



St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church

March 7/8, 2026 – Third Sunday of Lent

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Pastor's Corner

Aloha my brothers and sisters,

We can sometimes get confused about the word sacrifice and what faith teaches us about the meaning of sacrifice. In Catholic theology, sacrifice is understood as a total self-gift and an external act of worship offered to God alone to acknowledge His supreme dominion and seek communion with Him.

The Core Meaning of Sacrifice

- **Definition:** Sacrifice is the offering of a visible gift (victim) to God by an authorized minister (priest) as a sign of adoration, gratitude, or penance.
- **Transformation:** Unlike a simple gift, a sacrifice involves a real transformation or "destruction" of the object—such as burning grain or slaying an animal—to signify its total surrender to God.
- **Purpose:** According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, sacrifice is a sign of adoration, gratitude, supplication, and communion.

The Relationship Between Old and New Covenants

- **Fulfillment:** Old Testament animal sacrifices (burnt offerings, peace offerings, sin offerings) are viewed as "shadows" or prefiguration's of the one perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
- **The One Sacrifice:** Catholic teaching emphasizes that there is only one sacrifice: Christ's bloody offering of Himself on the Cross.

Personal "Living Sacrifice"

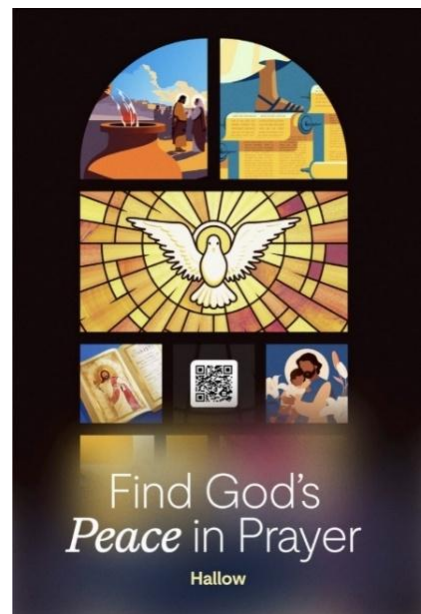
Beyond formal liturgy, Catholics are called to live sacrificially in daily life.

- **Redemptive Suffering:** Believers can "offer up" their own trials, joys, and daily tasks, uniting them to Christ's suffering for the salvation of souls.
- **Spiritual Sacrifices:** Acts of charity, prayer, and self-denial are considered "spiritual sacrifices" acceptable to God through Jesus.

Next week we will look at the Four Theological Points about the sacrifice of the Holy Mass.

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>FEB 28/MAR 1</u>
Sunday Collection	\$12,576.57
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$5,245.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$583.15
Baptism	\$100.00
Debt Reduction	\$3,036.00
Preschool	\$75.00
Mass Intentions	\$130.00
Candles	\$620.00
Ash Wednesday	\$15.00
Rice Bowl	\$60.00
St. Augustine Foundation	\$15.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$100.00
Hawaii Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal	\$1,500.00
<u>WEEKEND TOTAL</u>	<u>\$24,055.72</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

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 9: (8am) †Lydia & Sam Rodrigues, Sylvia Dizol (Birthday Blessing), †Mary Lohmann (Death Anniversary) **Mar 10: (8am)** Fr. Anthony Rapozo (Special Intentions), †Malcome Rodrigues, Dylan Kepa Pascual (Birthday Blessing) **Mar 11: (8am)** Kevin Dizol (Birthday Blessing), †James & Mildred Mizoguchi, †Eric Umetsu, Irene Orara (Birthday Blessing) **Mar 12: (8am)** †Charles Kaeo, †Torao Fujimoto, †Mike Ochtyun **Mar 13: (8am)** †Ben Alcoran, †Damian Maghinay, †Leroy Pulawa **Mar 14: (8am)** Theo Castellano (Birthday Blessing), †Judy Kitagawa, †Maria Teresa Rutao **(5pm)** †John Bates (May he watch over SJAE & everyone who has touched him & his family) **Mar 15: (7am)** †Robert Kunukau, **(9am)** For the people **(11am)** †Patsy Canales (Birthday Memorial) **(6pm)** †James E. Smith (4th Death Anniversary) & 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, & Matio Vellalos.

Third Sunday of Lent Time Year A

Exodus 17:3-7 Give us water to drink.

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

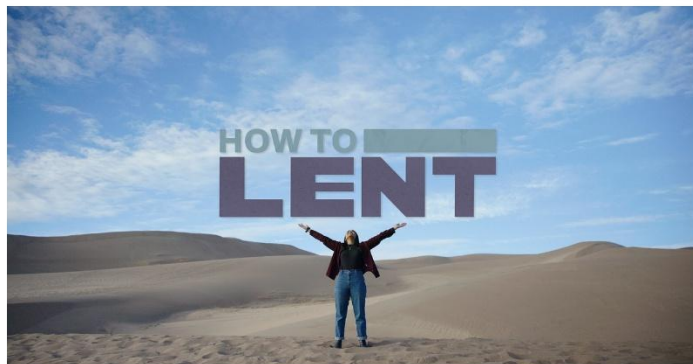
John 4:5-42 The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan woman provides a marvelous model for evangelization. First, he goes to her land. He does not wait for her to find him; he goes out to find her. We cannot wait for people to come to us. We must venture forth from our church to find them wherever they are.

Then, when she approaches the well Jesus begins to talk to her. He does not wait for her to initiate a conversation. Notice that he speaks to her about what she is doing. She is going to the well and he asks her for water. He begins a discussion of water that leads to the living water. The woman wants such water, and she begins to turn toward Jesus hoping he might be able to supply it.

When we engage in our culture, we must address our own concerns. We engage it in dialogue around common issues. And in that dialogue, we will be able to indicate some Christian values in such a way that they might attract the person or group to want to know more. Like Jesus, we are making friends and inviting people rather than arguing with them.

As the dialogue goes on, Jesus demonstrates that he knows all about the woman and that he accepts her; he doesn't reject her as her fellow townspeople have. He speaks to her of her own heritage and traditions in such a way that he shows her the way to himself. But again, he leads her in such a way that she perceives an invitation to pursue her quest rather than simply feeling she is wrong therefore at fault. The underlying tone Jesus uses throughout this dialogue is one of engagement with the person on her own level, an invitation to explore a deeper level which will bring her closer to acknowledging the Christ.



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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: Mar 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 15, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41



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 23 – THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

The spiritual works of mercy are intended to meet the spiritual needs of others. They are:

- INSTRUCT THE IGNORANT
- CORRECT SINNERS
- FORGIVE OFFENSES WILLINGLY
- COUNSEL THE DOUBTFUL
- BEAR WRONGS PATIENTLY
- COMFORT THE AFFLICTED
- PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

Each of us probably has an opportunity every day. Seeing someone that is in need of mercy is one thing. Knowing how to proceed may seem daunting. Taking the first step, even if it takes us out of our comfort zone is the challenge. If we give mercy, we get mercy.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Nourishing Futures in Guatemala

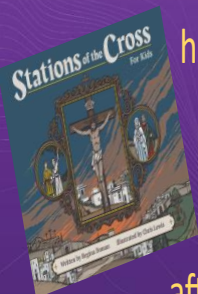
In Guatemala, nutrition classes and savings programs give mothers and families better opportunities to improve their health, nutrition and financial well-being. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-3 to read how your support of CRS Rice Bowl is helping the Guatemala community thrive. You may donate via our parish website "Give Online" link as well.



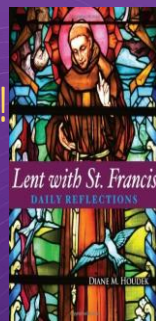
God invites us to share His gifts by serving others with hope and compassion. Through our love and generosity, we help bring people closer to Jesus and extend His care beyond our parish communities. That work continues today through the *Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal*. When you support the Appeal, you put faith into action and make a meaningful difference in the lives of many. Join us in *Sharing God's Gifts*. Give today at Appeal.CatholicHawaii.org or you may donate via our parish website "Give Online" link.

SJAE LENDING LIBRARY

...can help you
have a spirit-filled LENT!



Stop by the
Library Tables
after mass next weekend!



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.

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



ST JOHN'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
is sponsoring a healing Mass.

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

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

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

Upcoming Event

Alpha (Evangelizing Program) Training March 16, 2026, in the OCC Main Room at 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Ongoing Ministries

Women's Bible Study every Saturday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm in Rm 1
Coffee Hour with Clergy, every Tuesday at 9:00 am – 10:00 am in OCC Conference Rm
OCIA every Wednesday Night at 7:00 pm – 8:45 pm in OCC Conference Rm
Young Adult Bible Study every Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, in Rm 5
Seasons of Hope Grief Support Group meets quarterly at 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, in the OCC

Update on Second Collections

As part of our ongoing efforts to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us and simplify our parish giving, we are updating our schedule of second collections. Starting in April, we will now have three regular second collections:

1st Sunday of the Month – for our Parish Debt Reduction Fund

2nd Sunday of the Month – for our Maintenance Fund

3rd Sunday of the Month – for the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), supporting vital ministries in our Diocese of Honolulu

For all other required diocesan collections, they will fall on the required dates assigned to them by the USCCB.

Mahalo for your continued generosity and faithful stewardship in caring for our parish and supporting the mission of the Church here in Hawai'i and beyond.

Spiritual Adoption campaign to begin in a few weeks -- Pray for an Unborn Baby. Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, we will begin our spiritual adoption campaign on March 25th. We will have the opportunity next weekend to "spiritually" adopt a child who is newly conceived this month. Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 4,000 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. It is these babies you are being asked to "adopt". You may "adopt" a child individually or as a family by signing up during the weekend of 3/14 & 3/15. You will be asked to name the child for whom you will be praying, thereby giving the baby the humanity he or she deserves. You will be asked to pray for your unborn child and for all unborn children, for the power of prayer is great. You will receive monthly reports through the parish bulletin describing your baby's development and birth. There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers. Won't you please "spiritually adopt" one and share the love for life that God has given you?



SPRING IS HERE!

This month, our school days will be fewer than usual. We will be having our Spring Break from March 16-March 20, with an early dismissal on March 13 at 11:30am. In addition, there is Prince Kuhio Holiday on March 26.

Last month we enjoyed our study of volcanoes, the Hawaiian islands, and the symbols that represent the State of Hawai'i. We discussed the scientific explanation on how the Hawaiian islands came to be. We also talked about the legend of how Pele, the volcano goddess, created the islands of Hawai'i. We enjoyed listening and dancing to Hawaiian music too!

This month our focus will be on the study of the Plant Kingdom. This study includes the parts of the plants and their functions and purpose. We will be redoing our garden; getting the soil ready for new seeds, and watching the seeds develop into plants.

If you are free, Ms. Angie, Ms. Kyah, and Ms. Coco will be at the Mililani Town Association Easter Egg Hunt on March 28 at Rec 6 from 8:00am-11:00am. Please stop by and visit us!

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 13...Early Dismissal at 11:30am

March 16-20...Spring Break

March 26...Prince Kuhio Day Holiday (No School)

LOOKING AHEAD

April 2-3...Holy Triduum (No School)

April 6...Easter Monday (No School)

April 22...Field Trip to HTY "The Tiny Seed"

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Ronin...March 11

WISH LIST

- 5 oz paper cups
- Cello sponges (pkg)
- Kleenex tissue box



"The study of love and its utilisation will lead us to the source from which it springs, The Child." - Maria Montessori

REMEMBER A LOVED ONE AT EASTER. Easter flower envelopes are available at the back of the church, or you may donate through online giving by visiting our parish website.

Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays, March 6, 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. On March 17, we will learn about the Biblical Roots of Penance as is found in the Old & New Testaments. We will discover the following: The Biblical Definition of Penance, The Hebrew understanding of Penance, & The Theological Necessity of Penance. On March 18, we will learn the importance on living out Penance & Fasting in our daily lives as Disciples of Christ. We will discover the following: Historical Basis, Key Acts of Fasting and Penance, & Significance of Apostolic Penance.

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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9:30am to 2:30pm

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