SPIRIT-LED NEWS

Pastor's Corner

Aloha my Brothers and Sisters,

The Catholic Sacrament of Reconciliation, also known as Penance or Confession, is a sacrament that provides forgiveness for sins committed after baptism, restoring the sinner's relationship with God and the Church through Christ's power mediated by a priest. This healing process involves contrition for sins, the confession of sins to a priest, and the reception of absolution, where God's forgiveness is pronounced. After the confession, the priest assigns a penance, such as a prayer or good deed, to be performed to make amends for the sin and help prevent future transgressions.

Purpose and Significance

- **Healing and Restoration:** The primary goal is to heal the spiritual damage caused by sin, restoring a right relationship with God, the Church, and oneself.
- **God's Mercy:** The sacrament is a demonstration of God's infinite love and mercy, offering a way for individuals to receive His forgiveness and grace.
- **Reconciliation with the Church:** By providing a path to forgiveness, the sacrament welcomes individuals back into full communion with the body of Christ and the Christian community.
- **Freedom from Sin:** It offers inner peace, freedom, and a cleansed spirit by washing away sins, particularly grave (mortal) sins.

The Process

1. **Contrition:** The penitent expresses sincere sorrow for their sins and resolves to avoid them in the future.
2. **Confession:** Sins are confessed aloud to a priest, who acts as an intermediary of God's grace.
3. **Absolution:** The priest, acting in the name of Christ, pronounces the prayer of absolution, which declares the penitent's sins forgiven.
4. **Penance**: The priest assigns a penance, which is a form of satisfaction or reparation, to aid in the individual's healing and commitment to a better life.

Key Aspects

- **Role of the Priest**: The priest serves as a representative of God and the Church, conveying God's forgiveness and authority given by Christ to His apostles.
- **Sacrament of Healing:** It is one of the two sacraments of healing, providing spiritual and emotional health.
- **Mandatory for Mortal Sins:** Before receiving the Eucharist, it is necessary to confess mortal sins to a priest and receive absolution, as one must be in communion with the Church to receive communion.

Next week we will look at the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Gratefully yours in the heart of Jesus Christ,

Fr. Anthony Rapozo

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	**NOV 1/2**
Sunday Collection	$ 11,313.32
Online Donation (WeShare)	$ 887.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	$ 5,608.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	$ 763.20
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	$ 75.00
Mass Intention	$ 80.00
Debt Reduction	$ 5,778.88
Candles	$ 1,050.00
Preschool	$ 75.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	$ 25.00
All Soul's Day	$ 1,491.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	$ 60.00
Thanksgiving	$ 25.00
Mission Appeal – Military Services	$ 20.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	**$ 27,251.40**

For the month of October 2025,
We collected 99.17% ($295,481 YTD)
of our budget $ 297,950.

Last weekend Stewardship Treasure is on Page 4.

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

Sunday Gospel Reflection
By Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Today, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome — the cathedral church of the Pope and the mother church of all Christendom. While this feast honors a sacred building, it also reminds us of a deeper truth: we, the People of God, are the living temple of His presence.

In the first reading, Ezekiel describes life-giving water flowing from the temple, bringing renewal wherever it goes. This image calls us to be channels of God's grace in the world. St. Paul tells us, "You are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you" (1 Cor 3:16). As stewards, we are entrusted with the sacred task of caring for this temple — our own hearts and our parish community — so that God's presence may shine through us.

In the Gospel, Jesus cleanses the temple, declaring that His body is the true dwelling place of God. Through our baptism, we share in this mystery and are called to reflect God's holiness in all we do.

Today's feast is an invitation to renew our commitment to the Church — to participate actively in her mission, to serve generously, and to let our lives be signs of God's living presence in the world.

"Little Children, love one another."

~St John the Evangelist

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 6 – The Gift of Treasure

Many Catholics are uneasy when we talk about money in church. This includes clergy. A look at the subject from the perspective of stewardship may diminish the uneasiness.

What is money? We use the gifts of time and talent in the secular world, and we receive money in exchange. We can use money to trade for goods and services that others produce as they use their gifts of time and talent. Money is another form of the gifts of time and talent. Money is a way to store the gifts of time and talent for later use.

How we view money is influenced by where we are in our discipleship journey. Satan doesn't want us to be Disciples of Christ so he uses his tricks to derail us. He tempted Jesus so of course he will want to trick us. There are secular philosophies such as materialism, consumerism and individualism that advocate centering our lives on ourselves rather than God. The disciple recognizes money (wealth) as a gift to be shared.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i

St. John Apostle and Evangelist Catholic Church is sponsoring a Christmas Wish Drive in partnership with Catholic Charities to help make the holidays a little brighter for those less fortunate on the island of Kaua'i.

Donation Requests:
Ages 0-9 years – age-appropriate UNWRAPPED toy
Ages 10+ years – gift card of any denomination

Collection dates: November 1-23, after all Masses

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE	OCT 25/26
Sunday Collection	$ 12,433.09
Online Donation (WeShare)	$ 402.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	$ 2,566.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	$ 280.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	$ 300.00
Funeral	$ 300.00
Debt Reduction	$ 748.00
Candles	$ 430.00
Preschool	$ 75.00
Catholic University of America	$ 30.00
All Soul's Day	$ 2,276.00
World Mission Sunday	$ 70.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	**$ 19,910.09**

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII

DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

WITNESS TO JESUS

November 1, 2025

"The Lord will rule the world with justice and the peoples with equity."

Responsorial Psalm, 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, November 16, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace be with you!

Sunday November 16 is the **World Day of the Poor**, whose theme this year is ***"You are my hope (Ps 71:5)***." In his message for this day, Pope Leo XIV says his hope is that this Jubilee Year "*will encourage the development of policies aimed at combatting forms of poverty both old and new, as well as implementing new initiatives to support and assist the poorest of the poor.*" On this day our diocese will participate in the U.S. Bishops' annual national collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development-CCHD.** Through this second collection, support for CCHD enables the active participation of those experiencing poverty to address this complex challenge and forge a just hopeful future for all.

Please remember that 25% of the CCHD collection in our diocese stays in Hawaii to respond to challenges of poverty in communities here. CCHD funds donated from our parishes have contributed to a variety of effective community efforts, including helping houseless survivors of natural disasters rebuild their lives; assisting formerly incarcerated or homeless women with transitional housing and job training; and supporting non-profit organizations helping low-income families build and own affordable housing.

I strongly encourage all to give generously to the CCHD collection as pilgrims of hope witnessing to Jesus, on our journey together toward the Kingdom of God where indeed *the Lord will rule the world with justice and the peoples with equity.*" I thank you for your past support of all the works funded by CCHD!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Larry Silva

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu

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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
WORKING ON THE MARGINS

The Catholic Church has always taught us, through the words of Sacred Scripture and the witness of saints like Francis of Assisi, that the natural world is created by God, that it is good, and that humans have a special duty to care for creation so that it benefits not only themselves but also future generations. Today we live in a time where pollution, climate change, and poor agricultural practices harm creation and place us all in danger.

In 2015, Pope Francis responded to this environmental crisis by issuing the encyclical *Laudato Si'* (*On Care for Our Common Home*), in which he emphasizes the connection between humanity and nature and calls for "the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development" (no. 13).

This spirit of cooperation, sustainability, and human dignity animates the work of organizations like La Cosecha Community Supported Agriculture, a cooperative farm network in Albuquerque, New Mexico, which makes locally grown, sustainable, and nutritious foods available to low-income people. With support from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), La Cosecha has expanded its outreach beyond Albuquerque to 11 rural New Mexico counties, increased year-round accessibility to healthy produce and other food products, and obtained a US Department of Agriculture Good Agricultural Practices food-safety certification for its cooperative farm partners.

CCHD-funded organizations show how we can care for the environment, address the needs of the poor, and support responsible and sustainable local businesses at the same time. When you participate in the CCHD collection, you help not only other communities but also your own, because 25% of your contribution remains in your diocese to create local solutions to poverty.

To learn more about the collection for the CCHD and the way CCHD upholds the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church, visit www.usccb.org/cchd.

2023 GRANTS

Category	Dollars	Number of Grants
Community Development Grants	$5,229,000	100
Economic Development Grants	$1,830,000	34
Technical Assistance Grants	$289,250	10
Total	**$7,348,250**	**144**

2023 EXPENSES

Category	Dollars	Percent
Grants and Donations	$15,603,370	83.45%
Allocations-Internal Grants*	$2,582,765	13.81%
Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	$456,640	2.44%
Program Costs	$54,128	0.29%
Total Expenses		**$18,696,903**
Total Expenses Excluding Internal Grants		**$16,114,138**
Total Grants and Donations Including Internal Grants		**$18,186,135**

*Internal grants include a distribution from the CCHD collection for CCHD operations and for the education and outreach program of the Office of Justice, Peace, and Human Development of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which engages Catholics in our faith-filled call to address the root causes of poverty.

LEARN about those living in poverty who are working to improve their communities. • **ACT** and spread the word about poverty by sharing this flier. • **CONNECT** with the work of CCHD by supporting the collection. • **PRAY** for those who benefit from this collection.

Office of National Collections
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CAMPAÑA CATÓLICA PARA EL DESARROLLO HUMANO
TRABAJANDO DESDE LA PERIFERIA

La Iglesia Católica siempre nos ha enseñado, a través de las palabras de la Sagrada Escritura y del testimonio de santos como Francisco de Asís, que el mundo natural es creado por Dios, que es bueno y que los humanos tienen la singular tarea de cuidar a la creación para que ésta les beneficie no solo a ellos, sino también a las futuras generaciones. Hoy vivimos en un tiempo en el que la contaminación, el cambio climático y las malas prácticas agrícolas están dañando a la creación y nos están poniendo a todos en peligro.

En el 2015, el papa Francisco respondió a esta crisis ambiental publicando la encíclica *Laudato Si'* (*Sobre el Cuidado de la Casa Común*), en la cual él enfatiza la conexión entre la humanidad y la naturaleza y hace un llamado para "unir a toda la familia humana en la búsqueda de un desarrollo sostenible e integral" (n° 13).

Este espíritu de cooperación, sostenibilidad y dignidad humana alienta la labor de organizaciones como La Cosecha Community Supported Agriculture, una red de cooperativas agrícolas apoyada por la comunidad, en Albuquerque, Nuevo México, la cual pone a disposición de las personas de bajos ingresos, unos alimentos nutritivos y sostenibles y cultivados localmente. Con el apoyo recibido de la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD), La Cosecha amplió su alcance más allá de Albuquerque llegando a 11 condados rurales en Nuevo México, incrementó el acceso durante todo el año a productos agrícolas saludables y otros productos alimenticios y obtuvo la certificación de seguridad alimentaria de Buenas Prácticas Agrícolas del Departamento de Agricultura de Estados Unidos para sus socios de cooperativas agrícolas.

Las organizaciones que reciben fondos de CCHD nos enseñan a cuidar el medio ambiente, a responder a las necesidades de los pobres y, al mismo tiempo, a brindar nuestro apoyo a las empresas responsables y sostenibles de la localidad. Cuando ustedes participan en la colecta para CCHD, no solo están ayudando a otras comunidades, sino que también están ayudando a las suyas ya que el 25% de sus contribuciones permanecen en su diócesis con el fin de crear soluciones para la pobreza en su localidad.

Para informarse más acerca de esta colecta para CCHD y la manera en que CCHD sostiene las enseñanzas morales y sociales de la Iglesia Católica, visiten *www.usccb.org/cchd*.

SUBVENCIONES 2023

Categoría	Dólares	Número de subvenciones
Subvenciones para el desarrollo de la comunidad	$5,229,000	100
Subvenciones para el desarrollo económico	$1,830,000	34
Subvenciones para la asistencia técnica	$289,250	10
Total	**$7,348,250**	**144**

GASTOS EN EL 2023

Categoría	Dólares	Porcentaje
Subvenciones y donaciones	$15,603,370	83.45%
Asignaciones-subvenciones internas*	$2,582,765	13.81%
Gastos de promoción y recaudación de fondos	$456,640	2.44%
Costos del programa	$54,128	0.29%
Total de gastos		**$18,696,903**
Total de gastos excluyendo las subvenciones internas		**$16,114,138**
Total de subvenciones y donaciones incluyendo las subvenciones internas		**$18,186,135**

*Las subvenciones internas incluyen una distribución de la Colecta de CCHD para los gastos de operación de CCHD y para el programa de educación y extensión de la USCCB para la Paz, la Justicia y el Desarrollo Humano, el cual incluye el compromiso de los católicos a nuestro llamado pleno de fe para abordar las causas raíz de la pobreza.

APRENDAN acerca de aquellos que viven en la pobreza y que trabajan para mejorar sus comunidades. • **ACTÚEN** y diseminen información sobre la pobreza compartiendo este folleto. • **CONÉCTENSE** con la labor de CCHD brindando su apoyo a la colecta. • **OREN** por los beneficiarios de esta colecta.

Oficina de Colectas Nacionales
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ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL
Curious Monkeys Newsletter
November 2025

Monkey Business:

During the month of November, we will count our many blessings and give thanks to God for the wonderful gifts He has bestowed upon us. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, the children will have their Thanksgiving celebration on Wednesday, November 26. More information is forthcoming.

We will also be studying the seven continents and some cultures around the world. We will focus on the cultures and traditions of our own families.

Lastly, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our chaperones who helped make our field trip to the Mililani Fire Station a great experience. The children had a lot of fun learning about fire safety from our friendly firemen & firewomen. Another huge thank you to all our volunteers who made our annual Trunk-or-Treat a huge success!

As always, mahalo for your continued support of SJCP.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 11...Veterans' Day Holiday (No School)
November 26...Thanksgiving Concert – Early dismissal at 11:30am
November 27-28...Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)

LOOKING AHEAD

December 19...Christmas Pageant - Early Dismissal at 11:30am

December 22 - January 2 Christmas Vacation (No School)

WISH LIST

- Kleenex tissue boxes
- 4 oz paper cups

"It is hoped that when this sentiment of love for all subjects can be aroused in children, people in general will become more human, and brutal wars will come to an end." - Maria Montessori

Parish Announcements

During the month of September, St. John Apostle & Evangelist had joined with **Foodland** in the **"Give Aloha"** Campaign. **MAHALO** to everyone who helped and participated! Customer Donations: $426.00, Matching Gift: $163.76, Total donations: $589.76.

HEALING MASS

"Lay Your Hands
Gently Upon Us…
May Their Touch
Render Your Peace…"

Monday, November 10, 2025
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
St. John A&E Parish

Praise and Worship 7:00 pm
Mass 7:30 pm
Celebrant: Fr. Anthony Rapozo

Sponsored by St. John Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group
For information: Victoria Achaval 623-8860 Stephen/Helen Uyehara 623-7423

The parish office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th, in observance of Veterans Day.

The St John Church app is no longer in use. A new app will be installed sometime next year. Please delete the app on your current devices. Mahalo!

Season of Hope "A New Season Dawns" Season 1| 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm | One Community Center
For more information contact: Dcn Mike Browning (808) 295-3180 or Jeff Esposito (808) 392-0145

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: **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!

THE LEGION OF MARY will run a Columban Drive (membership drive) after all weekend Masses of November 8th and 9th. Membership is open to all practicing Catholic Men and Women.

Grow in profound devotion to the Blessed Virgin and participate in the work of the New Evangelization in our parish by joining the Legion of Mary.

All interested are cordially invited to come and meet the legionaries before and after Masses at the entrance of the church on November 8th and 9th. Parish contacts: Inday Ramos and Kai Li.

The **Knights of Columbus** will host a French Toast Breakfast on Sunday, November 9th in the OCC from 8:00 AM until 12:30 Noon. The price is by donation, and the suggested donation is $10.

Please come and enjoy breakfast and support the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus. We hope to see you there!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 10, 2025

8 AM Avery Curet (Death Anniversary)
Dominic M. Esposito (RIP)

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

8 AM Dominador Rulloda (RIP)
Jaime Sagucio (1st Death Anniversary)

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

8 AM Victor-Beltrand Lujan (RIP)
Beverly Alexander Froedtert
(2nd Death Anniversary)

Thursday, November 13, 2025

8 AM Pearl Bates (Thanksgiving)
Nenen Gabinete (RIP)
Tess Orden (Birthday Blessing)

Friday, November 14, 2025

8 AM Nanay, Tatay, Nonoy (RIP)
Rocky Orara Kimura (Death Anniversary)
Rosita Garcia (RIP)

S***aturday, November 15, 2025***

8 AM Robert Daguio (Healing)
Debra Kelii (RIP)

5 PM Wilfredo Pacleb (RIP)

Sunday, November 16, 2025

7 AM Roland Agbanlog (RIP)

9 AM *For the People*

11 AM Gilbert Canales (RIP)

6 PM Suzanna Foster (RIP)

Respect Life "*In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our own hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own."*

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities
"Living Radical Solidarity"

Readings for Next Sunday, November 16, 2025

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20a

Responsorial Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:28 2:13-22

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, Marigil Sabado & those mentioned in the Parish Book of Prayers.

DECEASED

Stephanie Rapozo, 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, Ricardo Bautista Sr. & Sheena Marie Ciarlante-Villanueva.