



St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church

February 7/8, 2026 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Pastor's Corner

Aloha my brothers and sisters,

Occasionally, Catholics ask the questions why Latin is the Official language of the Catholic church.

The Catholic Church uses Latin for unity, tradition, and its role as a universal, unchanging language, stemming from its origins in the Roman Empire where Latin was the lingua franca for law, education, and administration, ensuring consistent worship across diverse cultures and historical periods. While vernacular languages were introduced for understanding, Latin remained the official liturgical language to preserve doctrinal purity, foster a sense of timeless mystery, and unite Catholics globally through shared sacred texts and music, like Gregorian chant.

Historical Roots

- **Roman Empire:** Latin was the common language of the Western Roman Empire, making it the natural choice for the Church in Rome.
- **Early Christianity:** Early Christians adopted Latin as Christianity spread, continuing to use it as the language of education, law, and the state.

Reasons for Continued Use

- **Unity:** A single language for core prayers (like the Ordinary of the Mass) promotes a unified Catholic identity, transcending national and linguistic barriers.
- **Tradition & Mystery:** Latin connects the contemporary Church to its ancient roots, emphasizing the Mass as a sacred, timeless mystery rather than mere instruction.
- **Immutability:** As a non-vernacular, unchanging language, Latin guards against doctrinal drift and ensures consistent transmission of faith.

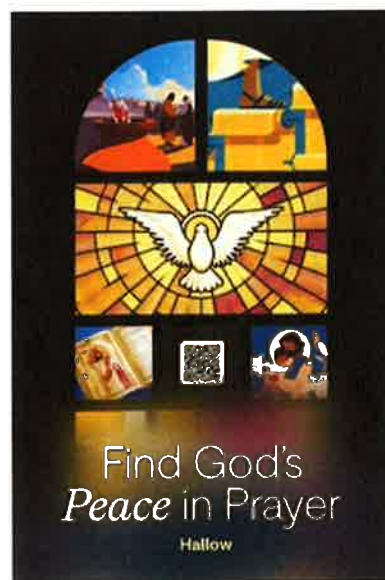
- **Universality:** It's a universal language for the global Church (Catholic), favored by no single nation.
- **Music:** It's integral to sacred music, especially Gregorian chant, encouraging shared musical prayer.

Modern Practice

- **Second Vatican Council (Vatican II):** While promoting vernacular languages for broader understanding (especially in readings and homilies), Vatican II intended for Latin to remain in the liturgy, encouraging Catholics to learn its parts.
- **Official Language:** Latin remains the official language of the Holy See and the Roman Rite, even as local languages are used extensively.

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.*

<u>STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE</u>	<u>JAN 31/FEB 1</u>
Sunday Collection	\$11,976.32
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$9,953.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$812.00
OCC Capital Campaign (Non-Assessed)	\$10.00
Mass Intentions	\$190.00
Debt Reduction	\$10,294.93
Candles	\$270.00
Funeral	\$300.00
Preschool	\$75.00
All Souls	\$15.00
Ash Wednesday	\$30.00
Augustine Education Fund	\$105.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$100.00
World Mission Day	\$10.00
Church in Latin America	\$107.00
<u>WEEKEND TOTAL</u>	<u>\$34,248.25</u>

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

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:

Feb 9: †Kim & Colin Rapozo, Yadao & Family (Blessings/Thanksgiving), Grace Curet (Birthday Blessing) **Feb 10:**
†John Bates, †Beatrice Braganza, DSouza Family **Feb 11:** Fr. Anthony Rapozo (Special Intentions), †James & Mildred
Mizoguchi, †Eric Umetsu **Feb 12:** Modesta Yadao (Birthday Blessing), †Josefa, Elena Antonio Ceres, †Francisco P.
Corpuz (2nd Death Anniversary) **Feb 13:** Romulo & Melody Ofalsa (Blessings), Gonsalves Family, Trudy Aboyme
(Healing) **Feb 14:** †Stephanie & Wayne Rapozo, †Ginny Rapozo, Patrick Kempf (Healing), Eva Aquino (Blessings)
Feb 15: †Gerald Miller, †Teodulo Z. Villareal, †Zoraida de Dios, & 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, John Bates, Nathan Kotch, Thomas Ramos, Clarita Martinez,
Abraham “Abe” Wilson, & Betty Jo Buescher.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

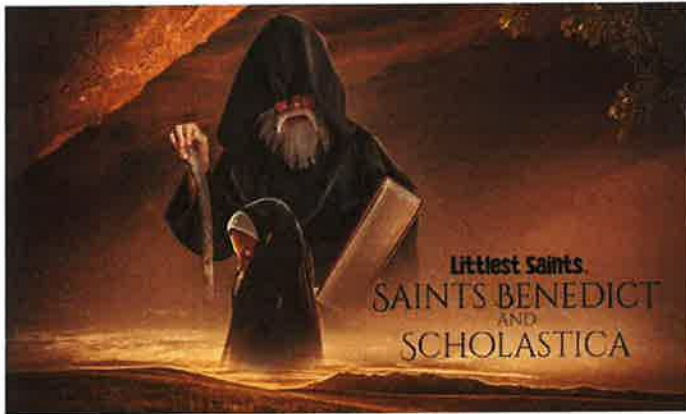
***Isaiah 58:7-10 Your light will shine like the dawn.
1 Corinthians 2:1-5 I have told you of the witness of the crucified Christ.
Matthew 5:13-16 you are the light of the world.***

Isaiah stresses evangelization as action. We will make our God known by our works: feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless. When we do these things, we show forth the God we believe in. For God above all is merciful and cares for all creatures, especially for the poor.

Paul speaks of his weakness as a part of his preaching the gospel. God makes use of our weakness as well. God chose us in all our many facets, including our weaknesses. We cannot excuse ourselves from being signs of evangelization because we do not know enough, or we are not good enough. God's wisdom shines forth precisely through our weakness.

Jesus tells us the true end of evangelization. We are to be signs of God's love and goodness. Evangelization is not about converting people or getting more members for the church; that is a byproduct. We are called first and foremost to be a light for others by which they might come to know our God.

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



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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Divorce Support Group

If you or someone you know is seeking hope and encouragement in the midst of separation or divorce, you are not alone. Please join us for fellowship as we walk together on this journey.

**Date: 2nd Saturdays of the month
(Next session: Feb 14)
Time: 9:00-10:00 am
Location: SJAE, OCC Conference Rm**

**POC: Elisa Hammer
E-mail: elisa.hammer@me.com**



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37



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 19 – GRATITUDE

The following excerpt is from Bishop Larry's homily from March 15, 2015. Food for thought!

We come here to celebrate the Eucharist, a word that means "thanksgiving", so that we may reflect on this great gift of God's merciful love and give Him thanks and praise. Yet even though we have many reasons to be thankful, we can also fall into the temptation of taking God's mercy for granted, and even of believing we are entitled to it, no matter what we do. How often do we hear people say, "I don't get anything out of the Mass." This may mean we need to be more careful about how we celebrate the liturgy, but it may also mean that they are expecting to get something rather than to give something, to give to God the thanks and praise it is right and just to give Him.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

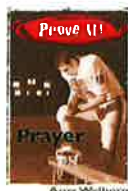
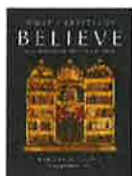
HALLOW APP

If you already have a Hallow app membership, please join the waitlist for our Lent Pray40: The Return challenge. It will go live on February 18th. If you would like to learn more about this prayer app, please contact the Parish office. Also, as an incentive, the first 6 people who registers with our front office staff will receive a special gift!



SJAE LENDING LIBRARY

Make 2026 your **BEST** spiritual-growth year!
Your SJAE library has great resources to help.
Library tables will be on the lanai after all Masses next weekend (14-15 February).



FISH FRY

February 20 & March 13
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
One Community Center

Tickets will be available for purchase this weekend, February 7 & 8 on the church lanai after all Masses.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

"You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world." Don't let the light of your love be hidden under the bushel basket of work, chores, and daily stress. A Marriage Encounter weekend helps you let your light shine before your family and community. **The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is a non-residential weekend, April 24–26, 2026, on Oahu.** Couples go home at the end of each day, offering flexibility for parents. 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.



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MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
& THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**



*"I will bless the home in which the image of my Sacred
Heart shall be exposed and honored."*

The Enthronement is a solemn installation of the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary in a Christian home. It is an Act of Consecration recognizing the rule of Jesus and Mary over the family, and a profession of faith to the salvific sacrifice of Jesus Christ and the sorrows endured by the Blessed Mother for the love of her son and the family of God. The image reminds the family of their Christian responsibility to love one another and their community, protect the faith, and uphold Christian values towards sanctity.

THE 12 PROMISES OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The Enthronement brings countless graces to the home. Through St. Margaret Mary, Jesus promised to fulfill 12 special blessings to those who devote themselves to His infinite love through His Most Sacred Heart.

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart.
12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

HOW DOES THE ENTHRONEMENT WORK?

Prepare. Before the enthronement ceremony, the family must recite certain prayers to prepare their hearts and homes for the Consecration.

Receive. A clergy and some Legion of Mary members visit the home at the scheduled time and perform the Enthronement ceremony.

Live. The family must strive towards holiness seeking the guidance of Jesus and Mary, and renew their Act of Consecration especially on special occasions, e.g., Feasts of the Sacred Heart, Christ the King, Immaculate Conception, Anniversary of the Enthronement, anniversary of parents, birthdays, etc.

BRING JESUS & MARY INTO YOUR HOMES!

For more info, contact:

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Universal Call to Evangelization

The Catholic Church's universal call to evangelization, rooted in baptism, mandates every Catholic to actively proclaim the Gospel and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is considered the essential mission of the Church, inseparable from the call to holiness, focusing on sharing faith in daily life and bringing people to Christ.

Core Aspects of the Universal Call to Evangelization

Rooted in Baptism & Holiness:

Evangelization is not just for clergy or missionaries; it is a duty for all baptized Catholics, integral to their Christian identity and journey toward holiness.

The "New Evangelization":

This effort, emphasized by recent Popes, focuses on re-proposing the Gospel to those in traditionally Christian areas who have lost touch with their faith, adapting methods to modern, secularized contexts.

Proclamation and Witness:

Evangelization involves witnessing through a virtuous life, proclaiming the Gospel, and sharing the love of Jesus Christ. It includes inviting others to experience the Sacraments and community life.

No "One-Size-Fits-All":

Every Catholic has a unique role, personality, and spiritual gifts for this mission.

Key Principles and Calls

Pope Paul VI (Evangelii Nuntiandi) stated that the Church exists in order to evangelize.

Pope Francis reinforces that evangelization is the primary mission, often in response to indifference or secularization.

The "New Evangelization" is a call to action, aimed at revitalizing faith in both the church community and to those who have never heard the Gospel.

Practical Application

Daily Life: Evangelization happens through daily, personal interactions and sharing the faith in everyday situations.

Welcoming Parishes: Creating vibrant, welcoming parish communities is crucial for reaching out to others.
Digital and Personal Outreach: Using modern tools and direct, personal invitations to join the Church or participate in events.

The call is urgent and essential, aimed at helping others encounter Jesus Christ, which is considered the highest form of charity.

Ash Wednesday is on February 18. Masses are at 8:00 AM, 5:00 PM, & 7:00 PM.

Old, blessed palms are needed for Ash Wednesday. Please drop off your old palms by Sunday, February 15th in the box provided at the church entrance or to the front office. Friendly reminder that the Parish office is now open on Sundays from 8:00AM – 12:30PM.

Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays, from February 20, 2026 - March 27, 2026, at 6:30PM, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Lenten Mission will be on March 17 & 18 at 6:30 PM.

Lenten Penance Service will be on March 19 at 7:00 PM.

Diocese of Honolulu 2026 Lenten Regulations

FASTING

- ❖ In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday (February 18, 2026) and Good Friday (April 03, 2026).
- ❖ To *fast* means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (except for water and medicine) is not permitted on days of fasting.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

- ❖ Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.
- ❖ To abstain means refraining from eating the flesh, marrow and blood products of beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

2026 HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday March 29	Holy Thursday April 2	Good Friday April 3	Holy Saturday April 4	Easter Sunday April 5
				
Regular Sunday Schedule	7:00 PM Mass	3:00 PM & 6:00 PM Service Stations of the Cross at 5:30 PM	7:00 PM Mass	7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM Masses NO 6:00 PM MASS



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Biblical Truth, Human Dignity & Today's Public Policy

How we understand the human person shapes everything — our relationships, our culture, and even our laws. This presentation brings together two important perspectives: a biblical vision of human dignity through Theology of the Body, and a practical look at current legislative issues affecting families in Hawai'i today. Together, these talks will help you connect faith and citizenship, understand what's happening at the Capitol, and gain tools to thoughtfully engage the issues that matter most.



February 28, 2026 (Saturday)

St. John Apostle & Evangelist, Mililani

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



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