



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Aloha My Brothers and Sisters,

Last weekend I wrote about how we will be going on a journey to change the culture of our parish. We will transition from being a maintenance parish to a parish made for Mission. I would like to provide everyone with a more detailed understanding of these terms. According to our late Pope Francis:

"The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community. While certainly not the only institution which evangelizes, if the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues to be "the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters".#26 This presumes that it really is in contact with the homes and the lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed group made up of a chosen few. The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration.#27 In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers.#28 It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach. We must admit, though, that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission oriented." Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel), #28

This beautiful statement from Pope Francis is the goal that every Catholic parish needs to strive for! According to Mr. Tim Glemkowski, author of the book "Made for Mission: Renewing Your Parish Culture", *"Declining parishes are the majority of parishes in the United States. The scary thing about a declining parish is that it might not even recognize yet that it is declining! There may be a veneer of health. Overall attendance has stayed about the same, offertory is about where it was 20 years ago, maybe a dip of 10% or so, but underneath the surface, there are cracks. RE classes are much smaller than they were 20 years ago. There are fewer young families in the pews, leading to a higher average age. Fewer people are engaged in the life of the parish."*

This may seem like a concerning assessment, but they are the reasons the Bishops of the United States called for a Eucharistic Revival three years ago. To 1) To re-evangelize all Catholics on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, 2) To also re-evangelize all Catholics on the Church's Universal Call to Evangelize the world through its various missionary activities. One of the most important starting points for this missionary life begins with the parish. The bishops are challenging parishes to live out the goals of *Evangelii Gaudium*.

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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

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 29/30

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,394.59
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 892.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 3,469.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 305.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 50.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 856.50
Mass Intentions	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 497.00
Preschool	\$ 75.00
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ 50.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 20.00
Seminarian Education	\$ 245.00
Outreach Mission	\$ 300.00
School Drive Donation	\$ 15.00

WEEKEND TOTAL

\$ 17,179.09

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

In essence, most parishes today fit Mr. Glemkowski's definition. This means that parishes need to renew themselves in becoming more missionary. While a maintenance parish looks like Mr. Glemkowski's assessment, a mission parish would better benefit the needs of its people. Simultaneously, it will also reach out to the greater community and evangelize the community at large.

We, at St. John's have done many endeavors over the years with great success. However, we must remember that we are all on a continuous journey of getting to know God on a more personal, spiritual, and intimate level. This journey is a unique experience for each individual. But as a Christian community we can also take that journey together as we strive to be a more mission-centered parish.

Last week, I gave a comparison chart merely as an example of the difference between the aforementioned concepts. This weekend I would like to provide an actual comparison of the areas in which our ministries at St. John can improve on. This can help us to become more mission-centered in our approach to parish life and our outreach in the local Mililani community.

Maintenance Parish	Mission Parish
Our current OCIA process encompasses people wanting to become catholic. (Those needing to complete their sacraments.)	The OCIA process is used only for people wanting to become catholic. The parish creates a separate program specifically for Catholics who only need to complete their sacrament of either the Eucharistic or Confirmation, or both.
Currently, only our bereavement ministry makes a yearly follow-up to invite families who lost loved ones to participate in our All-Souls Celebration.	Personal calls, home visits, or prayer opportunities for families after the sacraments (baptism, marriage prep, funerals).
Currently our Parish information is placed in our Parish Bulletin, Website, Facebook Page/Social Media Accounts, and our pulpit announcements.	Personal invitations through social media, texts, or face-to-face conversations. In addition, announcements made using community boards, etc.
Holiday Gifts Donations for needy families once a year. Collecting Christmas Gifts for Helping Hands & Catholic Charities for parish families in need.	Ongoing outreach ministry that builds relationships with local organizations like Helping Hands & Catholic Charities, etc., throughout the year.
Parish Faith Formation programs focused on the parish only.	Promote parish Faith Formation programs to both parish and our greater Mililani community.
The Parish Health Ministry provides blood pressure screenings to parishioners one weekend a month.	Provide the same service to those in need outside the parish and those in shelters.
Marriage & Family Life Ministry does "Journey to the Inn" during Advent for the parish.	"Journey to the Inn" held at Kipapa Park and invite the Mililani 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

In today's Gospel passage, from Luke, we find our Lord appointing disciples to go out and prepare others to receive His invitation into the Kingdom of God. Every verse has something to say about the way a Christian steward should approach others. Let's consider at least one of the coaching tips Christ gives.



"The Lord appointed seventy-two others whom He sent out ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place He intended to visit." In His wisdom, Christ sent His disciples out not as individuals but in pairs, as teams. This approach to evangelization certainly provided practical advantages. The disciples could lean on each other for mutual support and encouragement, helping each other to stay on task and to put their heads together to pray and problem-solve. This teamwork approach is just as relevant to us modern-day Christian stewards. It takes courage and commitment to go out and invite others into the Christian life. We need to work together to do it well.

But there is also symbolic importance to working in teams. It points to the reality that when we invite others to embrace the Good News of the Gospel, we are not merely inviting them into a belief system, but into a relationship with Christ and through that relationship, into Christ's family — our fellow Christian disciples near and far.

Our parish is our immediate spiritual family in this extended worldwide fold. We are not meant to live as isolated individuals within the parish any more than we are meant to live in isolation within our families. We are meant to be a community. That is why it is so important for us to foster a vibrant, supportive, welcoming parish life. This is why we emphasize hospitality as one of the pillars of stewardship. It is not enough just to point others to Christ; we must invite them to join us in community with Him; we must offer a place and mission for them in the Church and within our parish family.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Responsorial Psalm: 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

"But to a willing heart all is sweet, amanti suave est."

~SAINT JUNÍPERO SERRA

Last weekend, I provided a report on where we as a parish stand in our Stewardship journey. I would like to apologize as some information was inaccurate, and I will address them with corrected statements. Also, I want to clarify the information on our upcoming St. John celebration happening later this year.

SJAE actually began working with Catholic Stewardship Consultants (CSC) in 2014. It was Msgr. John who was the first in our diocese (not St. Michael the Archangel as originally claimed) to seek out and work with CSC, after he attended a Stewardship conference at the diocese in Wichita, Kansas. This is a shining example of a diocese living out a Stewardship Life. Msgr. John then referred CSC to Fr. Leo, Fr. Steve, and Bishop Larry. St. Michael's in Kona followed suit thereafter.

Our working relationship with CSC ended in 2020. During those 6 years, our parish has been transformed, and we continue to live a Stewardship Way of Life. CSC, along with our parish's former Pastor, Msgr. John have taught and guided our SJAE parish to becoming a "model parish" for stewardship in our diocese.

Additionally, I may have inaccurately used the terminology when stating that: *"our need to spiritually re-educate ourselves on the fundamental principles of Christian Stewardship."* The correct terminology should be: *"We as a parish need to allow ourselves to be continually transformed by God's Spirit in our journey of living a Stewardship Life"*, by continually living out the Eucharistic Revival whose pillars are very similar to stewardship: Hospitality/Evangelization, Prayer, Formation, Service.

Lastly, I would like to clarify that St. John was officially dedicated as a parish on August 15, 1971. In addition, we will be celebrating our 54th Anniversary at our parish's Feast Day on Saturday, December 27, 2025 (not on our Dedication Day). Our committee planning this event will also be inviting the Mililani community in the spirit of stewardship.

Once again, please accept my sincere apologies for the misinformation previously provided.

Gratefully yours in the heart of Jesus Christ,

Fr. Anthony Rapozo



Kipapa Elementary School- MAHALO!

Through your kindness and generosity, we were able to exceed our request for rulers (225-collected 336), crayons (225-collected 411) and small facial tissue boxes (57-collected 84). But we did fall short on getting large facial tissue boxes (338-collected 61). In addition, we received numerous donations for pencils, folders, index dividers,

markers, pens, notebooks, erasers, glue, scissors, backpacks, clipboards, paper towels, binders, pencil sharpeners, and folder paper that will undoubtedly be put to good use. We sincerely appreciate your support in equipping our youth with the essentials needed for their education.

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL
Curious Monkeys Newsletter
July 2025



WELCOME!

Aloha Parents and Guardians of the Curious Monkeys! We welcome your children to the Curious Monkeys group. The first week we will focus on classroom rules and circle time routines. The following weeks will entail demonstrations of the various materials from each of the Learning Centers: Practical Life, Sensorial, Math, Language, and Cosmic Areas. The students will also have exercises on grace and courtesy as well as care of one's self, others, and the environment.

The children will also become familiar with practical life skills that will help them develop order, concentration, coordination, and independence. The proficiencies they develop will serve as a foundation for all the other skills they will use later for more complex activities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please address them to our Director, Ms. Angie. Feel free to also write to us if you are unable to speak with her. Our email address is stjohns_preschool@rcchawaii.org.

We look forward to working together with you to give the optimal educational experience for your child.

As always, we thank you for your continued support of SJCP.

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 4...Independence Day
July 7 & 8...Parent Orientation and Open House
July 9...First Day of School

LOOKING AHEAD

August 14...Mass of the Holy Spirit (No School)
August 15...Admissions Day (No School)

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

July 28...Audrey



"The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence." – Maria Montessori

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



GESTURE OF ALOHA: We're excited to share that starting this weekend, we will be reinstating the tradition of handing out leis to parishioners who are new, visiting, or celebrating a special occasion. It's our way of saying aloha and extending a warm welcome to all! Each lei will include a QR code that can be scanned to register with our parish. Whether you're just passing through or considering making our parish your spiritual home, we'd love to stay connected with you. Mahalo and welcome!

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.

NEXT WEEKEND, July 12/13, we will take up the **PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION**, which provides to the Holy See's with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence. 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 and click on "Online Giving." Please be generous.

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.

JOB OPENING:



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

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

Call 808.744.9538 for more information.

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.



ENCOUNTER NIGHTS | EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION
WEDNESDAYS | 7:00 PM |
REDISCOVER THE SENSE OF ADORATION IN SILENCE

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 7, 2025

8 AM Patrick Dizol (Birthday Blessing)
Alexis Salvador (Birthday Blessing)
Christy Esposito (Death Anniversary)

Tuesday July 8, 2025

8 AM Suzanna Foster (RIP)
Cirilio Ponce (RIP)

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

8 AM Feliciano Ramos (Birthday Blessing)

Thursday, July 10, 2025

8 AM Jean Feedham (RIP)

Friday, July 11, 2025

8 AM John Bates (Birthday Blessing)
Gerry Uytingco (Healing)

Saturday, July 12, 2025

8 AM Victor – Bertrand Lujan (RIP)
Marcial Orara (Birthday Blessing)

5 PM Betty & Andriano
(Wedding Anniversary Blessing)

Sunday, July 13, 2025

7 AM Wayne Rapozo (Healing)
9 AM *For the People*
11 AM Wayne Rapozo (Healing)
6 PM Suzanna Foster (RIP)



Respect Life “O God our Creator... through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
“Prayer for Religious Liberty”

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, 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. & Bunny Estera.