



St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church

February 21/22, 2026 – First Sunday of Lent

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Pastor's Corner

Aloha my brothers and sisters,

You may have noticed over the past four years that Fr. JoJo and I chose to use a chalice veil. Here is the reason we choose to use one in our Liturgies.

The chalice veil is a liturgical cloth, matching the day's vestment color, used to cover the chalice and paten at the beginning and end of Mass. It serves as a sign of reverence, signaling that the sacred vessels are set apart for God, while also symbolizing the veil of the temple, the hiding of the mystery, and Christ being stripped of his garments.

Key Functions and Symbolism:

- **Protection:** Practically, the veil protects the sacred vessels and their contents (the bread and wine) from dust, debris, and insects before they are needed for the liturgy.
- **Reverence and Mystery:** Symbolically, it signifies that the vessels it covers are sacred and "set aside for God". It represents the Temple curtain in Jerusalem that separated the Holy of Holies from the rest of the temple, highlighting the mystery of the Eucharist.
- **The Unveiling:** During the Offertory, the veil is removed. This action symbolizes the "unveiling" of the sacred mysteries and reminds the faithful that the curtain of the Temple was torn when Christ died, removing the division between God and humanity.

- **The "Vested Chalice":** When the chalice is fully prepared with the purificator, paten, pall, chalice veil, and burse, it is referred to as a vested chalice.

While not strictly required by modern rubrics in all cases, the Roman Missal refers to it as a "praiseworthy practice".

Saint Augustine, whose writings have nourished the Church through the centuries, would not have missed its meaning. In his meditations, he often showed how visible things serve to reveal invisible realities. The physical world, when viewed through the lens of faith, becomes a pathway to the sacred.



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 14/15</u>
Sunday Collection	\$10,899.91
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$3,693.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$1,432.00
Mass Intentions	\$10.00
Debt Reduction	\$1,595.50
Candles	\$601.00
All Souls’ Day	\$3.50
Ash Wednesday	\$55.00
Preschool	\$100.00
Augustine Education Fund	\$252.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$25.00
Church in Latin America	\$25.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$3.50
<u>WEEKEND TOTAL</u>	<u>\$18,695.41</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 23: †Mac Padua, †Charlie Azaoa (Death Anniversary), Emma Ramos (Birthday Blessing) **Feb 24:** †Faustino Dagdag, †Ernie Avergonzando, †Iluminada Solpico Duldulao (Death Anniversary) **Feb 25:** †Leslie Lee, †John Bates, †Eulalia DeJesus **Feb 26:** †Neil Patrick, †James Yamada, †John Bates **Feb 27:** Allan & Joann Ellis (Blessings), †John Bates, Pearl Bates & Family (Blessings), †Namiko Camacho **Feb 28:** †Olssy Wood, †Gunny Young, †Joseph Christia Domanguera, Rosita Pacpaco (Healing) **Mar 1:** †Stephanie & Wayne Rapozo, †Gerald Miller, †Shirley Lagrimas & 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, & Stephanie Jamile.

First Sunday of Lent Year A

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 *Creation of our first parents, and sin.*

Romans 5:12-19 *The results of the gift, Jesus Christ, outweigh one person's sin.*

Matthew 4:1-11 *Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.*

The story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness provides three models to imitate in our desire to be bearers of the good news. Matthew sets up the story as a reflection upon Israel's forty-year sojourn in the desert. While Israel fell into temptation, Jesus as the new Israel shows how God's people should act. By refusing to turn the stones into bread, Jesus denies himself and opens himself to God. We live in a consumer society. Do we buy into it? Do we let material possessions dominate our lives? How can we witness to values that transcend consumerism?

Second, Jesus refuses to put God to the test. We may pray for various things, and there is nothing wrong with this. But do we accept ourselves and our lives as God has given them to us? Are we continually complaining and asking that things be different? Or do we show an acceptance of life and acquiescence to God's will for us?

Finally, there is a temptation to power. This world runs on power. Whoever has power has control. People will do almost anything to get and hold into power. Jesus refuses this temptation. For him all power resides with God. What is our attitude toward power as individuals and as a community? Are we concerned about prestige and what we can gain? Or do we seek to serve one another and our neighbors? During this Lent, let us as individuals and as a community move closer to the lifestyle of Jesus in today's gospel. We too are the new Israel; let us show that image to the world.

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, MARCH 1, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9



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 21 – MERCY

Pope Francis has said that we need to constantly contemplate the mystery of mercy. He said that it is a wellspring of joy, serenity and peace. Mercy is the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Our very salvation depends on God's gift of mercy. It is mercy that gives us hope. What did Jesus say about Mercy? "Blessed be the merciful for they shall obtain mercy." In this beatitude Jesus leaves no room for doubt. He clearly states the necessity to be good stewards of God's gift of mercy; to accept it with gratitude, to cultivate it and to give back for the good of his people. Imagine how different the world would be if each person practiced just one of the corporal or spiritual works of mercy each day. Of the numerous gifts that God has entrusted us with, mercy is probably the greatest. It gives us a path to salvation. It provides each of us with a way to progress in our discipleship journeys. It gives us a way to live our life in collaboration with God.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Lent: A Time of Preparation CRS Rice Bowl brings Catholics across the United States together each Lent to respond to global hunger and poverty through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their God-given potential. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-1 to read this week's Story of Hope.

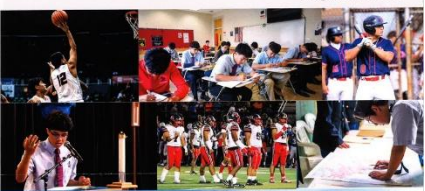


This weekend, we joyfully launch the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal—an opportunity to come together, share God's gifts, and support the ministries that help our Church thrive. Your generosity strengthens our parishes, supports those in need, and builds a vibrant future for our Catholic community. Give today at CatholicHawaii.org/CMAA.

**Saint Louis School**
"Where Greatness Begins..."

Open House
Wednesday, March 4, 2026
Wednesday, March 11, 2026
Dr. Richard T. Mamiya Theatre
at 3:00 PM


Register Here




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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

In the desert, Jesus was tempted to prioritize material comfort and power over His relationship with God. In our marriages, we are often tempted to prioritize careers, possessions, or status over our relationship with our spouse. This Lent, choose to prioritize your sacrament. **The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is a non-residential weekend, April 24–26, 2026, on Oahu.** Invest in your relationship this Easter season. 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.

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

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

