



St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church

January 31/February 1, 2026 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Pastor's Corner

Aloha my brothers and sisters,

Last weekend we celebrated Word of God Sunday, and during our entrance procession we walked in with both the Book of the Gospels and the Torah. However, some people have asked Fr. JoJo and I what the Torah is and why did we process with it.

For Catholics, the Torah (the first five books of the Bible or Pentateuch) is essential as the inspired Word of God, outlining the covenantal history of salvation, establishing moral foundations, and prophesying the coming of Jesus Christ, who fulfills the Law. It is considered a "light" and "lamp" that separates good from evil.

Key Reasons for Importance in Catholicism:

Foundation of Scripture: It is the inspired Word of God that reveals how humanity was created, fell, and began the journey of salvation.

Prophetic Preparation: It foretells and prepares the way for Christ, serving as a "prehistory" that finds its fulfillment in the New Testament.

Moral Guidance: It provides enduring moral laws (such as the Ten Commandments) that guide the faithful in living a life that pleases God.

Covenant Relationship: It outlines the history of God's covenant with humanity and the Jewish people.

Jesus's Own Scripture: The Torah was the Bible of Jesus and the Apostles.

Foreshadowing Christ: Many elements in the Torah, such as the sacrifice of Isaac or the Paschal Lamb, are seen as foreshadowing (types) of Christ's passion and the Eucharist.

The Torah is the light for all our Jewish brothers and sisters. Without these books, it would be very difficult for anyone to make sense of what follows in the Sacred Scriptures. We Catholics also embrace the Torah. It gives us many insights into our covenant relationship with God. But, for us, a much greater light, not disconnected from the Torah, has been given.

Pope Benedict XVI, in his Easter Vigil homily in April 2009, focused on this point.

"In the Old Testament, the Torah was considered to be like the light coming from God for the world and for humanity. The Torah separates light from darkness within creation, that is to say, good from evil. It points out to humanity the right path to true life. It points out the good, it demonstrates the truth and it leads us toward love, which is the deepest meaning contained in the Torah. It is a 'lamp' for our steps and a 'light' for our path. Christians, then, knew that in Christ, the Torah is present, the Word of God is present in him as person."

"The Word of God is the true light that humanity needs. This word is present in him, in the son. Psalm 19 had compared the Torah to the sun that manifests God's glory as it rises, for all the world to see. Christians understand: yes indeed, in the resurrection, the Son of God has emerged as the light of the world. Christ is the great light from which all life originates. He enables us to recognize the glory of God from one end of the earth to the other. He points out our path. He is the Lord's Day, which, as it grows, is gradually spreading throughout the earth. Now, living with him and for him, we can live in the light."

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

VICAR

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 24/25</u>
Sunday Collection	\$11,495.29
Online Donation (WeShare)	\$3,348.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$290.00
Mass Intentions	\$430.00
Debt Reduction	\$852.00
Candles	\$407.00
Preschool	\$75.00
Flowers	\$25.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$1,208.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$5.00
St. Augustine Education Foundation	\$10.00
Hawaii Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal	\$12.00
<u>WEEKEND TOTAL</u>	<u>\$18,157.29</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:

†Stephanie & Wayne Rapozo, †Pablo M. Benitez,
†Pedro E. Corpuz (Birthday Memorial), †Nestor
DSouza, Mary & Pacifico Datuin (Blessings),
†John Bates, †Donciano Patawaran, †Romeo
Flores Guiao, †Tessie DSouza, †Alex Braganza,
Joey Pablo (Thanksgiving), Audrey Brito
(Birthday Blessing), Fr. Anthony Rapozo (Special
Intentions), Hildegard Borowitz (Blessing),
†Feliciano Dona, Guerrero Family
(Blessings/Thanksgiving), †All Souls in
Purgatory, Marvin Acosta (Birthday
Thanksgiving/Blessings), Ben & Lily Pascual
(Blessing), †Douglas Kunukau, Dias Family,
Braganza Family, & 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, Clarita Martinez, & Abraham “Abe”
Wilson.

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13 In your midst I will leave a humble and holy people
1Corinthians 1:26-31 God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning
Matthew 5:1-12 Happy are the poor in spirit

The second reading continues to speak of our call. There is nothing about us that makes us worthy of this call to preach the gospel. Unlike these Corinthians, we probably have wise powerful, and influential people within our community. Yet they and the rest of us are not called because of that. And we show forth Christ most clearly not where we have strong but precisely where we are weak and deficient. As Paul states, God chose the foolish of this world to shame the wise, the weak to shoe up the strong.

Ask yourself whether you find God most present in your strengths and talents or where you are weak or unknowing. Again we are present in the mystery of the cross, the Creator of the universe dies as a weak mortal. In doing so he overcomes all the powers of this world, including death. So in our lives and community, we find God in those places where we most need the help of a higher power. If we can do it on our own, why do we need God? Vulnerability therefore is a value of the evangelist. We do not need to have all the answers.

In fact, if we think we do, we probably are a hindrance in bringing people to the gospel. How do you feel when you are confronted by someone who seems to know it all? Do you become suspicious? Is this too good to be true? We do not have the answers; we do not know it all. What we have been given is a mystery — the cross. And within that mystery we grow in faith and trust that God is working God's way within us for the benefit of all God's creation.

Taken from Evangelization Homily Hints, By Richard Chilsom, C.S.P.



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The Presentation

The Presentation is already foreshadowing the Cross. The offering Mary makes at the Presentation in the Temple becomes manifested and reaches its fulfillment at Calvary.

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



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Martyrs and Monastics

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein, Professor of Theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss her Short Course: Martyrs and Monastics. Who are the early Church martyrs? What fueled their witness to the faith? How did monasticism develop? These questions and more are addressed in this show.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16



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 18 – THANK YOU

Being your pastor is a big responsibility. Our parish is truly a gift that God has given to us all. Each one of you is a gift. As a community we are all stewards of our gifts, collectively and individually. We have been concentrating on the gift of time that God has given all of us. Being a good steward of time should be a priority for all of us. To all of you that made a spiritual commitment of time, I thank you. Thank you for this investment in our parish and in yourself. St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church has been involved in pastoral planning. The Diocese and each parish are doing this. What a great chance to set goals and to look into the future. St. John's is a good parish but with some investment by all of us, it can be a great parish...a stewardship parish.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**"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

Rainy, cold – need something to read or watch? Stop by the **SJAE Lending Library** tables after all Masses on 14-15 February! We have many new books for you to help you start 2026 on a spiritual high! And IF you have overdue books, please return them on 14-15 February (so that others might read them too).

Mahalo! At present, a collection of \$9160.00 was given towards the Be Someone's Miracle Advent project. Your generosity has made it possible to purchase an entire house for a family in Guatemala! A final total will be published in the weeks ahead.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

Jesus teaches the Beatitudes today, reminding us that "Blessed are the peacemakers." Peace in a marriage isn't just the absence of conflict; it is the presence of understanding and empathy. Learn the tools to become a peacemaker in your own home. **The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is a non-residential weekend, April 24–26, 2026, on Oahu.** This format allows you to experience the weekend during the day and sleep in the comfort of your own home at night. Two other weekend experiences are scheduled in Hawaii this year. To apply or for more information, visit www.hawaiiwwme.org or contact Brian and Claudine Perry at (808) 276-5721.

HEALING MASS:

**Monday, February 9, 2026
7:30pm – 8:30pm
St. John A&E Parish**

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



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



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

Give the of Catholic Education

Second Collection

February 7th & 8

We kindly ask you to support the Augustine Educational Foundation Second Collection.

*Make a Student Smile
Give the Gift of Catholic Education*

Your gift will support Catholic education in Hawaii. Money raised by **ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH** will assist in providing scholarships in our parish and vicariate community. For the 2025-2026 school year, the Augustine Educational Foundation funded \$1.7M through our tuition scholarship programs and \$28,550 in grants for school programs.

Strengthen *Faith*,
Support *Catholic Education*,
Make a Student *Smile*.

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Mahalo for your continued support!

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ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL
Curious Monkeys Newsletter
February 2026



HAPPY LOVE MONTH!

We are delighted to welcome our new head teacher, Ms. Kyah, who brings a wealth of experience and a fresh perspective to our educational community. With a strong background in educational leadership and a commitment to fostering a positive learning environment, she is poised to inspire our students here at St. John's.

We have recently concluded an astronomical study of our solar system. The children enjoyed learning interesting facts about our planet as well as the other planets. We also learned about constellations, natural satellites (moons), stars, and the other heavenly bodies in space.

This month our focus will be on the Hawaiian Islands and discovering how they were formed from volcanoes. We will discuss in depth the parts of the volcano and how it develops into an island. The students will learn interesting facts about each of the Hawaiian islands too.

On February 24th, we will be having our Spring Portraits. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon.

As always, we thank you for your continued support of St. John's Catholic Preschool.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 14...Valentine's Day
February 16...Presidents' Day
Holiday (No School)
February 18...Ash Wednesday
February 24...Spring Portraits

LOOKING AHEAD

March 13...Early Dismissal at 11:30am
March 16-20...Spring Break
March 26...Prince Kuhio Day
Holiday (No School)

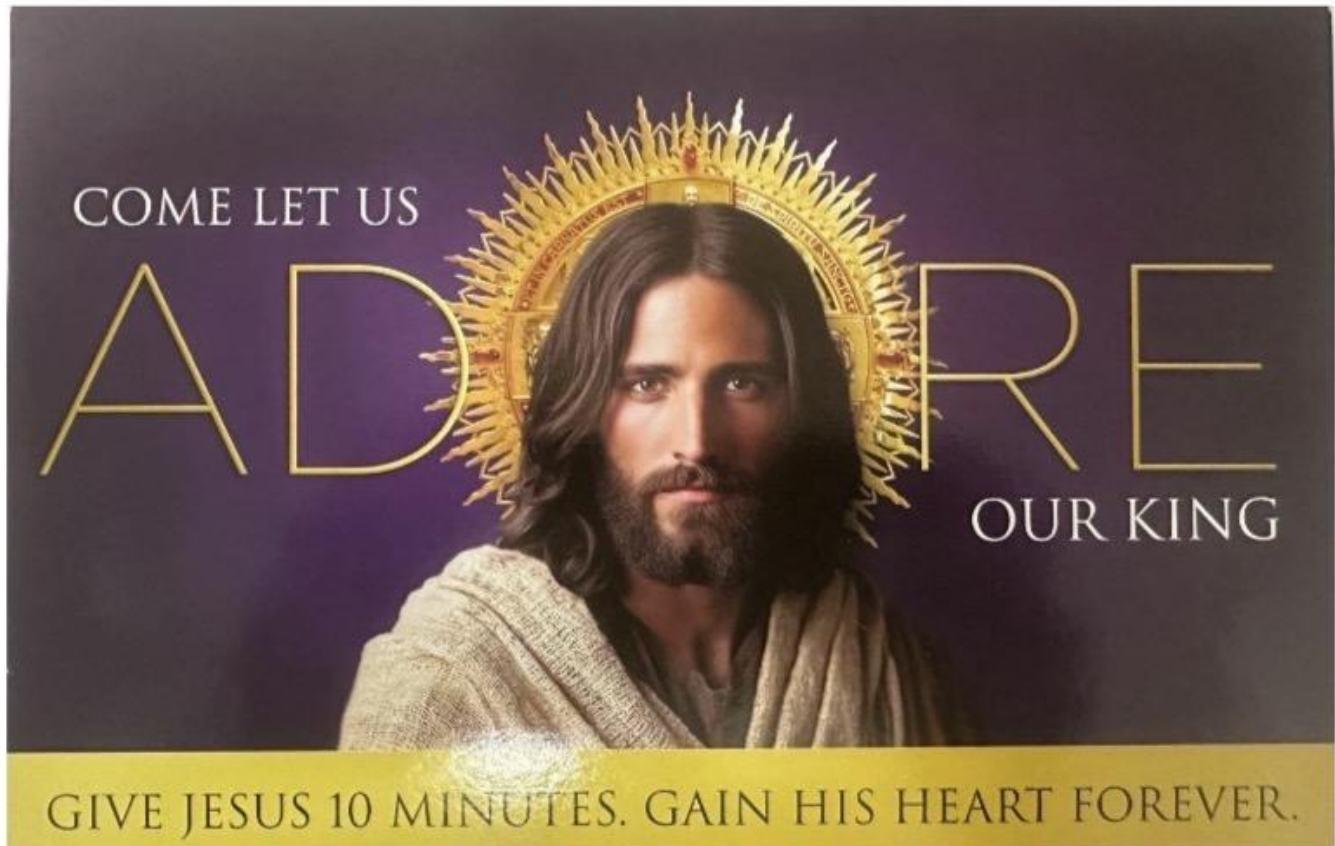
BIRTHDAY WISHES

Lucky...February 13
Gia...February 24



"The purpose of education must be to elevate the individual; otherwise education would be of no use. This must be the goal of education. We must wish to love humanity, instead of merely wanting to apply a preconceived plan." - Maria Montessori

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church
Invites Youth & Young Adults
YOUTH ENCOUNTER NIGHT
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2026, at 7:00PM



"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration."

Mother Teresa

"He who is all-knowing knew of nothing more that he could give than the Eucharist. He who is all-powerful could not do any more than he does in the sacrament and he who is all loving had nothing more that He could give. The Eucharist is a Divine storehouse filled with every virtue."

St. Augustine