



St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church

February 14/15, 2026 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Pastor's Corner

Aloha my brothers and sisters,

You may have noticed over the past year that many women including some of our young women have begun wearing a Mantilla. Here is a little historical information on the Mantilla:

A mantilla is a distinctive lace or silk head covering worn by women, typically during Holy Mass or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Derived from the Spanish word manta (meaning "cape"), it is characterized by its circular or triangular shape and is traditionally draped over the head and shoulders.

Purpose and Symbolism

While no longer a requirement under current Canon Law (since the 1983 revision), many Catholic women choose to wear a mantilla as a personal devotion. The practice carries deep spiritual meanings:

- **Reverence for the Real Presence:** It is an outward sign of humility and awe before Christ truly present in the Eucharist.
- **Imitation of Mary:** Women wear the veil to emulate the Virgin Mary, the archetype of purity and humility.
- **Sacredness and Dignity:** In the Church, things that are sacred—such as the tabernacle or the chalice—are often veiled. By veiling, women signify their own dignity and role as life-bearing vessels.
- **Modesty:** It serves as a visual reminder to focus on the beauty of God rather than physical appearance during worship.

Its Biblical and Marian Roots

- **Scriptural Command:** The practice is rooted in St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 11:2-16), which instructs women to cover their heads as a sign of authority and reverence "because of the angels".
- **Imitation of Mary:** Women veil to emulate the Blessed Virgin Mary, the "holiest of human persons" and the "Ark of the New Covenant," who is traditionally depicted wearing a veil as a sign of her purity, humility, and total "fiat" (yes) to God's will.



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>FEB 7/8</u>
Sunday Collection	\$9,875.55
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$4,093.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$272.00
Mass Intentions	\$90.00
Debt Reduction	\$1,390.50
Candles	\$670.00
Healing Mass (2/9/26)	\$258.00
Donation	\$25.00
Preschool	\$100.00
Augustine Education Fund	\$2,859.17
Retirement Fund for the Religious	\$25.00
World Mission Day	\$23.50
<u>WEEKEND TOTAL</u>	<u>\$19,681.72</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:

Feb 16: †Lydia & Sam Rodrigues, Lily Pascual (Birthday Blessing), †Zoraida de Dios **Feb 17:** †Malcome Rodrigues, Spencer Taylor (Birthday Blessing), †Zoraida de Dios **Feb 18:** †James & Minnie Amaral, †Hak Soon Kim, Gibson & Pagador Families (Blessings/Thanksgiving) **Feb 19:** †Mike Kozelka, †Abraham Wilson, †Sy Siong **Feb 20:** †Trudy Debusca, †John Bates, †Remelyn (Death Anniversary) **Feb 21:** Spencer Taylor (Birthday Blessing), †John Bates, Gloria Omphroy (Healing), Renee & Myrna DeVega (Blessings) **Feb 22:** †Stephanie & Wayne Rapozo, Lloyd Ah Quin (Birthday Blessing), Florida Badua (Thanksgiving), & 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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sirach 15:15-20 He never commanded anyone to be godless.

1 Corinthians 2:6-19 God in His wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

Matthew 5:17-37 Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

We are to be signs of God to the world. The Sermon on the Mount shows us how we must conform ourselves to God so that the world may recognize God in our actions. This is not a new list of laws but rather a vision that draws us ever onward in holiness. Our sanctity will provide others a glimpse of our God. We are to be a people of peace. Let us not only refrain from killing but even seek to cast out anger. Only if we continually reach for the vision Jesus offers will we be able to evangelize. How can we make this vision of life attractive to others? How does it challenge us to continue growing in holiness?

Jesus' injunctions go against what we consider our human nature. It is hard if not impossible to drop our anger, our lust, our sense of self-importance. And we will often feel this advice is downright stupid when wrestling with our instincts. Yet in these injunctions, which look like folly in the world's eyes, is hidden the wisdom of God that Paul mentions. The gospel opposes the world. God does not ask us to go with the flow. God calls us to change. Within that change is wisdom.

Today the Catholic Church is one of the few voices against divorce. Marriage is difficult especially when we can expect it to last thirty to forty years. Our culture claims that if the relationship becomes difficult it is not right for you: get a divorce. Our teaching says that if the relationship becomes difficult, then the couple is called to further conversion together. No one is completely compatible with anyone else. In a continuing relationship, we must die to ourselves as individuals and become a new couple. A stable marriage in which both people continue to work on their relationship is a wonderful evangelization sign to our culture. Our commitment to marriage reveals the richness of life that such a sacrament can bring.

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

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



Meets every Saturday of Lent
Starts February 21 through April 4
9:00-10:00 am in OCC Conference
Rm.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11



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 20 – LIVING A STEWARDSHIP LIFESTYLE

An Intentional Disciple of Christ has certain traits: An Intentional Disciple of Christ has a personal relationship with God. An Intentional Disciple of Christ has had a conversion or change of heart. An Intentional Disciple of Christ lives a stewardship lifestyle.

The following is from the Pastoral Letter by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops: Becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ leads naturally to the practice of stewardship. These linked realities, discipleship and stewardship, then make up the fabric of a Christian life in which each day is lived in an intimate, personal relationship with the Lord.

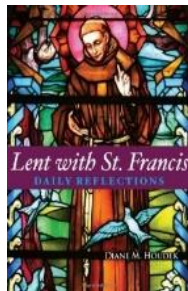
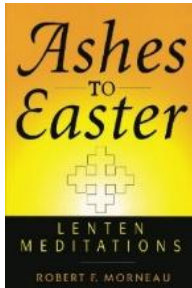
The stewardship of disciples is not reducible only to one task or another. It involves embracing, cultivating, enjoying, sharing—and sometimes also giving up—the goods of human life. Christians live this way in the confidence that comes from faith: for they know that the human goods they cherish and cultivate will be perfected—and they themselves will be fulfilled—in that Kingdom, already present, which Christ will bring to perfection and one day hand over to the Father.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SJAE LENDING LIBRARY

LENT begins in 3 DAYS!
Stop by the Library Tables
TODAY!

We have CDs, DVDs, and
books to help you have
the best Lent ever!



ENDING HUNGER WITH CRS RICE BOWL

This Lent, our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl—connecting our prayers, fasting and almsgiving to encounter God through our global family. We'll meet, pray for and learn from families in Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Rice bowls have been included in this weekend's bulletin. You may also visit crsricebowl.org/join to share your Lenten prayer intentions. Please return your rice bowls in the box provided at the back of the church or to the front office by April 2. Mahalo!

SAVE THE DATE!

Fr. Anthony will be hosting a Two-Day Parish Lenten Mission on Penance

When: March 17 & 18, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Where: One Community Center

Learn about:

- The Biblical Roots of Penance.
- The importance Penance has in our lives as disciples of Christ.
- Practical ways we can live out Penance in our daily lives.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

On this Valentine's weekend, the Gospel challenges us to seek reconciliation and not let anger simmer. Jesus says, "Go first and be reconciled with your brother." How much more does this apply to your spouse? Give your marriage the best Valentine's gift possible—the gift of your time and attention. **The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is a non-residential weekend, April 24–26, 2026, on Oahu.** Rediscover your romance without the stress of overnight travel. 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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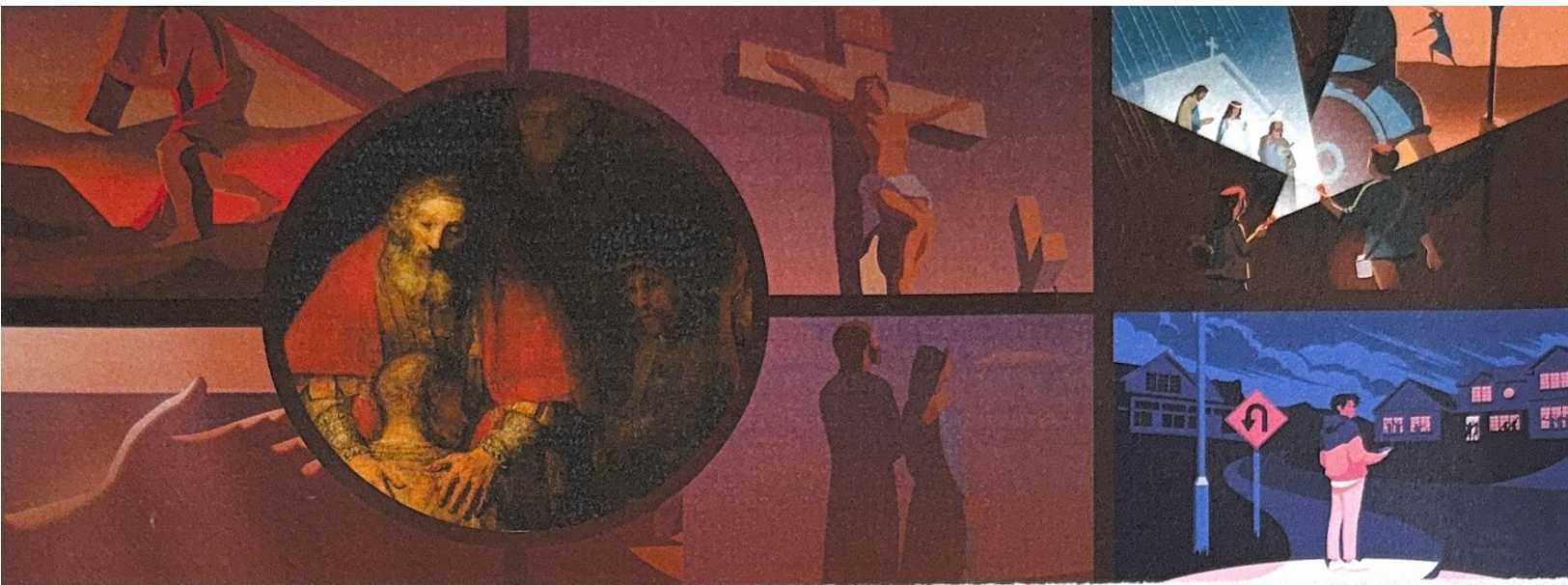
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Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

HALLOW APP PRAYER CHALLENGES START ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18



LENT PRAY40: THE RETURN

Join Jonathan Roumie, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Mark Wahlberg, Chris Pratt, Mother Olga, Sister Miriam, Jeff Cavins, and more this Lent for Pray40—a journey back home to the Father with *The Brothers Karamazov* and the *Return of the Prodigal Son* by Fr. Henri Nouwen. We'll see how Dostoevsky's famous novel brings the Parable of the Prodigal Son to life like never before, showing us how we're all farther from God than we need to be.

The good news is God is waiting for us each with open arms, running out to meet us while we are still a long way off. We'll step into the lives of the characters together and discover the ways their struggles and brokenness mirror our own. We'll let go of what holds us back, return home to the Lord, and let Him send us out as His hands and feet.

TEEN LENT: THE 180

Join Mark Hart, Sr. Josephine, Fr. Frankie Cicero and more for The 180, a Lent challenge for teens presented by Life Teen. Designed for busy schedules, this challenge features short, 180-second sessions all designed to help you make a 180-degree turn towards Christ.

Reflect on the daily Gospel readings, learn about the lives of the Saints, and take on a new fasting challenge each week. To sign up your parish or youth group for The 180, head to: Hallow.com/TeenLent

KIDS LENT: MIRACLE HUNTERS

Join the Kids' Lent Challenge: Miracle Hunters! Follow Mia, Paul, Brad, and Grace as they set out to discover the truth about miracles and how God is always at work in our lives. Throughout the series, families will meet new friends, dive into Saints Alive-style saint stories, hear inspiring vocation journeys, play games, pray together, and enjoy episodes from the hit game show Holy Moly! Together we'll see that even when miracles don't happen the way we want or expect, God is still at work in His love for us.

Kid's Lent will be focused on inspiring the faith of kids and families by learning about the awesome fact that miracles are real—and encounters with the miraculous lift our eyes to God. This challenge will also help kids and families learn that God answers all of our prayers. Even when miracles don't happen the way we want or expect—God is still at work in His love for us. This series is perfect for kids aged 6-12.

JOIN YOUR PARISH

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WEEK-BY-WEEK THEMES

ASH WEDNESDAY Come Home

WEEK 1 Love

WEEK 2 Temptation

WEEK 3 Pride

WEEK 4 Trust

WEEK 5 Grace

WEEK 6 Redemption

PRAY40 DAY-BY-DAY & GUIDES

MON-
WED

Meditations on *The Brothers Karamazov* and *The Return of the Prodigal Son* led by Jonathan Roumie, Mother Olga, and Sister Miriam James Heidland.

THUR

Stories of Return—Real-life stories of conversion, all about returning to the Father, even from the lowest places, and the ripple effect that such a return can have in the world.

FRI

Fasting Fridays—Challenges led by Mark Wahlberg and Chris Pratt with a focus on scripture and real, tangible ways to let go of what holds you back from a meaningful relationship with God

SAT

Saturday Interviews—Jeff Cavins interviews some amazing folks about their own experiences of prayer and putting live into action.

SUN

Sunday Homilies from the incredible Fr. Mike Schmitz

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

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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