



St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church

January 24/25, 2026 – Word of God Sunday

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Pastor's Corner

Aloha my brothers and sisters,

Prayer is the lifeblood of the Catholic faith, described by the Catechism of the Catholic Church as "the life of the new heart". It is far more than a ritual; it is a vital relationship with the Creator that transforms the soul and anchors daily life in grace.

A Personal Relationship with God

At its core, prayer is a "covenant relationship between God and man in Christ". St. Thérèse of Lisieux famously described it as "a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven". It is the primary way we communicate with God, moving beyond knowing about Him to truly knowing Him personally.

Spiritual Growth and Transformation

Prayer is the "heartbeat of the spiritual life," providing the necessary rhythm for growth. It serves several essential functions:

- **Alignment of Wills:** It helps us conform our desires to God's will, following Christ's example in Gethsemane: "not as I will, but as you will".
- **Cultivating Virtue:** Regular prayer fills the soul with the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity.
- **Forgiveness and Healing:** It is a vital tool for confessing sins, seeking mercy, and finding mental and physical peace.

The Power of Persistence and Intercession

The Catholic tradition emphasizes the efficacy of persistent prayer. Jesus taught the necessity of "praying always without becoming weary" through parables like the persistent widow.

- **Intercessory Prayer:** Catholics are called to pray for others, including the Holy Souls in Purgatory.
- **Communion of Saints:** We ask for the intercession of saints, who, being close to God, can offer their prayers on our behalf.

Rhythms of Prayer in Catholic Life

The Church proposes various rhythms to help the faithful "pray without ceasing":

- **The Liturgy:** The Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours are the public, communal prayers of the Church that unite the Body of Christ.
- **Expressions of Prayer:** These include Vocal Prayer (traditional prayers like the Rosary), Meditation (using Scripture or Lectio Divina), and Contemplation (silent, loving gaze on God).
- **Daily Habits:** Simple acts like grace before meals, morning offerings, and family prayer at home (the "domestic church") build a consistent interior life.

In an increasingly busy world, prayer offers a necessary "pause" to reconnect with God. As St. John Vianney noted, "prayer stretches the heart and makes it capable of loving God". For more guidance, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) provides extensive resources on prayer and worship.

Gratefully yours in the heart of Jesus Christ,

Fr. Anthony Rapozo



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 Fr. Cipriano “Jojo” Alnas

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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 8AM Mass – 9:30 AM
Wednesday 7 PM – 8 PM (Encounter Night)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30PM – 4:30PM

PARISH RECTORY HOURS

Monday Closed
Tuesday – Friday 9AM – 1PM
2PM – 5PM
(Closed 1PM – 2PM
for lunch)
Sunday 8AM – 12:30PM

We are closed on Saturday, Holy Days,
and Holidays

<u>STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE</u>	<u>JAN 17/18</u>
Sunday Collection	\$10,512.65
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$3,753.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$896.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$250.00
Mass Intentions	\$1,010.00
Debt Reduction	\$1,412.00
Candles	\$558.50
Preschool	\$100.00
Christmas	\$50.00
Immaculate Conception	\$25.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$60.00
St. John Statue	\$5.00
<u>WEEKEND TOTAL</u>	<u>\$18,632.15</u>

Please call the office for inquiries: Anointing, Baptism,
Blessing, Funeral, Homebound Communion & Marriage.

Please Note:

Funerals will not be confirmed without prior approval
from Clergy and office staff and are not held on Sundays.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Yvette Browning (Birthday Blessing), †Fr. Cletus Mooya, †Bernabe Corpuz, Fernando Dizol (Birthday Blessing), †Clyde Takase, †Nelson Salvador, †Thomas Ramos, Eleanor Tamura (Birthday Blessing), Harvey Dizol (Healing), †James & Minnie Amaral, †Trudy Debusca, †Senya Watkins, †Diane Kotch (Death Anniversary), Jonah & Delaney Fonacier (Blessings), †Lucas Rapozo, Fr. Anthony Rapozo (Thanksgiving), Elma Lasack (Special Intentions), & those mentioned in the Parish Book of Prayers.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES:

Stephanie Rapozo, 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, Mark Ortogero, Dion Cortel, John Bates, Nathan Kotch, & Thomas Ramos.

Sunday Gospel Reflection

By Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Today's readings remind us that stewardship is not just a thing we do — rather, stewardship is at the core of who we are as disciples of Christ.

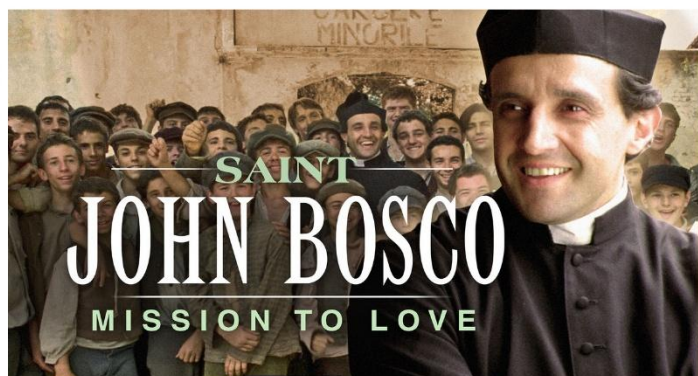
Our first reading, from Isaiah, contains this prophecy of Christ and what His saving message would mean to all who embrace it. “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.” We are among those blessed people on whom the light of Christ has shone. By virtue of our Baptism, we, who were once in the darkness of original sin, have been reborn into the great light that is God's grace in us. We are cherished members of God's family.

What a privilege! Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to actually live for God and to bring His Good News to all those we meet — at work, at school, in our community and right in our own home — in other words, to live as His good stewards.

And there is a certain urgency that comes with the call to a stewardship way of life as we see in our Gospel passage from Matthew. Jesus says, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” In other words, turn away from selfishness, turn towards God and live as His disciple now — don't wait!

In this same passage, the very first disciples give us examples of a good steward's prompt “yes” when the Lord called to them. Our Lord invites them to “Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.” They did not hesitate but “at once they left their nets and followed him.” They put our Lord and His will first.

This is the essence of a stewardship way of life — to be always ready for the ways that our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. It's more than something we do — it's who we are.



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Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a



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 17 - IT'S NOT A COMMITMENT TO ME

As a Christian steward we receive God's gifts gratefully, cherish and tend them within a responsible and accountable manner, share them in justice and love with others, and return them with increase to the Lord. Our spiritual commitment can be seen as an act of stewardship. We are making an investment with our spiritual commitment so that we can return it to the Lord with increase; so that we can become more holy.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR DEBT REDUCTION

Next weekend, 1/31 – 2/1, we will have a second collection to help pay for the mortgage of the One Community Center. Envelopes are available at the back of the church, or you may donate via our parish website "Give Online" link. Your generosity is much appreciated.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Next weekend 1/31-2/1, The PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY will be sponsoring free blood pressure screenings after all Masses on the church lanai.

SET A FIRE
Come, Holy Spirit
 A Catholic retreat for Young Adults ages 18-39
 February 6th - 8th 2026
 St Stephen's Diocesan Center
Registration now open!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls the fishermen to drop their nets and follow Him to a new life. In your marriage, are you holding onto "nets"—old habits or busy routines—that keep you from fully following the call to love your spouse? Drop your nets and discover a new way to connect. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is a non-residential weekend, April 24–26, 2026, on Oahu. Couples return home each evening, making it perfect for those with childcare needs. Two other weekend experiences are scheduled in Hawaii this year. To apply or for more information, visit www.hawaiiwme.org or contact Brian and Claudine Perry at (808) 276-5721. Space is limited.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVENA DEDICATED TO OUR WIDOWS/WIDOWERS

January 23-31, 2026

Please join our MFL Ministry and the Knights of Columbus for 9 days of prayer. Please bring your family and friends. ALL are welcome!

Weekday Prayers: 6pm, Room 1 or 4

Jan 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

Weekend Prayers: 2:30pm, Room 1

Jan 24-25

On Saturday, Jan 31, we will be celebrating the Feast Day of

St. Marcella, A Patron Saint of Widowhood.

Novena Prayer will be at 12:30pm, in the OCC.

Fellowship and a POTLUCK to follow. You are welcome to bring a dish to share.

For more information:

Please contact Mila Ramos at: 425-890-8377

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 25-31

St. John's Catholic Preschool will be celebrating our Parish this Sunday, January 25, during the 9am Mass. Current students of SJCP and our preschool alumni will be acknowledged with a special blessing.



"Hope rises in every season – come and be renewed!"

Begins on February 3rd

If you're in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith-sharing group is for you. It meets for seven Tuesdays beginning February 3 from 6:30-8:30pm for prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship. For more information contact:

Dcn Mike or Jeff Esposito @ mbrowning@rcchawaii.org