



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Aloha my Brothers and Sisters,

This week we will look at the importance of Ministry roles in the liturgy.

In the Catholic liturgy, various ministry roles play a vital part in creating a reverent and engaging worship experience. These roles, from the ordained to the lay, contribute to the communal celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments. Altar servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, sacristans, and ushers all have specific functions that enhance the liturgy and facilitate the participation of the faithful.

Let's take a closer look at some of these key roles:

Ordained Ministers (Bishops and Priests): Bishops and priests, as ordained ministers, preside over the liturgy, offering prayers, proclaiming the Gospel, preaching, and distributing the Eucharist. They act in the person of Christ (In persona Christi), guiding the assembly in prayer and worship.

Deacons: Deacons assist the bishop and priest, proclaiming the Gospel, preaching, and assisting with the distribution of communion. They also pronounce the intentions of the Prayer of the Faithful.

Altar Servers: Altar servers assist the priest during Mass, helping with the preparation of the altar, holding the Book of the Gospels, and assisting with other liturgical actions. Their attentiveness and reverence contribute to the smooth flow and solemnity of the celebration.

Lectors/Readers: Lectors proclaim the Word of God during the Liturgy of the Word, ensuring that the readings are heard with clarity and reverence.

Music Ministry: Musicians (choirs) play a vital role in Catholic liturgy by enhancing the worship experience, fostering deeper engagement with the Mass, and uniting the congregation through song. It elevates the celebration, strengthens the connection with God, and reinforces the community's shared faith.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs): EMHCs assist in the distribution of the Eucharist, ensuring that the Body and Blood of Christ are reverently given to the faithful.

Ushers/Hospitality Ministers: Ushers greet parishioners, assist with seating, and help with the collection of offerings, ensuring a welcoming and organized environment for worship.

Sacristans: Sacristans prepare the sanctuary for Mass, ensuring that all necessary items are in place and ready for the celebration.

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ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
 95-370 Kuahelani Ave. Mililani, Hawaii 96789 | (808) 623-3332
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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		AUG 16/17
Sunday Collection		\$ 11,367.28
Online Donation (WeShare)		\$ 502.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)		\$ 3,505.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)		\$ 862.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)		\$ 50.00
Debt Reduction		\$ 1,088.00
Assumption of the Blessed Mary Virgin Mass [8/14 – 6:30pm]		\$ 190.25
Assumption of the Blessed Mary Virgin Mass [8/15 – 8am]		\$ 566.00
Mass Intentions		\$ 120.00
Candles		\$ 591.00
Preschool		\$ 100.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii		\$ 2,914.00
WEEKEND TOTAL		\$ 21,855.53

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

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The overall purpose of these ministries is to enhance the Eucharistic Liturgy. By fulfilling their roles with dedication and reverence, these ministers contribute to a more meaningful and prayerful celebration of the Mass. To also facilitate the prayer of the assembly, through their actions and attentiveness, they help the congregation to enter more deeply into the mystery of the Eucharist and to express their faith through communal prayer.

Lastly, to help deepen personal faith and community, by participating in liturgical ministry provides an opportunity for individuals to grow in their faith, develop a deeper understanding of the liturgy, and foster a sense of community within the parish.

Next week, we will look specifically at Stewardship.

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

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

Today's readings show us that it is not enough to be Christ's disciples in name only. To be a real disciple, we must live for Christ every day and in every aspect of life. This kind of life takes strength and discipline.

Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure through a stewardship way of life is a form of spiritual discipline. These spiritual disciplines teach us to become ever more aware of God's constant provision for us and they keep us on the narrow path towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The more we embrace this way of life, the more we can be "trained" by the Lord in the ways of true discipleship. Though difficult, these disciplines become a source of spiritual strength.

Our Lord Himself speaks of the difficult path to the Kingdom of Heaven in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He is asked, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus responds, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." Showing up for Mass on Sunday while living as if Christ is an afterthought the rest of the week does not make us disciples. What's more, this approach to our faith is an unjust and unloving response to our good God who has given us all that we have and are.

Jesus does not want us to merely go through the motions of faith. He wants much more from us and for us. He wants to know us deeply and for us to get to know Him so that we become His holy disciples. This is not a burden; it is a privilege. But it does take discipline, the discipline of a stewardship way of life.



"The LORD is close to the brokenhearted, saves those whose spirit is crushed."

~ PSALM 34:19



ST. JOHN HOME MASS INVITATION

The Eucharist is what draws us together and bonds us as a Catholic Community of faith. This Fall, Fr. Anthony & Fr. JoJo invite the St. John community to experience the Eucharist in a unique and intimate way by hosting a Mass at your home. It is a beautiful way to come together to celebrate our faith and to build community in a very special way. It can be an especially meaningful way to celebrate a special occasion or milestone such as a birthday, anniversary, or family reunion. It is a very special way to experience the Eucharist.

MASS DETAILS

- Father will come to your home to celebrate Mass. There are no special preparations required nor a need to provide refreshments. Before and after Mass will be an opportunity to get to know one another.
- Mass can be arranged in advance for Monday – Friday during the week (no Saturday or Sunday please), between the hours of 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Father will bring everything that is needed. All you need to provide is a table and an invitation to your family and friends to join you for Mass.

HOW TO ARRANGE A HOME MASS:

- If you are interested in arranging a Mass at home, please use the QR code or the link on the parish website. You can also contact the office at 808-623-3332 or sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org.
- Please provide three possible dates that would work on your calendar which we can coordinate with the parish priests to find a date that will work with their schedule as well.

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them.”

Matthew 18:20





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The Confessions of St. Augustine | Littlest Saints

A child, a sinner, a saint. Join us as we share the story of St. Augustine, tailored to our children, as he wrestles with God and comes to the faith.

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.



An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



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Feast of Saint Monica | Catholic Saints

Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said, "the son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss this great Saint.

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Vatican II – Overview

One Community Center MPR
6:30-8pm

Sept 11 & 18 - History and Politics

Oct 2 & 9 - The Four Constitutions

Oct 30 & Nov 6 - Other Major Documents

with Deacon Mike



**Come and learn in a small group discussion format.
All are welcomed!**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Mahalo!**

Memorial Tiles: Honor a loved one, remember a family member or celebrate a life by purchasing a personalized, etched tile, which will be placed at the entrance of the One Community Center. There are 9 memorial tiles left to purchase. We already sold 11 tiles. First come, first served. They will be black with gold lettering, 8" x 8", 6 lines of text and **20 characters per line** (centered). **The cost of each tile is \$1000 (\$850 is tax deductible).** Order forms are available at the parish office. **Tiles must be ordered by August 31, 2025.**



SEASON OF HOPE – SEASON 4: If you're in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith-sharing group is for you. Meets on Tuesdays August 26, September 2, 9, & 16 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm for prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship. For more information contact: Dcn Mike Browning @ (808) 295-3180 | Jeff Esposito @ (808) 392-014



On Fridays, during the month of September, watch and discuss the popular adaption of the Gospels. See the stories of Jesus' ministry come to life and provoke thought and discussion.

The CHOSEN – Season 5 MOVIE:

Friday evenings:

Sept 5, 12, 19, 26

7:00PM - 9:00PM

ONE COMMUNITY CENTER

(2 episodes shown per session)

PUT YOUR DANCING SHOES ON! Join the FREE Seniors Dance Party & boogie to Golden Oldies. Favorite tunes, fun, & fellowship for those 55+. Lunch will be provided. Sunday, September 14 | 12 - 3 PM | One Community Center. **Sign up after all Masses on August 30 & 31, September 6 & 7.** Our Senior Ministry with donations from WellCare & Humana, are sponsoring this event. Contact: Barbara 808-777-8604

Respect Life "Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope... While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people's lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care—allowing us to 'remain' at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice."

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



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/>

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.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

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

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33



ENCOUNTER NIGHTS | EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAYS | 7:00 PM |

REDISCOVER THE SENSE OF ADORATION IN SILENCE

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 25, 2025

8 AM Justin Tano (Birthday Blessing)
Samuel Isaac Martinez (RIP)
Scott Smart (Healing)

Tuesday August 26, 2025

8 AM Communion Service

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

8 AM Virginie Amo (RIP)
David M. Torres (RIP)
Augusto Dicsen (Birthday Memorial)

Thursday, August 28, 2025

8 AM Carol Ann Espostito (RIP)
Filemon Santos (Birthday Memorial)
Richard Cross (RIP)

Friday, August 29, 2025

8 AM Rodolfo Taglinao (Birthday Memorial)
Richard Cross (RIP)
Edwin Alfaro (Birthday Blessing)

Saturday, August 30, 2025

8 AM Harold Jones Sr. & Jr.
Lucerio Yumang "Death Anniversary)

5 PM Lucerio Alcadi Yumang
(Death Anniversary)

Sunday, August 31, 2025

7 AM Raymundo & Encarnacion Agpalza (RIP)

9 AM *For the People*

11 AM Living members of the Souza, Rapozo,
Miller and Kunukau Families.

6 PM Elizabeth Simon (RIP)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ELIZABETH REJUSO SIMON (RIP)- Wednesday, August 27, 2025 –St John, Mililani; Visitation: 9:30 am; Eulogy: 10:00 am; Mass: 10:30 am.

ALICE SECOR (RIP)- Tuesday, September 23 – St John Vianney Parish, Kailua; Funeral Mass: 10 am; Burial: 1 pm ~ Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery, Kaneohe.

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Thomas Ramos, John Bates, Cindy Abernathy, Barbara Ursal, Hildegard Borowitz, Roland Crisostomo, Margie Romasanta, Noemi Angeles, Julius Magio, Felicia Routon, Adam & Rosie Olivares, Dolly Lapinad, Violet Mayock, Jim Murphy, Priscilla Sy, Maria, Sam Aguirre Sr., Dolores Roccia & Oscar Gatdula & those mentioned in the Parish Book of Prayers.

DECEASED

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, Geraldo "Gerry" Uytingco, Dolores Villanueva, Wayne Rapozo & Alice Secor.