

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church

July 18/19, 2026 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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Pastor's Corner

Aloha my brothers and sisters,

People always ask priests this question: "Why does religious education matter?" My answer is always, "Because you are investing in their eternity."

As parents, you map out every detail of your child's future. You secure the best schooling, sign them up for sports, and schedule music lessons. You prepare them for success in this world. But are you preparing them for the next?

Religious Education (RE) classes are not just another extracurricular activity. They are a vital investment in your child's eternal soul. Here is why prioritizing RE is the greatest gift you can give your family.

- **You are Fulfilling a Sacred Promise:** On the day of your child's Baptism, you stood before God and the Church. You made a solemn promise to raise your child in the Catholic faith. RE classes are a primary tool to help you fulfill that vow. We partner with you to pass down the beauty, scripture, and tradition of our Catholic faith.
- **Sacramental Preparation:** Holy Communion and Confirmation are not mere milestones or social graduation ceremonies. They are life-altering encounters with the living God. RE classes ensure your child deeply understands the weight and beauty of these sacraments. They prepare their hearts to receive the grace needed to navigate a challenging world.
- **Building a Moral Compass:** The world bombards our children with confusing messages about truth, identity, and morality.

RE classes provide a firm foundation built on Christ's teachings. Your child learns to view the world through the lens of the Gospel. They develop a well-formed conscience to make virtuous choices when facing peer pressure.

- **Community and Belonging:** It is tough to be a faithful Catholic alone. RE classes connect your child with peers who share their values. They learn that they belong to something bigger than themselves—the parish family and the global Church. These holy friendships can last a lifetime and keep them anchored in youth and adulthood.
- **Learning to Pray:** Faith is not just about head knowledge; it is about a relationship. In RE, children do not just learn about God; they learn how to talk to Him. They discover different forms of Catholic prayer, from the Rosary to quiet adoration. This equips them with a personal prayer life they can turn to in times of anxiety, sadness, or joy.
- **The Home is the First Church:** The Church calls the family the "domestic church." RE classes are designed to reinforce—not replace—the faith lived out at home. When your child sees you prioritize RE classes, attend Sunday Mass, and pray at home, they realize that God is the true center of your lives.

Registration for the upcoming RE term is now open.
Let us walk this journey of faith together.

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 11/12</u>
Sunday Collection	\$ 10,962.75
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 3,735.00
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 210.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,314.00
Candles	\$ 410.00
Mass Intention	\$ 70.00
Funeral	\$ 300.00
Preschool	\$ 75.00
Donation	\$ 50.00
Holy Father (Peter’s Pence)	\$ 60.00
Religious Education	\$ 80.00
School Supplies	\$ 25.00
Catholic Charities HI	\$ 10.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 17,301.75

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 20, 2026** (8 am) †Lydia & Sam Rodrigues †Florentino “Johnny” Acosta, Mark Pascual (Birthday Blessing) **Tuesday, July 21, 2026** (8 am) †Eufemia Lopez †Christian McKinney **Wednesday, July 22, 2026** (8 am) †Louie Cuerva (Death Anniversary) †Eufemia Lopez, Justina Desuacido (Thanksgiving) **Thursday, July 23, 2026** (8 am) †Eufemia Lopez **Friday, July 24, 2026** (8 am) †Wilfredo G. Pacleb **Saturday, July 25, 2026** (8 am) †Malcome Rodrigues †Irene Oficial **(5 pm)** Fr Anthony Rapozo (Special Intentions/Blessings) Sunday, July 26, 2026 **(7am)** †James & Minnie Amaral **(9am)** For the People **(11am)** Mark A. Aguirre (Healing) **(6pm)** †Suzanna Foster

†REST IN PEACE†

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 In the place of sin, you give repentance.

Romans 8:26-27 The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

Matthew 13:24-43 Let them grow together until the harvest.

The Gospel today continues the parables of the kingdom. The first parable, the weeds among the wheat, offers a glimpse into our ministry of evangelization. The seed has been sown. We have spoken the good news of Jesus to people and groups in our community. Once we have done our job let us not second-guess ourselves; do not worry about what could happen.

The parables speak of opposition in the world. The good news we have to offer is not going to be accepted or understood by everyone. That is not our concern. Of course, we will want to ask ourselves if we are indeed sharing the gospel as best we can. But once we have shared the word, grant God the time to allow that seed to come to fruition. After all, the seed and the succeeding wheat are both the Lord's; we are but the laborers.

The parable of the leaven shows that the kingdom of God is hidden at the center of all life. It gives life its lift and its flavor, but it is hidden. You cannot taste the leaven in the bread. Yet when it is absent we realize it immediately.

When we share the gospel with others, we do not offer something separate from real life; we share the essence that gives life its zeal. How do we recognize that essence - that leaven - in our own lives and community? How can we help our neighbors recognize and give thanks for that same leaven in their own lives?

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, July 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: *1 Kings 3:5, 7-12*

Responsorial Psalm: *119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130*

Second Reading: *Romans 8:28-30*

Gospel: *Matthew 13:44-52*

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 injustice: 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.

YEAH! THAT'S ME! PLEASE HELP ME REACH MY GOAL OF \$10,000!



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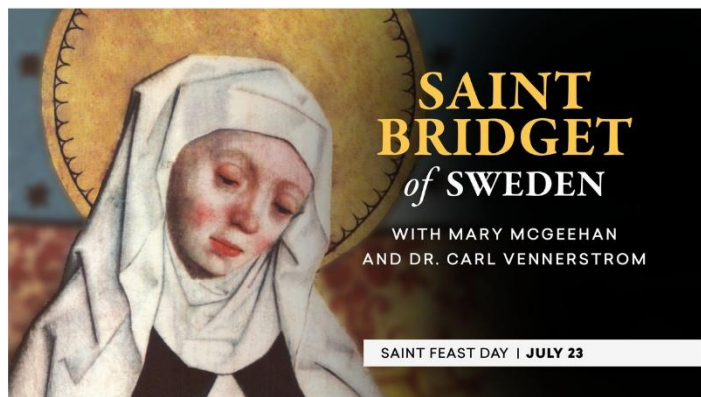
**Hi, I'm Dan, and I'm rappelling
40 stories down from the
rooftop of the Hyatt Regency
Waikiki Beach Resort & Spa at
the OVER THE EDGE event on
Saturday, October 17th!**



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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

Alpha is a welcoming space where you can explore life's biggest questions through a shared meal, a short video, and open, honest conversations—no pressure and no judgment.

 **Every Monday**

 **6:30 PM**

 **St. John's OCC**

 **No age limit – everyone is welcome!**

Whether you're curious about faith, returning to church, or simply looking for community, Alpha is for you.

— YOU'RE INVITED TO —
ALPHA AT
ST. JOHN

What if God is real...

Explore **life's biggest questions** over dinner, a short video and **honest conversation**.



No pressure.
Come as you are.



No question is off limits.
Seriously.



Everyone is welcome.
You'll be glad you came.



STARTS
JULY 13, 2026



TIME
6:30PM



LOCATION
ST. JOHN'S OCC
St. John Apostle &
Evangelist Catholic Church

REGISTER FREE AT  <https://tinyurl.com/stjohnmililani-alpha>

*Bring a friend,
come as you are.*

Alpha is for everyone.
Questions change everything.



LIBRARY SELF CHECK-OUT

Did you know the SJAE Library in Room #1 is ALWAYS open?
Simply stop by the Church Office to pick up the key!
Feel free to browse through the resources at your leisure,
and record your self check-out on the spreadsheet inside the
Library. Enjoy, and happy reading!



HAWAII CATHOLIC
CHARISMATIC
RENEWAL SERVICES

WE WHO ARE RECEIVING THE UNSHAKABLE
KINGDOM SHOULD HAVE GRATITUDE, WITH
WHICH WE SHOULD OFFER WORSHIP PLEASING
TO GOD IN REVERENCE AND AWE.
FOR OUR GOD IS A CONSUMING FIRE
HEBREWS 12:28-29

God is a Consuming Fire

46TH CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026, 9 AM-6 PM

CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII
1822 KEEAMOKU STREET, HONOLULU HI 96822

FR. ALFRED OMAR GUERRERO, DEACON KEN BISSEN JR.,
DEACON RAFFY MENDOZA, AND THE HCCRS WORSHIP TEAM

ADMISSION IS FREE. LOVE OFFERING APPRECIATED.
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A DAY IN PORTUGAL

Festa!



SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

10-3 PM

FREE ADMISSION!

APPEARANCES BY:

Frank Suster, Glenn & Lyric Medeiros,
Kailua Moon, Sophie Hanoa (Luzia),
Lexi Saucedo, Moses Kamealoha III-
Danny Abreu, Greg Martin, Lexi
Saucedo, Sonny Silva & the Hot
Club Hulaville

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PARISH CULTURAL *Potluck Dinner!*







Join us for an evening of faith, food, and community at our Parish Cultural Potluck Dinner! 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!







CONFIRMATION

Strengthen by the Holy Spirit

6 WEEK PROGRAM

EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY

Tuesday class starts from September 1 - 28, 2026

Thursday class starts from September 3 to October 1, 2026

6 WEEKS

Two Evening a week to learn, pray, and grow together in faith.

Grow in faith. Deepen your relationship with Christ. Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Adults desiring to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

- Those who are Baptized Catholic and have made their 1st Communion
- If married, must be married in the Catholic Church.
- Attends Mass regularly

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Scripture & Catholic Teaching
- Prayer & Worship
- Service & Fellowship
- Preparation for the Sacrament



CONFIRMATION MASS

Sunday, October 4, 2026
at 9:00am



At St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church



To register, visit stjohnmililani.org, under news & events. For more information, contact the office at (808) 623-3332.



Helping Hands Hawai'i

Ready to Learn Initiative 2026

Starting July 5 until July 19, 2026

SUPPLY DRIVE

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:

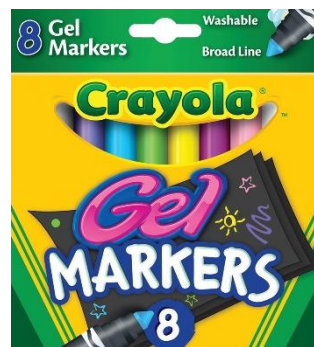
This year, the program aims to distribute 3,000 backpacks filled with essential supplies to students entering kindergarten through 12th grade.

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

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 most high-needed items that are needed right now are the 24-count crayons, 4-ounce glue, 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!



UPCOMING

EVENTS

SCHEDULE

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.

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.

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL

A nurturing Montessori environment

SY 2026-2027

OPEN ENROLLMENT

for children ages

2.8 years - 6 years old

Contact us for an application or to schedule a tour –

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