

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church

February 28/ March 1, 2026 – Second Sunday of Lent

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Pastor's Corner

Aloha my brothers and sisters,

St. Ambrose says of the two conversions that, in the Church, "there are water and tears; the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance." –

St Ambrose (CCC 1429)

For Catholics, penance is an act of sorrow and satisfaction for sins, either as a virtue (interior conversion) or an assigned task (prayer, fasting, almsgiving) given by a priest after confession, serving to repair one's relationship with God, express gratitude for mercy, and turn away from sin, not as punishment but as healing and spiritual growth.

Key Aspects of Penance

- **Interior Conversion:** At its heart, penance is a sincere change of heart (contrition) where one detests their sin as an offense against God and resolves to sin no more, aiming for amendment.
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Penance is a key part of the Sacrament of Penance (Confession/Reconciliation), where a Priest grants absolution after sins are confessed.
- **Act of Satisfaction:** The specific "penance" given by the Priest is an action (e.g., prayers like Hail Mary's, fasting, acts of charity) to help the penitent make reparation and show true sorrow, not to "earn" forgiveness.

- **Healing & Reorientation:** It's a way to repair the harm caused by sin, express thanks for God's mercy, and reorient one's life back toward God, not a punitive measure.
- **Spiritual Growth:** Performing penance helps build virtue, combats weakness, and imitates Christ, allowing for deeper spiritual connection and growth

Examples of Penance:

- Prayers (e.g., Rosary, Psalms)
- Fasting or abstaining from something (e.g., sweets, alcohol)
- Acts of charity or service
- Spiritual exercises like Eucharistic Adoration or Scripture reading

May we all have a fruitful and blessed Lenten Season.

In essence, penance is both the inner disposition of turning back to God and the outward action that manifests that turning, done in gratitude and love after receiving God's forgiveness.

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

We are closed on Saturday, Holy Days, and Holidays

*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

<u>STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE</u>	<u>FEB 14/15</u>
Sunday Collection	\$ 11,624.37
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 3,438.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 337.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 180.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 567.00
Candles	\$ 769.00
Flowers	\$ 125.00
Marriage	\$ 300.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 7,082.35
Preschool	\$ 75.00
Donation	\$ 70.00
All Soul’s Day	\$ 20.00
Augustine Education Fund	\$ 515.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 30.00
Hawaii Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal	\$ 412.00
St John Statue	\$ 40.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 25,584.72

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:

Mar 2: †Jean Kam, †Betty Jo Buescher, Yvone Dizol (Birthday Blessing) **Mar 3:** Aaron Char (Healing), †Emil Hilda, †Al Winchester **Mar 4:** †Pat Mendonca, †Betty Jo Buescher, †Melva Chang **Mar 5:** †Edwin Souza, †Carol Ann Esposito (Death Anniversary), Jean Kaimi (Blessing) **Mar 6:** †Feliciano Dona, Paula Torres (Blessing), Guerrero Family (Blessings/Thanksgiving) **Mar 7:** †Kim & Colin Rapozo, †Alfredo Jr/Sr & Felicitas Cordial, †All Souls in Purgatory, †John Bates **Mar 8:** †Ginny Rapozo, †Edwin Souza, †Amelia Santos, & 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, James A. Spray, Stephanie Jamille, & Matio Vellalos.

Second Sunday of Lent Time Year A

Genesis 12:1-4 *The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*

2 Timothy 1:8-10 *God has saved us and called us to be holy.*

Matthew 17:1-9 *His face shone like the sun.*

The first two readings speak of God's call, first to Abraham and then to us. This summons pulls us out of our normal routine. Indeed, it drew Abraham away from his native land and all with which he and Sarah were familiar. And while the call may not affect us to the extent that it influenced Abraham and Sarah, it also summons us to a new life.

Paul says we have been given the gift of salvation not because we deserved it or because of anything we have done. Our call is a mystery known only to God. But because of it we experience life much more fully. We know the Lord and we know of our redemption.

And we are called not merely to experience this redemption but to shine the good news forth to others. In the gospel, Jesus on the mountain allows the three disciples to witness the dazzling glory of God. He shines forth with the light. We too, like those disciples, have seen that light in some way in our lives. Because we have seen the light, we in turn are commissioned to allow that same light to shine through us so that others may come to know the glory we have experienced.

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



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Sts. Perpetua

Dr. Elizabeth Klein and Taylor Kemp discuss the life and impact of two female martyrs from the third century, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity. Both were beheaded for refusing to renounce their Christian faith.

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Divorce Support Group

If you are 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. Feel free to extend this invitation to others who may be on a similar 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

2026 Lenten Study:
Meets every Saturday of Lent starts
February 21 through April 4
9:00-10:00 am in OCC Conference Rm.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42



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 – THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

The corporal works of mercy are concerned with meeting the physical needs of others. They are:

FEED THE HUNGRY	GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY	CLOTHE THE NAKED	SHELTER THE HOMELESS
VISIT THE SICK	VISIT THE IMPRISONED	BURY THE DEAD	

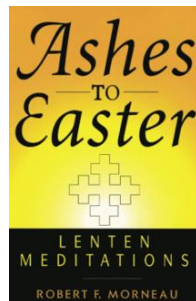
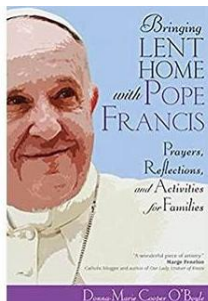
Our parish has ministries that address many of these. Others, (sheltering the homeless) may be too big for individuals or an individual parish to tackle but can be addressed through Catholic Charities. We can each find a way to be a steward of God's mercy by giving our time, talent and treasure. As we give mercy, we get mercy.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SJAE LENDING LIBRARY

Lent has begun and SJAE Library Team has resources to help you! Library Tables will be on the lanai after all Masses on 14-15 March. Stop by and get inspired.

And, if you have overdue books, PLEASE return them. 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.



EMPOWERING GROWTH IN GHANA

By supporting CRS Rice Bowl, you help parents and caregivers in Ghana to receive training in health, nutrition and early childhood development. That means, young children in these communities are better able to thrive and meet critical milestones in their growth. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-2 to read this week's Story of Hope.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

Today, we hear the story of the Transfiguration, where the disciples saw Jesus in a dazzling new light. When was the last time you truly looked at your spouse and saw the radiant gift God gave you? A Marriage Encounter weekend can help you see each other with fresh eyes.

The next, Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is a non-residential weekend, April 24-26, 2026, on Oahu.

This "commuter" weekend is ideal for couples who want to return to their families each evening. 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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When the disciples drop their nets to follow Jesus to accompany him in his ministry, they first call him “teacher” and “rabbi.” Gradually, their perception of him begins to change, and they see him as others see him—as a prophet. Then this understanding deepens further; they recognize Jesus as the Messiah the world has been waiting for. All along, Christ has been revealing his divinity to his disciples, teaching them that their discipleship comes with a cost, and preparing them for his coming suffering and death.

For Peter, James, and John, the Transfiguration is “*proof positive*” that Jesus is the fulfillment of what the prophets have been promising. If Jesus’ face shining like the sun and his clothes becoming white as light is not telling enough, the voice of the Father clearly states, “*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*” Talk about a teachable moment!

Light disciples’ darkness. The hope of the resurrection is stronger than the pain of the Passion. Initiatives like the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal make tangible God’s light and love and give hope to those in our community who need it the most.

Giving has never been easier! Whether you prefer the traditional envelopes at the back of the church, the convenience of the QR code on your seat, or the flexibility of our give online on our parish website, your generosity fuels our community. As you reflect, please prayerfully consider if this is one way you can share the promise of the resurrection by making a gift today. Mahalo!

Second Collection – Debt Reduction: Next weekend, 3/7 – 3/8, 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.

Knights of Columbus will be on the church lanai selling Fish Fry tickets for Friday, March 13. For more information, please contact Deputy Grand Knight, Tony Gonzalez at taz8694@gmail.com.

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

St John Apostle & Evangelist Lenten Mission will be on March 17 & 18 at 6:30 PM.

CENTRAL VICARIATE LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES at 7 PM	
Resurrection of the Lord, Waipio	March 11
St Elizabeth, Aiea	March 12
St Michael, Wailua	March 18 (6:30 pm)
St John Apostle & Evangelist Church, Mililani	March 19
Our Lady of Sorrows, Wahiawa	March 25 (6:00 pm)
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pearl City	March 26 (6:30 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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