



# SPIRIT-LED NEWS

## PASTOR'S CORNER

This week I would like to talk about Vocations.

*"No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people." Did not Jesus say: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another?" (Jn 13:35) Pope Francis – January 16, 2014*

The Catholic perspective of a vocation is viewed as a calling from God to a particular way of life that fulfills His purpose for an individual. It is not just a job or career, but a fundamental way of loving and serving God and others. The Church identifies four main vocations: marriage, single life, ordained ministry (priesthood and diaconate), and consecrated religious life (monks, nuns, sisters, etc.). Each vocation offers a unique path to holiness and fulfillment in God's plan.

### **Marriage:**

A vocation lived in the commitment of a husband and wife, called to love and serve each other and their family.

### **Single Life:**

A vocation where individuals dedicate their lives to God and others, often serving in various ministries or professions, without the commitment of marriage or religious life.

### **Ordained Ministry (Priesthood and Diaconate):**

Men who receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders, called to serve the Church as deacons or priests, preaching, administering sacraments, and guiding the faithful.

### **Consecrated Religious Life (Monks, Nuns, Sisters, etc.):**

Individuals who make vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, dedicating their lives to God within a religious community.

Vocational discernment is the process of prayerfully seeking God's will for your life, exploring your desires and talents, and seeking guidance from wise and trusted individuals. The most crucial part of any discernment is to understand that vocation is not just about choosing a career but about discovering your unique path to holiness and service within God's plan.

The biggest key to discerning vocation is prayer, especially before the Blessed Sacrament. This is an opportunity to open yourself up to God's call, and to express your thoughts to Him.

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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

**DAILY ADORATION**

**Weekday:** 7 AM Monday - Saturday

**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                 | JUNE 14/15          |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Sunday Collection                       | \$ 10,821.01        |
| Online Donation (WeShare)               | \$ 582.00           |
| Online Donation (Pushpay)               | \$ 3,698.00         |
| Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM) | \$ 648.00           |
| OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)     | \$ 150.00           |
| Healing Mass (6.9.25)                   | \$ 135.00           |
| Debt Reduction                          | \$ 1,112.00         |
| Mass Intentions                         | \$ 50.00            |
| Candles                                 | \$ 610.00           |
| Funeral                                 | \$ 300.00           |
| Preschool                               | \$ 25.00            |
| Father's Day                            | \$ 461.00           |
| Easter                                  | \$ 5.00             |
| Catholic Communication Campaign         | \$ 30.00            |
| Seminarian Education Fund               | \$ 1,062.00         |
| <b>WEEKEND TOTAL</b>                    | <b>\$ 19,689.01</b> |

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

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Ultimately, prayer is an opportunity to grow closer to God and to pour yourself out to Him as He pours Himself out to you. Pray for discernment, clarity in it, and for openness to His word.

***According to St. Francis de Sales, "A true vocation is nothing other than the firm and constant will possessed by the person called, to want to serve God in the manner and in the place where the Divine Majesty calls her," (Spiritual Conferences, 17).***

Gratefully yours in the heart of Jesus Christ,

*Fr. Anthony Rapozo*

## SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

Today, we observe the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This beautiful feast celebrates the gift of the Eucharist, which the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches is the source and summit of our Christian faith. "For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ Himself" (CCC paragraph 1324).



The very word, Eucharist, means "thanksgiving" or "gratitude" and so this feast is especially meaningful to all of us who are striving to live as grateful stewards of all God's blessings to us. Surely the Eucharist is the greatest of all blessings because it is not only from God, it is God — the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Today's second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians reminds us of the depths of love our Lord has shown us in the gift of the Eucharist, recalling Christ's words at the very first Eucharistic celebration. "The Lord Jesus... took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you.'" In that moment, and at every celebration of the Mass thereafter, Jesus gives us His very self in an act of complete humility and perfect love. How can we possibly show our gratitude for such a sublime gift?

We can receive the gift of the Eucharist with the greatest possible reverence and love. And, following our Lord's example, we can give ourselves generously to others in the week ahead.

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025

Saints Peter & Paul Apostles

**First Reading: Acts 12:1-11**

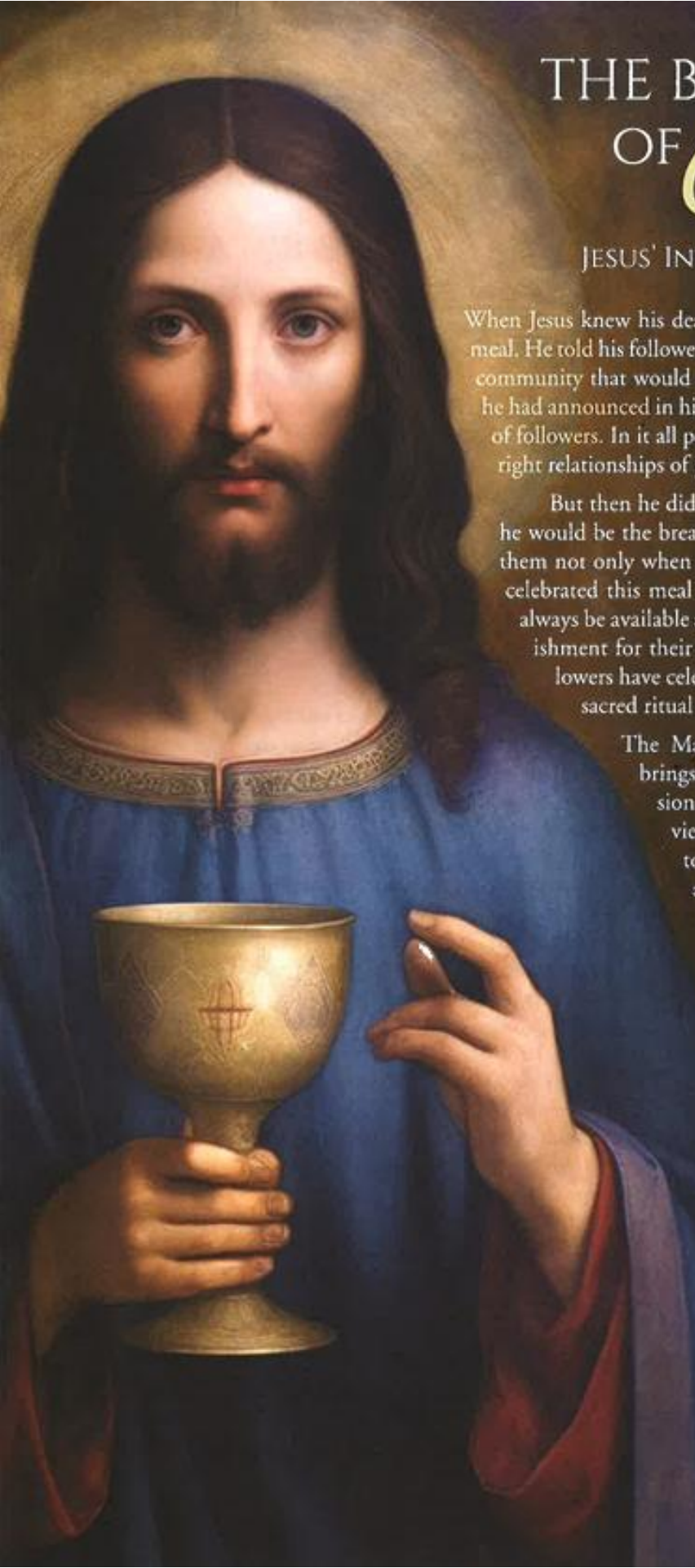
**Responsorial Psalm: 34:2-9**

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18**

**Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19**

*"Adoring the Body and Blood of Christ, let us ask him with our heart: "Lord, give me the daily bread to go forward, Lord, satisfy me with your presence!"*

~POPE FRANCIS



# THE BODY & BLOOD OF *Christ*

## JESUS' INVITATION TO COMMUNION

When Jesus knew his death was near, he gathered his disciples for a final meal. He told his followers that they were now to become the new covenant community that would continue to build the Kingdom community that he had announced in his teaching and begun by his actions and gathering of followers. In it all persons would be invited to live as God wanted: in right relationships of justice, bonded in love, with peace for all.

But then he did something totally surprising—he told them that he would be the bread for their new covenant life. He would be with them not only when they remembered his words, but also when they celebrated this meal in memory of him. His body and blood would always be available as the bread and wine that would give them nourishment for their journey to God. And for two millennia, his followers have celebrated his presence in word and sacrament in the sacred ritual meal that we call the Mass or Eucharist.

The Mass or Eucharist is our community ritual that brings together in remembrance and celebration the vision and vocation embedded in our Christian worldview. In Word and Sacrament, we gather together to express our unity as God's family around the altar/table where Jesus himself will become present through God's Word and then as our nurturing consecrated bread and cup. In sharing this communion, we are at once joined to God and to one another. Then, strengthened by God's empowering presence, we go forth to share God's presence with all those we will meet throughout the week.

Living a eucharistic life means seeking opportunities to make every relationship better by our Christian way of living. Thus in the "ordinary time" of our lives, we live out the gracious gift that we have been given in the eucharistic sacrament. Our focus cannot be only on the celebration of the eucharist in church, but also on the ongoing, lived experience of a eucharistic life lived fully in communion with Christ.

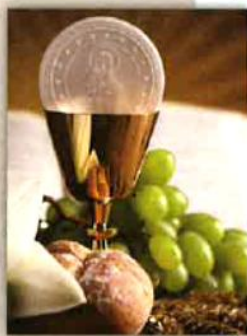
## THE EUCHARIST & COMMUNITY

The Eucharist both creates unity in the body of Christ and is its most obvious manifestation. Entry into the Christian community entitles believers to share in this sacred meal, the eucharist, which commemorates the death and resurrection of Christ. By eating the bread and drinking the cup, Christians participate in a personal fellowship with the risen Christ, whose body on earth they now are. Through their communal participation in the one bread, “the many” become one body, i.e., one community, which understands itself as the body of Christ now on earth.

Paul recognized that the “many” at the supper who share in the one loaf (perhaps indicating that the community shared a special single loaf at their eucharistic meal) are “one body” in virtue of doing so (1 Cor 10:16–17). Communion with the body and blood of Christ creates both a union with the risen Christ and a union between the community members where the conventional social distinctions established by human culture are no longer relevant (Gal 3:27–28). God’s new table is all-inclusive and demands a heightened sense of inner readiness (1 Cor 11:26–29) and a deepening communion and service (Jn 13:12–17).

The eucharistic mystery is the ritual expression that anticipates this communion of all humanity under God’s rule. Our communion grows through the ritual actions of receiving and giving, gathering to immerse ourselves in God’s Word, sharing a sacred meal and eagerly accepting the commission to carry on Christ’s work for re-ordering the world. When celebrating this ritual, we experience Christ’s many presences: in the persons assembled, in the priest, in the Scripture that we read and hear and in the consecrated bread and cup.

To share this kingdom meal is to be in solidarity with Jesus and with his mission to build the kingdom community. Following Jesus’ example, we take, bless, break and share the bread and cup. But simultaneously, through God’s mysterious power, we are taken, blessed, broken and shared with others just as Jesus was. Thus our everyday lives become a eucharistic experience.



“We earnestly pray that the precious blood, poured out for all mankind, may at long last bring to all, to all persons everywhere, salvation and conversion, that the blood of Christ may be to all the pledge and promise of eternal life.

—Pope St. John XXIII

## WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST TODAY

St. Teresa of Avila taught her fellow sisters that “Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands, no feet but yours; yours the eyes through which to look at Christ’s compassion to the world, yours the feet with which he is to go about doing good, and yours the hands with which he is to bless us now.”

Our Eucharistic celebration cannot be something we just go to as spectators or do on Sunday morning and then forget about it for the rest of the week. Because our Eucharist is a sacred meal not only of communion with one another but also a model of justice and right relationships, when we celebrate it we are united as the new kingdom community, the body of the risen Christ on earth.

Our challenge is to connect our experience of Christ’s many presences in the eucharistic celebration with those found in our households and in our everyday lives. As we celebrate the Eucharist over and over again we grow ever deeper in our relationship with Jesus and also with the Christian community. Celebrating the Eucharist first brings about changes in ourselves and then invites us to change our behavior toward others in our household, in our school, at our job and in every other part of our life.

We are called upon not only to pray the eucharist but also to live eucharistic lives. Just as Jesus took the bread, his body, blessed and broke it to share it with others, so we ask God to take us, bless us, break us and share us with others so that so that “through him, with him and in him” we may also become sources of God’s new life for the world.

The eucharist, then, is the way that we nourish our relationship with God and deepen our communion with God and one another. Our communion grows through the ritual of receiving and giving, gathering to immerse ourselves in God’s Word, sharing a sacred meal, and eagerly accepting the commission to carry on Christ’s work for the world. Just as we are gathered by God’s invitation into the Body of Christ, so we are sent out by the power of the Holy Spirit to fulfill our mission to transform the world according to the pattern of our Eucharist.



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*"You give them something to eat." Do these words of Christ challenge you to give your all for Him 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](mailto:jodiaz@rcchawaii.org).*

**DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND:** This weekend, June 21/22, we will have a Second Collection for our Diocesan Seminarian Education Fund. Envelopes are available at the back of the church, or you may also donate online by visiting our parish website by clicking "Give online." Please be generous!

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed for Staff Development on Tuesday, June 24 – Friday, June 27. The office will reopen on Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

**CANDLE PRICE INCREASE:** Starting July 1st, candles will be \$10 each. Please have exact change ready for your purchase.

**PRAYER KIT FOR VOCATIONS:** Vocations are God's call to each of us, guiding us to our life's path, whether that's becoming a priest, a deacon, a religious brother or sister, a nun, getting married, or living a single life dedicated to God. Praying for vocations means asking God to help more people hear His call and respond with courage. This is why we at St. John's have chosen to begin promoting our Vocations Chalice Prayer Program. So, we can all participate in praying for more vocations for our diocese. We would like to start the process of families taking home our parish Prayer Kit for Vocations in July. Therefore, we need families to sign up. So, we want to encourage you and your family to sign up to take home this Prayer Kit for a week. Our sign-up book is located at the main entrance of the church. We pray for your support of this endeavor.

**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.

**YOU'RE INVITED! Let's join together for Church Fellowship!** Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> | 12 PM (After 11 AM Mass) | St John kindly invites you and your family to a special time of fellowship, food and Faith | In the OCC | Potluck Style: please bring a dish to share.



### ENCOUNTER NIGHTS | EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAYS | 7:00 PM |

REDISCOVER THE SENSE OF ADORATION IN SILENCE



May 31 - June 29th

**2 WEEKENDS LEFT! 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!

**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](mailto: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](mailto:sjaeyoungadult@rcchawaii.org).

**VOLUNTEER TO SERVE DINNER AT INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SERVICES (IHS):** Join us in providing warm, nourishing dinner to those in need at the Men's Shelter, 350 Sumner St., Honolulu every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm-7pm. Parking is available. Maximum of 5 servers in the kitchen. As a volunteer, you help plate and distribute meals to the guests with care and hospitality. Your extra set of hands makes a big difference in ensuring everyone is served with dignity and respect. If you would like to serve, please contact the parish office to sign up.

### **ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)**

- ❖ 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](mailto:rganibe@rcchawaii.org).



**COLUMBARIUM NICHE:** We invite our parishioners to consider purchasing a Columbarium niche suitable for two urns, engraving on the niche cover and perpetual care. There are ample niches available in the Columbarium. These niches are available to registered parishioners and immediate family members. St. John's also offers our "In Memoriam" slab next to the entrance of our Columbarium. This offers SJAE parishioners a way to memorialize a family member buried or entombed elsewhere, bringing them into the sacred space of the SJAE Columbarium. If you would like to receive more information about the Columbarium or our Memoriam Slab, please pick up one of our Brochure Packets located at the main entrance of the Church or contact Mr. Duane Pavao Director of Cemeteries: **CATHOLIC FUNERAL & CEMETERY SERVICES**, at (808) 783-6778 or by email at: [dpavao@cfcsmmission.org](mailto:dpavao@cfcsmmission.org) or visit the Diocese website at: [www.HawaiiCatholicCemeteries.org](http://www.HawaiiCatholicCemeteries.org).

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Monday, June 23, 2025**

8 AM Virgilio V. Benitez (RIP)  
Penny Mayled (RIP)  
Wayne Rapozo (Healing)

### **Tuesday June 24, 2025**

8 AM Pearl Bates (Thanksgiving)  
Luan Huelsman (Birthday Blessing)  
Maria Villanueva (RIP)

### **Wednesday, June 25, 2025**

8 AM Celyn Villanueva (Birthday Blessing)

### **Thursday, June 26, 2025**

8 AM Suzanna Foster (RIP)

### **Friday, June 27, 2025**

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

### **Saturday, June 28, 2025**

8 AM Jordan Kekiwi (Special Intentions)  
Melanio Aczon (Death Anniversary)

5 PM Art Apilado (RIP)

### **Sunday, June 29, 2025**

7 AM Pedro Taglinao (Birthday Memorial)  
9 AM *For the People*  
11 AM Stephanie June Rapozo (RIP)  
6 PM Mike Kozelka (RIP)

**Respect Life** “Christ’s blood reveals to man that his greatness, and therefore his vocation, consists in the sincere gift of self.... It is from the blood of Christ that all draw the strength to commit themselves to promoting life. It is precisely this blood that is the most powerful source of hope, indeed it is the foundation of the absolute certitude that in God’s plan life will be victorious.”

*Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.”*



**Religious Freedom Week 2025 takes place June 22–29.** The Week begins with the Memorial of Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More, ends with the Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, and includes the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist and the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Resources will be made available to help the faithful **pray, reflect on, and take action** for religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad. They will be made available at [uscbb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek](https://uscbb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek).

## HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Thomas Ramos, John Bates, Cindy Abernathy, Barbara Ursal, Hildegard Borowitz, Roland Crisostomo, Margie Romasanta, Florence Willems, Ross Licare, Butch Corpuz, Noemi Angeles, Julius Magio, Felicia Routon, Adam & Rosie Olivares, Dolly Lapinad, Violet Mayock, Jim Murphy, Wayne Rapozo & those mentioned in the Parish Book of Prayers.

## 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.