



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Aloha my Brothers and Sisters,

In the Catholic Church, a sacrament is defined as a visible sign of God's invisible grace, instituted by Christ, that confers grace on those who receive it. Essentially, sacraments are sacred rituals that act as channels through which God's grace is communicated to believers.

It's a Visible Sign:

Sacraments involve outward, physical actions or symbols, like the pouring of water in baptism or the sharing of bread and wine in the Eucharist.

Instituted by Christ:

The Catholic Church recognizes seven sacraments, all believed to have been instituted by Jesus Christ himself.

Giving Grace:

Sacraments are not just symbolic gestures; they are believed to actually convey God's grace, which is his divine life and love, to the recipient. This grace helps believers grow in holiness and strengthens their relationship with God.

Seven Sacraments:

The seven sacraments are: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation (Confession), Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony.

Necessity and Suitability:

While some sacraments are considered necessary for salvation (like baptism for those who have not yet been baptized), others, like confirmation, are seen as important for strengthening one's faith and commitment to God.

Sacramental Life:

Catholics believe that living a sacramental life, actively participating in the sacraments and allowing them to shape their daily lives, is a vital part of their faith journey.

Seven Sacraments:

The Catholic Church recognizes seven sacraments, divided into three categories:

1. Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. These sacraments initiate individuals into the life of Christ and the Church.
2. Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. These provide spiritual and physical healing and forgiveness.
3. Sacraments of Service: Holy Orders and Matrimony. These sacraments are directed towards the service of others and the building up of the Church.

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ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
 95-370 Kuahelani Ave. Mililani, Hawaii 96789 | (808) 623-3332
www.stjohnmililani.org

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	SEPT 6/7
Sunday Collection	\$ 11,589.63
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 537.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 3,949.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 767.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 50.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 5,839.55
Mass Intentions	\$ 60.00
Flowers	\$ 5.00
Candles	\$ 652.00
Social Ministry	\$ 25.00
Preschool	\$ 100.00
World Mission Day	\$ 20.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 50.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	25.00

WEEKEND TOTAL **\$ 23,669.18**

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

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These sacraments are considered essential to Catholic life and salvation, serving as the primary means through which God provides grace and guides believers.

Next week we will look specifically at the Sacrament of Baptism.

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

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

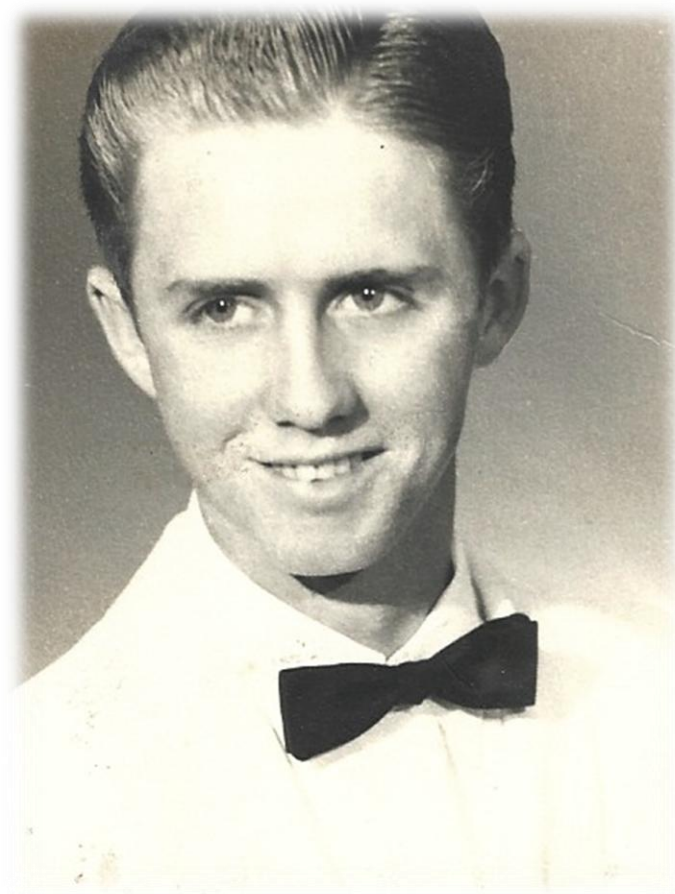


One of the aspects of our stewardship should be a desire to understand and appreciate the significance of many of the celebrations, feasts, and solemnities we as Catholics observe and experience. Today's Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by St. Helena; the construction and dedication of churches by Helena's son the Emperor Constantine on the site of Mt. Calvary where Christ was crucified; and the return of the Cross to Jerusalem by the Emperor Heraclius II.

As Catholics, we need to remember the Cross every time we make the Sign of the Cross. We make that sign often and almost always at the beginning and the end of our prayers. However, that sign in itself is a prayer. Sometimes we do it automatically without really considering its meaning and importance. Rather than a hurried sign, we should make the Sign of the Cross with reverence, respect, and the constant reflection of how vital the Cross is to our salvation. Stewardship invites us to practice our faith with this deference and appreciation to the Lord, truly in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

"Though He was God, Christ humbled Himself by becoming a servant. This is the glory of the Cross of Jesus."

~ POPE FRANCIS



Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.

The Family of Wayne Matthew Rapozo



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Saturday | October 11, 2025 | 9:30–11:00 am

- Altar servers assist the clergy during the celebration of the Mass.
- We welcome children and adults who have received their First Holy Communion to the Altar Server Ministry.



More info: Margaret Higa | mjloghiga808@gmail.com



IN ORDER TO ALLOW A GREATER PARTICIPATION IN THE ORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR IN THE DIOCESE OF HONOLULU, BISHOP SILVA HAS COMMISSIONED A TRAVELING JUBILEE CROSS THAT WOULD BE HOSTED BY EVERY PARISH IN THE DIOCESE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

St. John Apostle and Evangelist Catholic Church will house the traveling Jubilee Cross from **Friday, October 31 through Thursday, November 6.**

Jubilee indulgence may be obtained by visiting/venerating the Jubilee Cross when the ordinary conditions are met, namely, detachment from sin, sacramental confession, reception of Holy Communion, and prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father, with one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.

2025 STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL WEEKEND:

SEPTEMBER 13/14
*Stewardship Begins
With Love*

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

TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Today is the day! Every parish household is asked to bring their completed Commitment Card to Mass or complete a card online at our parish website, www.stjohnmililani.org. We are striving to become the Stewardship Parish that God intends us to be — intentionally committed to prayer, parish ministry, and the sharing of our financial gifts. Each parishioner has a unique and vital part to play and is needed in this mission. What is your part this year? Put it in writing and turn in your Commitment Card today! Remember to bring your Commitment Card to Mass next week or fill one out online at the parish website, www.stjohnmililani.org!

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Married couples, are you looking to rediscover the spark and deepen your relationship? Worldwide Marriage Encounter provides a weekend experience to focus on each other, away from the distractions of daily life, and learn communication tools to keep your marriage vibrant and alive.

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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SJAE LENDING LIBRARY: The SJAE Library Team will be available after all Masses **this** weekend to help you select great Catholic reading. Stop by and check out something to inspire you.

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 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.



Your **SJAE Children & Youth Choir** will have its first meeting/choir rehearsal this coming week on Thursday, Sep 18, 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the church. The choir is looking for children/youth who love to sing (ages 4-17) or who already play an instrument. Are you interested in volunteering in this ministry? If so, please come to the meeting and meet our wonderful choir, leaders, and families. 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 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!



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 19 & 26

7:00PM - 9:00PM | ONE COMMUNITY CENTER
(2 episodes shown per session)

WOMEN'S GUILD 2025 PILGRIMAGE: Thursday, October 2nd from 9am – 3pm (arrival back to SJAE Church). We will be visiting Holy Trinity, Mary Star of the Sea and St. Patrick. Members and Guests are invited. **Signup will be held in the lanai area on September 20 & 21, 2025 for all Masses.** The cost is \$10 to cover the cost of transportation, snacks and donations to the Host Church. Contact georgette.ane@gmail.com or abbie.99.06@gmail.com.



**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
After the 8am Daily Mass | Church Chapel

**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.

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 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.**



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

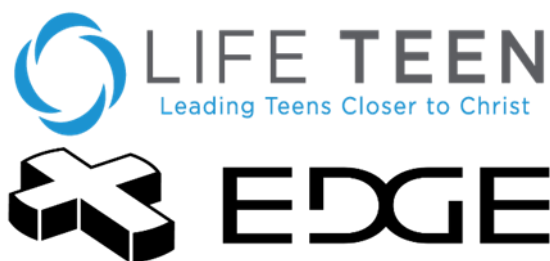


JOB OPENING:

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 21, 2025

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Responsorial Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13



ENCOUNTER NIGHTS | EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAYS | 7:00 PM |

REDISCOVER THE SENSE OF ADORATION IN SILENCE

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 15, 2025

8 AM David M. Torres (Death Anniversary)
Yoyie Sangria (RIP)
Kaylen Samson (Birthday Blessing)

Tuesday September 16, 2025

8 AM Richard Cross (RIP)
Paul Lapa (RIP)
Florencia Silva Solano (Death Anniversary)

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

8 AM Francisco Giron (Healing)
Norma Ulat (Healing)
Mike & Aggie Browning
(Wedding Anniversary Blessing)

Thursday, September 18, 2025

8 AM Vicente Fernandez (RIP)
Elizabeth Simon (RIP)
Shirley Guerrero (Birthday Blessing)

Friday, September 19, 2025

8 AM Anthony Scarpelli (Death Anniversary)
Pat Orden (Healing)
Augustin Giron (RIP)

Saturday, September 20, 2025

8 AM Pacita Mauleon (Death Anniversary)
Wayne Rapozo (RIP)
Lonnie Adkins (RIP)

5 PM Wayne K. Ursal (Death Anniversary)

Sunday, September 21, 2025

7 AM Rapozo Family of Lihue, Kauai
9 AM *For the People*
11 AM Fr Anthony Rapozo (Blessings from the family))
6 PM Suzanna Foster (RIP)

Respect Life “Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: ‘there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance’ (Lk 15:7) *.”

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May all who fear
confessing involvement
in abortion be assured
of Christ's mercy
available in the
Sacrament of
Reconciliation.

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 Rocchia & 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.