



St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church

August 1/2, 2026 – *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A*

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Pastor's Corner

Aloha my brothers and sisters,

A multicultural Catholic parish embodies the universal vision of the Church, transforming congregations into vibrant, living reflections of global diversity. United by shared sacraments, these communities celebrate the distinct cultural traditions, languages, and heritages that enrich their unified faith.

The true beauty of a multicultural parish lies in how it embraces the biblical vision of heaven: *"a great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language."* Instead of blending different backgrounds into a single, uniform experience, these communities thrive by intentionally engaging and elevating the distinct cultures within their pews.

The Riches of the Liturgy

In multicultural parishes, liturgy becomes a tapestry of global faith traditions. The Catholic Church spans more than 800 languages, and this dynamism is wonderfully evident on a local level.

- **Language and Song:** Parishes frequently incorporate multiple languages into Sunday readings or songs, allowing parishioners to hear and praise God in their native tongues. The incorporation of traditional hymns, Gospel music, and diverse instrumentation elevates the worship experience.
- **Cultural Devotions:** Special feast days become communal celebrations for the entire parish. Whether it is a vibrant ***Simbang Gabi*** (Filipino Christmas novena), a joyous observance of ***Our Lady of Guadalupe***, or a solemn blessing for ancestors, the whole community shares in the rich spiritual heritage of its members.

Welcoming the "New Pentecost"

Just as the Holy Spirit descended upon believers from all nations at Pentecost, a multicultural parish acts as a home for both new arrivals and long-time residents alike. These parishes serve as critical community hubs, often acting as the first point of contact and support for immigrants. By warmly welcoming diverse symbols, images of saints, and cultural practices, the parish refuses to act as a colonizer of symbols. Rather, it provides a spiritual home where every culture finds its fullness in the Gospel message.

Building a Culture of Encounter

The late Pope Francis emphasizes the beauty of diversity and the importance of a "culture of encounter". In a shared parish, parishioners are challenged to step outside their comfort zones, share personal faith stories, and break bread together during community festivals. This fosters a profound sense of Christian charity. While navigating different cultural expectations takes intentional effort and understanding, it ultimately cultivates a deeper, more resilient unity.

Ultimately, a multi-cultured Catholic parish teaches a profound lesson in unity. Though the faithful come from different corners of the globe, with diverse backgrounds, languages, and life stories, they are drawn together at the altar by the Eucharist. In celebrating this diversity, the parish bears witness to a community that is united not by uniformity, but by a shared communion of differences.

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 25/26</u>
Sunday Collection	\$ 11,883.62
Online Donation (Pushpay)	\$ 3,600.00
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Debt Reduction	\$ 621.00
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Flowers	\$ 25.00
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Father's Day	\$ 5.00
Donation	\$ 50.00
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Hawaii Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal	\$ 125.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 18,549.62

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Please Note:

Funerals will not be confirmed without prior approval from Clergy and office staff and are not held on Sunday.

Funeral Announcement: Reyes Sanchez Aguirre

Tuesday, August 11 – St. John, Mililani; Arrival: 9:00am; Visitation: 9:30am; Eulogy: 10:30am; Mass: 11:00am; Burial: 2:00pm – Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery, Kaneohe.

MASS INTENTIONS:

We remember these people in a special way at these Masses. **Monday, August 3, 2026 (8 am)** †Wilfred G. Pacleb †Julius Soria †Segumdina & Emiliano Pahayahay Sr/Jr. **Tuesday, August 4, 2026 (8 am)** †Virgilio V. Benitez (Birthday Memorial) †Segumdina Pahayahay **Wednesday, August 5, 2026 (8 am)** †Norberto Wagas Jr. **Thursday, August 6, 2026 (8 am)** †Stephanie & Wayne Rapozo **Friday, August 7, 2026 (8 am)** †Feliciano Dona Guerrero Family (Blessings/ Thanksgiving) †Robert Ane **Saturday, August 8, 2026 (8 am)** †Suzanna Foster **(5 pm)** Carol Thomas (Special Intentions) **Sunday, August 9, 2026 (7am)** †Abraham “Abe” Wilson **(9am)** For the People **(11am)** Mark A. Aguirre **(6pm)** †Santiago Gay

†REST IN PEACE†

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Isaiah 55:1-3 Hasten and eat.

Romans 8:35, 37-39 No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Matthew 14:13-21 They all ate and were satisfied.

The first and third readings reveal a major theme of the Good News: God's overwhelming abundance and generosity. Isaiah invites all to come to the banquet and astonishes us by adding that this banquet is free and open to all who thirst and are hungry, whether they have money or not. In our culture, money is often the only thing that counts. If you have money, you are "in" and part of society; if you do not, you are "out." It does not matter how you got your money: whether you earned, inherited, or embezzled it (as long as you are not caught), the money itself is your admission card to the banquet.

However, God does not traffic in currency but rather in need. The price of admission is simple want: thirst and hunger. The Gospel builds upon Isaiah. Jesus is teaching the crowd, but the disciples are worried that people will become hungry and unruly. They want Jesus to disperse the people before they realize their hunger. However, Jesus responds as God does in Isaiah. Indeed, he feeds the hungry before they are conscious of being hungry. Such abundance and generosity are signs of God and God's kingdom.

As Jesus' followers we too are signs of God's abundance and generosity. How do we as individuals and as our church community show forth that abundance? What do we do to feed the hungry? To give drink to thirst? When our parish has an event, is it a sign of God's abundance and generosity? Is there always plenty for all? Are we welcoming any strangers who might wander in?

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, August 9, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: *1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a*

Second Reading: *Romans 9:1-5*

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14*

Gospel: *Matthew 14:22-33*

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for August

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to building community.

This Month's Disciples Challenge:

He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." (Matthew 16:23)

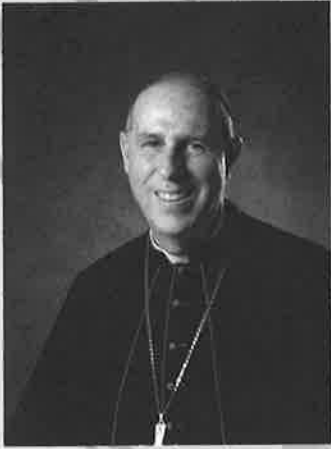
Who knows the mind of God? God is beyond human understanding, yet he has revealed himself to us most perfectly in the person of Jesus Christ. Through prayer we can come to know God more fully, and we grow in understanding of his plan when we make a habit of conforming our will to his holy will. We follow Christ in discipleship when we pray daily to the Father as he did: "Not my will but yours be done" (Lk 22:42).



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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Peace be with you!



We are blessed every day with God's love — from the air we breathe, to the people we know and love, to the gifts we bring to His table.

The Lord's generosity flows regardless of age, gender or social status; all He seeks, Isaiah tells us, is our faith: "Heed me, and you shall eat well; you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully; listen, that you may have life" (Is 55:2-3).

God gives us so much, and we do not even have to ask. Because we are so blessed with His grace, mercy and love, we are therefore called to share His goodness with others — whether it is through our time, our talent or our treasures.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i is embracing that mission this year in its annual Catholic Charities Sunday campaign: "Given Much, We Give Freely." Just as Jesus revealed the extent of His Father's love by multiplying five loaves of bread and two fish for the many thousands who came to listen to him, we reflect the love of the Lord in how we care for others.

This theme offers a special connection to the mission of the Maryknoll Sisters, who established Catholic Charities Hawai'i nearly 80 years ago — to "make God's love visible." Catholic Charities Hawai'i strives to serve all people of Hawaii, regardless of culture or faith, and to carry out the social mission of the Catholic Church.

Please be generous this year in your support of Catholic Charities Hawai'i and its mission to lift up and advocate for those among us who are most vulnerable. Your donations and prayers are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Larry Silva

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Apostolic Administrator
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SERVICES

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50,865

provided information and
referrals to programs
and services

74,391

In 2025, Catholic Charities Hawai'i reached tens of thousands across the islands, delivering vital support and making a lasting impact. Our mission is to serve all people, regardless of faith, with compassion, promote the dignity of each person, and advocate for social justice, bringing hope to those with the greatest need.

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SERVICES

2,372

individuals assisted
with dignity

VETERAN SERVICES

310

veterans and their
families supported and
empowered

63,654

resource family training, family
strengthening services, housing
assistance, disaster relief, and
community services on O'AHU

3,926

resource family training,
family strengthening services,
housing assistance, disaster
relief and community support
services on KAUAI

4,665

resource family training, family
strengthening services, housing
assistance, disaster relief, and
community services on MAUI

2,146

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COAT ARMS

An episcopal heraldic achievement, commonly known as a bishop's coat of arms, consists of three principal elements: the shield with its heraldic charges (symbols), a motto displayed on a scroll, and the external ornamentation that signifies episcopal rank. At the heart of every heraldic achievement is the shield, which serves as its central and most significant element, conveying the personal and spiritual symbolism of the bishop.

The heraldic achievement is completed by its external ornaments, consisting of a gold processional cross positioned behind the shield and extending above and below it, together with a green, broad-brimmed bishop's hat, known as a galero. Suspended from the galero are six green tassels on each side of the shield, arranged in three descending rows. The coat of arms on the cover joins together the coat of arms of the Diocese of Honolulu and Bishop Castori's personal coat of arms. The joining indicates that he is wed to the diocese.

The Shield

The upper quadrant of Bishop Castori's shield displays the seal of the Society of Jesus ("the Jesuits"), the religious congregation to which he belongs. The three letters at the center of the seal, HIS, are the first three letters of the name of Jesus in Greek, while the surrounding sunrays represents Christ's as Light of the World. The three nails below that monograph symbolize the nails of the Cross as well as the religious vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. In Church heraldry, argent the color of the quadrant's background, conveys purity and innocence.

Directly underneath the quadrant bearing the name of Jesus are the Hawaiian Islands, which rise majestically from the Pacific Ocean and comprise the Diocese of Honolulu. The white dove hovering above the archipelago with an olive branch in its beak represents the Diocese's patroness, Our Lady of Peace, the Mother of God, who protects the faithful of the Diocese from harm and places them with her Son. In the statuary of Our Lady of Peace, the Blessed Mother is often depicted holding a dove close to her heart.

The golden poppies and blue lupines in the seal's left-hand quadrant evoke Bishop Castori's home and native state of California. When the bishop was a boy growing up in Sacramento, his parents would take him and his sisters for weekend drives through the Central Valley to instill in them an appreciation for the beauty of the wildflowers that blanket the flatlands and surrounding foothills.

In the shield's right-hand quadrant, Bishop Castori's other home, Fasi-moe-afi'a Tungi, Tonga, is represented by the kumete—the large wooden bowl out of which is served kava, the ceremonial drink central to Tongan culture. Red, the color filling the quadrant's background, is the national color of Tonga and, in Church heraldry, symbolizes the redeeming blood of Christ.

The Motto

Displayed at the bottom of the coat of arms, and taken directly from the Hawaiian "Our Father," is Bishop Castori's episcopal motto, "E Hiki Mai Kou Aupuni" (Thy Kingdom Come). The motto raises the prayer that God's Reign be proclaimed and fully realized in our Island Diocese, and beyond the sea.

The coat of arms was created by Bishop Castori's sister, Pamela Castori.

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Building Communion in Culturally Diverse Parishes

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A group of about fifty Catholics of all ages, made up of families and individuals, approached the priest at the end of a Spanish Mass and asked him to stamp what appeared to be passports. They represented a number of countries and spoke several languages. As the priest stamped their papers, he smiled, shook each person's hand and said, "*Bienvenidos*" ("Welcome"). Onlookers naturally were curious about these newcomers.

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Something similar happened at the end of the Mass celebrated in Vietnamese. The priest stamped cards that looked like passports, smiled, shook hands, and said, “*Xin Chào mừng*,” which means “welcome” in Vietnamese. The story was the same at the end of the Mass in English with yet a different priest. Cards were stamped, he smiled, shook hands, and said, “Welcome.” The reaction of those around was the same: curiosity. For four weeks, the three priests stamped cards for people they hadn’t previously seen.

Were these Catholics on an intercontinental pilgrimage? No, they’re all members of my home church, St. Patrick Parish in Lawrence, MA. We belong to a community that celebrates our faith in Jesus Christ in three languages grounded in the many cultures that give life to the neighborhood in which the parish is located. The “passports” were cards that included the names of three languages our parishioners speak most commonly to celebrate their faith. Those who procured three stamps could claim a Bible in their preferred language. This is one of many exercises over the years that the pastoral team at St. Patrick’s has developed to increase awareness about the importance of being a culturally diverse parish where everyone who seeks an encounter with God in the Scriptures, the sacraments, and serving others is welcomed.

Although celebrating the Eucharist in a language other than our mother tongue may make us feel like we’re in a different country, it’s important to understand and embrace the reality that we’re all God’s children in the same parish community. ~

Culturally Diverse Parishes Long Ago and Today

The first Catholics in what today is part of the United States arrived from Spain in the sixteenth century, many decades before the foundation of our nation. Since then, countless Catholic immigrants have settled in this land and established faith communities. Throughout most of its history, Catholicism in the United States has been practiced in parishes. Yet our understanding of the word *parish*, or communities that function like a parish, has evolved.

During the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, Catholics established missions mostly in the South and West that functioned as centers for catechesis and worship as well as trade schools. Missions not only welcomed immigrants but also served as a place of refuge for Native Americans. During the nineteenth century and first half of the twentieth century, millions of Catholics migrated from Europe. They settled mainly in the Northeast and Midwest and built more than 20,000 parishes in every major city within those regions and beyond. It was common that Catholics from each national group would build their own parish, allowing them to use the language, cultural, and religious traditions they were familiar with. These faith communities, which came to be known as national parishes, represented safe spaces where members could acclimate to their new home. As generations passed, their descendants integrated more fully into the whole of society. They embraced English as a common language and learned new ways of being Catholic that didn’t always mirror the traditions of their immigrant relatives.

Toward the middle of the twentieth century, a new way of



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being a Catholic parish began to take shape. Black, Asian, and Hispanic Catholics worshiped in a small number of parishes. Many of these communities were segregated, reflecting the social dynamics in the larger society. However, anti-segregation movements called for Christians of all races and ethnicities to worship together. Catholics helped lead the way. Several bishops and other pastoral leaders prophetically encouraged integrated parishes. One way of doing this was asking different racial and ethnic communities to worship together in the same building. Catholics in the Northeast and Midwest may recall Mass being celebrated in English “upstairs” in the upper church and in a different language “downstairs” in the lower church.

During the latter half of the twentieth century and the first two decades of the twenty-first, millions of Catholic immigrants came to the U.S. Today, immigrants represent about 25 percent of U.S. Catholics. Most originate from Latin America, Asia and—recently—Africa. Euro-American, English-speaking Catholics now share parishes with Catholics from various language and cultural groups. That’s how it is at St. Patrick Parish in Lawrence, MA. Originally built to meet the spiritual needs of Catholic Irish immigrants, St. Patrick has transitioned to a multicultural parish that now serves three language communities and Catholics from more than a dozen countries.

Today, nearly 40 percent of all Catholic parishes in the country are culturally diverse, representing nearly 6,500 parishes. About 69 percent of those serve Hispanic Catholics. Culturally diverse parishes are defined as faith communities that normally celebrate Mass in at least two languages—most in English and another language—and have large concentrations

of immigrant Catholics and/or Catholics who self-identify with nonmajority racial/ethnic groups.

What Culturally Diverse Parishes Teach Us About Catholicism

Millions of Catholics in the United States celebrate their faith and learn to be missionary disciples through their membership in culturally diverse parishes. These communities teach us several important things. Culturally diverse parishes help us to appreciate more intentionally the Catholicity of the Church. Weekly in the Creed we proclaim that we believe in the Church that is “catholic.” This important mark of the Church reminds us of its universality as well as its call to communion amidst diversity. Being Catholic simultaneously points to what we are and what we’re called to be. In culturally diverse parishes, God calls us to experience Catholicity by embracing one another as we are, with what we bring, including our differences.

Culturally diverse parishes are portals into beauty and wonder. Languages and cultures expand our imagination in surprising ways. Diversity is an always-open invitation to let the Holy Spirit move our souls. When we celebrate our faith in these parishes, we’re given the opportunity to witness the divine. The beauty of words—even those we don’t understand—and artistic and ritual expressions and practices—which may challenge us—all have the power to open us to fresh ways of being in relationship with God and each other.



Living our Catholic faith in a culturally diverse community invites us to embrace with humility the fact that living in tension is normal. Catholics with unique stories and experiences and distinct ways to discern their relationship with God—all shaped by cultures—converge in richly diverse communities. We must learn to share our worldviews and perspectives with people from backgrounds different from ours. As children of God who are rooted in the truth of the gospel, we must negotiate differences. Perpetuating either/or perspectives, upholding a desire to impose our cultural way of being on others, and maintaining dismissive polarizing attitudes all result in more harm than good.

Living and celebrating our Christian faith with people of other cultures also enables us to learn more about the next generation of Catholic women and men who are transforming the Church in our day. We learn about their joys and hopes, their griefs and anxieties, and in heeding the Second Vatican

Council, make them our own. For example, we know that about 60 percent of all U.S. Catholics younger than eighteen are Hispanic. We should ask ourselves: *How can we better accompany these young Catholics in their faith journey?*

Recommendations for Building Communion in Diversity

Most U.S. Catholics who worship in culturally diverse parishes can relate to at least one of the following three realities: 1) Their parish, not long ago, was monolingual and monocultural, then quickly became highly diverse as Catholics from various cultural backgrounds were welcomed. 2) As an immigrant or newcomer, the only parish serving their spiritual needs was this culturally diverse parish, usually thanks to a pastoral leader who was intentional about serving Catholics like them. 3) They were looking for a parish that treated multiple cultural and linguistic backgrounds as gifts that enrich the life of the community, not a problem to be solved. These three realities reveal that culturally diverse parishes are communities constituted by baptized women and men on a faith

Four Practical Ways to Build Communion Within Culturally Diverse Parishes

1 **Pray and worship together.** Start with the Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life. Pray and worship in the languages of your community.

2 **Learn people’s stories.** Sometimes we don’t trust each other because we don’t know who we are. We fear the unknown and retreat from it. Create safe spaces for all to share their individual story. Listening to each other’s stories with interest and respect builds community.

3 **Serve one another.** Identify the most urgent needs of members in your parish and tend to them as a community of believers. Culturally diverse parishes are excellent places to practice Christian solidarity.

4 **Proclaim the good news to one another with joy in the various languages of the community.** Do it incessantly. Remember that the Church exists to evangelize, not to assimilate anyone into a particular culture. Share with people in your community the story of God’s love in the words that people understand and cherish.

At St. Patrick Parish, we do this regularly. We’re not a perfect community, of course, but we give ourselves the chance to embrace and relish in cultural diversity, the chance to see it as a gift from God in the here and now of our shared faith journey.



journey longing for communion with God, others, and the created order. We meet in culturally diverse parishes and walk together drinking from similar wells. We're accountable to one another. The vibrancy of our parish will depend on how well we embrace our shared diversity.

You've probably heard the expression "unity in diversity." On the surface, it points to a worthwhile goal. The problem is that often unity is reduced to uniformity or homogeneity. To avoid this impasse, we should speak instead of "communion in diversity." The word *communion* draws from the best of our theological tradition. It points to the life of the triune God who is divine communion: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It reminds us that the source of communion is our faith in the risen Lord Jesus Christ and that the Church can only achieve that communion as a fruit of the work of the Holy Spirit among us.

The Need for "Bridge People"

Every culturally diverse parish needs "bridge people," not just bridge builders, although they are also important. Bridge people are women and men grounded in the best of their Christian faith who embody in words and actions the commitment to communion in diversity. They're inspired by the example of Jesus Christ, the bridge par excellence between heaven and earth, humanity and divinity. Bridge people mediate across cultural variables and bring people together to honor their uniqueness. Bridge people are cultural brokers who open closed doors, clarify confusion, heal wounds, call for a pause when things get difficult, and point the way forward with their example when the community is ready to take the next step. Every cultural community is a seedbed of bridge people.

Bridge people can be pastoral leaders, catechists, and volunteers. Anyone in a position of pastoral leadership should embrace that commitment. Yet every Catholic person in these communities needs to be a bridge. The responsibility of building community is everyone's, and we all have much to contribute from our own cultural location. There is not a standard model for being a bridge person. God calls people with certain strengths at the right time and in the right place. It's a vocation, hence the importance of personal and communal discernment. Having met countless bridge people, I'd like to share three common characteristics I see.

Common Characteristics of Bridge People

- They excel in their humanity, being true witnesses of the Golden Rule: "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you" (Matthew 7:12).
- They're in love with their faith and make an effort to live authentic Christian lives every moment.
- They exhibit intercultural competence, meaning they communicate, relate, and work well across cultural boundaries.

One of my favorite psalms says, "Unless the LORD build the house, they labor in vain who build" (Psalm 127:1). God is our guide. This is where we start, trusting that God walks with us. Nonetheless, building communion in a culturally diverse parish can't happen in a vacuum. We must listen to one another and understand well the context in which we live and practice our faith. This can happen only with the commitment of people of faith who understand the value of being a parish and the importance of welcoming everyone who seeks the love of God.

Hosffman Ospino, PhD, associate professor of theology and religious education at Boston College, also is the university's director of graduate programs in Hispanic ministry. His e-mail address is ospino@bc.edu.

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You are
Loved.
You are
Welcome Here!*

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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 23 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





Next weekend 8/8-8/9, our special collection will be for **CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII (CCH)**. As part of the largest private network of social service organization in the United States, Catholic Charities Hawai'i offers much needed programs and services statewide, serving 40,000 individuals each year. See the insert for more information.

Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please drop your donation during offertory or you may also donate online through our parish website and clicking "Give Online." Please prayerfully consider being generous in your support.



**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO
SPIRITUALLY REVITALIZE YOU?**

**STOP BY THE SJAE LIBRARY TABLES AFTER
ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND (8-9 AUGUST).
YOU CAN CHECK OUT BOOKS, CDs, AND DVDs
AND KEEP THEM UNTIL OCTOBER!**

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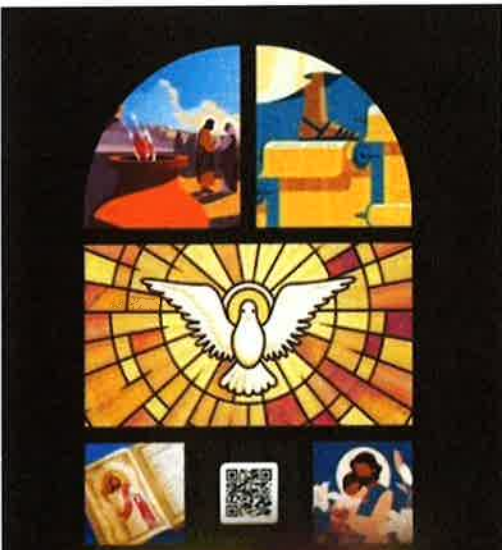
The Curé of Ars: St. John Vianney

The Church investigates the life of the Curé of Ars to see if he should become a saint. Will the evidence of his holiness pass the test?

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



Find God's
Peace in Prayer

Hallow

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.

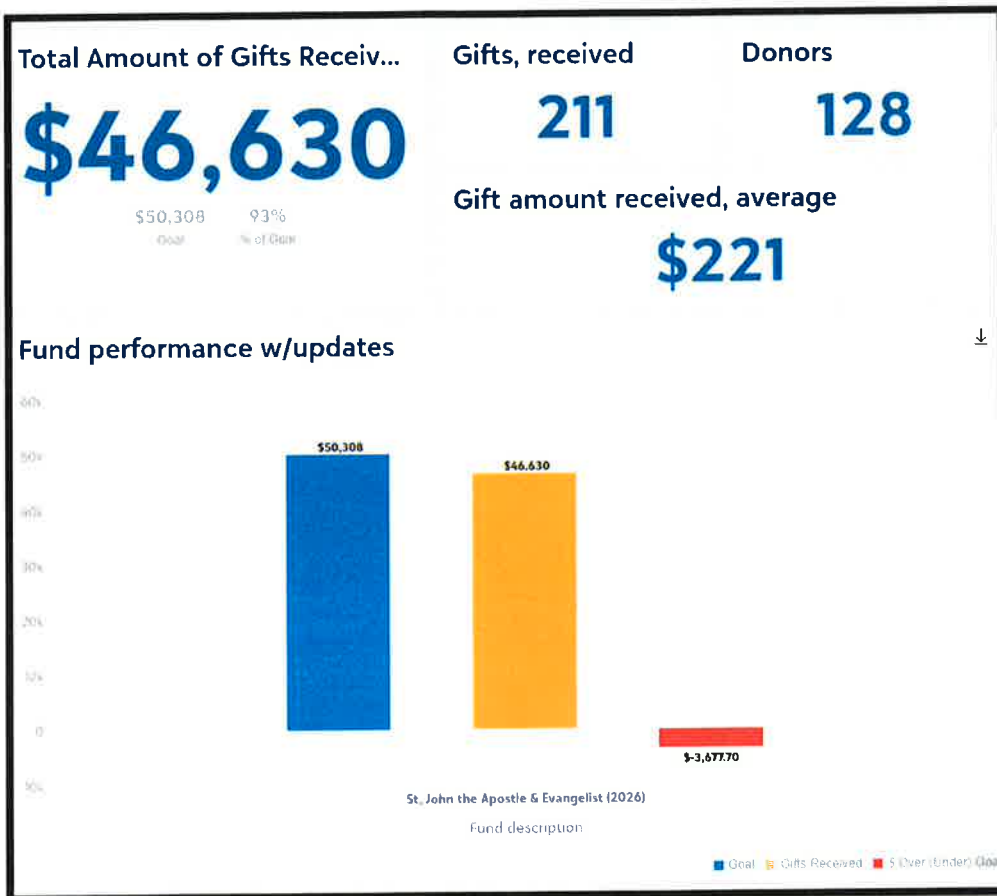
 **STARTS**
JULY 13, 2026

 **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.*



Our parish is blessed to share that we have now reached 93% of our CMAA goal. Through the generosity of our community, we have received \$46,630 in gifts, bringing us very close to our target. Mahalo to everyone who has already contributed. Your support strengthens our ministries and helps us continue the mission of our parish.

CONFIRMATION

Strengthen by the Holy Spirit

6 WEEK PROGRAM

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

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.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Adults desiring to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

- Those who are Baptize 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

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 –
(808)744-9538
stjohns_preschool@rcchawaii.org



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.