders, and each square lays on the chest and the back.



The Green Scapular, also known as the Badge of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, is a Roman Catholic devotional article approved by Pope Pius IX in 1870. It's associated with apparitions experienced by Sister Justine Bisqueyburu, a member of the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul, in 1840. Mary instructed Sister Justine to have the scapular made and distributed, promising that "If it be given with confidence, there will be a great number of conversions". The Green Scapular is seen as a means to obtain favors through the Immaculate Heart of Mary and her Son, Jesus, for the well-being of the mind, heart, body, and soul.



The Brown Scapular (also known as the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel) is a devotional garment with roots in the Carmelite Order. Tradition states it was given by Our Lady to St. Simon Stock, the Prior General, in 1251, during a time of struggle for the order. She promised to protect those who wore it faithfully and would save them from the fires of hell and shorten their time in purgatory. The Scapular became a symbol of the Carmelite Order's devotion to Mary and a sign of her maternal protection. Those who wear it faithfully are believed to benefit from Our Lady's intercession and are promised special graces, including protection in this life and the next, and a shortening of time in purgatory, according to Church tradition.



The Purple Scapular of Benediction and Protection, also known as the Marie-Julie Jahenny Scapular, was revealed to French nun Marie-Julie Jahenny in a vision in 1878. It is believed to offer divine protection, especially during times of hardship, natural disasters, and spiritual warfare. The purple color symbolizes penance and protection, and the scapular often features images of the Cross, Sacred Hearts, and other symbols related to Christ's Passion and victory.



The Black Scapular of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, also known as the Scapular of the Seven Dolors of Mary, originated with the Order of Servants of Mary (Servites) in the 13th century. Specifically, it developed from the black Servite habit associated with the Brotherhood of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, which was affiliated with the Servites. The scapular was intended as a badge of devotion to Mary's suffering and a visual reminder of her sorrows. The Black Scapular, usually with an image of Our Lady of Sorrows, is worn as a sign of devotion to Mary's suffering and as a reminder to meditate on the Seven Sorrows.

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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 24/25

Sunday Collection	\$10,808.07
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$115.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$3,366.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$470.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$35.00
Debt Reduction	\$497.00
Candles	\$597.00
Mass Intentions	\$110.00
Holy Thursday	\$50.00
Marriage	\$20.00
Social Ministry	\$20.00
Seminarian Ed	\$20.00
‘Ohana in Christ	\$12.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund	\$150.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$20.00

WEEKEND TOTAL

\$ 16,290.07

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

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While the promises and graces of these Scapulars are extraordinary, we should never see them as a free ticket to Heaven. They are sacramentals. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: "Sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church's prayer, they prepare us to receive grace and dispose us to cooperate with it" (CCC 1670). A Scapular is a wonderful way we can grow in our spiritual life and foster a particular devotion. They can be powerful conduits of grace, if we wear them faithfully and follow their practices correctly.

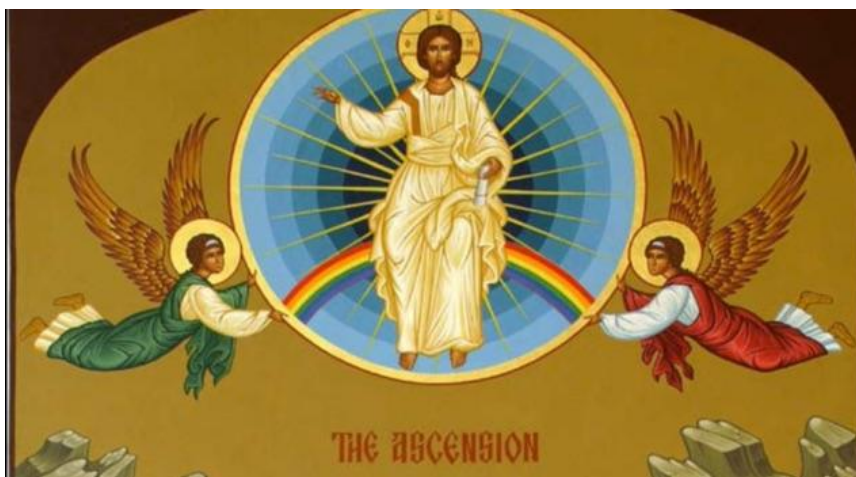
Gratefully yours in the heart of Jesus Christ,

Fr. Anthony Rapozo

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

On this Feast of the Ascension, we celebrate Christ's triumphant return to the Father after perfectly accomplishing His mission on earth. But we also can also view this Feast as a celebration of the "launch day" of our commissioning as Christ's disciples.

Today's Gospel draws our attention to the clear instructions that Jesus gave His disciples (and to us) just before ascending to the Father: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."



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Embracing a stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the use of time, talent and treasure, helps us to live in such a way that our very lives speak as a witness of the Good News of the Gospel. While we take time to reflect and renew our commitments in these three areas annually as a parish family, it is of great benefit to take some time individually throughout the year to take stock of the commitments we have made — looking at both our strengths and our need for continued growth in each area.

On this Feast of our "launch day," take some time to celebrate your victories as Christ's disciples and renew your commitment to remain faithful to Him and the unique mission He has entrusted to you!

"And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

~LUKE 24:49



YOUNG ADULTS (18-39 YEARS OLD)

CENTRAL OAHU

JUNE

Upcoming Events

**JUNE - AUGUST 2025 SITE:
ST. JOHN A&E, MILILANI**

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| MON 6:30 PM | 2 | MISSIONARY JOURNEY |
| MON 6:30 PM | 9 | THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL |
| MON 6:30 PM | 16 | BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY |
| MON 6:30 PM | 23 | SCRIPTURE:
WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM? |
| FRI 6:30 PM | 28 | OAHU COMMUNITY NIGHT
@ The EPIC Community House
45-901 Waialele Rd, Kaneohe, HI |
| MON 6:30 PM | 30 | FELLOWSHIP NIGHT |

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FATHER'S DAY – JUNE 15: Honor your father, living or deceased, this **FATHER'S DAY**, by making a Mass offering. All the names will be published as an insert in the June 7/8 bulletin. **Please PRINT LEGIBLY.** Envelopes are available at the back of the church. The **deadline** to submit your father's name for publication is **Thursday, June 6.**



ST JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CHURCH 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 | 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!**

SENIOR BINGO

WHEN: Sunday, June 22, 2025,
12pm – 3pm

WHERE: One Community Center
(OCC)

HOW: Register at sign-in table after
Mass: June 7th & 8th, and June 14th
& 15th



Play BINGO & MINGLE! Enjoy FREE Bingo games, exciting prizes, FREE lunch & refreshments, & connect with other senior parishioners for fun & fellowship. Summer Splash Bingo; Sunday, June 22, 12 - 3pm, in the One Community Center. Presented & hosted by the Senior Ministry. Sign up after all Masses on June 7 & 8 & June 14 & 15. All kupuna are welcome. Questions, contact Barbara Ursal 808-671-4750.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

"You will be My witnesses to the ends of the earth." If you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office: Fr. Joseph Diaz (Director of Vocations) at (808) 585.3355 or via email: jodiaz@rcchawaii.org.

This 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: This weekend, we will have a second collection 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.

The FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION MASS is on **Saturday June 7, 2025**, at 10:00am with Msgr. Gary L. Secor. Everyone is invited to attend this Mass.

The HOLY GHOST FEAST MASS is on **Sunday, June 8, 2025** at 9am. **There will be 11 am Mass.**

Church Offices will be closed on Wednesday, June 11th, in observance of King Kamehameha Day

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.

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(ages 18-39) 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, June 2, 2025

8 AM Christy Esposito (RIP)
Mike Kozelka (RIP)
Sergio L. Abello Jr. (RIP)

Tuesday June 3, 2025

8 AM Robert Ane (RIP)
Luther G. Fernandez (RIP)

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

8 AM Paulina Wong (Death Anniversary)
Jesse Dana (RIP)

Thursday, June 5, 2025

8 AM Alice, Bobby & Brenda Roberson (RIP)
Ronnie Hu (Healing)

Friday, June 6, 2025

8 AM Feliciano Dona (RIP)
Guerrero Family (Blessings/Thanksgiving)
Pedro E. Corpuz (Death Anniversary)

Saturday, June 7, 2025

8 AM All Souls in Purgatory
Thaddeus Damo (Death Anniversary)

5 PM Wilfredo Pacleb (RIP)

Sunday, June 8, 2025

7AM Federico Badua (Death Anniversary)
9 AM *For the People*
11 AM Victor S. Peroff (Birthday Blessing)
6PM Suzanna Foster (RIP)

Respect Life “If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select “Find Help” from the menu on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “[Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion](#)”

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

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.