



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Aloha my Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend we as a parish kick off our Annual Stewardship Renewal process.

In a previous article on Stewardship dated June 8, 2025, I stated that Stewardship, at its core, is about demonstrating our love through action and responsibility, reflecting on the truth that we are entrusted with our gifts of (time, talents, resources) from God and that we are all called to use them wisely and lovingly for His glory and the good of others. It's a way of life that recognizes everything we have is a gift from God and that we should use it to serve Him and others.

Now I would like to share the Catholic understanding of Stewardship. Stewardship is viewed as the grateful and responsible way Christians live, recognizing all they have is a gift from God and using those gifts to build God's kingdom. It involves actively returning God's gifts through time, talent, and treasure, not just out of obligation, but out of love and gratitude.

And here are some ways we as Christians can live it out in our daily lives.

Gratitude and Recognition:

Stewardship begins with recognizing that everything we have, including our lives, abilities, and possessions, is a gift from God.

Responsible Management:

Stewards actively manage and cultivate these gifts, rather than simply possessing them.

Sharing with Others:

Stewardship involves sharing these gifts with others, particularly those in need, out of love and justice.

Returning to God:

This sharing and active engagement are ways of returning God's gifts with increase, contributing to the building of God's kingdom.

Not Just Financial:

While financial contributions are part of stewardship, it also encompasses the generous giving of time and talents.

Discipleship:

Stewardship is seen as an expression of Christian discipleship, reflecting the teachings and example of Jesus Christ, according to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In essence, Catholic Stewardship is a lifestyle of accountability and responsibility. Stewards see themselves as the caretakers of all Gods' gifts. It is a way of thanking God for our blessings by returning to God a portion of the many gifts that we have been given.

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ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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 23/24
Sunday Collection	\$ 10, 619.93
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 577.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 2,964.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 259.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 300.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 542.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 40.00
Candles	\$ 617.00
Preschool	\$ 75.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 220.00
‘Ohana in Christ	\$ 12.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 16,225.93

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

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God has given each of us certain gifts. Stewardship encourages everyone to participate in building the Kingdom of God by fully utilizing our gifts.

Next week we will look specifically at “What is meant by giving of one's time, talents, and material possessions?”

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

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

Today's readings remind us of a chief virtue that characterizes the Christian steward: humility. This is a virtue that is widely thought of as a form of self-abasement. That understanding, however, is off the mark. Humility is simply the awareness of who (and Whose) we truly are.

On one hand, we are children of the Most High God who loved us into existence and who, by virtue of our Baptism, have the Holy Trinity dwelling within us. On the other hand, we are children who are completely dependent on God for our existence and for every breath we take.



Our Lord speaks of true humility in our Gospel passage from Luke, telling the parable of the guests invited to a wedding banquet and instructing us not to seek a place of honor at the banquet table, lest a more distinguished guest arrives and we are asked to move to a lower place.

Jesus has much more in mind here than an etiquette lesson. He is reminding us that all glory belongs to God. The visual image He offers in having to slink down to a lower seat at the table points out how silly we are when we forget to give God the credit for our blessings and talents.

On the other hand, when we live in humility — recognizing that all we have is a gift from God and using those gifts to serve Him and others — then God “exalts” us by filling us with even more of Himself and His grace.

Jesus goes on to encourage us to serve and share our blessings with people facing circumstances that would make it impossible for them to offer us any worldly advantage or prestige — “the poor, the crippled, the lame.”

Our attitude and how we serve, and share should be centered on true humility — recognizing that we are all “little” ones in the eyes of God. We are all His children; brothers and sisters invited to our Father's heavenly banquet.

“He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart.”

~ ST FAUSTINA



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU
WITNESS TO JESUS

August 27, 2025

Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
777 Forest Street
Saint Paul, MN 55106-3857
[Via email: hebda@archspm.org]

Dear Archbishop Hebda,

Peace be with you!

The people of the Diocese of Honolulu join you in prayer as you grieve the loss of life, the injuries, and the trauma from this morning's mass shooting at the school Mass at Annunciation Church in Minneapolis. It is hard to imagine the pain that so many families are experiencing at this time.

Even though it is difficult to understand how such a tragic event could happen even while innocent children and others are worshipping the Lord, their participation in the Paschal Mystery became very poignant today. As people of faith, we know that evil does seem to triumph, but in the end it never really does. May the Risen Lord bring comfort to the families of Annunciation Parish and School and to all who grieve over this tremendous tragedy.

Please convey the concern and Aloha of the people of Hawaii to all who are suffering this deep wound that has been inflicted upon them.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu



open to
couples
and
priests

live your
best
life
in love



Date: November 14-16, 2025
Location: St. Anthony's Retreat Center
Kalihi Valley, Oahu
Apply: hawaiiwwme.org
More Info: Ed and Betty Coda
(808) 258-6688
codawwme@gmail.com



WWME is faithful to the Roman Catholic Church's teaching that marriage is a covenant that exists between one man and one woman. Any reference to marriage or couple made by WWME is in this context.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers married couples a weekend away to focus on their relationship and rediscover the passion they once shared. Whether you've attended a weekend before or are considering it for the first time, we invite you to join us and learn communication tools to keep your marriage strong. We also encourage Encountered Couples to share their experience and become involved in our mission to proclaim the value of marriage in the Church and the world.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches the importance of humility, reminding us that those who humble themselves will be exalted. In marriage, it is our pride that often creates distance. Discover the freedom that comes from a humble heart and learn to serve your spouse with a new spirit.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is November 14-16, 2025, at the St. Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi Valley, Oahu.

For more information, contact Ed and Betty Coda at (808) 258-6688 or email codawwme@gmail.com. Our website can be found at www.hawaiiwwme.org. Space is limited. Get your spot reserved now.



**Saint John Apostle and
Evangelist Church Filipino
American Catholic Group**
is hosting a Novena and a Mass in
Honor of St. Lorenzo Ruiz on
September 19 – September 27
6 P.M. to 6:45 P.M.
SJAE Room 1 (1st floor)

**FEAST DAY: Sept. 28, 2025 –
Sunday 12 Noon in the OCC
(after the 11:00 AM Mass)**

**All are invited to join in this
celebration.**



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Pope Saint Gregory the Great | Catholic Saints

In the history of the Church, there are less than five popes esteemed with the title "the Great." One of the lesser known members of this impressive group is Pope St. Gregory the Great. Gregory is known for his prolific writing, his radical humility, his emphasis on missions, and his dedication to almsgiving. Enjoy this discussion between Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn.

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



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Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.

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Monkey Business-

Our Curious Monkeys are adapting well to the daily routine of washing their hands, putting up their attendance name, bidding goodbye to their parents with hugs and kisses, and selecting their work tasks. We thank you, parents and guardians, for encouraging them to become very independent.

At the start of the school year, you met our Curious Monkeys staff-Ms. Angie, Ms. Coco, and Ms. Derlene. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our preschool, please don't hesitate to contact one of us. We are more than happy to assist you.

Our September curriculum will continue with our research on campgrounds throughout the United States, as we study about the biomes in our country. We will also be having an in-class camping experience to help the students learn more about their environment. In addition, we will focus on Self (including their body parts, senses, and feelings), family, and more demonstrations on the various materials in the classroom. Soon, we will request a family portrait so the students can share with their peers. More details will be provided later.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 1...Labor Day
Holiday (No School)

September 17...Field Trip to
HTY "Line Circle Sphere"
(MPP)

September 21...Catechetical
Sunday (SJAE 9:00am Mass)

LOOKING AHEAD

October 2...**Fall Portraits**

October 6-10...Fall Break (No
School)

October 13...Columbus Day
Holiday (No School)

WISHLIST

Facial Tissue (Kleenex)



"In these times, more than ever before, our hope is that education will offer an aid to better the condition of the world." - Maria Montessori

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, this weekend and next weekend, August 30 & 31, September 6 & 7.** Our Senior Ministry with donations from WellCare & Humana, are sponsoring this event. Contact: Barbara 808-777-8604.



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

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



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 1st, in observance of Labor Day. The office will resume its operations on Tuesday, September 2nd.

The Church Office will be closed on Wednesday, September 3rd. We will be attending Fr Anthony's father, Wayne Rapozo's funeral. The office will reopen on Thursday, September 4th.

ST. JOHN IS PARTICIPATING IN GIVE ALOHA, FOODLAND'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY MATCHING GIFTS PROGRAM.

From Sept 1- 30, customers are invited to make donations of up to \$249 (per person) at checkout. Donations are accepted by Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farm checkout. At checkout, present your Maika'i card (or provide number) and inform the cashier that you would like to make a donation to: **St. John Apostle & Evangelist, #77455.**



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 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) 392-0145.



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)

2025 STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL WEEKEND:

SEPTEMBER 13/14



*Stewardship Begins
With Love*

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL:

This week, we begin a vital part of life as a parish family — our annual Stewardship Renewal. Please take the time to review your commitment materials at our mini Ministry Fair and see where God is calling you to commit more deeply to Him in the year ahead! **On Commitment Sunday, September 13/14**, each parish family is asked to return their completed commitment card or complete a card online at our parish website, www.stjohnmililani.org.

PLEASE STOP BY TO VISIT THE FOLLOWING MINISTRY FAIR AFTER EACH MASS LEADING UP TO COMMITMENT SUNDAY, SEPT 13-14.

August 30, Saturday	August 31, Sunday
Health Ministry	Health Ministry
Church Cleaning	FIL-AM/ Women's Guild
Pre School	Knights of Columbus/ Ushers (sharing a table)
Ushers	Church Cleaning
	2 Hearts

Sept 6, Saturday	Sept 7, Sunday
Health Ministry	Respect for Life
Respect for Life	Music
PBC	Pre School
Music	Y.A.B.S.
Women's Guild	Health Ministry

Sept 13, Saturday	Sept 14, Sunday
Women's Guild	Children's Choir
FIL AM/ 2 Hearts	Knights of Columbus
Children's Choir	Alter Servers
Altar Server	Lectors
Eucharistic Ministers	EM/ Home Bound

Next weekend **Sept 6/7**, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for **THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA**. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate & graduate students to help educate them to serve the Church and nation as the Catholic leaders of tomorrow. Envelopes can be found at the back of the Church. You may drop your donation during offertory. You can learn more at collection.catholic.edu.

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY: FREE FLU VACCINATION provided by Times Pharmacy – Saturday, September 13, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM | on the church lanai. Please contact Naomi: nfukuda398@gmail.com or Elaine Gibson: (808) 779-2600



SJAE LENDING LIBRARY: Need a spiritual boost? Stop by the SJAE Library Table after all Masses on September 13-14. We have new books that will inspire you!



Singing is praying twice! If you have a child/youth age 4-17 who loves to sing or already plays an instrument, please encourage them to join our **SJAE CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIR**. Our first meeting and choir practice will be on **Thursday, Sep 18th, 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the church**. Need more information? Email (dzedalis@hawaii.rr.com), call or text Deb Zedalis (808-348-2973).

We invite you to a special adult faith formation series titled "**Vatican II: An Overview**" led by **Deacon Mike Browning**. This engaging and informative series will explore the history, politics, and key teachings of the Second Vatican Council—one of the most transformative events in modern Church history.

1 Schedule:

- **September 11 & 18** – *History and Politics of Vatican II*
- **October 2 & 9** – *The Four Constitutions*
- **October 30 & November 6** – *Other Major Documents*

📍 Sessions will be held from 6:30-8pm in the One Community Center

Come deepen your understanding of the Church's journey through renewal and dialogue. All are welcome—bring a friend!

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 especially meaningful to celebrate a special occasion or milestone such as a birthday, anniversary, or family reunion. This is a special experience of the Eucharist.



- 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. Click on the QR code to register or call the office.

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

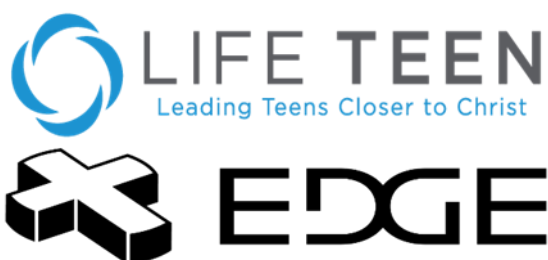


JOB OPENING:

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/>



DON'T MISS OUT!

Applications are still open – but seats are filling fast! Secure your spot today and be part of an unforgettable year of faith, fun, and fellowship.

Contact Meredith at SJAElifeteen@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, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

Responsorial Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 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, September 1, 2025

8 AM Thelma Villareal Dangao (RIP)
Raymond, Encarnación & Estela Agpalza (RIP)
Richard Cross (RIP)

Tuesday September 2, 2025

8 AM Marisela Sosa (Birthday Blessing)
Rodulfo Agpalza (RIP)
Robert Lasack (RIP)

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

8 AM Maria Amaral (Birthday Blessing)
Juan Villanueva (RIP)
Dean Tuttle (RIP)
Wayne Rapozo (RIP)

Thursday, September 4, 2025

8 AM Living members of the Souza, Rapozo,
Miller, & Kunukau Families (RIP)
Wayne Rapozo (RIP)
Dean Tuttle (RIP)

Friday, September 5, 2025

8 AM Feliciano Dona (RIP)
Dean Tuttle (RIP)
Maureen Torres (Healing)
Guerrero Family (Blessings/Thanksgiving)

Saturday, September 6, 2025

8 AM Communion Service
5 PM Ben & Lily Pascual (Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, September 7, 2025

7 AM Estella Agpalza (RIP)
9 AM *For the People*
11 AM Alvin Cordura (RIP)
6 PM Geraldo "Gerry" Uytingco (RIP)

Respect Life "If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion" www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy."

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

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.