



St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church

May 23/24, 2026 – Pentecost Sunday

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Pastor's Corner

Aloha my brothers and sisters,

Pentecost is one of the most significant solemnities in the Catholic Church, celebrated 50 days after Easter Sunday to commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the Virgin Mary. It is widely considered the "birthday of the Church," marking the public beginning of its mission to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Core Importance

The Birth of the Church: While Jesus founded the Church during his earthly ministry, Pentecost marks the moment it was publicly revealed and began its mission. The Holy Spirit transformed the fearful Apostles into bold witnesses, leading to the baptism of approximately 3,000 people that day.

Completion of the Paschal Mystery: According to the National Catholic Register, Pentecost is the fulfillment of Christ's Passover. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit completes the work of salvation that began with Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Empowerment for Mission: The descent of the Spirit provided the Apostles with the "Great Commission"-the power and courage to preach the Gospel to all nations. This event emphasizes that the Church is divinely sustained and guided by the Spirit rather than human effort alone.

Full Revelation of the Trinity: The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that on the day of Pentecost; the Holy Trinity was fully revealed to the world.

Spiritual & Liturgical Significance

Ongoing Presence of the Spirit: For modern Catholics, Pentecost is not just a historical memory but a celebration of the Holy Spirit's active presence in the Church today, providing believers with specific Gifts and Fruits.

Connection to Confirmation: Pentecost is intimately linked to the Sacrament of Confirmation, where individuals receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit to strengthen them for their Christian life.

Unity and Transformation: The gift of tongues (speaking in different languages yet being understood) symbolizes the overcoming of the division of Babel. The Holy Spirit transforms the Church into a vibrant, interconnected body united in faith and purpose. It serves as a reminder that the Church is not just an organization, but a living body of Christ on earth.

Pentecost was originally a Jewish festival called Shavuot (the Feast of Weeks), which occurred 50 days after Passover to celebrate the wheat harvest and the giving of the Torah. Christians adopted and transformed this date into a celebration of the "spiritual harvest."

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
(Closed 1PM – 2PM for lunch)

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

<u>STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE</u>	<u>MAY 16/17</u>
Sunday Collection	\$ 9,955.05
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 4,228.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance	\$ 2,805.02
Healing Mass (5.11.26)	\$ 292.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,202.00
Preschool	\$ 150.00
Funeral	\$ 350.00
Candles	\$ 360.00
Mass Intention	\$ 40.00
Mother's Day	\$ 5.00
Father's Day	\$ 50.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 936.04
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 20,373.11

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 Sunday.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Monday, May 25, 2026 (8 am) †Mike Kozelka, †Lolito Sagocio, Taylor K. Mitchell (Birthday Blessings/ Special Intentions); **Tuesday, May 26, 2026 (8 am)** †Dominador Rulloda (Birthday Memorial), †Stephanie Jamile, †Lolito Sagocio; **Wednesday, May 27, 2026 (8 am)** John Madsen (Healing), †Stephanie Jamile; **Thursday, May 28, 2026 (8 am)** †Lolito Sagocio; **Friday, May 29, 2026 (8 am)** †Rafael Mauleon (Birthday Memorial), †Lolito Sagocio; **Saturday, May 30, 2026 (8 am)** †Trudy Debusca, †Lolito Sagocio, Reyes Aguirre (Healing) **(5 pm)** Pearl Bates (Thanksgiving); **Sunday, May 24, 2026 (7am)** †Rodolfo Taglinao (Death Anniversary) **(9am)** For the People **(11am)** †Anthony Scarpelli (Birthday Memorial) **(6pm)** †Salvador Jose Ivan Sala (Death Anniversary)

+REST IN PEACE+

Pentecost Sunday Year A

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages.

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 In one Spirit we were all baptized, making one body.

John 20:19-23 As the Father sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit.

The first two readings today remind us of the beauty of variety and diversity. In the Acts of the Apostles, we hear how the disciples spoke in the many languages of the earth, sharing the Good News of Jesus in each person's native tongue.

As Catholics, we have moved from a time when we worshiped only in Latin, believing it united us. The challenge, of course, was that very few people—even priests—utterly understood it. Today, we celebrate in our own languages, but as American Catholics this brings new sensitivities. English may be our common language, yet many in our communities are newly arrived and still feel most at home praying in their native tongue.

Ideally, every Catholic celebration should echo that first Pentecost, where each person heard the Good News in the language of the heart. What a sign of welcome it is when some of our songs are in Spanish, Vietnamese, or other languages spoken by members of our parish. Whether we all understand every word is not the point; what matters is that we celebrate Christ in whatever language His people speak. Inclusiveness is a powerful sign of the Kingdom—a beautiful invitation to come, belong, and feel at home.

The second reading reminds us of the variety of gifts presented in our community. We are never solitary as Christians; we are members of the Body of Christ. If I cannot do something well, someone else has that gift. As we proclaim the Good News to the world, let us show that every gift is valued and welcomed in our parish. James Joyce once said of the Catholic Church, "Here comes everybody." That is exactly who Jesus calls us to be—an inclusive, welcoming people who rejoice in all cultures, languages, and gifts.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, May 31, 2026

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

First Reading: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

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)

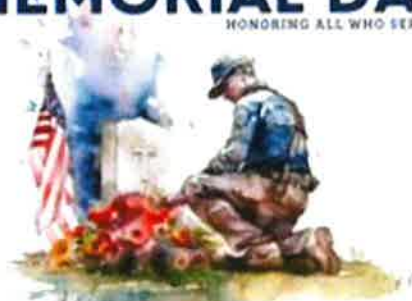
Jesus sends us into the world, just as the Father sent him. Jesus had a sacred, divine mission — to proclaim the Good News of salvation and build the kingdom of God — and we are commissioned to do likewise. As his faithful disciples, we continue his saving mission on earth, consistent with our state 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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE CLOSED, MONDAY MAY 25, 2026

MEMORIAL DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



The office will resume on Tuesday, May 26, 2026

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)

FATHER'S DAY – JUNE 21



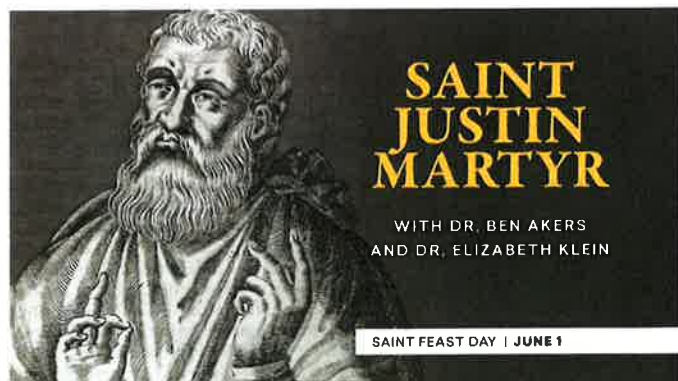
Honor your father, living or deceased, this FATHER'S DAY, by making a Mass offering. All the names will be published as an insert in the June 13/14 bulletin.

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!



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Saint Justin Martyr | Catholic Saints

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss St. Justin Martyr, an early Church martyr who wrote several significant Christian apologetic works. He sought the truth in other philosophies, drawing out what was true and good and relating it to Jesus Christ.

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E Komo Mai: Welcoming the O'ahu Panel

My brothers and sisters,

As you all know, the Diocese is currently restoring the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace. Part of the restoration is the creation of a new altar for the Cathedral Basilica. This new altar will have eight panels representing the eight major Hawaiian Islands. Each island's panel contains the image of the island's flower.

Bishop Silva ordered the panel for each island to visit all the parishes on the island it represents, so that the faithful may venerate it. The panel representing the island of O'ahu will be visiting St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church from June 3–12, 2026.



Our parish will celebrate this event with a Prayer Service on Wednesday evening, June 3, 2026, at 7:00 pm, using the Prayer Service created by Bishop Silva for the veneration of the panel by the parishioners.

The flower that represents the island of O'ahu is the Yellow 'Ilima (*Sida fallax*). This delicate, golden-yellow blossom is a symbol of love and respect. Historically, the beautiful yellow 'ilima was reserved for royalty (*ali'i*). Because the petals resembled the rare, precious yellow feathers of the 'ō'ō bird, intricate 'ilima leis were draped around high-ranking chiefs and Hawaiian nobility. As pictured in the top – right corner, this is the actual panel.

We encourage everyone to come, see, and venerate the panel representing our island for the new altar.

Sincerely,

Fr. Anthony Rapozo

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*

SIGN UP NOW!

LET US KNOW YOU'LL BE WITH US AS WE CELEBRATE THIS MILESTONE.

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.

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SUMMER ADVENTURE 2026 **Now accepting registration!**

Summer Adventure is a six-week summer program for incoming 6th–12th grade students featuring faith, friendship, games, discussions, and fun! Each week, students will encounter Christ through engaging talks, prayer, and group activities while building community in a welcoming and joyful environment. We invite all middle school and high school students to join us for an exciting summer together!

Visit stjohnmililani.org/faithformation and select either the Middle School or High School tab to download the calendar.

Questions? If you have any interest or questions, contact Meredith or Chloe.



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