

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church
April 11/12, 2026 - Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy
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Pastor's Corner

On August 15, 1971, St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church was dedicated as a parish in the new founded community of Mililani. This year we are celebrating our 55th anniversary as a vibrant parish. I have established a special committee to help us create a beautiful celebration of this event.

The theme for our Emerald celebration is: "55 Years: Rooted in Faith, Growing in Hope" is our parish's anniversary theme that honors our long history of spiritual stability while looking forward to our vibrant faith filled future. It acknowledges the dedication of St. John's community over the past 55 years, emphasizing our Spirit-Led longevity is built on solid theological foundations and our community's continued trust in God's promises. Here is a breakdown of our theme:

1. Rooted in Faith

- **A Solid Foundation (55 Years):** The number 55 represents generation that has walked with God, building a community upon the Sacraments, Scripture, and Apostolic tradition.
- **Deepened Relationship:** This part of the theme highlights that the community is established in Christ and anchored in the "faith once delivered," honoring the past sacrifice and devotion of parishioners.
- **A "Year of Grace":** Much like the biblical concept of Jubilee (originating in Leviticus 25), this anniversary is a moment to pause, reflect, and appreciate the spiritual growth that comes from deep roots, allowing our parish to flourish even in challenging times.

2. Growing in Hope

Looking Forward: Christian hope is not just optimism, but a confident expectation of God's future actions. "Growing in Hope"

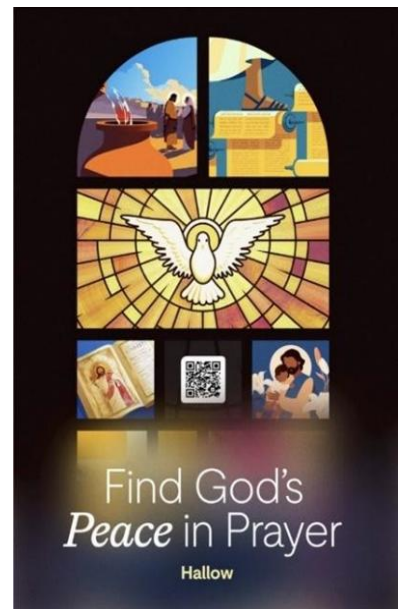
means that after 55 years, our parish is not stagnant but actively growing and adapting to meet the needs of our community and modern world.

- **Contagious Hope:** The theme implies being "*Pilgrims of Hope*"—living out the Gospel in a way that spreads encouragement, mercy, and joy to the wider community, mirroring the 2025 Jubilee of Hope theme.
- **Trusting in God's Promises:** This emphasizes moving beyond fear of the future, trusting that God's grace will continue to bring new life, vocations, and spiritual renewal to St. John's parish.

In summary, this theme calls our parishioners to look back with gratitude for 55 years of stability ("rooted") and look forward with anticipation ("growing") to where God is leading them, anchored in the certainty that God's love and mercy will continue to nourish the community.

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
Saturday: 5PM (Anticipated Mass)
Sunday: 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>APRIL 4/5</u>
Sunday Collection	\$ 17,139.75
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 5,943.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 225.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 3,269.00
Preschool	\$ 100.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 30.00
Candles	\$ 590.00
Easter	\$ 7,634.35
Easter Flowers	\$ 387.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 7,203.12
Good Friday	\$ 85.00
Donation	\$ 25.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 1,355.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement	\$ 25.00
Retirement Fund for the Religious	\$ 25.00
Archdiocese for the Military Services	\$ 785.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 44,821.22

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 13: (8am) †John Bates, †Francesca Cadavona (Birthday Memorial), †Florencia Torres **Apr 14: (8am)** †Tom Ramos, †Abraham “Abe” Wilson, †Malcome Rodrigues, Wally & Gwen Mitsui (Special Intentions) **Apr 15: (8am)** †Vic Peroff, †Stephanie Jamille, †Robert Kunukau, †Pacita Redoble **Apr 16: (8am)** †Dominick Esposito, †Rene Catalan, †Thomas Ramos **Apr 17: (8am)** †James & Minnie Amaral, †Alfredo Sr/Jr & Felicitas Cordial, †Bernardo P. Benigno (Death Anniversary) **Apr 18: (8am)** †Abraham “Abe” Wilson, †Luther G. Fernandez, †Archie Brito **(5pm)** †Harry & Margaret Melchi **Apr 19: (7am)** † Mike Kozelka **(9am)** For the people **(11am)** †Douglas Kunukau **(6pm)** Knightley McKinney (Birthday Blessing) & 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.

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47 The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

1 Peter 1:3-9 he has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

John 20:19 After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

The example of these early Christians in the first reading is very powerful. These people trusted the gospel to such an extent that they left their individual lives behind, pooled their resources, shared all things in common, and withdrew on the basis of need. They ate their meals in common and shared daily in the breaking of the bread and prayers.

While today for the most part only religious orders follow the lifestyle of these first Christians, we as a church are still defined by our prayer and by the Eucharist. The Eucharist is possibly the most powerful attraction toward the church. Again, and again catechumens and candidates testify that they were attracted to us first through the atmosphere of prayer they found in our churches and through our celebration of the Eucharist.

Let us ask ourselves about our prayer life. We do not pray to attract people to the gospel, but this is certainly a factor in people's conversions. Are you a person of prayer? Is it something you hide, or simply a part of your life? It is definitely not something to flaunt; that would be a perversion. But do our friends and neighbors experience us as a person, a family, a people of prayer?

Peter tells us that we suffer so that our faith may by its genuineness lead to praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ appears. How can we live lives in this way? How can we witness in the midst of suffering that we live in hope of consolation and comfort? There are many reasons today to be pessimistic.

But the Christian trusts that all is in God's care. In our own lives and in our society, we can be a source of hope rather than despair. A sign of this hope is the joy we express. Peter conveyed it through his praise; how do we as individuals and as a community embody the joy of the resurrection in the midst of our troubles?

Finally, the gospel tells of the mission of forgiveness entrusted to the apostles. That same mission has been passed down to us. We are a focus of forgiveness in this world. We readily forgive one another. We are open to those who are alienated, and we offer them God's reconciliation. We are called to be signs of forgiveness in our world; we are not here to judge, but to extend to all the wonderful forgiveness of God upon which the good news is founded.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT- STEPHANIE JAMILE
Thursday, April 23 – St John, Mililani; Arrival: 9:00am; Family
Visitation: 9:00am; Public Visitation: 9:30am; Eulogies: 10:30am;
Mass: 11:00am ~ Burial: 2:30pm Mililani Memorial Park.

Hello, my brothers and sisters, starting this month, we will be publishing on the first weekend of every month our Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intention and our Monthly Disciples Challenge for us to ponder on. These are given to us by the Knights of Columbus "Vivat Jesus" Jesus Lives Spiritual Planner. It serves as a reminder to focus on Catholic faith, the mission of the Order, and a devotion to Christ.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for April.

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

This Month's Disciple Challenge:

Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. (Gospel for April 19, Lk 24:35)

The disciples on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until the breaking of the bread. Jesus promised he would be with us always, and the Eucharist is his fulfillment of that promise. We encounter his presence most profoundly in the Eucharist, where he is truly present—body, blood, soul, and divinity—under the appearance of bread and wine. The disciples' experience on the road to Emmaus was no ordinary meal, but an encounter with Christ, who invites us, too, to enter into communion with him through the Eucharist.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are cordially invited to the
first Thanksgiving Mass of

Rev. Mr. Taylor Mitchell

on Saturday, May 23 at the 5 pm Vigil Mass,
reception to follow in the OCC.



St. John's Catholic Preschool is having a Bike-a-Thon Fundraiser, "Bike for Love" on Monday, May 11th. The proceeds will go towards updating and expanding our classroom and outside play equipment. Kickoff for pledges will be April 20 – May 4. You may donate via our parish website Give Online link, under "SJCP Bike-a-Thon Fundraiser". Mahalo for your support of our keiki!



MOTHER'S DAY MASS OFFERING:

Honor your mother, living or deceased, this *Mother's Day*, May 10th by making a Mass offering. All the names will be published in the May 3rd bulletin. **Please PRINT LEGIBLY.** Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

The deadline to submit your mother's name for publication is Monday, April 27.

Our parish will be celebrating our **4th Holy Ghost Feast Day on May 24, 2026, at our 11:00 AM Mass.** Traditionally, on this Feast a young girl is given the title of the Queen of the Feast, she also has four ladies in wait to accompany her.

Therefore, starting this weekend, we will be accepting nominations for both our Queen and her ladies in waiting. Nominees for the Queen must be between the ages of 11 to 18 years of age. Nominees for the ladies in wait must be between the ages 6 to 10 years of age. Ballot forms and boxes can be found in the front of the Church.

The deadline to turn in your nomination is **Sunday April 26, 2026, after the 6:00 pm Mass.** We will be drawing the names of the Queen and her four Ladies in waiting on May 3, 2026, at our 9:00 AM May Crowning Mass. Winners will be contacted, and you don't need to be present at the Mass.

Helping Us Be Good Stewards 🌱

We are currently tidying up our mailing lists and looking for ways to cut down on paper and costs. If you have made the switch to "giving online" and no longer need your physical donation envelopes, could you do us a quick favor?

Please send a **short email by Friday, May 29th** to the office at sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org, so we can remove you from the envelope system. This small step helps ensure even more of your generosity goes directly toward our mission.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us grow!

The Diocese of Honolulu



announces the
Presbyteral Ordination
of
Rev. Mr. John Akau
and
Rev. Mr. Taylor K. Mitchell

MAY 22, 2026 | 6:00 PM
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The Portuguese Holy Ghost Feast (*Festa do Divino Espírito Santo*) is a centuries-old religious and social tradition, most prominent among Azorean Portuguese communities, that combines Catholic devotion with a celebration of charity. It originates from a 14th-century legend regarding Queen Saint Isabel of Portugal, who, during a severe famine, prayed to the Holy Spirit and miraculously fed her people by turning hidden bread into roses.

Key Elements of the Feast:

- **Charity and Free Food:** Rooted in Queen Isabel's generosity, the tradition centers on feeding the community. Traditionally, sopas (a rich beef soup), bread, and wine are provided freely to all attendees.
- **The Coronation:** A young girl is crowned as the "Festa Queen" during a special Mass, wearing a silver crown topped with a dove, symbolizing the Holy Spirit and Queen Isabel's act of crowning a peasant girl to represent equality.
- **The Procession:** A parade featuring the crowned queen, her court, marching bands, and members of the local Holy Ghost Society carries the crown to a church.
- **Tradition and Community:** In the United States, these feasts are often organized by local Portuguese societies (often called "Irmandades") who maintain the traditions of the Azores.
- **The Crown:** The crown and scepter often travel to the homes of seven chosen organizers (called "Domingas" or "Mordomos") over the seven weeks between Easter and Pentecost.

The festivals are a celebration of culture and faith, featuring music, dancing, and auctions of traditional items like Portuguese sweet bread (massa sovada).

Origins and Legend

The feast is based on the 14th-century Queen Isabel (Elizabeth), who was known for her devotion to the poor. According to legend, during a severe famine, she prayed to the Holy Spirit for help, promising her crown to the church if her people were saved. Miraculously, ships laden with food arrived in the harbor shortly after. Another popular legend, the Miracle of the Roses, tells of the Queen hiding bread in her cloak to feed the hungry; when confronted by her husband, King Denis, the bread miraculously turned into roses.





FUNDRAISING INSTRUCTION

RAISING CANE'S CHICKEN FINGERS

APRIL 14, 2026 (Tuesday) from 11:45 AM to 8:00 PM

RE M I N D E R

BEFORE ORDERING ----- Let the Cashier know:

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Flood Relief and Recovery Fund

In response to the historic flooding caused by the recent Kona low storm system, which brought unprecedented rainfall across our islands, many within our parish and school communities have been affected. This fund has been established to support recovery efforts across the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii as needs continue to unfold. Your gift will help provide assistance to our parishes and schools where it is most needed during this time of recovery. Mahalo for your generosity, prayers, and support for our community.

To donate, please kokua: <https://www.hawaiicatholiccommunityfoundation.org/support-flood-relief-efforts/>

To read more, Hawaii Catholic Herald: <https://hawaiicatholicherald.com/2026/04/08/community-rallies-after-devastating-storms/>

Women's Guild

Bake & Plant Sale

**Sunday 4/12/26
After 7am, 9am &
11am Masses**

