



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Aloha my Brothers & Sisters:

This week we will reacquaint ourselves with the Church's Universal Call to Holiness.

"Therefore, in the Church, everyone whether belonging to the hierarchy, or being cared for by it, is called to holiness, according to the saying of the Apostle: 'For this is the will of God, your sanctification'" (Lumen Gentium 39)

So, what is Holiness? Holiness is being in union with Christ! Yet for many Christians this is a hard task to accomplish or stick to. This eventually leads people to pose the question "Why are we not holy?"

Ironically, God wills that we all become holy: ***"For this is the will of God, your sanctification"*** (1 Thes 4:3). So why aren't we? Well, the problem surely does not lie with God. So, that leaves us with only one other answer: we are the problem.

God has given all of us everything we need to be holy: his forgiveness, righteousness, grace and even his divine life (the Eucharist). Through our baptism, we have undertaken a personal construction project, but we cannot complete it on our own. God must bestow his grace on us because he calls us to a supernatural life beyond the natural capacities of our humanity. But after he gives us what we need, we have to begin the hard work of building. Perhaps this is why Jesus himself was a carpenter, modeling for us the work we must undertake to build the temple of God with our lives.

Jesus himself reminds us that we need him to complete this project of sanctification: ***"Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."*** (John 15:4-5)

So, what does this fruit of Holiness look like when it is lived out? Here are as few examples of Holiness in our Ordinary Lives...

- ✓ The parent who cares for a sick child
- ✓ The teenager who chooses kindness over cruelty
- ✓ The homebound elderly who quietly prays for their family and their parish
- ✓ The parish volunteer who quietly sets up chairs for parish events and never seeks any credit or recognition
- ✓ The adult child who cares for an aging parent
- ✓ The warm smile of a stranger

So, this call to Universal Holiness seems to connect perfectly to the first sentence of our Parish Mission Statement ***"We are a Catholic Christian Community called to develop a deeper relationship with Christ."*** Thus, it appears that in order for us to go from a **Maintenance Parish** to a **Mission Parish**, our first step is to develop a more intimate and deeper relationship with Jesus. This makes perfect sense. How can I lead others to Jesus, if I myself do not have a personal relationship with Jesus to begin with?

Gratefully yours in the heart of Jesus Christ,

Fr. Anthony Rapozo

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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:

Monday – Saturday 7AM – 8AM
 Friday after 8 AM Mass - 9:30 AM
 Wednesday 7 PM - 8 PM (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	JULY 5/6
Sunday Collection	\$ 14,566.61
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 5,153.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 667.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 940.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 50.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 5,890.51
Mass Intentions	\$ 70.00
Candles	\$ 572.00
Preschool	\$ 100.00
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ 833.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 25.00
Outreach	\$ 25.00
St John Statue	150.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 29,042.12

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

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

In today's Gospel passage, from Luke, we read the well-known parable of the Good Samaritan. Here, Jesus teaches us in rich detail what stewardship in action looks like. In fact, this parable could just as accurately be called the parable of the Good Steward.



The first thing we note about the Good Samaritan is that he is aware of the needs of those around him and responds generously. While the priest and Levi brush right past the man on the side of the road, the Samaritan is watching for those who might be in need. He has a hospitable way of looking at the world around him and so he is able to “see” in a way that the others did not, and he was “moved with compassion at the sight” of the man.

Next, we see the Good Samaritan Spring into action to serve this man, setting aside his own schedule and plans to meet his needs. He does not just give the man a few dollars or offer quick words of encouragement from across the road. He goes right up to the man. He cleans and bandages his wounds. He puts the man on his own animal and brings him to an inn where he can heal. He ensures the innkeeper would continue to look after him, and he commits to returning to the man on his way back.

That is how we live out God's commandments.

That is true hospitality and service.

That is how a good steward springs into action when he comes upon a neighbor in need. And Jesus says to each of us personally, just as He did in today's Gospel, “Go and do likewise.”

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

“Forgiveness is not a feeling; it's a choice.”

FR. MIKE SCHMITZ



Universal Call to Holiness

The Catholic Church's Universal Call to Holiness, is deeply rooted in Scripture and the Second Vatican Council, declared that all Catholics, regardless of their state in life, are called to strive for holiness. This means that all individuals, including clergy, religious, laypersons, married, single, adults, and children, have a personal vocation to holiness. The call emphasizes that holiness is not reserved for a select few but is attainable by all through living out their daily lives, with its joys and sorrows, in union with God.

Key Aspects of the Universal Call to Holiness:

Not Limited to Specific Vocations:

The call to holiness isn't limited to those in religious life or priesthood; it extends to everyone.

Rooted in Baptism:

Baptism is the foundation of this call, giving all believers the grace and potential to grow in holiness.

Personal Vocation:

Each person's unique circumstances and state in life provide the context for their personal call to holiness.

Transformation of Life:

Holiness involves a transformation of one's life, turning away from sin and toward God's will.

Living Out the Gospel:

This means striving to live according to the Gospel in all aspects of life, including work, family, and relationships.

Emphasis on Charity:

A key aspect of holiness is the practice of charity, loving God and neighbor.

Grace and Effort:

Holiness is achieved through God's grace and the individual's efforts to cooperate with that grace.

How to Respond to the Call:

Prayer:

Regular prayer, both personal and communal, is essential for growing in holiness.

Sacraments:

Participation in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, nourishes the soul and strengthens one's commitment to holiness.

Sacrifice and Self-Denial:

Practices of self-denial and sacrifice, when offered to God, can be a powerful means of growing in holiness.

Service to Others:

Serving others, especially the poor and marginalized, is a concrete way to live out the call to holiness.

Transforming the World:

Lay people, through their work and daily lives, can transform society according to God's will.

YEAH! THAT'S ME! PLEASE HELP ME REACH MY GOAL OF \$5,000!



MAKE A DONATION TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS HI




Help me support Special Olympics Hawaii Athletes!

Hi, I'm Dan, and I'm rappelling 40 stories down from the rooftop of the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort & Spa at the OVER THE EDGE event on Saturday, October 11th!



Do you want to go OVER THE EDGE?
Scan to learn more!

over the EDGE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS HAWAII

Your donation will make a difference in the lives of children and adults with intellectual disabilities across the state. Mahalo Nui Loa! —

As part of our endeavor to be a mission parish SJAЕ is promoting the upcoming “Over the Edge for Special Olympics Hawaii.”

This is one approach that we are using to become more mission centered in our parish life and our outreach in the greater local community.



Knights of Columbus Car Wash Fundraiser

**Location: St. John Apostle and
Evangelist Church parking lot**

Date: Saturday, July 26

Time: 9am - 1pm

Cost: \$20

This weekend, July 12/13, after all Masses, please see a Knight to purchase a car wash ticket.



This Week on Formed

Week of July 13, 2025



St. Kateri Tekakwitha | God's Princesses

Follow along with Sister Imelda as she tells of the inspiring journey of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, a young Mohawk girl who comes to know the Gospel with the help of pioneering priests. Choosing to follow Jesus, Kateri is faced with great challenges as she does her best to bring God's love to her own people! A fun and inspiring example of not giving up!



St. Bonaventure | Catholic Saints

A Franciscan cardinal-bishop and contemporary of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Bonaventure is an excellent example of saintly humility. Known as the "Seraphic Doctor," St. Bonaventure loved God above all else. Join Dr. Chris Mooney and Mary McGeehan as they explore the life of this great saint.



Carmelite Spirituality

On July 16, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Learn more about Carmelite Spirituality and how you can live it in this incredible series on Formed.

Our parish has a Formed subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no healing Mass this month. Our next healing Mass will be on Monday, August 11th.

THIS 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.

**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.

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.

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.



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 14, 2025

8 AM Xavier P. Belleza (Baptism Day Blessing)
Florida Badua (Healing)

Tuesday July 15, 2025

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

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

8 AM Robert Ane (Birthday Memorial)
Fr. Anthony Rapozo (Birthday Blessing)
Jose Guadalupe Rivas
(Birthday Memorial)

Thursday, July 17, 2025

8 AM Richard Agbanlog (Birthday Blessing)

Friday, July 18, 2025

8 AM David P. Browning (Birthday Blessing)

Saturday, July 19, 2025

8 AM Isabelle Browning (RIP)
Patrick M. Mayock (Memorial Mass)

5 PM Thaddeus Damo (Death Anniversary)

Sunday, July 20, 2025

7 AM Mark Pascual (Birthday Blessing)

9 AM *For the People*

11 AM Guillermo-Wilson Andreas
(Death Anniversary)

6 PM Suzanna Foster (RIP)

Respect Life “Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives.” Read more at www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“An Adoption Love Story”

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

FEDERICO ANCHO SR. (RIP)- Tuesday, July 15, 2025 – St John, Mililani; Visitation: 9:30 am, Eulogy: 10:30 am, Mass: 11:00 am.

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Thomas Ramos, John Bates, Cindy Abernathy, Barbara Ursal, Hildegard Borowitz, Roland Crisostomo, Margie Romasanta, Butch Corpuz, Noemi Angeles, Julius Magio, Felicia Routon, Adam & Rosie Olivares, Dolly Lapinad, Violet Mayock, Jim Murphy, Wayne Rapozo, Maria & Sam Aguirre Sr. & 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.