



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

This week we will begin our journey of reacquainting ourselves with the church's definition of Active Participation in Liturgy.

The Catholic definition of Active participation in the liturgy, particularly at Mass, means engaging with the celebration both interiorly (with mind and heart) and exteriorly (through actions and words). It's about more than just physically attending; it involves a conscious and deliberate effort to participate in the prayers, gestures, and mystery of the Mass. This includes vocalizing responses, singing, observing prescribed postures like standing, kneeling, and sitting, and being attentive to the readings and homily. Ultimately, it's about uniting one's own prayer and self-offering with Christ's sacrifice on the altar.

Let's take a more detailed look.

Interior Participation:

- Engaging the mind and heart: This means actively reflecting on the prayers, readings, and the mystery of Christ's sacrifice.
- Conscious awareness: Being aware of the significance of each part of the liturgy and its connection to one's own life and faith.
- Interior disposition: Cultivating a spirit of reverence, humility, and openness to God's grace.

Exterior Participation:

- Vocalizing responses: Participating in acclamations, prayers, and hymns that are part of the liturgy.
- Following prescribed gestures: Standing, kneeling, and sitting at the appropriate times, making the sign of the cross, and bowing during the Creed.
- Singing: Participating in the hymns and liturgical songs, fostering a sense of community and unity.
- Attending to the readings and homily: Listening attentively to the Word of God and reflecting on its meaning.
- Receiving the sacraments worthily: Preparing oneself to receive Holy Communion with a proper disposition.

The Importance of Active Participation:

Nourishing faith: Active participation helps to deepen one's understanding and appreciation of the liturgy, nourishing one's faith and strengthening one's relationship with Christ.

Unifying the community: When the congregation participates together, it fosters a sense of unity and shared worship.

Fulfilling a duty and right: Active participation is not optional; it is both a duty and a right of the baptized, who share in Christ's priesthood.

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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 26/27
Sunday Collection	\$ 11,785.85
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 452.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 3,064.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 165.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 300.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 330.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 60.00
Candles	\$ 620.00
Preschool	\$ 75.00
Social Ministry	\$ 300.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 5.00
Peter’s Pence	\$ 5.00
Religious Ed	\$ 120.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$17,281.85

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

Experiencing the mystery: Active participation allows the faithful to enter more deeply into the Paschal Mystery of Christ, uniting their lives with his sacrifice.

The following are Misconceptions people have about our liturgy.

Not just external actions:

Active participation is not limited to physical actions like singing or serving; it also requires interior engagement.

Not a competition:

It's not about doing as much as possible, but about participating fully with heart, mind, and body.

Not just for the ordained:

While the priest acts in persona Christi, the laity also have a vital role in active participation.

Next week we will look specifically at the Liturgy of the Word.

Gratefully yours in the heart of Jesus Christ,

Fr. Anthony Rapozo

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

Today's Gospel passage comes as a pat on the back from Heaven for all of us striving to live a stewardship way of life. It reminds us why we live the way we do and why we make the choices we make. Let's face it, if we truly embrace this way of life, there will be people who find our choices — based on serving God and others — downright foolish. But let's see what God thinks. Spoiler alert: turns out Christian stewards are not the fools!



In this passage, Jesus makes it clear that life is not about “stuff” as he tells the parable of the wealthy businessman who thought he had everything figured out. The man had such an abundance of stuff that he didn't have room to store it all. So, thinking of earthly things and not on what is above, he decided to build a bigger place to store all that stuff. Patting himself on the back, he thought about what good times he would have in the years ahead. But Jesus tells us that day would turn out to be the man's last day on the earth. And he had spent it thinking only of himself. How foolish!

Don't be ashamed of living differently from the people around you. Be confident as you set priorities based on what is above. You are wise in God's eyes, Christian steward. And you will be rich in what matters most..

“You will never be happy if your happiness depends on getting solely what you want. Change the focus, get a new center, will what God wills, and your joy no man shall take from you.”

~FULTON SHEEN

One Community Center Mortgage Update

Dear Parishioners,

Grace and peace be with you.

This update provides important information about the One Community Center (OCC) mortgage and the ongoing efforts to achieve financial stability.

The OCC serves as a vital hub within the community, providing a space for worship, fellowship, and various outreach programs, ultimately enriching parish life.

Here's a summary of the project's funding:

- **Total OCC Project Cost:** \$5,130,000
- **Funds Raised by Parish (under Msgr. John Mbinda):** \$2,772,000
 - This included a \$1,000,000 anonymous donation.
- **Loan from Knights of Columbus:** \$2,358,000 (to cover the remaining balance)

Currently the projected payoff date is November 1, 2035. Please remember we started this debt reduction project under Fr. Anthony Rapozo on October 3, 2021. At that time the payoff date was projected to be on February 1, 2041.

The parish is committed to transparency and responsible stewardship. As of July 30, 2025, the remaining debt on the OCC mortgage is \$1,447,778.

The Church utilizes the 2nd monthly debt collection to cover the principal, often exceeding the required amount, and the Church covers the interest portion enabling us to expedite the loan repayment and save on interest costs.

Payments are consistently being made towards the mortgage, and the continued generosity and support from our parishioners are deeply appreciated. Each contribution plays a significant role in reducing the debt and making tangible progress. As we work towards a debt-free future, we ask for prayers for one another and for the parish's financial health. Your unwavering faith and commitment to the community are truly valued and appreciated.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony

Pastor

ON BEHALF OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, WE EXTEND OUR SINCEREST THANKS
TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO SUPPORT THEIR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS.



Mahalo



“Seasons of Hope”

Season 4

Begins on August 12, 2025

One Community Center MPR

If you're in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith-sharing group is for you. It meets for six Tuesdays beginning August 12 from 6:30-8:30pm for prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship. For more information contact:

Dcn Mike Browning @ (808) 295-3180

Jeff Esposito @ (808) 392-0145





Now and Forever

Questions About the Mass

Why do I need to go to Mass?
Why can't I just go to my friend's Christian church? Why do we have to stand and kneel so much? The Mass is the center of our prayer and worship as Catholics, but sometimes the beauty of the Mass can easily go unnoticed by middle school youth if they do not understand what is happening during Mass. This series is designed to help middle school youth understand the Mass and the positive impact it has on their lives and on the world. It will help the youth see the roots of the Mass in Christ's Paschal Mystery, the importance of the Eucharist, the way the different parts of the Mass fit together, and how the Mass can positively affect and bear fruit in their daily lives.



A Great Marvel

Questions About Virtue

What is it about superheroes that we find so fascinating? How is it that their characters continue to inspire generation after generation? How is it that their stories never get old? Superheroes are the ones who stand for what is right and defend those in need. They, in many ways, reveal the qualities of virtue and inspire us as we are drawn into their stories. Heroes protect what is good and provide for us examples of what it looks like to do the same. A Great Marvel uses examples of different superheroes to introduce our youth to the four cardinal virtues and inspire them to grow in those virtues in their own lives.



Holy Humor

An Edge Issue Night on Humor

Humor is a unique, God-given gift that brings laughter, relieves stress, and strengthens relationships when shared with kindness. While it can unite and uplift, humor can also cause harm if used to hurt others or spread hateful messages. As Catholics, we are called to view humor through a Christian lens, discerning and embracing the kind of humor that brings life and joy. This Edge Issue Day explores how humor can be used to unite or divide. Our middle school youth are invited to view humor as a gift from God and to use it to spread joy and charity.

Edge Calendar

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EDGE

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Holy Day of Obligation
Life Teen/Edge Mass

Upcoming Events

- Aug 10: Meet and Greet from 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. @ OCC Conference Room
- Aug 17: First Day of Class (Safe Environment), 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Sept 14: Commitment Sunday – No Class
- Starting in October: The 3rd Sunday of every month will be Edge/Life Teen Mass at 11:00 a.m. (Liturgy)

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Breakfast Club

A Life Day Series on the Essence of the Gospels

Sacred Scripture does not give only one perspective of Jesus.

Instead, we are given four distinct Gospels of Jesus Christ through the infinite wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Each Gospel has its own tone, message, and targeted audience. When we consider each of the four

Gospel's context and messaging, we can grasp and fully understand who Jesus is.

He is the God-man who established His Kingdom on earth, a powerful miracle worker, and a compassionate lover of the sick and oppressed, whose very presence is found in the sacraments of the Church. The goal of "Breakfast Club" is for teens to encounter the authentic Jesus, fully human and fully divine, using the inspired Word of God to reveal His life, truth, and mission to save us.

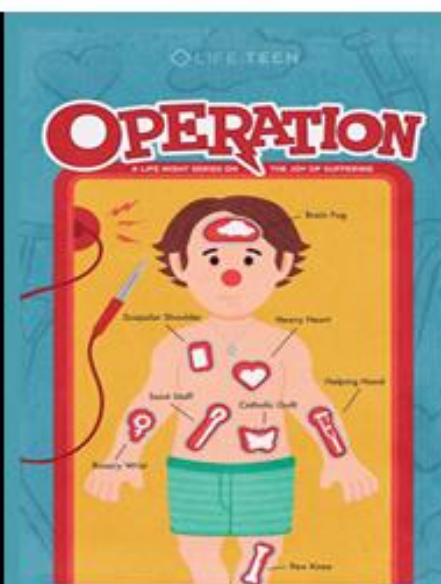


Making Sense

A Life Night Series on the Sacraments

Humanity is searching for something. Saint Augustine states, "Our hearts are restless O God, until they rest in you" (Augustine, Confessions, 1, 1). This restlessness is part of the human experience and in the culture of the world around us. The answer to the restlessness that life brings is God and, in a unique way, the grace found in the Church through the seven sacraments. Prior to His

Ascension, Jesus reminded us, "I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Mathew 28:20). The goal of Making Sense is for the teens to understand how God's grace is found in the sacraments of the Church so that they will be strengthened in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ.



Operation

A Life Night Series on the Joy of Suffering

When we speak about suffering we are talking about any experience of pain, distress, or hardship and we are often talking about really big problems. Yes, we suffer when we hit our toes on the living room couch when we are walking in the dark, but we know that there are some forms of pain that last much longer and run much deeper. Every person has experienced suffering in their life to some degree. Some people turn away from God, religion, or faith altogether as a result of it, but some people use the experience of suffering to draw closer to God. The goal of "Operation" is for teens to understand the point and realities of suffering while seeking peace and joy in the midst of it.

Life Teen Calendar

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LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEBT REDUCTION SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend, we will have a second collection for debt reduction. Envelopes are available at the back of the church, or you may donate on the parish website, online giving. Your generosity is much appreciated.

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



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLY HOLDS THEIR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH IN ROOM ONE.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 14663 HOLDS THEIR MONTHLY MEETING EVERY SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH IN ROOM ONE.



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.

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 Sunday, Aug 3, on the lanai after the 7AM, 9AM, 11AM & 6PM 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!

AUGUST

- 4 UNAPOLOGETIC EVANGELIZATION FOR A SKEPTICAL AGE**
- 11 SCRIPTURE: DIVISION NOT PEACE?**
- 18 FELLOWSHIP NIGHT**
- 25 LIVING THE MISSION TOGETHER + THE HUAKA'I PROJECT ORIENTATION**

EVERY MONDAY AT 6:30 PM
ST. JOHN A&E CHURCH IN MILILANI

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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



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St. John's Catholic Preschool is looking for a

Full-Time Head Teacher & Substitute Teacher Aides

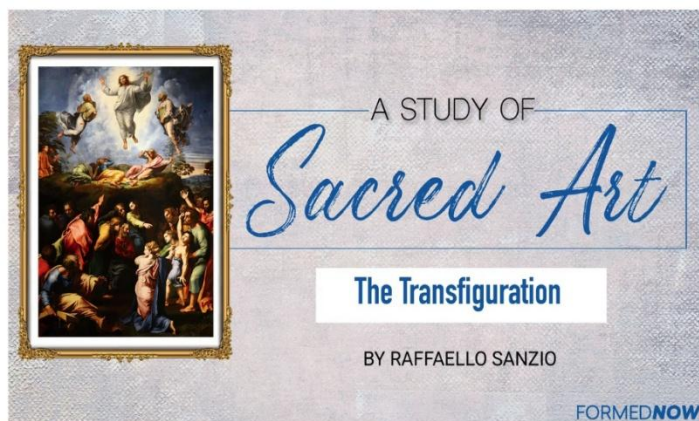
APPLY TODAY: <https://www.catholichawaii.org/about-us/careers/>

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.



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The Transfiguration | Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with Raffaello Sanzio's painting, "The Transfiguration," to discuss its theological meaning and how it can speak to us today.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.



ENCOUNTER NIGHTS | EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAYS | 7:00 PM |

REDISCOVER THE SENSE OF ADORATION IN SILENCE

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 4, 2025

8 AM Virgilio V. Benitez (Birthday Memorial)
Lupe Aguirre (Birthday Blessing)

Friday, August 8, 2025

8 AM Suzanna Foster (RIP)
Candace Muneoka (RIP)

Tuesday August 5, 2025

8 AM Kaloa Arincorayan (Birthday Blessing)
Patrick M. Mayock (RIP)

Saturday, August 9, 2025

8 AM Lucas F. Rapozo (RIP)
Andrew Heider (Healing)

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

8 AM Douglas L. Kunukau (RIP)
Guillermo Wilson Andreas (RIP)
Beth Simon (RIP)

5 PM Patrick M. Mayock (RIP)

Sunday, August 10, 2025

7 AM Richard Cross (Death Anniversary)
9 AM *For the People*
11 AM Edwin Souza (RIP)
6 PM Suzanna Foster (RIP)

Thursday, August 7, 2025

8 AM Gerald L. Miller (RIP)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Responsorial Psalm: 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

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.”*

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, 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, Ben Topinio & John L. Williams.