



# SPIRIT-LED NEWS

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Aloha my Brothers and Sisters,

The Catholic sacrament of Holy Orders ordains men as deacons, priests, or bishops, passing on the mission of Christ and the apostles through the laying on of hands by a bishop. This sacred rite imprints an indelible spiritual character, granting the ordained minister special graces for the ministry of teaching, worship, and pastoral governance, serving the People of God in the Church.

### The Three Degrees

Holy Orders are conferred in three degrees, each with its unique functions and responsibilities:

- **Deacon:** Assists the priest in the liturgy and serves the people, though the role of deacon is a step toward the priesthood.
- **Priest:** Ordained to offer the Mass and administer the sacraments in the person of Christ.
- **Bishop:** Holds the fullness of the sacrament, sharing in the apostolic responsibility of the Church and serving as the head of a particular Church.

### Origin and Institution

- **Christ's Mandate:** The sacrament traces its roots to Jesus Christ himself, who chose and sent his apostles to continue his mission of preaching, teaching, and leading.
- **Pentecost:** The apostles received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, which empowered them to carry out their mission and begin the work of continuing Christ's ministry.

### The Rite of Ordination

- **Laying on of Hands:** The bishop extends his hands over the candidate, a symbolic action that invokes the Holy Spirit and confers the sacramental power.
- **Consecratory Prayer:** Following the laying on of hands, the bishop offers a solemn prayer, asking God to grant the new minister the necessary graces of the Holy Spirit.
- **Anointing and Vesting:** The new priest's hands are anointed with chrism, and he is vested with the stole and chasuble, symbolizing his new office.

### Purpose and Significance

- **Sacramental Character:** Holy Orders confers an indelible spiritual character, a permanent mark on the soul of the ordained, ensuring that they remain a priest, deacon, or bishop for life, even if they no longer actively exercise their duties.
- **Ministry to the People of God:** The ordained ministers serve the Church by teaching the faith, leading public worship, governing the community, and caring for the needs of the faithful.

Next week we will look at the catholic concept that Singing is praying twice.

*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 8/9**

|                                         |              |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Sunday Collection                       | \$ 11,068.45 |
| Online Donation (WeShare)               | \$ 307.00    |
| Online Donation (Pushpay)               | \$ 3,180.00  |
| Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM) | \$ 540.00    |
| Mass Intention                          | \$ 60.00     |
| Debt Reduction                          | \$ 1,244.00  |
| Candles                                 | \$ 1,201.00  |
| Preschool                               | \$ 100.00    |
| Donation                                | \$ 25.00     |
| Catholic Communication Campaign         | \$ 40.00     |
| All Soul's Day                          | \$ 155.00    |
| Flowers                                 | \$ 20.00     |
| Knights of Columbus                     | \$ 690.50    |
| Retirement Fund for the Religious       | \$ 25.00     |
| World Mission Day                       | \$ 20.00     |

**WEEKEND TOTAL**

**\$ 18,675.95**

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

## SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our readings offer a sober reminder that this life is not our aim and that God's justice will triumph in the end. Now is the time to get our priorities in order, putting God above all else as his faithful stewards.



Our Lord brings home the urgency of right priorities in our Gospel passage from Luke, reminding the people around him who were looking at the temple nearby, "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Our Lord reminds us that all in this world is passing. We must keep our focus on eternity.

Yet before the eternal bliss of heaven, we should expect to be tried and tested. "Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name."

Sounds scary. But if you are living a stewardship way of life, there is nothing to fear. You have a plan in place. All you need to do is stick with it. Put our Lord first in your time, with your talents, and through your use of treasure. This way of life is not easy. But Jesus promises it will lead to eternal salvation and the joy of union with Him. "You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance, you will secure your lives."

Onward, Christian stewards, the struggle is worth the joy that awaits!

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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

*"All that you see here – the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."*

~LUKE 21:6



## 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 7 – STEWARDSHIP AND THE EUCHARIST

Ever since the Second Vatican Council, the faithful have been benefited from a more active role in the celebration of The Eucharist. They participate as members of the common priesthood.

When you participate in the mass, you bring an offering and a sacrifice. Just prior to the Eucharistic prayer, the priest offers the invitation to prayer: *"Pray my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours are acceptable to God the Father Almighty."*

What is our offering? As a Christian Steward, we give back to God some of the time and talent that we received from him. It may be in the form of prayer, service or money.

What is our sacrifice? In giving back a portion of his gifts you sacrifice your very self. You offer to God all that you are and put your life in God's hands. The priest could just as easily say *"Pray that my sacrifice and **your stewardship** may be acceptable to God."*

**THE LEGION OF MARY** will continue the Columban Drive (membership drive) and will keep the membership 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, please contact the parish contacts:  
Inday Ramos (808) 389-0746 and  
Kai Li (808) 623-2759 or Olohekai@aol.com.



### CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

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

Return gifts: November 15,16,  
22 & 23, after all Masses.

## ***Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe for a "New Culture of Life"***

Throughout this Novena, we ask the intercession of Mary, the Merciful Mother of Jesus, for a New Culture of Life and the conversion of the Americas.



**St. John Apostle &  
Evangelist Catholic  
Church**

**December 3-11, 2025  
Novena Rosary at OCC**

### **Dec. / Rosary**

|      |    |      |
|------|----|------|
| Wed  | 3  | 5 pm |
| Thus | 4  | 5 pm |
| Fri  | 5  | 5 pm |
| Sat  | 6  | 4 pm |
| Sun  | 7  | 5 pm |
| Mon  | 8  | 5 pm |
| Tue  | 9  | 5 pm |
| Wed  | 10 | 5 pm |
| Thu  | 11 | 5 pm |

For more information contact:

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Patricia (808) 256-0830

**Friday, December 12, 2025**

**5:00 PM Mañanitas**

**6:00 PM Mass**

# St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church



**Join us for *Misa de Gallo*  
at 5:00 A.M. with our Celebrants:**

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|--------|-------------------------------------|
| Dec 16 | Fr. Anthony Rapozo & Fr. Jojo Alnas |
| Dec 17 | Fr. Alfred Guerrero                 |
| Dec 18 | Fr. Ed Barut                        |
| Dec 19 | Bishop Larry Silva                  |
| Dec 20 | Fr. Anthony Rapozo                  |
| Dec 21 | Fr. Jojo Alnas                      |
| Dec 22 | Fr. Kurt Meyer                      |
| Dec 23 | Fr. Manny Hewe                      |
| Dec 24 | Fr. Jojo & Fr. Anthony Rapozo       |

# ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult parishioner who missed receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation? Preparation of Confirmation for parishioners who want to receive this Sacrament will be offered in **January 2026, beginning on Tuesday January 20, 6:30pm - 8:30pm** in the One Community Center's Conference Room.

**We are now accepting registrations for these classes. Open registration will be closed on Tuesday January 6, 2026. To register, visit our website, [stjohnmililani.org](http://stjohnmililani.org).**

For more information, please contact Fr. Anthony at: [sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org](mailto:sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org) or (808)623-3332. Mahalo!



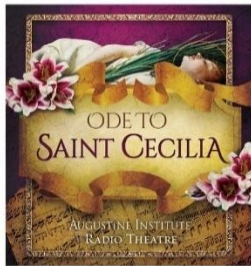
# This Week on Formed

## Week of November 16, 2025



### What Catholics Believe About Mary: Immaculate Conception, Virginity

Join Dr. Edward Sri as he answers some of the internet's most asked questions about Mary. Who is Mary? Why do Catholics pray to Mary? How could she be a virgin if Jesus had brothers and sisters according to the Bible? Find out answers to these and more questions in this episode of What Catholics Believe.



### Ode to Saint Cecilia

The lives of the saints are epic stories and particular expressions of God's grace in humanity. Celebrate St. Cecilia with this audio drama by the Augustine Institute Radio Theatre.



### St. Elizabeth of Hungary | Littlest Saints

A group of kids stages a play about St. Elizabeth of Hungary, focusing on her love for the poor and her devotion to serving others. The episode highlights her life, including the Miracle of the Roses, where her hidden acts of charity are revealed.

Our parish has a Formed subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THIS WEEKEND** (11/15-16), our collection will support the **CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**. 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."* Please remember that 25% of the CCHD collection in our diocese stays in Hawaii. CCHD funds donated from our parishes contribute 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. Please prayerfully consider Bishop Larry Silva's call to give generously to the CCHD collection as a way of witnessing to Jesus.

Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please drop your donation during offertory or you may also donate online through our parish website and clicking "Give Online." MAHALO!

Fr. Anthony & Fr. Jojo will be away on the annual Convocation Retreat during the week of November 17 – 21. There will be **COMMUNION SERVICE** in lieu of daily Mass.

Let us celebrate **Fr. Jojo's 22nd Priest Ordination Anniversary!** He will celebrate an evening Mass on **Wednesday, November 19, at 6:00 PM**. Please keep him in your prayers on this special occasion.

**Season of Hope** "A New Season Dawns" Season 1 | Tuesday, Nov 18 | 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 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!



**WE GIVE THANKS TO OUR LORD FOR ALL HIS BLESSINGS!** Join us in gratitude at the **8:00 am Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thurs, Nov 27th!** Bring a meal item (labeled with your name) for your thanksgiving table for a blessing before sharing it with your family & friends (i.e., apple cider, dinner rolls, fruit, etc.) Our Liturgical Environment Ministry will place the item on the sanctuary with you.

**Remember a loved one by making a flower offering this Christmas.** Envelopes are available at the back of the church, or you may also make a donation online by visiting our parish website, online giving. Mahalo!



## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Monday, November 17, 2025**

8 AM Communion Service

### **Tuesday, November 18, 2025**

8 AM Communion Service

### **Wednesday, November 19, 2025**

8 AM Communion Service

### **Thursday, November 20, 2025**

8 AM Communion Service

### **Friday, November 21, 2025**

8 AM Communion Service

### **Saturday, November 22, 2025**

8 AM Molly Dizol (Birthday Blessing)  
Lorna Tulang (RIP)  
Ronald & Erlinda Redoble (Thanksgiving))

5 PM Gilbert Canales (RIP)

### **Sunday, November 23, 2025**

7 AM Avery Curet (RIP)

9 AM *For the People*

11 AM Gilbert Canales (RIP)

6 PM Suzanna Foster (RIP)

**Respect Life** *"We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well... Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives."*

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,  
"An Adoption Love Story" ([respectlife.org/adoption-love-story](https://respectlife.org/adoption-love-story))

## 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.