



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

As you may know, SJAE now has a Leadership Team in place, and they recently completed a one-day retreat with Fr. E.J. Resinto to help the team get to know each other and to allow themselves to be led by the Spirit. Our Leadership Team is a special group of leaders who are collectively committed to working with the clergy in making our parish an amazing place and to bring more people to Christ and His Church.

As we move forward, we would like to let the entire parish know the direction in which we as a community will be going. First, we will be working to change the culture of our parish from being a **maintenance parish** (so long it works approach) to a parish made for Mission (one that creates disciples for Jesus). And as a parish, we will relearn what it truly means to live out: A Stewardship Life, the Call of Holiness, the Call of Mission, the Call of Active Participation in the Liturgy, and the Call to Discipleship.

Our compass for this exciting new journey will be our Parish Mission 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 instill in our parish community the basic blocks of Christian living, to preach the Good News of Jesus to all through our words, deeds, and lives.”

Here is a brief description / comparison between a Maintenance Parish from a Missionary Parish:

Annual parish picnic mostly attended by the same parishioners.	Community BBQ or “Ohana Night” that is open to families of sports teams, schools, or new families in Mililani.
Catechism classes only for registered families.	Faith Formation series open to parents of unbaptized children, youth from the neighborhood, or seekers.
Annual, one-time holiday food drive for needy families.	Ongoing outreach ministry that builds relationships with local shelters or elderly shut ins.
Mass and Sacraments scheduled and performed with little follow-up.	Personal calls, home visits, or prayer opportunities for families after the sacraments (baptism, marriage prep, funerals).
Parish Bulletin announcements only.	Personal invitations through social media, texts, or face-to-face conversations.

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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

ADORATION TIMES:

7AM - 8AM Monday – Saturday

After 8AM Mass on Friday

7PM – 8PM Wednesday (Encounter Night)

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 21/22

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,101.30
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 632.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 2,651.65
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 287.64
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 300.00
Baptism	\$ 20.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 687.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 20.00
Candles	\$ 482.00
Preschool	\$ 75.00
Father's Day	\$ 2.00
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ 20.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 5.00
Seminar Education	\$ 3,739.65
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 40.00
'Ohana in Christ	\$ 12.00

WEEKEND TOTAL

\$ 21,075.24

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

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Doing the Holy Thursday foot washing with the same lectors, EM's and parishioners every year.	Inviting families with special needs children, newcomers, or people from the margins to be part of the liturgy.
Organizing a Christmas play with kids from Religious Ed.	Hosting a simple Advent night in the park with music, prayers, and hot cocoa for the entire community.

However, in order to go from a maintenance parish to a mission parish, we need to relearn some basic Catholic fundamentals to true Christian living. We will start with Holiness next weekend.

Gratefully yours in the heart of Jesus Christ,

Fr. Anthony Rapozo

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

During June, we have celebrated key moments in the life of the Church — Pentecost, the Most Holy Trinity, Corpus Christi — culminating today with the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. Though very different men, they are united in faith, mission, and martyrdom, and the Church has honored them together since the third century.

St. Peter, the first Pope, was chosen by Christ as the rock on which the Church would be built. The Catechism tells us that because of the faith he professed, Peter remains the “unshakeable rock of the Church.” Despite his human weaknesses, Peter's loyalty, repentance, and leadership make him a powerful model of stewardship.

St. Paul, once a persecutor of Christians, became one of the Church's greatest evangelists. In today's second reading, Paul reflects on his mission, saying, “I have finished the race... the crown of righteousness awaits me.” The Greek word he used for “crown” — *stephanos* — refers to a victor's crown, not a royal one, showing his view of faith as a race well-run for the sake of Christ. Though they were martyred separately, tradition holds that Peter and Paul were in Rome at the same time, and their shared witness and sacrifice tie them closely together in Church history. They embody two vital aspects of stewardship — Peter in his faith and leadership, and Paul in his zeal and wisdom.

As stewards, we are called to follow their example — to build the Church through our commitment, to overcome our failures through God's mercy, and to proclaim the Gospel with courage. Like Peter and Paul, we are invited to give all we have for the sake of Christ and His Church.



“God loves us beyond comprehension, and we cannot diminish God's love for us.”

~SAINT PETER

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church was officially founded by Bishop John J. Scanlan on July 15, 1969. The church was dedicated on August 15, 1971, on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, by Bishop Scanlan. Two years later on the same day, the parish unveiled two statues by renowned sculptor Signor Francesco of Rome Italy. These are abstract sculptures of our Blessed Mother and our patron Saint John the Apostle and Evangelist.

The parish has also commissioned a new statue in honor of our patron St. John. The statue will cost approximately \$8,000 and will be a hand sculpt out of Olivewood, by "Little Bethlehem Christians," Ghassan & Siham Al Sahouri. The statue is being made by one of their Christian Families living in the Holy Land. The statue will be a little over three feet tall, similar to our St. Joseph statue in the prayer chapel. Once built, the statue will stand near the main entrance of our church. Our statue will look similar to this photo.

Since then, our parish has added many other works of art and has made renovations to our wonderful parish. This year we will be celebrating our 54th anniversary. Our Parish Council is currently working on plans for this year's celebration which falls on Saturday, December 27, 2025.

After much discernment by the parish clergy and quietly surveying parishioners about the parish and what they know about our patron saint, the following Faith Formation events are planned for this coming year. Classes on the Gospel of John, Classes on St. John himself, and classes on the Second Vatican Council.

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Therefore, we are kindly seeking donations to fund this project. No Parish funds will be used for this project. We want the funds for this project to come completely from donations and fundraising events.



Stewardship

Catholic stewardship is a way of life centered on recognizing all that we have and are as gifts from God, and then responding with gratitude and generosity. It involves a commitment to being Christ-centered, not self-centered, and sharing one's time, talent, and treasure in service to God and others. It's about more than just giving; it's a response to God's love and a way to build up the Church and make the world a better place.

Key aspects of Catholic stewardship:

Gratitude: Recognizing that all good things come from God and expressing thankfulness for those gifts.

Responsibility: Understanding that we are entrusted with God's gifts and are called to be good caretakers.

Generosity: Sharing our time, talents, and treasure with others, especially those in need.

Discipleship: Stewardship is an expression of discipleship, a way of living out our commitment to follow Jesus Christ.

Transformation: Stewardship is a lifelong process of conversion, leading to a change in heart and a deeper relationship with God and others.

Examples of stewardship in action:

Time: Volunteering time to help at a parish or in the community, spending time in prayer, and making time for family and friends.

Talents: Sharing one's skills and abilities in service to the Church and others, whether it be teaching, singing, or using one's professional expertise.

Treasure: Giving generously of one's financial resources to support the Church and its ministries and being mindful of how one spends and uses money.

Creation: Caring for the environment and being mindful of our responsibility to protect the natural world, recognizing it as a gift from God.

In essence, Catholic stewardship is a way of life that calls us to be mindful of God's gifts, grateful for what we have, and generous in sharing those gifts with others. It is a call to action, a way to live out our faith in concrete ways and build a better world.

So, let us all be open to be Spirit-led on Sunday August 31, 2025, as we kick-off on our exciting Stewardship Renewal journey of rediscovering God's love for us!

In the Catholic context, transparency means being open, honest, and clear about the Church's actions, decisions, and finances, ensuring that information is readily accessible to the faithful and the wider public. This principle is seen as essential for maintaining trust, fostering accountability, and promoting a healthy relationship between the Church and its members.

With this in mind as Pastor, I would like to inform the parish that SJAE church will once again be working with Catholic Stewardship Consultants (CSC) to better educate us on how to live out vibrantly the Christian principle of Stewardship.

In 2017, SJAE began working with CSC on our parish's Stewardship initiative with the goal of helping us to be a vibrant Stewardship parish. Then in 2018, our parish continued to work with CSC on our Capital Campaign to raise funds for the building of our One Community Center. Our parish stopped working with CSC in 2020, around the time of COVID-19. Since then, we as a parish have taken small steps to restart our Stewardship living, with various small successes.

As pastor and after much dialogue with our Diocese, our parish Stewardship Committee and Finance Council have decided to work once again with CSC starting this year. Our original contract was for \$30,000 a year at a monthly cost of \$2,500. The annual cost was \$6,000 lower than what the parish previously paid in 2017. However, due to unexpected increases for our upcoming 2025-2026 fiscal budget and due to higher insurance costs for both our Liability and Property coverage, we renegotiated our contract with CSC, for a cost equating to \$18,000 a year at a monthly cost of \$1,800. This is a savings of \$12,000 for the year.

This decision was made for the following reasons: The Diocese of Honolulu, is using CSC to provide all the Stewardship materials, articles, etc. in the Catholic Herald which started in the June 6, 2025, issue, pg. 13. The Diocese Stewardship Office led by Fr. Leo Faletoi and pastor of St. Michael the Archangel in Kona, was the first parish to use CSC in our Diocese in 2017. His Office is encouraging parishes to utilize CSC services and no other company that the Diocese has reviewed provides the detailed services that CSC does. Lastly, we as a "Spirit-led" parish must once again allow the Holy Spirit to lead us back to proper Stewardship Renewal and our need to spiritually re-educate ourselves on the fundamental principles of Christian Stewardship.

Sincerely,
Fr. Anthony

Stewardship means respecting and sharing our resources as an expression of gratitude to God. It reminds us that we are the administrators, not the owners, of our assets. Christian stewardship can be identified by several meaningful characteristics, with the most important being that it strengthens our relationship with God. It is a way of life, not a program that has a beginning and an end. Stewardship calls us to share a portion of our time, talent, and treasure so that the Good News of Jesus Christ may be shared with those who do not know Him.

On the back of this page is our SJAE Stewardship Theme and Logo for this year's upcoming Stewardship Renewal in August. Our quote "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" emphasizes that the motivation and foundation for good stewardship is love, rather than simply the act of giving. It suggests that:

- **Love as the Source:** Genuine and impactful stewardship springs from a heart filled with love, gratitude, and a desire to honor God and bless others.
- **Giving is a Result:** Giving is seen as a tangible expression of this love and gratitude, not the starting point of stewardship.
- **Focus on the Person:** The emphasis should be on the person's heart and attitude towards stewardship, rather than just the act of giving. It is important to focus on how it benefits the person and their family, not just the organization or church.
- **A Deeper Motivation:** While one can give without necessarily loving, true stewardship requires love as the underlying foundation. This love allows for cheerful and generous giving.
- **Gratitude Fuels Generosity:** A grateful heart, recognizing all that God has given, leads to a desire to generously share with others.

The six circles in the colorful image represents different areas of parish life and how they all intersect with each other emphasizing how each aspect of parish life enhances the other aspects of parish life. Thus, success in one, leads to success in all.

Therefore, true stewardship is rooted in a grateful and loving relationship with God, with the goal of using what has been given to bless others and to honor God, rather than simply fulfilling an obligation to give.

"Wealth and honor come from You; You are the ruler of all things. In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from your hand." (1 Chronicles 29:12-14)



**St. John Apostle & Evangelist Outreach Mission Project Final Report
(National Eucharist Revival Year of Mission, July 2024 - June 22, 2025)**

The "mission" of St. John's Outreach Mission Project during the 3rd year of the National Eucharistic Revival is to **GO OUT** and share the love of Christ found in the Eucharist (Eucharistic Missionary) with our brothers and sisters in need.

CONNECT + ENGAGE + WITNESS + EVANGELIZE

The following service projects were all held **outside the walls** of St. John Apostle & Evangelist Parish.

1. Serve a meal at Institute for Human Services (IHS) every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

- St John volunteers connect and engage with the guests at the Men's Shelter by plating and distributing a warm dinner. **(July 2024 - on going)**

2. Kipapa School Supply Drive Distribution (July 2024)

- Collected school supplies from parishioners. St John volunteers connected and engaged with the students and families of Kipapa Elementary while handing out school supplies on distribution day. Provided goodie bags to the students. Kipapa Elementary is a Title 1 school.

3. Helping Hands Hawaii School Supply Drive (July 2024)

- Collected school supplies from parishioners. St John volunteers connected and engaged with HHH staff and volunteers from other organizations while stuffing backpacks with school supplies for distribution day at the HHH warehouse.

4. Tutu Bert's Respite Home (October 2024)

- Tutu Bert's is a place of transition for homeless individuals being discharged from hospitals or needing to complete ongoing medical treatments for chronic medical conditions. It is operated by IHS. St John volunteers connected and engaged with the residents while playing card games with them. St John provided snacks and prizes.

5. Helping Hands Hawaii Wishing Tree Adopt-a-Family (December 2024)

- Connected and engaged with Helping Hands Hawaii clients during the distribution of Christmas gifts at the HHH warehouse. St John volunteers checked in clients, handed gifts at pick up, and provided refreshments. (Note: Helping Hands Hawaii provided gift tags to hang on St. John's Angel Network Tree.)

6. Share the Love Food Drive (March 2025)

- Under the Women's Guild ministry, the parish collected over 2,000 non-perishable food items from generous parishioners. Collection from the drive were shared with Helping Hands Hawaii Food Pantry, Our Lady of Sorrows Food Pantry and St. John's Food Pantry. St. John volunteers stocked and organized the HHH Food Pantry (which was in desperate need of food) on Thursdays during the month of March.

7. Institute for Human Services (IHS) Men's Shelter Sponsor a Meal Program (June 2025/Father's Day)

Provided bento meals to 325 IHS guests. Guests and staff were appreciative of the special treat!

Funding: Any expenses related to the above were funded solely through monetary donations from parishioners using the orange "Outreach Mission" envelopes or through online giving (Outreach Mission). No funds from the parish/church budget were used.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

"The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him." If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office: Fr. Alfred Guerrero (Director of Vocations) at (808) 585.3355 or via email: aguerrero@rcchawaii.org.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Friday, July 4th, in observance of the 4th of July. The office will reopen on Tuesday, July 8, 2025.

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 will end on Thursday, July 10 | 9am & 6:30pm | One Community Center. ALL ARE INVITED. Come and Honor our Mother by learning more about her.

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.

YOU'RE INVITED! Let's join together for Church Fellowship! Sunday, June 29th | 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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14c

Responsorial Psalm: 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20



JOB OPENING:

St. John's Catholic Preschool is looking for a Full-Time Head Teacher.

APPLY TODAY: <https://www.catholichawaii.org/about-us/careers/>

Call 808.744.9538 for more information.

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.

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.



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 or visit the Diocese website at: www.HawaiiCatholicCemeteries.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 30, 2025

8 AM Peter Aguirre (1st Death Anniversary)
Stephanie June Rapozo (RIP)

Tuesday July 1, 2025

8 AM Byron DeCosta (Birthday Blessing)
Jordan Kekiwi (Birthday Blessing)

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

8 AM James Mercado
Lorenzo Abernathy (Birthday Blessing)

Thursday, July 3, 2025

8 AM Cherry Pascual (Birthday Blessing)
Mike Kozelka (RIP)

Friday, July 4, 2025

8 AM Feliciano Dona (RIP)
Guerrero Family (Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Saturday, July 5, 2025

8 AM Dolly Mandap (Death Anniversary)
All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)

5 PM Marina Marquez (Healing)

Sunday, July 6, 2025

7 AM Alexis Salvador (Special Intention)
9 AM *For the People*
11 AM Alvin Cordura (RIP)
6 PM Jeff Esposito (Thanksgiving)



Respect Life “O God our Creator... we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.”

USCCB, “Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty”

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 usccb.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.