



SPIRIT-LED NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Aloha my Brothers and Sisters,

The Catholic concept that "singing is praying twice" is an ancient, widely attributed saying from St. Augustine, meaning that singing enhances and multiplies the prayer's effectiveness by engaging the heart, increasing joy, making words more memorable, and uniting the community. While the exact phrase isn't in his works, it captures his idea that "He who sings praises, not only praises, but praises joyfully," a sentiment echoed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Meaning of the Phrase-

- Double the prayer: Singing amplifies the prayer, making it more than just spoken words.
- Emotional Engagement: Music adds an affective dimension, engaging the heart and expressing the soul's affection for God.
- Joyful Expression: Singing conveys a profound and joyful expression of love for God, which is a powerful form of praise.
- Memory and Devotion: Music helps embed sacred words in the memory and soul, fostering deeper religious fervor.
- Community Unity: Singing unites the gathered faithfully in a common act of worship and prayer, binding them together

Connection to Catholic Tradition-

- St. Augustine's Teaching: The saying stems from Augustine's writings on the spiritual power of music, particularly his commentary on Psalm 72.
- Liturgy of the Mass: The Church teaches that the Mass is meant to be sung, forming an integral act of worship where sacred music and words are one.
- Full and Active Participation: The phrase reflects the call for full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy, where singing is an essential external and internal component.

Why Singing is Considered Praying Twice-

- Expresses the whole person: Singing involves the mind, the heart, and the voice, offering praise in a fuller, more noble way than speaking alone.
- Elevates the prayer: It connects the earthly with the divine, giving liturgical worship a more profound and impactful quality.
- Fulfills a divine command: The Psalms themselves call for making a joyful noise to God, and singing fulfills this call by uniting the community in praise.

Next week, we will look at "Why it is wrong to leave mass right after receiving communion."

Gratefully yours in the heart of Jesus Christ,

Fr. Anthony Rapozo

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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 15/16
Sunday Collection	\$ 10,800.41
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$ 492.00
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 3,861.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 791.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$ 50.00
Healing Mass [11/10/25]	\$ 385.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,402.00
Candles	\$ 440.00
Preschool	\$ 100.00
Catholic Communication Campaign for Human Development	\$ 235.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 135.00
Retirement Fund for the Religious	\$ 10.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 18,726.41

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

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP CONSULTANTS

On this Feast of Christ the King, our readings show us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is at the same time the humblest of Kings. Christ is the perfect model of servant leadership. And what an indescribable privilege that He has called us to be servant leaders — stewards in the work of advancing His Kingdom.



In our second reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, Paul describes the great power and dignity that characterize Christ the King. "All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together." It makes you want to stand up and cheer. That's our King!

Yet, what a contrasting description of the same King we find in our Gospel passage, from Luke. Now we see our King nailed to the Cross. Everyone from rulers to soldiers, to the criminals on either side of Christ is mocking, sneering, and reviling him. They tauntingly urge him to prove His kingship by coming down from the Cross to end his suffering with a great show of power. "if you are the King of the Jews, save yourself."

But He does not. Amazingly, it is in this moment of seeming weakness and humiliation, when all appears hopeless and lost, that the full breadth of his greatness as king is displayed. Though all things were created through and for Him — Christ chooses to live entirely for others, for us!

What does this mean for us as his followers and stewards of His kingdom? Precisely that our lives are not about us. They are about Christ and others. And we will advance his kingdom to the extent that we embrace this mindset: my life is not about me; it is about serving the King of kings.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Responsorial Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

~LUKE 23:42



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 8 – AN ACCEPTABLE SACRIFICE

In the last article, I quoted the invitation to prayer that occurs just before the Eucharistic prayer:
"Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father Almighty."

What is an "acceptable" sacrifice? How do you know if your sacrifice is "acceptable"?

In your heart, you know. If your offering puts God first then it most certainly is acceptable to God.

The Christian stewardship of a mature Disciple does just that.

If you give to God out of your surplus then maybe you should consider stepping up your stewardship a notch or two.



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

Last weekend to return gifts:
November 22 & 23, after all Masses.

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

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

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church has begun our journey to move to becoming a missionary parish. The one reason for this, is the fact that evangelization is the essential mission and deepest identity of the Church itself, a mandate given to us by Jesus Christ to all baptized individuals. The parish is not meant to be an inward-focused community concerned only with the needs of existing members but an outward-facing beacon of God's love, actively reaching out to the world.

This is why SJAE has been collecting Christmas gifts for **Catholic Charities Kaua'i**, to help families who are in need of some help in celebrating Christmas this year. And this weekend, SJAE kicks off our Advent Mission, working along with other Catholic parishes nationwide to be part of the "missionary Church" Pope Leo XVI envisions. We are teaming up with **Cross Catholic Outreach**, a trusted Catholic relief ministry, to help build 224 homes for deeply impoverished families living in three Catholic diocese in Guatemala. Therefore, I am kindly asking you all to please read the wonderful and informative insert in this weekend's bulletin about this missionary project our parish is a part of this year.

And remember, every parish is called to move from a maintenance-based model (simply sustaining the existing community) to a mission-based model, actively sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with a world in desperate need of hope and truth. The need for a missionary parish can be explained through several key theological and practical reasons:

- **Fulfilling the Great Commission:** The primary reason is obedience to Christ's command to spread the Gospel to all people. Every baptized individual is called to share the Good News of salvation, making mission a foundational aspect of Christian life and ministry.
- **Reflecting God's Heart:** God's redemptive plan has always been for all nations. A missionary parish aligns itself with this divine purpose, demonstrating God's love and mercy to the surrounding community and beyond.
- **Responding to a World in Need:** The world is in desperate need of the life-giving power of the Gospel. A missionary parish acts as a beacon of hope, bringing the light of Christ to those who are distant from the faith, struggling with poverty, or in need of support.
- **Nurturing Spiritual Growth:** Engaging in mission work helps parishioners deepen their own faith and spiritual maturity. The act of sharing faith and serving others enriches one's own spiritual journey and relationship with God.
- **A Clear Identity and Purpose:** The mission provides the parish with a clear, unifying purpose that guides all its activities and ministries. Every program, from the Sunday experience to small groups and humanitarian aid, should ultimately serve the goal of making missionary disciples.
- **Reliance on the Holy Spirit:** The mission cannot be accomplished through human effort alone. A missionary parish relies heavily on constant prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit to guide its evangelization efforts and transform lives.

Ultimately, the parish's mission is not one task among many, but the driving force behind its very existence, ensuring it serves as an effective channel of grace and reconciliation in the world.

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



**Cross Catholic
OUTREACH**

Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poorest of the Poor

Be Someone's Miracle

Our Parish's Advent Outreach



Build Homes and Share Hope in Guatemala

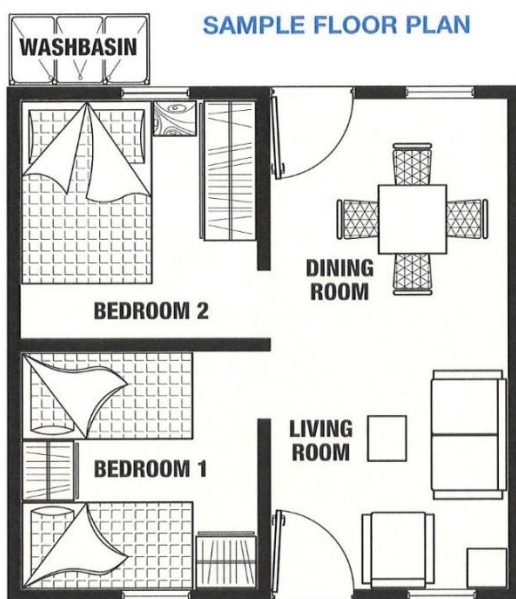
This Advent season, our parish is joining Catholics nationwide to be part of the “missionary Church” that Pope Leo XIV envisions. We are teaming up with Cross Catholic Outreach, a trusted Catholic relief and development ministry, to help build 224 homes for deeply impoverished families living in three Catholic dioceses in Guatemala.

Sisters Mishel and Melany, shown above, are two of the 1,164 people whom we can help bless with a safe, sturdy home. These precious girls live with their parents and other siblings in the village of Laguna Seca in the Diocese of Santa Rosa de Lima. Sadly, Mishel and Melany are growing up in unsafe and unsanitary conditions. There are holes in their walls and roof, so the dirt floor turns to mud every time it rains. The girls are constantly battling illnesses and fungal infections, and it can be hard for them to focus on homework or dream of a better future when their current situation seems so bleak.

Your generosity will allow families in Guatemala to stay strong and united by empowering local Catholic leaders to build homes in rural villages. By joining our parish's Advent outreach, you can give children like Mishel and Melany the opportunity to overcome poverty in the communities they know and love.

Flip the page for more details.

Join Us for This Important Advent Mission



New Home Specs

It costs just \$8,892 to build a home and transform lives forever. New homes vary slightly by diocese, but all include:

- Concrete-block walls and solid concrete flooring
- Galvanized metal roofs, which are cost-effective, durable and corrosion resistant
- Locking doors and shuttered windows
- Sanitary latrines and washbasins to protect health

Please, give alms to build durable homes for families in rural Guatemala. Our parish's generosity can be someone's miracle!

Why Support Cross Catholic Outreach?

Cross Catholic Outreach is endorsed by more than 100 U.S. bishops, and its statutes are officially approved through the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. It is known and respected for its mission of mobilizing the global Catholic Church to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ. Importantly, during its 2024 fiscal year, an impressive 94.37% of all organizational expenses, including donated goods, went directly to programs that help the poor — and, as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, donations from individuals and businesses are tax deductible.

Scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit CrossCatholic.org/Advent to give online.



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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**

For more information contact:

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Dec /	Rosary	
W 3	5	pm
Th 4	5	pm
F 5	5	pm
S 6	4	pm
Su 7	5	pm
M 8	5	pm
T 9	5	pm
W 10	5	pm
Th 11	5	pm

Friday, December 12, 2025

5:00 PM Mañanitas

6:00 PM Mass



Journey to the Inn



Friday, Dec 19, 2025, 6:30pm, OCC

A Special Advent Evening Celebration

Please Bring a Dish to Share; No Registration Required



Scripture



Prayer



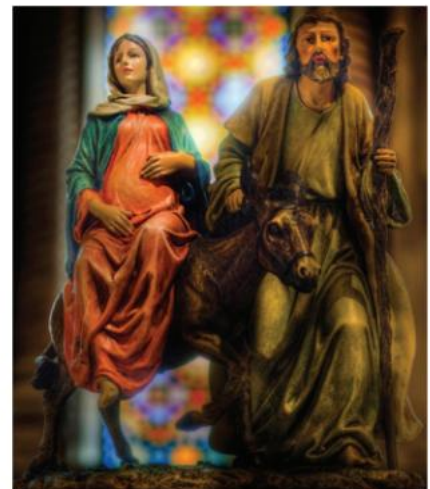
Song & Fellowship



ALL are invited! Bring your Family & Friends

For More Information: Call Regan Ramos

MFL Chair @ 425-736-9204



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Season of Hope “A New Season Dawns” Season 1 | Tuesday, Nov 25 | 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.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th in observance of Thanksgiving.



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.

CENTRAL VICARIATE ADVENT LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Dec 3 7PM Resurrection of the Lord, Waipio	Dec 11 6:30PM St Elizabeth, Aiea
Dec 5 7PM St Michael Church, Waimea	Dec 16 7PM Our Lady of Sorrows, Wahiawa
Dec 10 6:30PM St John A&E, Mililani	Dec 19 7PM Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pearl City



Come and join the **Women's Guild for their 2025 Holiday Party in the OCC** on **Saturday, Dec 5, 2025, from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm.** Cost is \$50 which includes the Prime Rib Buffet, entertainment, music, dancing and gift giving!! For more information and tickets see Georgette Ane @georgette.ane@gmail.com or Erlinda Nishimura @etn575@aol.com.

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!



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. **First class:** Tuesday, Jan 20 | 6:30pm | OCC Conference Room. We are now accepting registration for these classes. To register, visit our website, stjohnmililani.org. **Registration will close on Tuesday, January 6, 2026.** For more information, please contact Fr Anthony, sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org or (808) 623-3332. Mahalo!

Respect Life “Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary”

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 24, 2025

8 AM Avery Curet (Birthday Memorial)
Gilbert Canales (RIP)
Bryant DeCosta (Birthday Blessing)

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

8 AM Aggie Browning (Birthday Blessing)
Gilbert Canales (RIP)

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

8 AM Herman Martell (Death Anniversary)
Maria Aguirre (Birthday Blessing)
Gilbert Canales (Birthday Memorial)

Thursday, November 27, 2025

8 AM The Benitez & Browning Family
(Thanksgiving/ Blessings)
Dana, Laine, Kristi & Kendra Pagador
(Blessings/Thanksgiving)
Gilbert Canales (RIP)

Friday, November 28, 2025

8 AM James & Mildred Mizoguchi (RIP)
Eric Umetsu (RIP)
Gilbert Canales (RIP)

Saturday, November 29, 2025

8 AM Chloe (Birthday Blessing)
Pedro Taglinao (Death Anniversary)
Primo Pablo (Birthday Blessing)

5 PM Deyton Shockley (Birthday Blessing)

Sunday, November 30, 2025

7 AM Elma Lasack (Special Intentions)
9 AM *For the People*
11 AM Constancia Achaval (Birthday Blessing)
6 PM Suzanna Foster (RIP)

HEALING / BLESSINGS

Mairenui Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Thomas Ramos, John Bates, Cindy Abernathy, Barbara Ursal, Hildegard Borowitz, Roland Crisostomo, Margie Romasanta, Felicia Routon, Adam & Rosie Olivares, Dolly Lapinad, Violet Mayock, Jim Murphy, Priscilla Sy, Maria & Sam Aguirre Sr., Dolores Roccia, Oscar Gatlula, Maluhia Yoho, Marigil Sabado, Gus Benitez & 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 & Jose L. Villanueva.