

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church

July 11/12, 2026 – *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A*



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Pastor's Corner

Aloha, my brothers and sisters,

Embracing cultural diversity is essential for a Catholic parish because it reflects the universal nature of the Church, enriches the liturgical life of the parish through varied traditions, and fosters a more vibrant, unified community of missionary disciples.

The word "Catholic" literally means "universal." Since its inception, the Church has been called to gather people from every nation, tribe, and language. A culturally diverse parish acts as a microcosm of this heavenly vision. When we welcome different cultural and ethnic groups, our community becomes a true reflection of the global Body of Christ.

Every culture brings unique gifts to the faith, including distinctive music, art, and devotional practices. A culturally diverse parish:

- Allows our parish community to experience the richness of shared faith through multilingual liturgies and traditional celebrations.
- Broadens our parish's understanding of the *Imago Dei* (the image of God) by observing how different cultures express devotion, such as *Simbang Gabi* (Filipino), *Día de los Muertos* (Latino), *Holy Ghost Feast* (Portuguese), or Black Catholic History Month traditions.

Our late Pope Francis frequently called for a "culture of encounter." Engaging with parishioners from different backgrounds pushes us out of our comfort zones and helps us practice the virtue of cultural humility.

- **Encourages Charity and Unity:** As the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops notes, diversity is a gift that builds communion rather than uniformity. It challenges us to see one another as equal partners in Christ.
- **Strengthens Evangelization:** Parishes that reflect the demographics of their local neighborhoods are better equipped to welcome newcomers, reflecting a welcoming spirit that the Church has always championed.

A diverse parish is a dynamic parish. By integrating different generations, traditions, and leadership styles, our parish community becomes more resilient and expansive. When every cultural group is recognized and valued, the entire parish is nourished, deepening our collective faith and our capacity for service.

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 instill, 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 – 5PM
(Closed 1PM – 2PM for lunch)

NOW OPEN ON SUNDAYS 8AM – 12:30PM

<u>STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE</u>	<u>July 4/5</u>
Sunday Collection	\$ 11,655.93
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 5,007.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 225.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 6,151.05
Candles	\$ 360.00
Mass Intention	\$ 40.00
Preschool	\$ 100.00
Donation	\$ 25.00
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ 55.00
Father's Day	\$ 5.00
Religious Education	\$ 120.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$ 100.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$ 20.00
Retirement Fund Religious	\$ 25.00
St John A&E 55 th Anniversary	\$ 100.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 23,988.98

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:

We remember these people in a special way at these Masses. **Monday, July 13, 2026 (8 am)** †Ralph & Joan Mesick, †John & Frances Clarke, Mark Pablo (Healing), **Tuesday, July 14, 2026 (8 am)** †Ellen Cleghorn, Dion Kevin Cortel (Birthday Blessing), Xavier P. Belleza (Baptism Day Blessings), **Wednesday, July 15, 2026 (8 am)** †Abraham “Abe” Wilson, †Juanito T. Dela Cruz (Birthday Memorial), †Anne Ganzon (Birthday Memorial), **Thursday, July 16, 2026 (8 am)** †Robert Ane, Carlton Hayes, Joan Madsen (Healing), Fr. Anthony Rapozo (Birthday Blessings) **Friday, July 17, 2026 (8 am)** †Fred Kunz (Birthday Memorial), †Christian McKinney, †Eufemia Lopez, **Saturday, July 18, 2026 (8 am)** †Eufemia Lopez, †Christian McKinney **(5 pm)** Mary Ann Remigio (Healing) **Sunday, July 19, 2026 (7am)** †Patrick M. Mayock (Death Anniversary) **(9am)** **For the People (11am)** †Isabelle Browning (Birthday Memorial) **(6pm)** †Suzanna Foster

†REST IN PEACE†

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Isaiah 55:10-11 "The rain makes the earth fruitful."

Romans 8:18-23 "All creation is waiting for God to reveal his children."

Matthew 13:1-23 "A Sower went out to sow."

The parable of the Sower reveals a great deal about our mission to evangelize. To evangelize means to announce the good news of God's kingdom, which we have heard from and experienced in Jesus and his community. Imagine the seed of the parable as the Word of God or the gospel. Pretend you are the farmer sowing the seed. Scatter the seed to the wind: some fall on the rocks, some is eaten by the birds, some choked by weeds, but despite this there is a bountiful harvest.

Let us be prodigal when it comes to proclaiming the good news and sharing what Jesus means to us. Evangelization is not just done through carefully planned programs. It should be a risk-taking operation—scatter the seed everywhere. Sure, much of the time nothing will come up. But let us trust in God that the final harvest will be bountiful.

Also, as Isaiah points out, the Word of God with which we are entrusted is not inert or dead, but alive. It goes forth from God filled with the power to give life. And that Word returns to God bearing the new life that it has found. As participants in the ministry of this Word, we too share in the new life that it brings back to God. New people enrich our lives and our church. The Word produces life as the water brings life to the land. Here is an image of abundance and creation; it is a privilege to be part of Jesus' mission and to experience such glorious fullness and prosperity.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: *Wisdom 12:13, 16-19*

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16*

Second Reading: *Romans 8:26-27*

Gospel: *Matthew 13:24-4*

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for July

For formation in discernment:

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

This Month's Disciples Challenge:

"While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well." (Mt 13:25-26)

In the midst of his suffering, Job asked, "Why do the wicked keep on living, grow old, become mighty in power?" (Job 21:7). It seems to human eyes an in justice: the good suffer while the evil prosper. But Jesus explains that God "makes his sun rise on the bad and the good and causes rain to fall on the just and unjust" (Mt 5:45). He is a patient God, and we must 'consider the patient of our Lord as salvation" (2Pt 3:15a). God is patient with sinners — including us.

July 12, 2026
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The setting of today's Gospel may remind us of a warm midsummer day—maybe like today. Jesus comes outside and walks down to the sea. So many people gather along the shoreline that Jesus decides to go out in a boat and speak to the entire crowd from there. Imagine yourself sitting on a beach on a beautiful day with hundreds of others, listening to the Lord teaching in parables. Through the power of imagination, we have that opportunity today.

Penitential Act C

Prayers of the Faithful

We long to make the world a better place for all, and so we pray that, just as God's word comes down from the heavens to bear fruit in us, God's love and mercy may come down to all those in need.

For the Church, that we may be inspired to spread the good news of God's infinite love and redemptive mercy, allowing both to bear fruit through us, let us pray to the Lord.

That we may increase our care for our common home, assuring that it will remain more and more fertile and hospitable for scores of generations to come, let us pray to the Lord.

For the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, the missionary order that brought the Catholic faith to Hawaii in 1827, and all religious communities who have served here: May they continue to be blessed with vocations as they share their charism with all the faithful, let us pray to the Lord.

For just wages and safe working conditions for all those who sow, cultivate, and harvest our fruits and vegetables, especially migrant laborers, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who have dedicated their lives to spreading God's word, especially those who sow it on rocky ground or among thorns or face persecution or hardship for their work, let us pray to the Lord

For all the prayers that we hold in the silence of our hearts; for all our prayer requests found in our Parish Book of Prayers, let us pray to the Lord.

God of wisdom and goodness, open our hearts and minds to your word so that it may take root in us and flower for the rest of our lives. Grant this and all our prayers through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. JOHN APOSTLE &
EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

YOUTH MINISTRY

Faith. Friendship. Purpose.

*A place where you
belong, become, and
be sent*

Grow in your faith, build
real friendships, discover
your purpose, and make
a difference in our parish
and community!

*You are
Called.
You are
Loved.
You are
Welcome Here!*

MEET & GREET
AUGUST 9, 2026
Come meet our leaders, learn what
we're all about, and see how you
can get involved!

CLASSES START
AUGUST 16, 2026
Join us as we grow together in faith,
service, and friendship!

WHAT TO EXPECT

- FAITH & DISCIPLESHIP
- SERVICE & OUTREACH
- FUN EVENTS & RETREATS
- REAL FRIENDSHIPS & COMMUNITY
- ENCOUNTER CHRIST EVERY DAY

DON'T MISS OUT! COME AS YOU ARE. LEAVE TRANSFORMED.
Bring a friend!

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2026–2027 Religious Education & Children's OCIA Registration

Registration is now open for Religious Education and Children's OCIA classes for students in Kindergarten through 5th Grade at St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church.

Classes begin on **August 2** and are held on **Sundays from 7:45 AM–8:45 AM, August through May.**

Our program provides a caring and faith-filled environment where children grow in their relationship with God while preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

We also offer Children's OCIA classes for children over the age of 7 who have not been baptized or still need to receive their Sacraments.

♦ **Final day for registration: October 4**

For more information, please scan the QR code or visit:

www.stjohnmililani.org/faith-formation/grade-school-classes



Journeying in Faith Together

Are you, or someone you know, interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?

Have you felt called to become part of the Catholic Church? Do you have questions about God, Jesus, or the Church? Were you baptized Catholic but never had the opportunity to learn more about the faith?

If so, we invite you to join us for **OCIA!**

OCIA is a journey of faith for those who desire to learn more about the Catholic Church.

We're inviting:

- Individuals who are not baptized
- Those baptized in another Christian tradition who wish to become Catholic
- Baptized Catholics who have not received further faith formation

Come pray, reflect, explore, and discuss the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church, and grow spiritually within a supportive and joyful community.

FALL SESSION BEGINS
Wednesday, August 26, 2026
One Community Center,
Main Room 7:00 PM

Questions ?

Contact **Deacon Romeo Ganibe** rganibe@rcchawaii.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter, recognized by the Vatican as an International Private Association of the Faithful, invites married couples to plan ahead for the next experience. The upcoming WWME Hawai'i weekend will be Feb. 12–14, 2027, at St. Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi Valley, O'ahu. To apply or for more information, visit **www.hawaiiwwme.org** or **contact Brian and Claudine Perry at (808) 276-5721 or email brian.claudine.perry@wwme.org**.



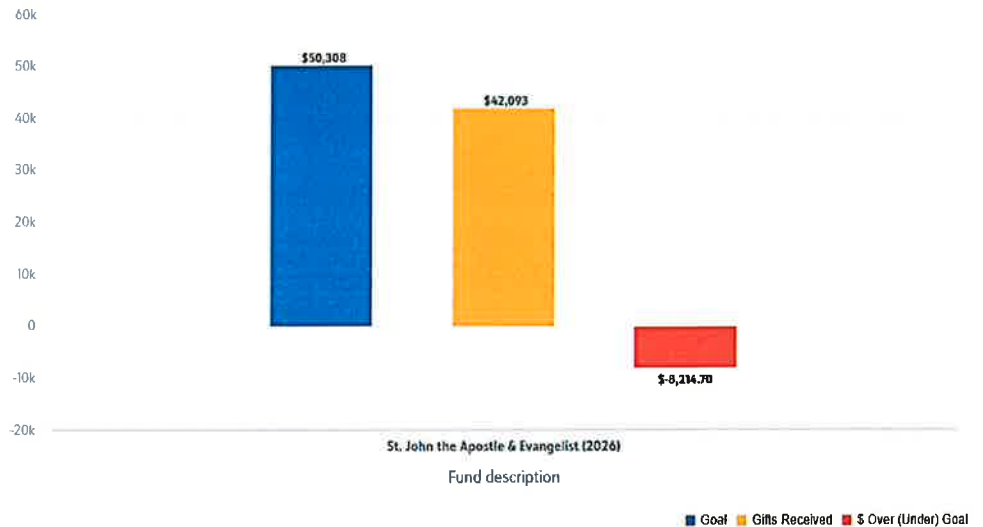
Dear Parishioners,

I want to share a heartfelt update on our progress for this year's Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

Your generosity plays a vital role in keeping our diocese vibrant. Together, we are funding essential programs that no single parish could sustain on its own.

Our Current Progress

- Our Parish Goal: \$50,308.00
- Collected: \$42,093.00
- Average Gift: \$187.00
- Gifts Received: 196
- Number of Donors: 123
- Reached: 84% of our Goal
- We are short by \$8,214.00



Where Your Gifts Go: Your contributions directly support ministries that bring Christ's love to our wider community:

- Vocations: Funding education for our future priests and deacons.
- Faith Formation: Supporting youth ministry, campus ministries, and religious education.
- Retired Priests: Caring for the faithful pastors who served us for decades.

How You Can Help

We need just to raise \$8,215.00 more to hit our goal. If you have not made a pledge yet, please consider doing so today. Every gift matter's, regardless of the size. You can drop your pledge envelope in the collection basket next Sunday. You can also donate securely online through the diocesan portal at:

<https://www.catholichawaii.org/cmaa/>

Thank you for your continued faith, prayers, and generosity. May God bless you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Anthony Rapozo



Helping Hands Hawai'i Ready to Learn Initiative 2026



Starting July 5 until July 19, 2026

St. John is partnering with Helping Hands Hawai'i to help students from families with financial challenges with school supplies; they need prior to the beginning of the school year. Here's how you can help:

This year, the program aims to distribute 3,000 backpacks filled with essential supplies to students entering kindergarten through 12th grade.

Each backpack includes a school supply kit designed to support classroom learning while reducing back-to-school costs for families.

The school supplies kits are valued at \$50 each and include backpacks, pens, binders, colored pencils, composition books, crayons, dry-erase markers, erasers, filler paper, glue, glue sticks, highlighters, markers, pencils, pencil pouch/box, pencil sharpener, permanent markers, portfolios, and spiral notebooks.

The items most urgently needed right now are the 24-count crayons, 4-ounce glue, and markers.

Please drop off your donation during office hours or in the collection box located at the back of the church. Mahalo for your support!



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the OVER THE EDGE event on
Saturday, October 17th!**



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Scan to learn more!

*Your donation will make a difference in the lives of children and adults
with intellectual disabilities across the state. Mahalo Nui Loa!*

Multi-Cultural Mass Information Meeting!

July 18, 2026, at 6:00 PM

In OCC

Our parish 'ohana is made up of many cultures. We are asking everyone to share yours with us – we'd love to learn and celebrate together!

We hope this community celebration brings together our different Catholic and unique heritages. This fun event will feature international food, traditional clothing, and live performances.

Our evening will start off with a Mass that includes a procession of the various cultures that make up our parish community with these cultures being representative in our entrance procession at Mass that evening.

The 55th Anniversary committee will be holding an opening meeting on Thursday evening July 16, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the OCC. We would like to meet with any cultural group, individuals or anyone else to help us plan this upcoming Mass.

We are hoping to host the following in the OCC that evening.

- **Food Sharing:** We invite Families and individuals bring traditional dishes from their home countries. Think of this like a huge community potluck where you get to taste foods from all around the world!
- **Cultural Booths:** Different groups set up tables with artifacts, flags, and photos to teach others about their roots.
- **Live Entertainment:** We would like to feature traditional dances, songs, and music.
- **Unity in Faith:** Our evening will start off with our Holy Mass before the party begins.

For more information, please contact **Fr. Anthony**.

PARISH CULTURAL Potluck Dinner!

Join us for an evening of faith, food, and community at our Parish Cultural Potluck Dinner! This special event brings together neighboring parishes to celebrate the diverse cultures that enrich our Catholic community. Come share your heritage through food and enjoy fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

EVENT DETAILS

- Date:** August 1, 2026
- Time:** 5:00 PM, followed by dinner at 6:30 PM
- Location:** St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church
95-370 Kuahelani Ave.
Mililani, Hawaii, 96789

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Bring a Dish:** Please bring a main dish, side, or dessert that represents your cultural heritage or family tradition.
- Portion Size:** Ensure your dish can serve at least 10-12 people.
- Label Your Food:** Please include a card listing the dish name, country of origin, and any major allergens (like nuts or dairy).
- Wear Traditional Attire:** We encourage everyone to wear clothing that represents their cultural roots!

Admission is FREE!

Everyone is welcome!

Let's celebrate the many cultures that make our parish family strong in faith and love.

Volunteer helpers are also needed for setup and cleanup.

Please indicate on the sign-up sheet at our upcoming meeting on Thursday evening **July 16, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the OCC**, if you can assist. We look forward to sharing this beautiful night of culture and community with you!

55 Years
Rooted in Faith,
Growing in Hope

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

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.

Tickets for St. John's 55th Anniversary are officially sold out!
Thank you for your amazing support.

Just a reminder to stop by the parish office during office hours if you still need to grab your ticket. Mahalo!



Sample Admission Ticket — each ticket includes entry for one guest.

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you are.



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you came.



STARTS
JULY 13, 2026



TIME
6:30PM



LOCATION
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St. John Apostle &
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