



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

This week I would like to talk about Stewardship. Stewardship, at its core, is about demonstrating our love through action and responsibility, reflecting on the truth that we are entrusted with gifts (time, talents, resources) from God and that we are all called to use them wisely and lovingly for His glory and the good of others. It's a way of life that recognizes everything we have is a gift from God and that we should use it to serve Him and others.

With this definition in mind, I would like to announce that our Parish's Stewardship theme for this year's upcoming Renewal season is:

"Stewardship Begins with Love Not Giving!"

It is all about your heart . . .

***Everything we have is a gift from God
that we are to use to help others."***

Love as the Foundation of Stewardship:

- Stewardship is rooted in the love; we have for both God and our neighbors.
- Love motivates us to use our gifts responsibly and generously, recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God.
- Stewardship is a response to God's love, demonstrating our gratitude and commitment to Him.

Stewardship in Action:

- It's about using our time, talents, and resources to serve others and build up the community.
- It's about being responsible and accountable in how we manage God's gifts, recognizing that we are stewards, not owners.
- It's about living out our faith in a way that reflects God's love and compassion.

Stewardship as a Way of Life:

- Stewardship isn't just about giving money; it's about how we use all of our gifts to serve God and others.

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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: 7AM – 1 hr. of Adoration
 before Daily Mass
 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 31/JUNE 1
Sunday Collection	\$ 10,211.35
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 1,494.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 4,694.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 750.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 100.00
Funeral	\$ 300.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 5,970.18
Candles	\$ 416.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 5.00
Preschool	\$ 75.00
Mission Outreach	\$ 330.00
Father's Day	\$ 333.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 657.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$25,335.53

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

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- It's a spiritual practice that shapes our character and our relationship with God.
- It's about recognizing that we are all interconnected and that our actions have an impact on others.

In essence, stewardship is a way of life that expresses love in action, demonstrating our gratitude for God's gifts and our commitment to using them for His glory and the good of all.

Gratefully yours in the heart of Jesus Christ,

Fr. Anthony Rapozo

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

Today we reach the finale of the Easter season with the celebration of the great Feast of Pentecost. Reflecting on today's reading inspires a sense of awe as we consider the mighty power of the Holy Spirit at work giving birth to and sustaining our Church. Just as awesome — the same Spirit is calling to us this day to take up our part in the Church's saving work.



In the first reading, from Acts, we see the creative genius of the Holy Spirit moving through the newly confirmed Apostles “who began to speak in different tongues as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.” The large crowd, gathered from all over the world were “amazed” and “astounded” that each one could understand the Apostles speaking in their own language.

Each one of us, young and old alike, is personally called today by the Holy Spirit into the same mission as that of the first Apostles — to advance the Kingdom of God in our corner of the world. Just as He did on that Pentecost day, the Holy Spirit speaks to us in our “own language” to give us the Good News of the Gospel and urge us to share it. We can think of our own language as the particular gifts, talents, and passions we possess. We experience the presence of the Holy Spirit through them, and we are meant put them to the work in grateful service of the Kingdom of God.

When we consider the stewardship way of life we are called to live, we often focus on the challenges it poses. Surrendering ourselves to God is indeed a challenging way to live. But it leads to a life that is exciting, creative, and deeply rewarding. Stewardship allows us to experience life as a great adventure because it is a life guided and directed by the very source of power and creativity— the Holy Spirit!

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

Responsorial Psalm: 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

St. John Apostle and Evangelist Catholic Church



Father's Day

Mass Remembrance & Blessings

†Agbanlog, Roland
†Agbanlog, Roque
†Aguirre, Peter
Agustin, Dean
†Agustin, Demetrio
†Agustin, Timoteo
Ah Quin, Dave Lloyd
†Aldanese, Antonio
† All Forgotten Fathers ♥
Alnas, Fr. Cipriano "Jojo"
†Ambrosio, Gregorio
†Atmospera, John "Sonny" Jr.
†Atmospera, Johnny
†Atud, Florante
†Azada, Carlos
†Azada, Charles "Charlie"
†Azada, Erwin
†Barayuga, Ciprano
†Barayuga, Cresencio
†Beauchemin, Ray
Belardo, Arsenio "Sonny"
Bernardo, Guillermo
†Bolán, James E.
Browning, Dcn. Mike
†Cabral, Matthew Sr.
†Cadiz, Roger
Cadiz, Ryan
†Callejo, Marcelo
†Castro, Francisco
DePonte, John
†DePonte, Manuel

†Dongog, Rufino
Ellis, Alan
Encarnado, Theodore I. Jr.
†Encarnado, Theodore M.
†Esposito, Dominick M. Jr.
Esposito, Jeff
†Fernandez, Alfredo A.
†Fernandez, Luther G.
Galiza, Elden E.
Ganibe, Dcn. Romeo
Gomez, Joey
†Gomez, Jose "Pepe"
Gonzalez, Tony
†Gora, John K.
†Grace, Ernest K.
Grace, Matthew K.
Grace, Roger O.
Grace, Steven K.
Gueco, Frank
†Guerrero, Ben
†Hagi, Jack
Higa, Clyde S.
Higa, Kau
Higa, Reynolds
Higa-Picard, Bernard
†Hobro, Eufonio
Hortizuela, Johnny
†Ibanez, Alberto
†Ilagan, Randy
Javier, Paul
Jennings, James
†Kahala, James Luka

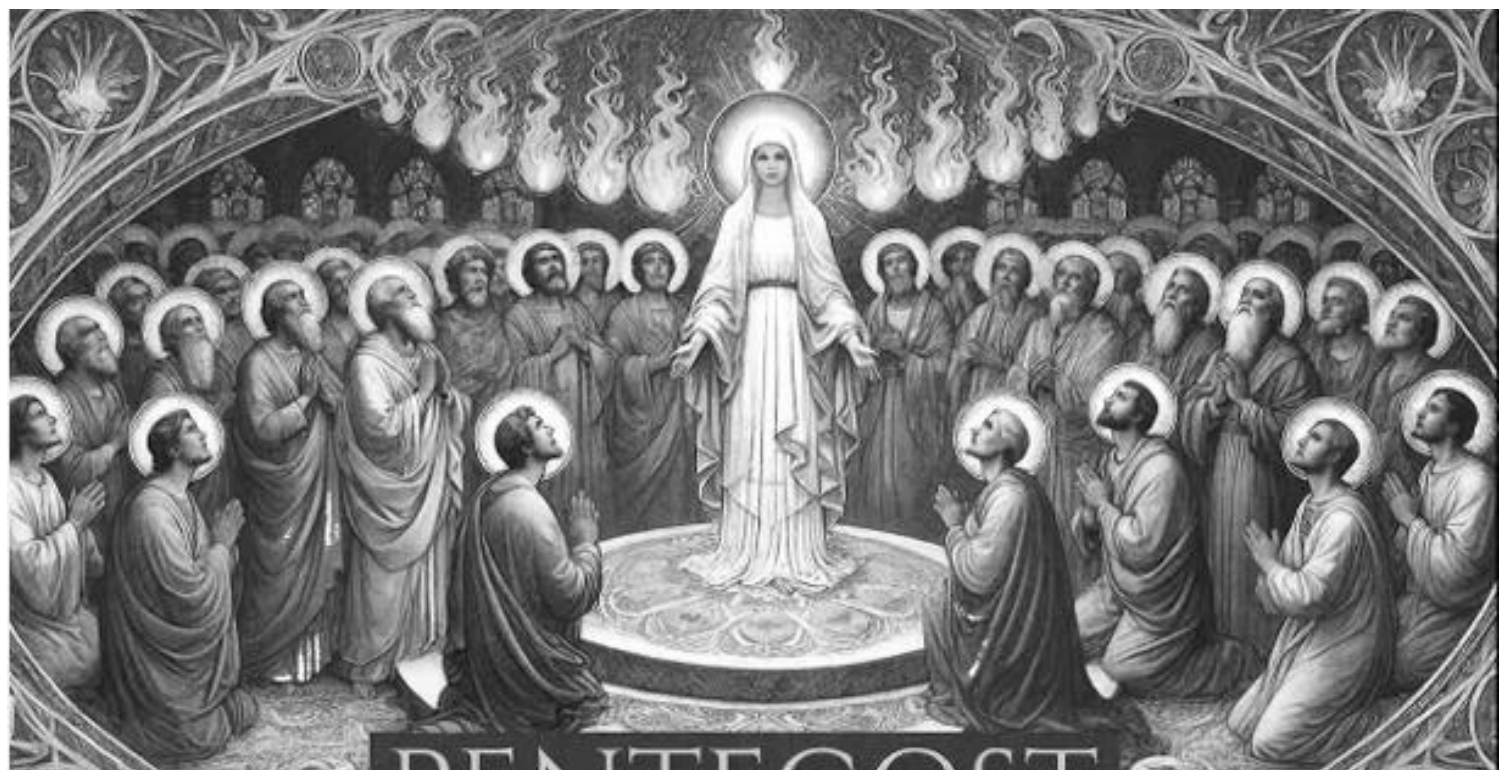
Kuloloia, Anthony
Kuloloia, Isaiah
Lansang, Abelardo
†Lazo, Pergentino
Lazo-Tolentino, A.J.
†Loggins, John Sr.
†Loggins, Luther
Mandap, Bob
†Mandap, Emeterio R.
†Marti, Fulgencio
Marti, Miguel
†Mopas, Victor
†Oribio, Doroteo
†Oribio, Lawrence
Paaluhi, Simeon M. Sr.
†Perry, Lawrence Patrick
†Perry, Lawrence Paul
†Pichon, Mario M.
Plemer, Jarrett E.
Plemer, Vaughn P.
Rapozo, Fr. Anthony
Rapozo, Wayne
†Remata, David Sr.
†Reyes, Agustin
†Reyes, Manuel
Rillamas, Julian Sr.
†Sablan, Jose Cruz
†Sagucio, Jaime
†Santos, Ronald Sr.
Sauget, Clyde Ph.D.
†Sauget, Francis Leroy

Father's Day Remembrance and Blessings continued...

†Schooley, Donald
†Siangco, Samuel
Siangco, Solomon
†Suan, Jose
†Takase, Ernest
†Tano, Cesar
Tano, Jesse
Tauotaha, Freddie
†Tauotaha, Puaniho
†Terry, Joseph Sr.
†Torres, David M.
†Uytingco, Guillermo
†Vanta, Avelino
†Verzosa, Victoriano
Vicente, Edwin
†Villareal, Teodulo Z.
Villegas, Andrew
†Walsh, James



† = Rest in Peace



PENTECOST

The Gift of the Holy Spirit

We call **Pentecost** the birthday of the Church. On this day the ascended Jesus sent the promised "Advocate" by pouring the Holy Spirit on his disciples (*John 16:7*).

Filling the house with a sound of wind, the Spirit energized the disciples, showing them the meaning of the Old Testament and how Jesus' life and death fulfilled it.

Just as important, the Spirit empowered them for their mission, baptizing them with power to bring this truth to all the people of the world.



The Gift of the Holy Spirit
Throughout Scripture the Holy Spirit is both a gift of Jesus and the Spirit of Jesus himself.

In the New Testament, this Spirit of God descended on Jesus at his baptism (*Matthew 3:16*). On Pentecost the Spirit descended on Jesus' followers to give them power, as he had promised (*Luke 24:49*).

In the Book of Acts, the Spirit that guided the apostles was called "the Spirit of Jesus."

Peter called the Day of Pentecost the realization of Joel's

prophecy about the outpouring of the Spirit (*Acts 2:16-21*)—a gift promised not only to the Pentecost disciples, but "for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him" (*Acts 2:39*).

The Fulfillment of Easter

The Day of Pentecost completes the Easter Season because, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples were able to understand the meaning of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. The end of the Easter Season opens the door to the liturgical *Season of Ordinary Time*—the period from Pentecost Sunday to the First Sunday in Advent.



Historically, Pentecost, (meaning 50th day) is a Christian festival with Jewish roots. For Jews, Pentecost was also called the *Feast of Weeks*, celebrating the end of the grain harvest. The Jewish Pentecost also celebrated the giving of the Law and the founding of the Jewish faith community.

Early Christians gave thanks in their Pentecost for the fruits of the Spirit, as well as the founding of the Church, the successor to the Old Testament community.

The History of PENTECOST

The history of Pentecost begins with its origins as a Jewish feast. Known as *Shavuot*, or the Feast of Weeks, it was celebrated 50 days after Passover and commemorated the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai. For early Christians, however, Pentecost took on a new and profound significance. As described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-4), On the first Pentecost, the disciples were gathered together in Jerusalem when the Holy Spirit descended upon them. A sound like a strong, rushing wind filled the room, and tongues of fire appeared, resting on each of them. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the disciples began to speak in different languages, allowing them to proclaim the Gospel to people from various nations gathered in Jerusalem. This miraculous event marked the empowerment of the apostles to spread the Good News, signifying the birth of the Church and its mission to evangelize the world.

This event, known as the “birthday of the Church,” marks the moment when the apostles, emboldened by the Holy Spirit, began their public ministry and the mission of evangelization. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit fulfilled Jesus’ promise to send an Advocate and transformed the fearful disciples into courageous witnesses.

By the 4th century, Pentecost was established as a major feast day, concluding the 50-day Easter season. Today, it remains a central celebration for Christians, calling the faithful to be open to the Holy Spirit’s guidance and to continue spreading Christ’s message.



GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are of two kinds: communal and personal. The Spirit gives gifts to help build up the community of the faithful, gifts that are described in 1 Corinthians, Chapter 12: *speaking wisdom, knowledge, faith, gifts of healing, working of miracles, prophecy, the discernment of spirits, various kinds of tongues and the interpretation of tongues*. In general, these gifts help strengthen the community in faith, hope and love.

The personal gifts of the Holy Spirit, traditionally seven in number and based on the book of the prophet Isaiah 11:1-2, help an individual live the life of a disciple. They are: *wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety and fear of the Lord*.

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

St. Paul also describes the fruits of the Holy Spirit in Galatians 5: *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control*. To that list, Catholics often add “*goodness, modesty and chastity*,” based on the Latin *Vulgate* translation by St. Jerome. The fruits of the Holy Spirit will become more evident in our lives as we consent to the Spirit’s action within us.



CUSTOMS OF PENTECOST

In the Catholic Church, Pentecost is celebrated with various customs that reflect the joy and significance of the Holy Spirit’s descent. One common tradition is the use of the color red in liturgical vestments and church decorations. Red symbolizes the flames of the Holy Spirit and the apostles’ zeal, reminding the faithful of the transformative power of the Spirit.

In many places, special hymns like *Veni, Creator Spiritus* (Come, Creator Spirit) are sung, invoking the Holy Spirit’s presence. Some parishes also decorate with flowers or banners symbolizing the “tongues of fire” and the breath of the Spirit.

Another unique custom, especially in Europe, involves scattering rose petals from the ceiling of churches. This practice, known as the “Holy Spirit shower,” symbolizes the tongues of fire descending upon the apostles. Similarly, in some Italian parishes, a dove is released during Mass, representing the Holy Spirit.

Additionally, Pentecost is often a time for confirmations, as the Sacrament of Confirmation is associated with receiving the Holy Spirit. These varied customs all aim to help Catholics experience the joy and power of the Spirit and renew their commitment to the Church’s mission of spreading the Gospel.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

"The Spirit gave them ability." Is the Holy Spirit preparing you to share the Lord's 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.

FATHER'S DAY – JUNE 15: Honor your father, living or deceased, this **FATHER'S DAY**, by making a Mass offering. **Please PRINT LEGIBLY.** Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

HEALING MASS

Monday, June 9, 2025

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

St. John A&E Parish

Praise and Worship 7:00 pm

Mass 7:30 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Anthony Rapozo



*"Lay Your Hands
Gently Upon Us...
May Their Touch
Render Your Peace..."*



Sponsored by St. John Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group

For information: Victoria Achaval 623-8860 Stephen/Helen Uvehara 623-7423

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

SENIOR BINGO | SUNDAY JUNE 22, 2025 | 12PM – 3PM | ONE COMMUNITY CENTER (OCC) |

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.



May 31 - June 29th

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!

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.



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 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, June 9, 2025

8 AM Christy Esposito (RIP)
Brittany Browning (Birthday Blessing)
Roland Agbanlog (Birthday Blessing)

Tuesday June 10, 2025

8 AM Tina Aguinaldo (RIP)
Ronnie Hu (Healing)
Samuel Aguirre Sr. (Healing)

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

8 AM Stephanie June Rapozo (RIP)
Myra & Bill Homes (Wedding Anniversary)

Thursday, June 12, 2025

8 AM Britney Jones (Birthday Blessing)
Freddie Tauotaha (Birthday Blessing)
Victor-Bertrand Lujan (RIP)
Abby Camello (Thanksgiving)

Friday, June 13, 2025

8 AM Jon Suzawa (1 yr. Death Anniversary)
Kyle Sombrero & Pilgrimage
(Blessing/Thanksgiving)
Pedro E. Corpuz (Death Anniversary)

Saturday, June 14, 2025

8 AM Lois Bates (Birthday Blessing)

5 PM Paul Szczepkowski (RIP)

Sunday, June 15, 2025



Respect Life “Dearest St. Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life.”

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

RICHARD SORBIN (RIP)- Friday, June 13, 2025 – St John, Mililani; Arrival: 9:00 am; Visitation: 10:30 am; Eulogy: 10:30 am; Funeral Mass: 11:00 am; Burial: 2:00 pm ~ HI Veterans Cemetery, 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.