

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church

April 25/26, 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Pastor's Corner

Aloha my brothers and sisters,

Can Christianity exist without the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

The official position of the Catholic Church is that the Resurrection is the "factual cornerstone" of the faith. St. Paul famously wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:14-17: *"And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain... you are still in your sins."*

Without the Resurrection, the following core tenets would be lost:

- **Forgiveness of Sins:** The Resurrection is viewed as the vindication of Christ's sacrifice; without it, there is no proof that sin and death were defeated.
- **Proof of Divinity:** Jesus's rising from the dead is the primary evidence for his claim to be the Son of God. Without it, he would be regarded merely as a failed prophet or a "blasphemer" who died a criminal's death.
- **Hope for Eternal Life:** Catholic teaching emphasizes the "resurrection of the body" at the end of time. If Christ was not raised, believers have no hope for their own future bodily resurrection.
- **Sacramental Validity:** The Eucharist is believed to be the body and blood of the risen Christ; if he is still dead, the sacrament is "utterly meaningless".

Alternative and Modern Perspectives

While the Church strictly mandates belief in a literal, bodily resurrection for orthodoxy, some individuals and scholars explore non-literal interpretations:

- **Symbolic/Spiritual Interpretation:** Some "non-practicing" or liberal Catholics view the Resurrection symbolically as a metaphor for finding hope after "death-like" lows in life.
- **Moral Framework:** Some argue that even without the miracle, Catholicism offers a valuable "beautiful set of traditions" and a "wonderful moral framework" focused on loving one's neighbor and caring for the poor.
- **Theological "Rethinking":** A minority of modern theologians have suggested "rethinking" bodily resurrection as a purely spiritual event that does not require an empty tomb, though this remains a point of significant controversy and is rejected by the official magisterium.

Essentially, most theologians and believers agree that Christianity without the resurrection is not Christianity at all.

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.*

<u>STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE</u>	<u>APRIL 18/19</u>
Sunday Collection	\$ 10,888.18
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 4,425.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 2,617.96
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,260.50
Preschool	\$ 100.00
Preschool – Bike-a-thon	\$ 130.00
Candles	\$ 360.00
Funeral	\$ 250.00
Easter	\$ 15.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 1070.00
Mother’s Day	\$ 1,005.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$ 3.50
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 30.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund	\$ 20.00
Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA)	\$ 32.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 22,207.14

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)

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.

***NOW OPEN ON SUNDAYS* 8AM – 12:30PM**

MASS INTENTIONS:

Apr 27: (8am) Nora Kyla Arellano & Family, †Ernest Takase, †Jin Yang, †Philip Pagador (Death Anniversary)
Apr 28: (8am) †Like Liu, †Juvent “Joe” Daguio, Nora Kyla & Family, Roberta Cwiekalo **Apr 29: (8am)** †Kit
Kitgawa, Nora Kyla & Family, †Stephanie Jamile **Apr 30: (8am)** Nora Kyla & Family, †Dexter Katsura,
†Maureen Torres, †Gilbert Chang **May 1: (8am)** †Feliciano Dona, Guerrero Family (Blessings/Thanksgiving)),
†Zaida Kwarai (Death Anniversary), †Robert Ane, Janese Morries (Thanksgiving) **May 2: (8am)** †All Souls
in Purgatory, †Philip Canales (Birthday Memorial), Abraham “Abe” Wilson **(5pm)** †Juvent “Joe” Daguio
May 3: (7am) †Stephanie & Wayne Rapozo **(9am)** For the people **(11am)** †Edwin Sousa **(6pm)** Aleiyah
Kuloloia (Birthday Blessing) & those mentioned in the Parish Book of Prayers.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES:

Stephanie Rapozo, Ben Topinio, John L. Williams, Geraldo “Gerry” Uyttingco, 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, Picca & Boba Catalan.

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 36-41 God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

1 Peter 2:20-25 You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

John 10:1-10 I am the gate of the sheepfold.

When Jesus uses the figure of the sheepfold in today's gospel, John says that the disciples did not understand what he was saying. And the situation may be even more true for us. The Good Shepherd has become a key symbol of Jesus. But we live in a culture where few of us have ever seen a shepherd, let alone become familiar with one. For us the word evokes romantic Christian images. For Jesus' audience, the reality of shepherds was hardly that of Christmas cards. It was as down to earth as you could get. As we speak the good news to our own times, we need to find new images with which to capture the excitement and reality of the gospel.

Here he is telling us that when we hear the real shepherd something within knows that this is the one to trust and to follow. Something within us resonates to the call of the real shepherd. In preaching the gospel today, amid all the other competing gospels, how can we help people discern that, yes, this is the truth. This is in accord with who I really am and how things actually are.

There are competing gospels—gospels that claim to be Christian and those that do not. Which is the true good news? When have you heard the good news that rings true to you in the depths of your being? What is the good news that our culture needs to hear that will awaken our neighbors to the truth of God's love and care for all? And what image might capture that truth?

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

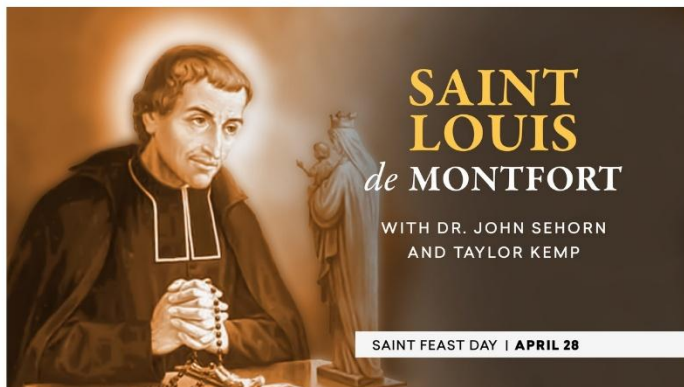
READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, May 3, 2026 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12



St. Louis de Montfort | Catholic Saints

Dr. John Sehorn joins Taylor Kemp to discuss the life of St. Louis de Montfort. Born in western France, St. Louis had a great love for Mary and the Rosary. His work True Devotion to Mary helps Catholics grow in their relationship with Jesus through his Mother, Mary.

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



- ❖ Interested in becoming Catholic? Or maybe, you are baptized Catholic but did not receive your Confirmation and First Holy Communion?
- ❖ Are you or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a part of the Catholic faith?
- ❖ Candidates will explore the elements of the Catholic faith in weekly meetings with Catechist in preparation to receive all the Sacraments of initiation.
- ❖ **Sessions meet Wednesdays at 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the One Community Center starting August 26, 2026.**

For more information, contact Deacon Romeo Ganibe [at rganibe@rcchawaii.org](mailto:rganibe@rcchawaii.org)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

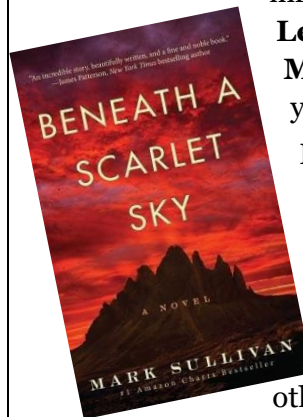


**2026 May Crowning |
Hosted by St John's A&E
Women's Guild |
Saturday, May 2, 2026 |
11AM Courtyard**

All parishioners are invited to this year's **May Crowning**. Come and join us to celebrate Our Mother Mary.

All are invited to come forward and present flowers at the statue of Mary. Please join us for a light salad lunch in the OCC hosted by Women's Guild.

Do you know that St. Jerome is the Patron Saint for librarians and book lovers? Want more Saint information? Stop by the **SJAE Lending Library** tables on **May 9-10** and see what else you might learn.



Books will be checked out until August, so you have plenty of reading time!

St. Jerome would probably also like you to return your overdue books so that others might read them. 😊

Our parish will be celebrating **Holy Ghost Feast Day on May 24, 2026, at our 9:00 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.

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.

If your daughter was selected in the past, they are not eligible again. 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.



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.

LAST WEEKEND to submit! Get your mother's name in for publication by Monday, April 27.

For givers online, email your mother's name to sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org.

Aloha my brothers and sisters,

I would like to apologize that our reporting for this year's Holy Thursday and Good Friday's collection amount has been in error this past two weeks.

Here are the correct amounts based on our accounting records.

On Holy Thursday, we had only one Mass at 7 PM, the total collection was \$2,532.60, and we also had a late donation of an additional \$20.00 dropped off at the office giving us a total collection of \$2,552.60 for Holy Thursday.

On Good Friday (Holy Land) we celebrated two services, one at 3 PM and another one at 6 PM. We collected at 3:00 PM service \$1,251.00. And 6:00 PM service was \$3,334.52. The office received three separate donations of \$85, \$30, and \$60. Giving us a total collection amount for Good Friday (Holy Land) \$4,760.52 for the Holy Land.

As a friendly reminder all Good Friday collections go to the Holy Land.

Sincerely,

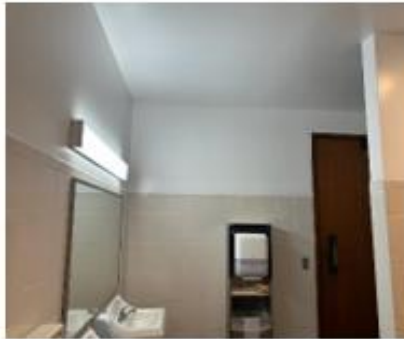
Fr. Anthony

We are excited to share that the additional 20 memorial tiles have been officially installed! We invite you to stop by, find your loved ones' names, and take a moment to enjoy this beautiful tribute to our community. Thank you to everyone who helped make happen.



The "Out of Order" sign is officially history! The wait is over—our Men's and Women's restrooms are officially back in service and fully repaired. A huge thank you for your patience while we got things sorted. Check out the photos below to see the fixes and the new, brighter lighting!

Men's Restroom



Women's Restroom



Hallway





Congratulations to Our Newly Baptized!

With great joy, our parish family celebrates and welcomes our brothers and sisters who, through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), have been fully received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Through the waters of Baptism, the anointing of Confirmation, and the gift of the Holy Eucharist, they have been reborn in Christ and now share fully in the life of our Church.

Let us continue to pray for them as they grow in faith, hope, and love, and as they live out their mission as disciples of Jesus in the world.

Welcome to the family of God!

Annie Liu	Austin K. Fitzmaurice	Bruce W. Trent	Cordell M. Jones
Gabriel J. Lemmons	Jolie M. Owens	Matthew D. Flisk	Rayge K. McClintok
Tehani De La Rosa	Yong Nam Etherton	Warner Nelson	Benicio-Luciano C. Villafior
Noah M.K. Graham	Pepper I. Byrd-Montalbo	Ryder D. Hu	Thomas M. Molnar

We also **congratulate** those already are one with us in **Baptism** and now in full communion of the Catholic Church (Confirmation and Holy Eucharist).

Romeo V. Ve
Jerahmeel F. Cabahit

We also congratulate those **previously baptized** as **Catholics** who received their Sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

Renee K. Ve
Bienvenido C. Villafior II
Bienvenido C. Villafior III
Lucas K. Aguiar

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St. John 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!



2026

WORLD DAY of PRAYER for VOCATIONS



JUBILEE YEAR • 800 YEARS SINCE THE DEATH OF SAINT FRANCIS • 1226-2026

Masthead photo: A young friar prepares for *transitus*, the Franciscan tradition of celebrating the entrance of their patron saint into heaven. In 2026, the feast will take on special significance, as Pope Leo has declared a special jubilee year recognizing eight centuries of Francis of Assisi's profound influence on the Church.

CALLED BY NAME

'THEY SAW SOMETHING IN ME THAT I COULDN'T SEE IN MYSELF'

“When I first became Vocation Director, I discovered something remarkable,” said Fr. Jordan Dosch, a priest of the Diocese of Bismarck.

“I was looking through our archives and discovered an old ‘Called by Name’ list from about fifteen years earlier.” The list was from a campaign during which the bishop asked people to suggest young men who might make good priests. “As I looked at this long list of hundreds of young men, I saw my own name.”

“What’s amazing to me is that when my name was submitted, I was in junior high, and wasn’t even thinking about the priesthood—I barely even understood what it was. But someone saw something in me that I couldn’t yet see in myself.”

As Fr. Dosch examined the list, he saw more names he recognized. “I checked closely, and almost all of our young priests were on that list,” he said. “And some names were on the list ten times, which is a pretty good clue!”

Fr. Dosch says lay people have an important role to play in calling forth priestly vocations. “Every young Catholic guy has to struggle at some point with whether God may be calling him,” he said. “So when you see a devout young man and ask, ‘Have you ever considered the priesthood?’ it might confirm something that is already stirring in his heart.”



Daughters of Mary of Nazareth

The Romance of Religious Life

Many women say, “I could never be a nun. I want a guy to sweep me off my feet. I want walks on the beach, candlelight dinners, and warm embraces.” And yet there are thousands of religious sisters who are head-over-heels in love with Jesus Christ, who relish being His bride, who will do anything to please Him, and who are too romantic to choose any other kind of life!



Fr. Jordan Dosch is currently studying canon law in Rome. He is pictured here with two deacons at their ordination in St. Peter's Basilica.



AN INDISPENSABLE VOCATION

WHY WE NEED BROTHERS



Contributed Photo of Fr. Joseph

With today's shortage of priests, one might assume that any man entering a religious community would naturally go on to be ordained. Historically, however, this has never been the case. Religious life—marked by the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience—has always been recognized as a vocation in its own right, distinct from Holy Orders.

Religious brothers play a unique and essential role in the Church. Free from the demands of sacramental ministry, they are often able to devote themselves fully to works requiring long-term presence and deep personal engagement. For example, the Brotherhood of Hope, a community of all brothers, focuses on campus ministry in secular universities.

In contemplative communities such as the Cistercians, monk-brothers live in seclusion and austerity, centered on prayer and labor. Through this hidden fidelity, they bear powerful witness that God alone deserves our complete devotion because, in the end, our common vocation is union with Him in heaven.

Religious brotherhood is a vocation that deserves renewed attention by the faithful and serious consideration from young men discerning God's call.

A TRADITION FOR MOTHERS



At a priest's ordination, the bishop anoints his hands with sacred chrism and wipes them with a cloth that in older rites was called a *maniturgium*. Following an ancient and beautiful tradition, a priest may give this fragrant, oil-soaked cloth to his mother after his first Mass. She carefully preserves the cloth, then at her burial, her hands are tied together as in prayer by the *maniturgium* as a sign that she has offered her son to God and the Church.



Diocese of Savannah

Vocation Summer Camps

Vocations-themed summer camps—often run by priests and seminarians—are a staple in dioceses across the country. They offer a mix of prayer, friendship, and fun... and, occasionally, a lifelong calling. When telling their vocation stories, quite a few priests will tell you: *it all started at camp!*

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

By Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priest; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in Purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to You the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen

