



St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church

May 16/17, 2026 – Ascension of the Lord

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Pastor's Corner

Aloha my brothers and sisters,

This week, we reflect on the meaning and beauty of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The image below, from circa 1880, is part of the Auguste Martin Collection at the University of Dayton Libraries.



The Sacred Heart of Jesus is a premier Catholic devotion symbolizing Christ's boundless, sacrificial, and burning love for all humanity. The Sacred Heart represents not only the physical heart of Jesus, but also His divine love and mercy poured out for the world. It is often depicted as a flaming heart surrounded by thorns, signifying passion, compassion, and suffering for mankind's redemption.

Traditional depictions of the Sacred Heart use specific imagery to convey theological truths:

- **The Heart** - represents the core of Jesus' personhood, both human and divine, and His deep affection for mankind.
- **The Flames** - symbolize the intensity and warmth of Christ's burning love, as well as its power to purify and transform hearts.
- **Crown of Thorns** - recalls the suffering Jesus endured during His Passion and represents the stings caused by human sin.
- **The Wound or Lance Gash** - points to the moment Jesus' side was pierced by a soldier's lance, from which blood and water flowed, symbolizing the sacraments.
- **The Cross** - often placed above the heart, shows that it is through the sacrifice of the cross that His love is most clearly demonstrated.
- **Rays of Light** - signify Christ as the light of the world, revealing God's love to humanity.

The devotion was popularized in the 17th century through Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, who received visions of Jesus highlighting His love. It is often distinguished from the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which is shown with roses and symbolizes her spiritual suffering and purity.

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 – 1
(Closed 1PM – 2PM for lunch)

<u>STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE</u>	<u>MAY 9/10</u>
Sunday Collection	\$ 12,368.40
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 3,713.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance	\$ 600.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,262.00
Preschool	\$ 225.00
Funeral	\$ 600.00
Candles	\$ 561.00
Mass Intention	\$ 70.00
Mother’s Day	\$ 265.00
Donation	\$ 25.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 40.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 25.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 19,754.40

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:

May 18–22, 2026 (8 AM) There will be a **Communion Service** in lieu of Daily Mass.
Fr. Anthony and Fr. Jojo will be attending the **Annual Priests’ Retreat** at St. Stephen Diocesan Center
from **May 18 to May 22**.

Saturday, May 23, 2026 (8 am) +Jim Smith (Birthday Memorial) +Lois Martell (Death Anniversary)
+Maria Rivera (Death Anniversary); +Stephanie Jamile **(5 pm)** +Wayne Mitchell;
Sunday, May 24, 2026 (7am) Liana McKinney (Birthday Blessing); **(9am)** For the People;
(11am) +Abraham “Abe” Wilson; **(6pm)** +Suzanna Foster

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT-VALERIE MARCELLO

Tuesday, May 26 – St. John, Mililani; Arrival: 9:00am; Visitation: 9:15am; Eulogy: 10:00am;
Final Viewing: 10:45am; Mass: 11:00am

Ascension of the Lord Year A

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11 Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Ephesians 1:17-23 God made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

Matthew 28:16-20 All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The feast of the Ascension is an important one for evangelizers. As bearers of the good news, we continually feel we are not adequate to such an important task. But the action of today's feast assures us that God knows what God is doing. Not only does God love us, knowing us through and through, with all our strengths as well as our weaknesses. But God, knowing all of this, choose us to be the messengers of his good news to others.

If Jesus had stayed on earth, he could very well have continued his ministry of announcing the good news himself. But he goes to join the Father precisely because he wishes us to continue his ministry. Sometimes we may not know what we are doing in our ministry. But let us rest assured that God knows what God is doing; and God is perfectly happy to allow the ministry of evangelization to fall on us.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for May

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone from large to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

This Month's Disciples Challenge:

[Jesus] said to them again, "*Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.*" (Gospel for May 24, Jn 20-21)

Jesus sends us into the world, just as the Father sent him. Jesus had a sacred, divine mission — to proclaim the Good News of salvation and build the kingdom of God — and we are commissioned to do likewise. As his faithful disciples, we continue his saving mission on earth, consistent with our state in life. We are not just "receivers" of the Gospel; our mission is to bear witness to the Good News in word and action, living the Gospel through our example and outreach to others.



Saint Philip Neri: I Prefer Heaven

This captivating film highlights St. Philip Neri's great love for youth, his warm sense of humor, contagious joy, deep mystical spirituality, and his amazing gift for miracles. Watch this film to learn more about the famous Apostle of Rome.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Diocese of Honolulu Presbyteral
Ordination of

***Rev. Mr. John Akau &
Rev. Mr. Taylor K. Mitchell***

Friday, May 22, 2026 | 6:00 PM
Co – Cathedral of St. Theresa

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.

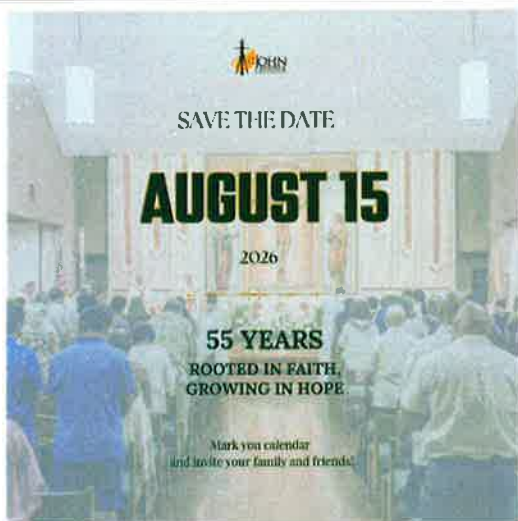
FATHER'S DAY – JUNE 21



Honor your father,
living or deceased, this
FATHER'S DAY, by
making a Mass
offering. All the names
will be published as an
insert in the June
13/14 bulletin.

Please PRINT LEGIBLY. Envelopes are available at the
back of the church. Giving online: email names to
sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org.

The deadline to submit your father's name for
publication is Monday, June 8.



Join us as we celebrate 55 years of faith and community on
August 15, 2026—save the date and be part of this special
milestone!

**Preparing Your Catholic Advanced
Health Care Directive**

Prepare with Purpose. Decide with Faith.

Join us for a free, in-person workshop on the Catholic
Advanced Health Care Directive. Learn how to align your end-
of-life medical choices with Catholic teachings.



Date: Saturday, May 30, 2026



Time: 9:00AM - 12:00 PM



Location: St. John Apostle & Evangelist

Featured Speakers:

Fr. Mark Gantley

Hope Young (Kokua Mau)

Eva Andrade (Hawaii Catholic Conference)

AMAZING NEWS! We were able to find a bus for
Taylor's Ordination on Friday, May 22! Skip traffic and
parking so we can travel, pray, and celebrate together.
The bus will depart from St. John at 4:15 PM sharp and
will pick us up from the Co-Cathedral at 9:00 PM. See
Domi after all Masses this weekend! Seats fill fast—let's
pack the bus and show Taylor our support!



Incoming 6th - 8th Grade Students



Catholic United

Soccer is the most popular sport in the world, and the World Cup is its largest and most important event. But the World Cup is about more than just a game; it's a celebration of culture and a source of unity across the globe. This summer, teams from around the world will compete in venues throughout Canada, Mexico, and the United States, united by a common love for the sport and the desire to see the best team crowned as champions.

"Catholic United" capitalizes on the global excitement of the World Cup. We'll take this opportunity to teach our teens about how Catholicism serves as a unifying thread across different cultures, allowing for diverse expressions of the faith in people's lives, while remaining personal. We'll journey through Canada, Mexico, and the United States, examining examples of the Catholic faith in each of these cultures, all while inspiring our teens to embrace and live out the faith on their own.



Incoming 9th - 12th Grade Students



Vox

Welcome to "Vox," a unique series focusing entirely on the prophets. Based on the Latin word for voice, "Vox" unpacks how the prophets used their voices to amplify God's. Through the lives and writings of the major prophets, your teens will be inspired to use their own voices as instruments for God's message to reach the world.

The writings of the prophets are a wellspring of inspiration that can lead to growth in our relationship with God and others. The prophets call us to repentance by reminding us that we are God's people and encouraging us to live accordingly. Their lives show us what it means to be faithful to God, to trust in Him, and to live out the mission He calls each of us to. This resource serves as an introduction to the major prophets aimed at communicating to our teens that the lives, teachings, and examples of the prophets are relevant and impactful for us today.



Life Teen & Edge Summer Adventure Calendar



JUNE 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 First Day of Class!	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

JULY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Last Day of Class Social	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

 = No Class  = Class  = Social

Class Times:

Life Teen: 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Edge: 12:30 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Celebrate Our 55th Anniversary: Rooted in Faith, Growing in Hope

UPCOMING

EVENTS

08/01/2026
MULTI-CULTURAL NIGHT
Our parish 'ohana is made up of many cultures. Share yours with us - we'd love to learn and celebrate together!

8/15/2026
PROCESSION OF DECADES
Calling all parishioners of 50+ years! We'd be honored to have you participate in our Jubilee Mass. *Please sign-up to participate*

SCHEDULE

08/15/2026
THANKSGIVING MASS (5PM)
Be part of our 55th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving as we celebrate the many cultures, families, and stories that make our parish home.

08/15/2026
DECADES OF FAITH GALA
6PM-9PM - OCC
Bring your family and friends - let's celebrate this milestone as one parish 'ohana.
Gala tickets will be released soon. We hope you'll join us.

SIGN UP NOW!
LET US KNOW YOU'LL BE WITH US AS WE CELEBRATE THIS MILESTONE.

August 1, 2026 – Multicultural Mass and Potluck Dinner in the OCC

We invite the various cultures that make up our wonderful parish to wear their traditional attire during the entrance procession at the beginning of Mass, along with presenting a gift that reflects what their culture would offer to God.

This Mass will be followed by a parish-wide potluck dinner in the OCC, where we encourage everyone to bring dishes to share from their respective cultures.

August 15, 2026 – Thanksgiving Mass and Decades of Faith Gala in the OCC

This will be our main celebration, during which we thank God for guiding our parish over the past 55 years here in Mililani. We hope to have the different decades of our parish represented by parishioners, symbolizing the various age groups and generations that make up our diverse community.

This will be followed by a catered reception dinner, where we will share the history of our parish and its accomplishments with one another and with the greater Mililani community, whom we are also inviting to this event.

Voices of the Parish

We are inviting parishioners to help us create short videos (through brief interviews) to share their thoughts, experiences, memories, or meaningful moments in our parish. These videos will be shown during the Decades of Faith Gala on August 15, 2026.

Wall of Remembrance

We are seeking photos that we can copy and include in our Parish Wall of Remembrance, which our committee is creating for this special celebration. We welcome construction photos of any church buildings, images from liturgical celebrations, or anything that reflects the life of our parish over the past 55 years.

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The Victory of Joan of Arc | Promo

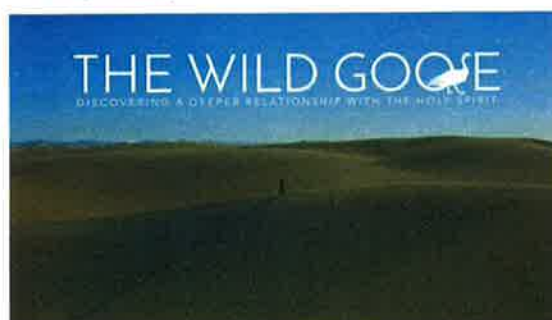
Meet Joan of Arc. In this powerful movie-of-the-mind audio drama, you'll hear the true story of how she rose from an obscure peasant village to serve God and her country in the most surprising and miraculous ways.

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The Wild Goose | Trailer

The Wild Goose. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. It is a 14 part series featuring Fr. Dave Plvonka and various interviews. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert, The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit.

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