



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Aloha my Brothers and Sisters,

The Catholic Sacrament of the Eucharist is the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ, truly present under the appearances of bread and wine. It is considered the "source and summit of the Christian life" because it is the most profound encounter with Christ.

The Real Presence

The Catholic Church teaches the doctrine of "Real Presence," which holds that the Eucharist is not a mere symbol but is Jesus Christ himself. During the Mass, through a process called transubstantiation, the substance of the bread and wine is miraculously changed into the substance of Christ's body and blood, while the physical appearance remains the same.

The sacrament was instituted by Jesus Christ at the Last Supper, the night before he died. As recorded in the Gospels, Jesus took bread and wine, gave thanks, and said to his disciples, *"This is my body, which will be given up for you... This is my blood."* He commanded them to *"do this in memory of me."*

The Eucharist as a sacrifice

Catholics believe the Eucharist makes present the one sacrifice of Christ on the cross, offered for the salvation of humanity.

It is not a new sacrifice but a representation of Christ's eternal sacrifice. The priest, acting in the person of Christ, offers this sacrifice to God the Father in an unbloody manner during the Mass.

- The faithful join their own lives, prayers, and works to Christ's sacrifice, and it is also offered for the sins of the living and the dead.

Effects of receiving Holy Communion

Receiving the Eucharist, which is also called Holy Communion, has several spiritual benefits for a Catholic who is in a state of grace (free from mortal sin).

- Strengthens union with Christ: It deepens the recipient's intimate relationship with Jesus.
- Increases charity: It strengthens the bonds of love with God and others.
- Unites the Church: By receiving the one bread, all the faithfuls are joined together as one body in Christ.
- Forgives venial sins: It purifies the soul of lesser sins and helps to preserve the recipient from future mortal sins.
- Gives a pledge of future glory: It is a foretaste of eternal life that awaits the faithful in heaven.

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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 9AM – 1PM,
 2PM - 5PM
 Closed 1PM – 2PM
 for lunch
Closed Saturday, Sunday,
 Holy Days & Holidays

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	SEPT 27/28
Sunday Collection	\$ 10,581.00
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 402.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 2,703.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 245.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 300.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 477.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 80.00
Candles	\$ 520.00
Preschool	\$ 75.00
St John Statue	\$ 10.00
Good Friday	\$ 20.00
Religious Ed	\$ 320.00
Peter’s Pence	\$ 5.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 15,738.00

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Church teaches that Christ remains present in the consecrated bread and wine even after Mass. For this reason, consecrated hosts are reserved in a special and prominent place in the church called a tabernacle. Catholics offer adoration to Jesus' presence in the tabernacle, a practice encouraged by the Church.

Requirements for Receiving the Eucharist

- State of Grace: To receive the Eucharist, a person must be in a state of grace, meaning they are not aware of any unconfessed mortal sins.
- Eucharistic Fast: Catholics observe a fast of one hour before receiving Holy Communion, refraining from eating or drinking anything except water.
- Faith: A sincere belief in the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is necessary.

Next week we will discuss the sacrament of Confirmation.

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

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

Our readings today show us that living a stewardship way of life, that is, a life focused on serving God and His Kingdom, is not easy. They also show us that our lives belong to God, not to us, and that God will indeed bring about the fulfillment of His kingdom. We just need to have faith that He can do it and commit to our small part in His grand design. This is both our privilege and responsibility as Christian stewards.

Jesus makes this privilege and responsibility clear in today's Gospel passage from Luke. When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, He tells them that even a mustard seed-sized faith is all that is needed to move mountains (because it is God who does the heavy lifting). We need only take the tiniest step forward, and He will do the rest.

But living our lives in His service is also very much our responsibility, as Jesus explains through the parable of the unprofitable servant later in this passage. Our Lord describes a scene in which a servant has just come in from tending to the master's affairs and asks whether it would be reasonable for the master to begin waiting on his servant. Of course, it would not be reasonable! The servant would be expected to continue to serve his master until he has completed the work the master has given him that day. Jesus says we should have this same attitude before God.

The time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us are all God's. Our very lives belong to Him. Whatever we do on God's behalf with our lives and our gifts is simply our God-given responsibility.

The stewardship way of life makes the privilege and responsibility of serving Christ and His kingdom a reality.

"The Apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

~ LUKE 17:5



FATHER ANTHONY'S STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Aloha!

Our parish vision of stewardship is one that sees Stewardship as a Way of Life, that begins with Love, It is not about collecting money though; it is about sharing the gifts that God has given each of us. The financial needs of the parish have very little to do with our individual practice of living out a Stewardship Way of Life.

NUMBER 1 - INTRODUCTION

Bishop Larry has mandated that each parish have an effective stewardship committee to facilitate the stewardship education process within the parish. We are fortunate to have an established stewardship committee and to be ahead of most parishes. Although we have gone through nine annual stewardships renewals, many still do not have a clear understanding. As part of our current stewardship formation, I am publishing a series of bulletin articles that hopefully will provide some degree of clarification and enhanced understanding for the whole parish.

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So, is this something new? No, we are already stewards. Stewardship is not one more thing we must do, but a way of seeing everything we already do in a very different light. It is about our relationship with God. It is about how we live our life as Disciples of Christ. Stewardship is a spiritual way of Christian living.



WE EXTEND OUR WARM BLESSINGS AND BEST WISHES TO OUR PARISHIONER, DILLON GABRIEL, WHO IS SET TO MAKE HIS NFL STARTING QUARTERBACK DEBUT WITH THE CLEVELAND BROWNS THIS COMING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH.

THIS IS AN EXCITING MILESTONE IN HIS CAREER, AND WE ARE PROUD TO SUPPORT HIM AS HE TAKES ON THIS SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE LEAGUE.



Monkey Business-

We will be dedicating this month to our Community Helpers. We will be discussing our community and the many helpers in it. Our hope is to bring awareness to the children that a community is made up of different people working together. Each community helper and the type of work that he/she does is important for success and harmony within the community.

In connection with this topic, we would like to invite any interested parents to come and speak to the children about their occupation. Please let us know if you are willing to visit us and share a little information about your career. A sign-up sheet will be available in our classroom forthcoming.

Lastly, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our chaperones who helped make our very first scheduled field trip to the HTY play of *Line Circle Sphere* a wonderful experience. We truly appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedules to assist us. Also, we hope you all enjoyed our Grandparents Day Celebration. The children were excited to spend quality time with their loved ones.

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



"The child does not work in order to move or in order to become intelligent. He works to adapt to his environment. It is essential that he has many experiences in the environment if he is to do this." - Maria Montessori

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2...**Fall Portraits**

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

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

October 15...Field trip to Mililani Fire Station

LOOKING AHEAD

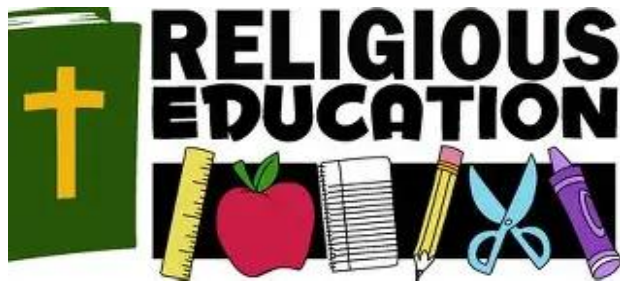
November 11...Veterans' Day Holiday (No School)

November 26...Thanksgiving Concert – Early dismissal at 11:30am

November 27-28...Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Kaya...October 29



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE

VISIT www.stjohnmililiani.org/faith-formation/grade-school-classes

Class starts on Sunday, Oct 5 | 7:45 AM

Contact: Kelly Higa | khiga@rcchawaii.org



LAST CALL FOR LIFETEEN & EDGE!

This is where faith comes alive,
friendships are built, and memories are made.

Don't just hear about it – be part of it.

Contact Meredith at SJAELifeteen@rcchawaii.org



Knights of Columbus Car Wash Fundraiser

Location: St. John Apostle and Evangelist
Church parking lot

Date: Saturday, October 11

Time: 9am – 1pm

Cost: \$20



CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

MASS AND CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY FOR CANCER SURVIVORS & PATIENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025 | 8:00 AM

ST JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CHURCH, MILILANI

THIS CELEBRATION IS TO HONOR ALL SURVIVORS & PATIENT WITH:

MASS: In Thanksgiving and Jesus Presence in US.

CANDLELIGHTS: Symbolizes Hope and New Life.

COMMUNITY: As a community of believers, we are here to support and pray for you.

IF YOU WILL BE PARTICIPATING, **PLEASE TEXT YOUR NAME BY OCTOBER 13, 2025.**

Contact: Linda Ward (808) 763-8967. **SPONSORED BY THE PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY.**



ALL SOULS DAY MASS, commemorating all those who have gone before us, will be on Sunday, November 2nd at 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 6:00 pm. All Souls Offering envelopes are available at the main entrance of the church.

Please submit your offering **no later than Thursday, October 31**. We hope to see you as we gather in prayer for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

200 Years of Catholicism in Hawai'i – Logo & Poster Contests



In preparation for the 200th anniversary of Catholicism in Hawai'i, the Diocese is inviting parishioners to participate in two creative contests: one to design a logo and another to design a poster for this historic celebration. Contest details, instructions, and deadlines are available in the parish office and on the parish website. Mahalo for sharing your talents!

SJAE Senior Ministry

Invites **ALL Seniors/Medicare Eligibles** to

Learn About Your 2026 Medicare Plan

Benefit Changes

OCT 12 (SUN)
12~3

...inside OCC

FREE EVENT

• Snacks provided



Licensed Agents from...

**Aloha Care • Devoted • Humana
UnitedHealthcare • WellCare**

...will be on-site



...IF INTERESTED... please contact

Barbara Ursal at (808) 671-4750



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.



October is a great month to learn more about our Blessed Mother, the rosary, and saints such as St. Francis of Assis, St. Faustina, St. Theresa of Avila, and St. Ignatius.

Stop by the library tables after all Masses **next weekend** and check out our resources. If you have **overdue books** to return, we ask you to please do so. THANK you!

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.

Schedule:

- **October 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!



Annual Pilgrimage Novena for the Two Hearts, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary and Annual Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima will begin on **October 9-17, 2025**, at the chapel, St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church.

October 9, Thursday	9am
October 10, Friday	9:30am
October 11, Saturday	12noon Fatima Rosary Rally Along Kuahelani Avenue 1:30pm Two Hearts
October 12, Sunday	3pm
October 13, Monday	9am
October 14, Tuesday	9am
October 15, Wednesday	9am
October 16, Thursday	9 am
October 17, Friday	9:30am

All are welcome to join the rosary prayer. Please contact Connie Amigo (808) 292-2240 or Beth Fukuda @ (808) 781-6506 for further information, Much mahalo and God bless.

FALL IS HERE and if you need a good book to curl up with – your **SJAE LIBRARY TEAM** can help! Stop by the Library Tables **after all Masses on October 11-12**. Resources on the Blessed Mother, Saints, Catholicism, Prayers, Spirituality, and fiction are available in books, DVDs, and CDs. Also, if you have overdue books, please return them at the Library Table in October.

ALTAR SERVING TRAINING: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025 | 9:30AM – 11AM

- Altar servers will 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

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP: If you are seeking hope and encouragement in the midst of separation or divorce, you are not alone. Please join us for fellowship as we walk together in this journey. **October 11, 2025 | 0900-1000 | SJAE OCC Conference Room**. For more information, contact Elisa Hammer at elisa.hammer@me.com



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Divine Mercy | Trailer

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



Respect Life “We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus’ mission on earth... We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God’s presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Respect Life Reflection: “Life: Our Sign of Hope”

It’s Respect Life Month! Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month. Visit respectlife.org/celebrate



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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

In the parable of the dishonest steward, Jesus calls us to be prudent in our use of earthly resources and faithful with our spiritual ones. This applies to marriage as well. We are called to be wise with our time and energy, investing them in what truly matters: our relationship with God and our spouse.

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.

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/>

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, OCTOBER 12, 2025

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Responsorial Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10



ENCOUNTER NIGHTS | EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAYS | 7:00 PM |

REDISCOVER THE SENSE OF ADORATION IN SILENCE

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 6, 2025

8 AM Wayne, Lynn, Louise, Marilyn Rapozo
(Blessings)
Beth Simon (RIP)
Cecilia Scarpelli (Birthday Blessing)
Rita Galicinao (Birthday Blessing/ Healing)

Tuesday October 7, 2025

8 AM Ben Guerrero (Birthday Memorial) &
Helen Guerrero (Birthday Blessing)
Richard Cross (RIP)
Rose Garcia (Healing)
Patricia Merideth Jordan (Death Anniversary)

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

8 AM Keone Morreira (RIP)
Rita Galicinao (Healing)
Suzanna Foster (RIP)
Dottie & Bob Mandap (Wedding Anniversary)

Thursday, October 9, 2025

8 AM Brandi DeCosta (Birthday Blessing)
Rose Garcia (Healing)
Jim Murphy (Healing)
Beth Simon (RIP)

Friday, October 10, 2025

8 AM Tony Carmila Sfreddo (RIP)
Jim Murphy (Healing)
Rita Galicinao (Healing)
Francis Taglinao (Birthday Blessing)

Saturday, October 11, 2025

8 AM †Ben & Helen Guerrero (Blessing/Thanksgiving)
Rafael I & Concepción D. Corpuz
(Death Anniversary)
Rose Garcia (Healing)
5 PM Wayne Rapozo (RIP)

Sunday, October 12, 2025

7 AM Victor-Bertrand Lujan (RIP))
9 AM *For the People*
11 AM Elvira Sfreddo (RIP)
6 PM Wilfredo Pacleb (RIP)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

EDGARDO SANDOVAL (RIP)- Wednesday, October 8 – St John, Mililani; Visitation: 9:30am;
Eulogy: 10:15am; Mass: 10:00am; Burial: 2:00pm ~ Mililani Mortuary Park.

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Thomas Ramos, John Bates, Cindy Abernathy, Barbara Ursal, Hildegard Borowitz, Roland Crisostomo, Margie Romasanta, Julius Magio, Felicia Routon, Adam & Rosie Olivares, Dolly Lapinad, Violet Mayock, Jim Murphy, Priscilla Sy, Maria, Sam Aguirre Sr., Dolores Roccia, Oscar Gatdula, Maluhia Yoho & 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 & Frank Thompson.