



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Aloha my Brothers and Sisters,

The Catholic sacrament of Confirmation completes Christian initiation, anointing the recipient with the Holy Spirit through the Bishop's laying on of hands and anointing with chrism, strengthening them to be witnesses for Christ. Preparation involves classes, prayer, and Reconciliation. The ritual includes the sponsor, confirmation name, and renewal of baptismal vows. The effects are an indelible spiritual character, a deeper union with Christ and the Church, and strength to live and spread the faith.

Meaning and purpose

- Completes Baptismal grace: Confirmation strengthens and seals the graces first received in Baptism but does not imply that Baptism was incomplete.
- Empowers for mission: It bestows the gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord), equipping the confirmed to act as a "soldier of Christ" to spread and defend the faith.
- Deepens relationship with God and the Church: The sacrament binds a Catholic more perfectly to the Church and deepens one's relationship with God, marking them with an indelible spiritual character that can only be received once.
- Personal Pentecost: The event is likened to a "personal Pentecost," referencing the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, which empowered them for their mission.

Requirements for confirmation

- To be confirmed, a candidate must meet certain conditions:
 - Be a baptized Catholic.
 - Have reached the age of discretion (the age of reason), though the specific age is set by local dioceses.
 - Be in a state of grace, meaning free from grave sin. Sacramental confession is encouraged before Confirmation.
 - Be properly instructed and prepared to renew their baptismal promises.
 - Choose a sponsor who is an actively practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church.

Confirmation name

It is customary for a candidate to choose a patron saint's name to take as their Confirmation name. This saint serves as a role model and heavenly intercessor. While some choose a new name, others choose to use their baptismal name to emphasize the connection between the two sacraments.

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	OCT 11/12
Sunday Collection	\$ 9,785.61
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 442.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 3,038.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 95.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 350.00
Funeral	\$ 300.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,719.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 270.00
Candles	\$ 515.00
Preschool	\$ 75.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 10.00
All Soul’s Day	\$ 120.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 150.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 16, 869.61

Last week’s (10/4 - 10/5) total is on page 10.

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

Sponsor's role

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- The Confirmation sponsor serves as a spiritual mentor, committing to support the candidate's lifelong journey of faith. Requirements for a sponsor include:
 - Being a fully initiated Catholic (having received Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation).
 - Being at least 16 years old.
 - Leading a life consistent with the Catholic faith.
 - Not being the candidate's parent.

Next week, we will look at the Sacrament of Marriage.

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

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

The four pillars of parish stewardship are hospitality, prayer, formation, and service. Today's readings show us the immense value of prayer and the privileged place it must have in our individual lives and in our parish community.



Our Lord Himself calls us to prayer — and persistence in prayer — in the Gospel passage from Luke. Jesus tells the parable of the nagging widow who finally wears down the judge with her unrelenting persistence in her pursuit of a just ruling from him on her behalf. Jesus goes to great lengths to describe this judge, saying he “neither feared God nor respected any human.” Yet even this corrupt judge responds with a just judgment because of the widow’s persistence.

Jesus uses this outlandish example to draw a vivid contrast between a reluctant, dishonest judge and our loving, all-merciful Father. If even a bad judge will give a good result in response to a persistent request, how much more (infinitely more) eagerly and perfectly will our good Father respond to our persistent prayers to Him.

If he delays in responding, if he provides a different response from the one we were expecting, we can remain confident and trusting in His goodness, knowing that His response, whenever it comes and in whatever form, will be the very best one for us.

Our job then, as Christian stewards, is simply to remain faithful to our relationship with God through prayer. We must lean on each other in our communities — family and parish — as we support each other in prayer. A strong pillar of prayer will make all our other stewardship efforts fruitful.

“Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven.”

~ POPE FRANCIS



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.

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God has showered us with a multitude of gifts. He has given us our very existence. He has given us our identity, that is who we are and what we can do. He has given us this world to live in and to manage. He has given us the gift of time on earth.

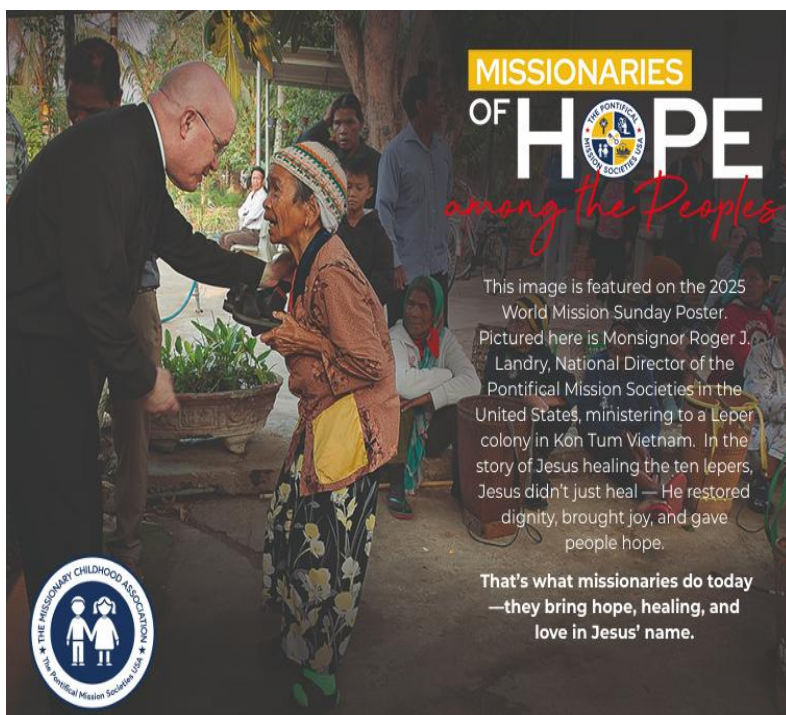
A steward recognizes that everything that he has, and everything that he is, and every second of his life is a gift from God.

The pastoral letter on stewardship by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops gives us an explanation of what a steward does with God's gifts. *"A steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord."*

Today is World Mission Sunday.

As the Church prepares to celebrate World Mission Sunday 2025, on October 19, Pope Francis has given us a powerful theme that resonates deeply in this Jubilee Year: **"Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples."** In his message, the Holy Father reminds us that hope is at the heart of the Christian mission, calling every baptized person to be **"messengers and builders of hope"** in a world that often finds itself overshadowed by uncertainty and despair.

Remembering that we are sent as a Universal Church of Christ on mission in the world, we can PRAY for the Church's worldwide missionary work and offer financial help and charity through The Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands. Envelopes are available at the back of the church or make a donation online by visiting our parish website, Give online. Mahalo!



For more information, visit: www.pontificalmissions.org

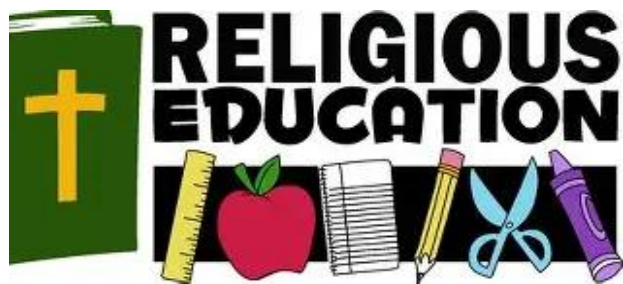


Jubilee Indulgences

The Jubilee Indulgence is a concrete manifestation of God's mercy, which goes beyond and transforms the boundaries of human justice. This treasury of grace entered human history in the witness of Jesus and the saints, and by living in communion with them our hope for our own forgiveness is strengthened and becomes a certainty. The Jubilee indulgence allows us to free our hearts from the weight of sin because the reparation due for our sins is given freely and abundantly.

In practical terms, the experience of God's mercy involves some spiritual acts indicated by the Pope. Those who cannot make the Jubilee pilgrimage due to illness or other circumstances are nonetheless invited to take part in the spiritual movement that accompanies the Jubilee year, offering up the sufferings of their daily lives, and participating in the Eucharistic celebration.

The Jubilee indulgence may be obtained when the ordinary conditions are met, namely, detachment from sin, sacramental confession (within 20 days before or after the indulgenced work), reception of Holy Communion, and prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father, with the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.



REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE

VISIT [www.stjohnmililiani.org / fai-formation/grade-school-classes](http://www.stjohnmililiani.org/fai-formation/grade-school-classes)

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

Contact: Kelly Higa | khiga@rcchawaii.org

SJAE YOUTH ADULT MINISTRY IS HOSTING A TEACHING MASS

What is a Teaching Mass?

Join us on Tuesday October 21, 2025, at 6:45 PM for a special "teaching Mass." The celebrant will explain the prayers, symbols, and actions of the liturgy as they happen, helping everyone—from long-time parishioners to newcomers—gain a deeper understanding of the Mass.

Discover the Meaning Behind the Mass

Have you ever wondered about the significance of the Mass? Why we stand, kneel, and sit? Why we sing or make the Sign of the Cross with holy water?

Our pastor Fr. Anthony will offer commentary during the liturgy to illuminate the rich symbolism and deep meaning of our Catholic worship. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in appreciation of our liturgical tradition and strengthen your faith.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Saturday | November 22, 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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



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 30** – *Lumen Gentium*
- **November 6** – *Gadium et Spes*
- **November 13/20** – *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!

Respect Life *"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed.... But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.*

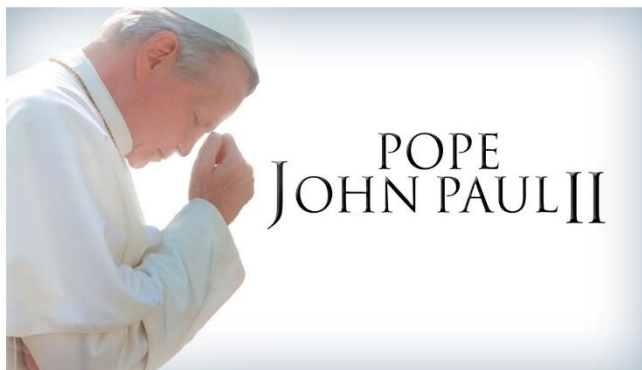
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respect life month novena



OCTOBER 22-30
respectlife.org

Join thousands of Catholics praying a Respect Life Month novena **Wednesday, October 22 – Thursday, October 30**. Get daily prayers, reflections, and more. Sign up at respectlife.org!



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Pope John Paul II

Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.

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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.**

We will have a special Jubilee Mass on **Monday, November 3rd at 6:30 pm.**

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 26, 2025

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

Responsorial Psalm 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14



ENCOUNTER NIGHTS | EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAYS | 7:00 PM |

REDISCOVER THE SENSE OF ADORATION IN SILENCE

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 20, 2025

8 AM Carmen Nye (Death Anniversary)
Melie Amo (1st year Death Anniversary)
Philip Payador (Birthday Memorial)

Tuesday October 21, 2025

8 AM Fe Guadalupe Villareal (RIP)
Victor-Bertrand Lujan (Birthday Memorial)
James Patrick "Kimo" Regohos (RIP)

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

8 AM Suzanna Foster (RIP)
Dominick M. Esposito (RIP)
Wayne & Mie Foglesong (RIP)

Thursday, October 23, 2025

8 AM Susana (RIP) & Daria Barayuga
Jorge (RIP), Marina, Hugo Mesina

Friday, October 24, 2025

8 AM Samuel Aguirre (Birthday Blessings)
Mercedes D. Raneses (1st Death Anniversary)
Susana (RIP) & Lina Salas
Lucerio Yumang (Birthday Memorial)

Saturday, October 25, 2025

8 AM Nonoy, Tatay & Nanay
Derrick V. King (RIP)

5 PM Victoria Baloran (Healing)

Sunday, October 26, 2025

7 AM Alexander Ortega (Birthday Blessings)
9 AM *For the People*
11 AM Susana (RIP) & Daria Barayuga
6 PM Suzanna Foster (RIP)

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

FELIX RAMISCAL (RIP)- Friday, October 24, 2025 – St John, Mililani; Visitation: 10:00 AM;
Mass: 11:00 AM; Burial: 1:30 PM ~ Mililani Memorial 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

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 & Rose Garcia.

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE		OCT 4/5
Online Donation (WeShare)		\$ 857.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)		\$ 6,368.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)		\$ 140.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)		\$ 50.00
Social Ministry		\$ 25.00
Preschool		\$ 175.00
Debt Reduction		\$1,257.00
Retirement Fund: Religious		\$ 25.00
WEEKEND TOTAL		\$ 8,897.00