



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

This week we will reacquaint ourselves with Holiness as an Individual.

A Catholic individual can live a life of holiness by actively pursuing a relationship with God through prayer, sacraments, and scripture study, and by striving to live virtuously in all aspects of life. This includes engaging in acts of service, participating in the Church community, and seeking spiritual guidance. Ultimately, holiness is a journey of striving to become more like Christ in thoughts, words, and actions.

The great Theologian St. Thomas Aquinas outlined three stages of holiness: First, distance yourself from sin and wrong inclinations (holiness as an act of separation, turning your back on sin and turning toward God). Second, work on cultivating the virtues in your life (holiness as a daily practice). Finally, rest in loving union with God (holiness as communion with the Holy One).

In *"Gaudete et Exsultate"* ("Rejoice and Be Glad"), our later Pope Francis wrote: *"Being part of a parish community and receiving the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and reconciliation, are essential supports for living a holy life", and he went on to write. And so is finding time for silent prayer. "I do not believe in holiness without prayer," he said, "even though that prayer need not be lengthy or involve intense emotion."*

The late Pope Francis also included a list of cautions. For example, *"He said holiness involves finding balance in prayer time, time spent enjoying others' company and time dedicated to serving others in ways large or small. And "needless to say, anything done out of anxiety, pride or the need to impress others will not lead to holiness."*

Here's a more detailed look at how to live a holy life as a Catholic:

Deepen your relationship with God:

Prayer: Make prayer a daily habit, including personal prayer, Mass attendance, and reception of the sacraments (especially Confession and the Eucharist).

Scripture: Read and meditate on the Bible regularly, allowing God's word to guide our thoughts and actions.

Spiritual Direction: Seek guidance from a priest or spiritual director to discern God's will and grow in our spiritual life.

Adoration: Spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, fostering a deeper connection with Christ's presence.

Live Virtuously:

Virtues: Practice virtues like love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in our daily interactions.

Moral Law: Follow the teachings of the Church and the commandments of God in our decisions and actions.

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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 19/20

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,895.71
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 592.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 3,814.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 674.20
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 50.00
Baptism	\$ 100.00
Funeral	\$ 300.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 6,051.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 400.00
Candles	\$ 478.00
Preschool	\$ 100.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 20.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 3.00
'Ohana in Christ	\$ 12.00

WEEKEND TOTAL

\$ 22,489.91

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

Service: Engage in acts of service, such as works of mercy, volunteering, and helping those in need.

Community Involvement: Participate actively in your parish community and support its activities.

Embrace Holiness in Everyday Life:

Be mindful of God's presence: Make a conscious effort to live with an awareness of God's presence in all that we do.

Strive for perfection: Recognize that holiness is a lifelong journey and strive to grow in virtue and love for God and others.

Learn from the Saints: Study the lives of the saints for inspiration and guidance on how to live a holy life.

Be a witness to Christ: Let our actions and words reflect our faith, inspiring others to seek God as well.

Seek God's Mercy and Forgiveness:

Confession: Regularly confess our sins and seek God's forgiveness, allowing His grace to heal and transform us.

Repentance: Be willing to acknowledge our sins and turn away from them, seeking to live a life that is pleasing to God.

By actively pursuing these practices, we can all grow in holiness and live our calling to be saints, reflecting on God's love and grace in the world, according to our Catholic faith.

Next week, we will go into detail on how we can grow in holiness, starting with our Active Participation in Liturgy.

*Gratefully yours in the heart of Jesus Christ,
Fr. Anthony Rapozo*

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

In our Gospel reading from Luke, some disciples of Jesus ask our Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus instantly offers them the beautiful prayer which we, of course, call the Our Father.

The Our Father is truly a steward's prayer. In it, we call upon God in an intimate way, as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours!) and that His kingdom come (not ours!). In other words, we remember that He is our Creator, everything is His, and our focus in life should be on His priorities, not our own. Then we ask Him to supply our needs (to give our daily bread), forgive our sins, and protect us from evil. That is, we proclaim our complete trust in His provision for us and mercy towards us. We, too, commit to extending mercy ourselves (as we forgive those who sin against us).

As we pray the words of the Our Father, we recognize this basic truth about ourselves and God: God is our Father, and we are beloved and infinitely blessed to be His children. This is the basis of a stewardship way of life.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus encourages us to pursue a relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, knock on His door!

He can hardly wait to bless us, His children. Remember that this week, then go, be a blessing to others! Stewardship is just that simple.

"The more you are afflicted, the more you ought to rejoice, because in the fire of tribulation the soul will become pure gold, worthy to be placed and to shine in the heavenly place."

ST. PADRE PIO

Edge Calendar

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- Aug 17: First Day of Class (Safe Environment), 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Sept 14: Commitment Sunday – No Class
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEBT REDUCTION SECOND COLLECTION: We will have a second collection, next weekend, **August 2/3**, for debt reduction. Your donation will help pay for the mortgage of the **One Community Center**. Envelopes are available at the back of the church, or you may donate on our parish website, give online. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Next weekend, **August 2/3**, The **PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY** is sponsoring Free Blood Pressure screenings after all Masses on the church lanai.

SJAE WOMEN'S GUILD BAKE SALE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025. AFTER THE 7AM, 9AM & 11AM MASSES

SJAE WOMEN'S GUILD invites all to come, see and buy! We will be offering delicious baked goods, snacks and plants for sale on the lanai. Yes, plants!! The proceeds of this fundraising event will be used to continue our Mission to support both our SJAE Parish, Priests and Community. Your support is greatly welcomed and appreciated.

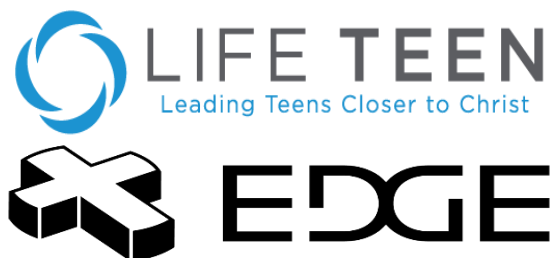


- **"EVANGELIZATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS"** is on Monday, July 28th, 6:30PM at St John A&E Mililani in the OCC. Open to young adults ages 18-39. For more information: email: centraloahu@epicministry.net, text **EPICMINISTRY** to 8456 or call (808) 354-0971.

GET YOUR DANCING SHOES READY FOR THE FIL-AM FUN DANCE! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025, 6 PM IN THE ONE COMMUNITY CENTER.

Tickets will be **SOLD this weekend, July 26-27** on the lanai after the 5PM (Saturday), 7AM, 9AM & 11AM Masses. The cost is \$50 per person which includes heavy pupu's, music and lots of fun! Please help Fil-Am raise the funds to help with the Debt Reduction. See any Fil-Am member for more information. Mahalo!



OPEN REGISTRATION: LifeTeen (Grades 9-12) and EDGE (grades 6-8). Registration forms are **NOW AVAILABLE!** We encourage **EARLY** registration. Registration form is available on our website, under Faith Formation > Middle school and High school classes. For more information, contact our new CYM Coordinator, Meredith Gonzalez at SJAELifeteen@rcchawaii.org.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Responsorial Psalm: 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

ST JOHN CATHOLIC 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

Call 808.744.9538 for more information.

**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/>

Respect Life ““Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions.”

Read more at www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations.USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “*Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing.*”**Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne: July 26, 2025**

The Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is celebrated on July 26. They are powerful intercessors for married couples, expectant mothers, and married couples who are having difficulty conceiving, as well as people who are aging. Copies of the “Faith and Perseverance” novena to Saints Anne and Joachim are available for download or purchase. You can pray the novena from July 17-25 in preparation for their feast day.

**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 28, 2025

8 AM Logan Pascual (Birthday Blessing)
Ernest, Phyllis & Clyde Takase (RIP)
Cat Awong (Special Intentions)
Linda Ward (Special Intentions)

Tuesday July 29, 2025

8 AM Ignacia V. Benitez (Birthday Memorial)
Josefino B. Solano Jr. (Birthday Memorial)
Dante Domingo (Healing)

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

8 AM Sandra Kekina (Healing)
Juliet Corpuz (Birthday Blessing)
Suzanna Foster (RIP)
Juan Achaval Jr. (Birthday Memorial)

Thursday, July 31, 2025

8 AM Angelito Taglinao (Birthday Memorial)
Carol Baron (Birthday Memorial)
Thomas Ramos (Birthday Blessing)
Victoria Page (Birthday Blessing)

Friday, August 1, 2025

8 AM Feliciano Dona (RIP)
Guerrero Family (Blessings/Thanksgiving)
Visitacion Corpuz (Death Anniversary)

Saturday, August 2, 2025

8 AM Sean McKinney (Birthday Blessing)
Kim Ho'ohuli (RIP)
All Souls in Purgatory (RIP)
Phillip Canales (Birthday Memorial)

5 PM Marietta & Peter Kaeo (RIP)

Sunday, August 3, 2025

7 AM Roland Agbanlog (Death Anniversary)
9 AM *For the People*
11 AM Alvin Cordura (RIP)
6 PM Mary Jean Aglanan (Death Anniversary)

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

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 & Beth Simon.