



St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church

August 8/9, 2026 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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Pastor's Corner

Aloha my brothers and sisters,

A truly hospitable Catholic parish transforms the church from a mere physical building into a vibrant spiritual family. By extending radical hospitality, parishes draw the stranger into fellowship, reflect the welcoming heart of Christ, and spark profound evangelization.

The beauty of a hospitable Catholic parish lies in its ability to take scriptural commands to "welcome the stranger" and weave them into the daily rhythm of community life. It turns church attendance into true belonging. Here is what makes a welcoming parish so transformative:

The Ministry of Encounter

True hospitality begins long before the homily. It starts in the parking lot and the gathering space.

- **The First Ten Minutes:** Greeters and ushers are the literal and figurative first faces of the parish. A warm smile, a helping hand for those with mobility needs, and clear directions put visitors at ease immediately.
- **Intentional Fellowship:** Hospitality extends past the final blessing. Parishes that offer coffee, donuts, and fellowship times after Mass encourage people to linger and transition from sitting in rows to connecting in circles.

Liturgy as a Communal Embrace

In the Catholic Church, the Mass itself—with its structured readings, rituals, and the Eucharist—is universally recognizable. A hospitable parish

ensures this experience is prayerful and participatory.

- **Preaching as Hospitality:** Homilies that are delivered in an engaging, relatable way allow listeners to feel understood and embraced by the Word of God.
- **Active Participation:** Existing parishioners play a role, too. Moving toward the center of the pew makes room for others, and joyful communal singing makes the service feel inviting to newcomers.

Accompaniment and Inclusion

- Healthy parishes prioritize creating a culture where everyone feels appreciated and needed, regardless of where they are in their spiritual journey.
- **Resources and Accessibility:** Providing clear signage and specialized aids like assisted-listening devices or overhead projections of the parts of the Mass ensures that all families feel accommodated.
- **Support for Families:** Making children's resources readily available and running welcoming programs for inquirers makes the faith feel alive and open to all generations.

Fostering a spirit of welcome also builds parish vitality. When guests feel like they are valued, they are far more likely to return, get involved, and give back to the community.

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>Aug 1/2</u>
Sunday Collection	\$ 11,998.36
Online Donation (Pushpay)	Update next week
Building, Equipment & Maintenance (BEM)	\$ 30.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 5,378.00
Candles	\$ 380.00
Funeral	\$ 150.00
Mass Intention	\$ 50.00
Hawaii Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal	\$ 1,519.00
St John 55 th Anniversary	\$ 100.00
WEEKEND TOTAL	\$ 19,605.36

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.

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 10, 2026 (8 am)** †Kim & Colin Rapozo †Gilbert Canales †Derwin James Villanueva **Tuesday, August 11, 2026 (8 am)** †Ginny Rapozo †Derwin James Villanueva **Wednesday, August 12, 2026 (8 am)** †James & Mildred Mizoguchi †Eric Umetsu †Beth Simon **Thursday, August 13, 2026 (8 am)** Merlita Melegrito (Birthday Blessing) Derwin James Villanueva **Friday, August 14, 2026 (8 am)** Augustus V. Benitez (Birthday Blessing) †Maria & Remigio Crisostomo †Rick Cross (2nd Death Anniversary) **Saturday, August 15, 2026 (8 am)** †Dominador Rulloda (Death Anniversary) Marvin & Mae Acosta (Wedding Anniversary/Blessings) (5 pm) †Joshua Momiyama (6th year Death Anniversary) **Sunday, August 16, 2026 (7am)** †Lydia & Sam Rodrigues (9am) **For the People (11am)** Damien Cortel (Birthday Blessing) (6pm) †Santiago Gay

†REST IN PEACE†

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1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

Romans 9:1-5 I would willingly be condemned if it would help my brother or sister.

Matthew 14:22-33 Command me to come to you over the waters.

Some of us may be tempted to read the gospel today as a judgement against Peter because of his impetuous desire to walk on water. We see Jesus and Christianity as a way of caution and propriety. How dare Peter want to walk on water? Such an action is for Jesus alone. I am humble; I would never make such a request. Look what happens to Peter! He sinks and needs to be rescued. However, the story does not rebuke Peter's impulsiveness so much as his lack of trust. Trust is at the heart of our faith. Indeed, *trust* is a much better synonym for "faith" than the usual *belief*.

As people of faith, we trust in God. We trust God to support us and carry us through, even when, like Peter, we make fools of ourselves and fail. In what do we trust? Well, of course, in God we trust. But how does this work itself out in our lives? How do we find God's presence in our daily life?

The story of Elijah provides wisdom for seeking God. God is not to be found in the hurricanes, earthquakes, or fires, although God is certainly there too. But God comes in the still small voice, the hint half-heard. Do we dare to trust that voice and follow it? If we do we make our faith active, when people witness our trust of God's presence and guidance they will be drawn to us. We are certainly not people who do not make mistakes. Peter seems to make a mistake every time he opens his mouth. But his trust in Jesus is his salvation—weak though it may be in this story. Our trust in the voice of God proclaims who we are.

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, August 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: *Isaiah 56:1, 6-7*

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8*

Second Reading: *Romans 11:13-15, 29-32*

Gospel: *Matthew 15:21-28*

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.

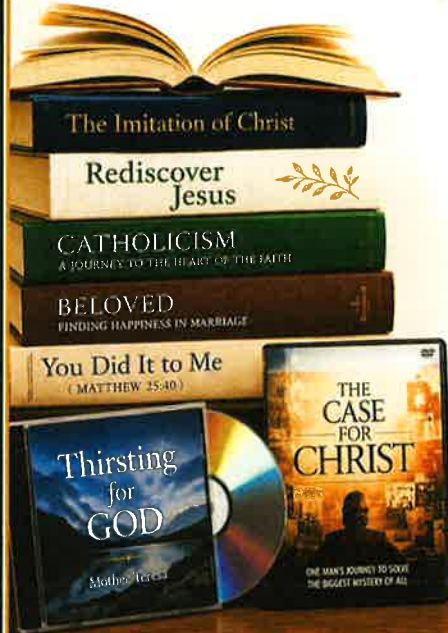
This Month's Disciples Challenge:

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).

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SJAE Lending Library



Stop by after all Masses
THIS weekend and
check out some of our
new resources.

You can keep the books,
CDs and DVDs until
October so get plenty of
good spiritual
nourishment.

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.*

YOUTH MINISTRY

 STARTS
AUGUST 16,
2026!

FAITH. FRIENDS. **FUN.**
THAT'S YOUTH MINISTRY!





**LIFE
TEEN**
HIGH SCHOOL
GRADES 9-12



 **11AM-12PM**
 **ROOM 5**



EDGE
MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADES 6-8



 **12:30PM-1:30PM**
 **ROOM 4**

 **COME. BELONG. GROW.**
WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!





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





CONFIRMATION

Strengthen by the Holy Spirit

5 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



5 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 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



KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS

BREAKFAST

Sunday, August 23, 2026

ST JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CHURCH
ONE COMMUNITY CENTER

Adults \$12
10 and under \$7

SERVING FROM
8:00AM – 1:00PM

ON THE MENU:

- Scrambled Eggs
- French Toast
- Bacon/Sausage
- Hash Browns/Rice
- Mixed Fruits
- Coffee, Juice and Water



★ THIS WEEKEND, ★
TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES,
PLEASE SEE A KNIGHT!

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE GOING TO HELP
The Charitable works of the Council.

— Thank you for your support! —

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

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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