

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church

April 4/5, 2026 – Easter Sunday

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Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

On this most glorious day, we join our voices with the universal Church to proclaim that the tomb is empty. Death has been defeated, and Christ is our Light. His Resurrection is not just a historical event we remember; it is a life-giving mystery that breaks into the "tombs" of our own lives today, offering us a new beginning and a joy that the world cannot take away.

I want to extend a particularly warm welcome to our brothers and sisters who were received in the Church at the Easter Vigil. Your witness of faith is a gift to our entire parish family. To those who are visiting us today or haven't been with us in a while: Welcome home. We are blessed to have you here and look forward to walking with you on this journey of faith.

My heartfelt gratitude goes out to our tireless volunteers, musicians, and staff whose dedication made our Holy Week and Easter liturgies so beautiful and prayerful. Behind every liturgical moment is a labor of love that serves the majesty of our Lord.

As we begin these 50 days of Easter celebration, let us ask for the grace to be "Easter People"—men and women transformed by the Resurrection. May you carry the light of the Risen Christ into your homes and communities, bringing hope and peace to all you meet.

May the Risen Lord bless you and your loved ones with abundant joy and serenity this Easter season.

In 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)
NOW OPEN ON SUNDAYS 8AM – 12:30PM

<u>STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE</u>	<u>MAR 28/29</u>
Sunday Collection	\$ 13,673.36
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 4,209.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 225.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 848.00
Preschool	\$ 75.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 170.00
Candles	\$ 690.00
Funeral	\$ 800.00
Easter	\$ 20.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 509.25
Holy Thursday	\$ 20.00
Good Friday	\$ 20.00
Hawaii Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal	\$ 150.00
Donation	\$ 50.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 268.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$ 100.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 21,827.61

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:

Apr 6: (8am) † Teodoro & Laureana Melegrito, Vilma Atiburicio (Birthday Blessing), † Marical Mauleon (Death Anniversary), Todd and Rhonda (Birthday Blessings) **Apr 7: (8am)** Alex S. Dizol (Birthday Blessing), Cody Kaneao Pascual (Birthday Blessing), Audrey Brito & O’hana **Apr 8: (8am)** † Kim & Colin Rapozo, † James & Mildred Mizoguchi, † Eric Umetsu, † Suzanna Foster **Apr 9: (8am)** † Rick Aboon, † Fidela Viernes, † Alosious K., Josiah Borromeo Jr. (Birthday Blessing) **Apr 10: (8am)** † Ginny Rapozo, † Robert Ane, † Feliciano Dona, Guerrero Family (Blessings/Thanksgiving) **Apr 11: (8am)** † All Souls in Purgatory, Sergio Sfreddo, † Fidela Viernes, † Florencia Torres **(5pm)** Linda Ward (Healing) **Apr 12: (7am)** Fr. Anthony Rapozo (Special Intentions) **(9am)** For the people **(11am)** † Lydia & Sam Rodrigues **(6pm)** † Stephanie & Wayne Rapozo & 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, Monique & Ernest Gruber.

Easter Sunday Year A

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-, 37-43 We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Colossians 3:1-4 Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

John 20: 1-9 The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

Our gospel speaks of Mary Magdalene going to the tomb and finding the stone moved away. She has seen a sign of the resurrection. No one witnesses the actual resurrection. We are all asleep when it happens. But we all perceive signs of it in the scriptures, the church, our world, our lives.

When Mary sees the stone rolled away, she immediately goes to seek out Peter to share the news. Then Peter and the beloved disciple come to view for themselves. They go into the tomb and see the winding sheets, which are simply another sign. At this point the beloved disciple believes. And they go forth to tell others.

This is how the resurrection blossoms. No one sees it firsthand. Yet we all behold the evidence: in the arrival of spring, in the testimony of scripture, in the stories of the new Christians who were born this night, in the healing we have experienced in our lives.

But if we leave the resurrection there in the event it is incomplete. Every resurrection narrative includes a going forth to tell the good news. So, it was then; so, it is now. We must tell the story of the victory of life over death. We can tell it as our story, as the story of others in our community, as the story of our church, which does everything possible to kill itself yet keeps being resurrected. But tell it we must, or we are left as we might be at the end of the gospel with an empty tomb, burial wrappings on the ground, and a failure to understand the scriptures that Christ must rise from the dead. Can we really say we understand this scripture if we fail to proclaim it from the rooftops?

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

ST JOHN CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL



Our preschool held a food drive, registered with the Hawai'i Food Bank, from March 27-29 to help those who live in the Wahiawa-Whitmore/North Shore areas and were affected by the recent floods. Canned goods, water, baby food pouches, cleaning supplies, and more were generously donated by our parents. The kindness shared by assisting the outer community was much appreciated.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31



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 27 – THE ROAD TO INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

Sherry Weddell in her book; “Forming Intentional Disciples” describes the five thresholds that a person passes through on their journey to intentional discipleship. The first threshold is trust. At the start of the discipleship journey, one finds something or someone that has his trust. Perhaps the Church or a person. The second threshold is curiosity. I wonder what this concept of discipleship is all about. The third threshold is openness. The person is open to becoming a disciple but is not committed to it. The fourth threshold is seeking. The person is actively seeking a personal relationship with God and is actively seeking discipleship. The fifth threshold is Intentional Discipleship. Once one passes through this threshold, he is an Intentional Disciple of Christ. Where do you fall?

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA:

April 6 – 5:00pm

April 7 – 5:00pm

April 8 – 5:00pm

April 9 – 5:00pm

April 10 – 5:00pm

April 11 – 4:00pm

April 12 – 3:00pm followed by Divine Sunday Mass at 3:30pm



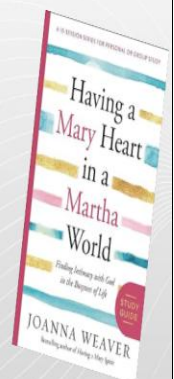
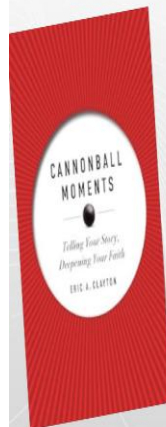
Happy Easter!

As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. You can donate online at crsricebowl.org/give or you may donate via our parish website "Give Online" link.

SJAE LENDING LIBRARY

Easter Season lasts
until May.
Keep that Easter feeling!

Library Tables will
be on the church lanai
after all Masses on 11-12 April.



Theological Thought

Have you ever wondered how to explain the three days Jesus was in the tomb? Because some people we say, wait a minute Jesus was not in the tomb for three whole days (that is 72-hour period)? If Jesus died on Friday, and rose on Sunday, isn't that only a 48-hour period?

The Catholic explanation for Jesus being in the tomb for "three days and three nights" (Matt 12:40) rests on inclusive, ancient Hebrew counting, rather than a literal 72-hour period. Jesus was crucified Friday afternoon and rose Sunday morning, with the days counted as: Friday (1), Saturday (2), and Sunday (3).

Key Aspects of the Catholic Explanation:

Inclusive Reckoning: In ancient Jewish, Greek, and Roman culture, any part of a day was counted as a full day. Therefore, Friday (part), Saturday (whole), and Sunday (part) constitute "three days".

- **Day Definition:** The Jewish day began at sunset, not midnight.
- **Day 1:** Friday afternoon (pre-sunset).
- **Day 2:** Friday sunset to Saturday sunset (Sabbath).
- **Day 3:** Saturday sunset to Sunday dawn (Resurrection).

Reconciling the Timeframe

- **Idiomatic Language:** In Jewish tradition, a "day and a night" can refer to a small portion of a 24-hour period. Therefore, Friday (partial), Saturday (full), and Sunday (partial) constitute "three days and three nights". A good example of this is found in the Book of Esther 4:16-5:1. It does not mandate 72 hours.
- **Matthew 12:40 vs. 3rd Day:** While Jesus mentions three days and three nights, he also frequently states he would rise "on the third day," highlighting that a full 72-hour, literal period is not required for the prophecy to be true.
- **Alternative View:** Some interpretations argue for a Thursday or even Wednesday crucifixion to allow for a literal 72-hour period. However, the traditional Friday-to-Sunday, or Saturday night, framework is widely understood through the lens of ancient Jewish timekeeping.
- **Biblical Evidence:** The Gospels consistently place the crucifixion on Friday ("day of preparation") and the resurrection on Sunday ("first day of the week")

Significance of the "Three Days"

- **The Sign of Jonah:** The phrase relates to Jonah in the belly of the sea monster, symbolizing Jesus's death and resurrection to offer repentance.
- **Certainty of Death:** The duration confirmed that Jesus was truly dead, not merely unconscious, before his resurrection.
- **Prophetic Fulfillment:** This fulfills both Jesus' own words and Old Testament foreshadowing, such as Hosea 6:2.



TO: ALL OUR SJAE PARISHIONERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

WE ARE INVITING YOU TO OUR UPCOMING EVENT

"SJAE RECTORY MAINTENANCE FUNDRAISER"

(All proceeds will go to the maintenance and beautification of our SJAE RECTORY)

RAISING CANE'S CHICKEN FINGERS



ADDRESS: 95-1249 Meheula Pkwy Mililani, HI 96789

PHONE NO: 808-468-1613

DATE: April 14, 2026 (Tuesday)

TIME: 11:45 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

PLEASE CONTACT THE SJAE OFFICE OR HENEDINE SMITH @ 808-675-1760 FOR MORE INFORMATION

St. John Apostle and Evangelist Catholic Church Blood Drive **COLLECTS 30 PINTS & SAVES 90 LIVES! 11 FIRST- TIME donors!**

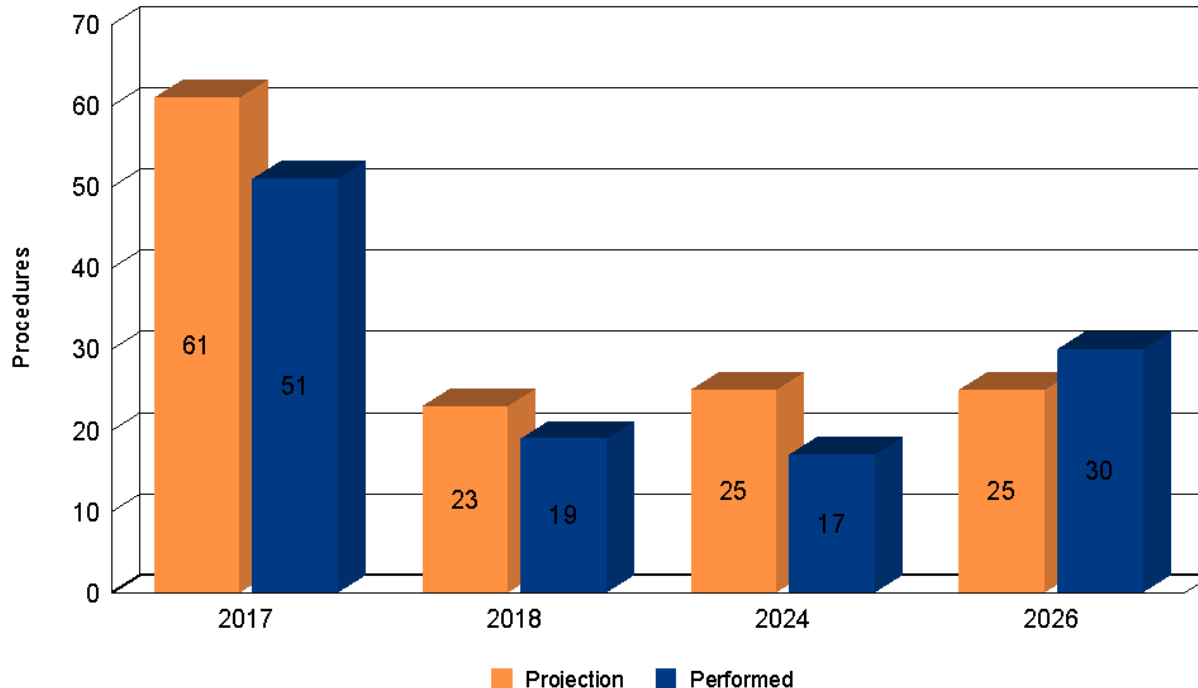
"On behalf of Blood Bank of Hawaii; 18 Hospitals across all islands; including supplementing Tripler Army Medical Center; Patients and our State want to thank you so much again for being a partner in saving lives. Let's continue to promote this worthy cause as there are more families who are praying to receive lifesaving blood."- Br. Herman N Monico, KOFC



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Drive Statistics

Procedure Projection vs. Performed



Drive Collections Summary by Account

Drive Date from: 3/28/2026 to 3/28/2026

Recruiter: 1 or More

Collection Operation: 1 or More

Account Type: ALL

Org. Center: ALL

Org. Subcenter: ALL

Recruiter	Name	Drive Date	Projection	Signu pSlots	Sched uled	Regist ered	Collected	Defer rals	QNS	Can celled	Turn Aways	Walk Ins	Self Defrils	No Shows	First Time	Voids
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Past Blood Drives (up to 3)

Last 3 Drive Average

Drive Date	Procedure Projection	Product Projection	Donors Scheduled	Registered	Deferrals	QNS	Contam-inated	Procedures Performed	Products Collected	Procedure Proj Accry
Sat 3/28/26	25	25	32	35	5	1	0	30	32	120.0 %
Sat 11/9/24	25	25	26	22	5	1	0	17	18	68.0 %
Sun 4/29/18	23	23	26	23	4	0	0	19	19	82.6 %
Total	73	73	12	80	14	2	0	66	69	90.1 %

Blood Drive Date	Pint Goal	Pints Collected (Max Red)	Appointments/# of Participants	Deferrals/QNS	First time donors
3/28/26	25	30/(32)	32/35	5/1	11



Hallow Parish Mission

ENGAGING THE
GREAT COMMISSION



April 26 → April 28

St. John Apostle
and Evangelist

4/26 Get set up with your Hallow
Account after all the Masses!

4/27-28 **6:30PM – 8:00PM**
27th: "The Great Commission"
28th: "Engaging the Call"

This Week on Formed

Week of April 05, 2026



What Catholics Believe About the Resurrection: Was Jesus a Ghost?

Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Did the Resurrection actually happen? Was Jesus a ghost when he appeared to the apostles? And what's the deal with the Easter Bunny?



Easter and the Resurrection | The Augustine Institute Show

Alleluia! He is Risen! Join Fr. Brian Larkin, Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Denver, Colorado, as he discusses the Resurrection and the Easter season with Dr. Tim Gray on the Augustine Institute Show.



The Resurrection

In this episode, Mark Hartfiel and other experts unpack the mystery of the Resurrection, going back to the historical places where these world-changing event happened.

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