

# ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

### SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By: Fr. Boniface Sakala

In our daily lives, we make choices, decisions, and commitments on how we can live a good and better life. A decisive moment is one in which we make an important and influential decision. Today's readings are on decision making and how we can be committed to serving our God and our brothers and sisters.

In the first reading, we heard the story of the Israelites and the challenges they had to make good decisions and to commit themselves to the living God. Joshua having observed that the Israelites were failing prey to the pagan culture and the rituals of the Canaanites, called them to take decisive action by saying, "today you must make up your minds whom you do mean to serve, whether the gods whom your ancestors served beyond the river or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now living. As regards my family and me, we shall serve the Lord". Joshua appreciated all the good things God did to the Israelites and in his life. Joshua made the decision with his family to be faithful and to serve the living God. What about us, where do we stand in our lives as Christians? Joshua is offering us a choice: to follow the commandments, serve God and therefore experience real life, joy, and happiness.

In today's Gospel, we are being asked to make a choice as we are, that is to choose to follow Jesus or not. Jesus asked the disciples, "Do you also wish to go away?" It is a question that reminds us that at the very center of our following Jesus, there's got to be loyalty. When Jesus asked the disciples for a radical change in their lives, some found it so hard that they could not take up the challenge and therefore turned and walked away. When we are faced with the difficult teachings of Jesus and the Church, do we also wish to go away? Is it not true that many times, because of the complexity of the issues, and the pressures of the society around us, we may wish to "go away?"

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekday** (Mon - Sat): **8 AM**

**Sunday** (Sat. Vigil) 5 PM, 7 AM,  
9 AM, 11 AM & 6 PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 PM  
(and by appointment)

**Mass will be live streamed on  
Sunday 11 am.**

Please go to the parish website:  
[www.stjohnmililani.org](http://www.stjohnmililani.org) and click  
on the Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcuDlu1K18PRr1J41UEGsUw>

### 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.**

### SJAE MOBILE APP

Download our **FREE** app with these easy steps through **Apple App Store** or **Google Play Store**:

Search keywords: **ST. JOHN MILILANI**

[www.ParishSolutionsCo.com/JohnHI](http://www.ParishSolutionsCo.com/JohnHI)



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We look forward to connecting with you!

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**Parish Rectory Hours****Mon. 12 pm—4 pm****Tues.- Fri. 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM****FOOD PANTRY (623-3332)****Tues.- Fri. 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM****PARISH CLERGY  
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[sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org](mailto:sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org) or  
call (808) 623-3332 x100.

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Peter's response to Jesus' question, is striking. He doesn't say, "Yes, of course," but he doesn't quite say "No" either. Instead, he answers back with another question: "To whom else shall we go...?" It is an honest answer. Peter and the others stayed with Jesus precisely because he was a source of life for them. Jesus liberated them and gave them a new life.

My Dear brothers and Sisters in Christ, following Jesus and the teachings of the Church may not always be easy, or pleasant, or even totally comprehensible, but when it comes to the eternal-life business, there is not much out there in the way of alternatives. In a similar way, in this Sunday's second reading from the letter to the community at Ephesus, Paul exhorts a life of loyalty in married life. Loyalty always has to have its basis rooted in love, just like the love of Christ and the Church.

Finally, as we conclude the bread of life discourse this Sunday, let us not forget the words of Jesus: "Whoever eats me will live because of me." Jesus encourages us to have the same spirit as he had which gives life. The flesh or whatever is contrary to the attitude and spirit of Jesus cannot give true life, joy, and peace. With the Spirit of Jesus, all is possible. Therefore, let us give witness to our Catholic faith and to God's plan of salvation through our stewardship of every gift that the Lord has given us. May we also be instruments that are loyal to the Lord as we continue to build his Kingdom through our lives and by participating in the sacrament of Eucharist, our true identity and spiritual food as Catholics.

Please contact the parish office to set up an  
appointment & coordination for the following:

Anointing of the Sick

Baptism Preparation Classes: Aug 15, Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21

Baptisms: Aug 15 &amp; 29, Sept 12 &amp; 26, Oct 10 &amp; 24, Nov 14 &amp; 28.

**\*\* Please contact the Parish Office to make all arrangements in advance.\*\***

Blessings (home, auto, religious items, etc..)

Funerals

Homebound Communion

Marriages (at least 6 months before wedding date)

**CALLS, TEXTS & EMAILS SCAMS!**

**There has been a scam affecting many parishioners. Please never respond to such email messages or texts from clergy and staff of St. John. For more information, see the link below.**

<https://www.malwarebytes.com/scam-call/>

*"Be generous and you will be prosperous; help others and you will be helped." (Good News Translation) - PROV 11:25*

# *Mass for the Intentions*

**Monday, August 23, 2021**

**(8 am) †Dante Q. Pantaleon**

Kathleen Smart

(Special Intentions)

Eddie Soriano (Healing)

**Tuesday, August 24, 2021**

**(8 am) †Arthur Villalon**

†Eileen W. Hayase

Nenita G. Pantaleon & Family

(Blessings)

**Wednesday, August 25, 2021**

**(8 am) †Randy Silva**

†Eileen W. Hayase

Justin Tano (Birthday Blessing)

**Thursday, August 26, 2021**

**(8 am) †Patrick Saguibo**

Andrea Perlas (Thanksgiving)

Kelly Sauget (Birthday Blessing)

**Friday, August 27, 2021**

**(8 am) †David Torres**

†Marge McFarlane

†Apolonia Ramento

**Saturday, August 28, 2021**

**(8 am) †Catherine Gibbs**

†Nellie Asinas & Jessie Santos

Beth Fukuda (Birthday Blessing)

†Petra & Guillermo Malicay

**Sunday, August 29, 2021**

Rob Page (Birthday Blessing)

**For the People**

†Augusto Dicsen

(Death Anniversary)

†Maria Montealegre

(Death Anniversary)

† RIP †

Celebrate our Parish's **50th Anniversary** with a

St. John Spirit-led T-Shirt and mask!

T-Shirts: \$20, Mask: \$10.

Please contact the parish office:

(808) 623-3332.

Order while supplies last.



**MASK**



**FRONT**



**BACK**

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**Stewardship Day 2021**

INSPIRATION, PRACTICAL IDEAS  
 AND NETWORKING FOR  
 OUR PARISHES, OUR PEOPLE

**Saturday  
August 28**  
 8 a.m. Mass and Reflection  
 10 a.m. Virtual Workshops  
 Livestream link:  
<https://youtu.be/xwgBMxlp0MY>

**A Virtual  
Conference**

**Announcing  
New  
Schedule**

Host Parish:  
 St. John Apostle & Evangelist  
 95-370 Kuahelani Avenue  
 Mililani, HI 96789

**Speakers:**  
  
 Most Reverend  
**Bishop Larry Silva**  
  
 Very Reverend  
**Monsignor Gary Secor**

This event is offered by the Diocesan Office of Stewardship & Development and  
 the Diocesan Commission on Stewardship & Development, with support from  
 Our Sunday Visitor (OSV), With Grateful Hearts and the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation.

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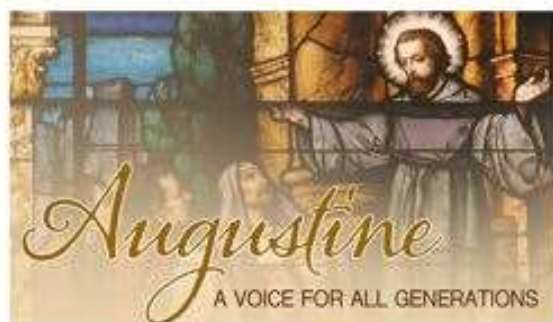
PICK OF THE WEEK

August 22, 2021

## WATCH

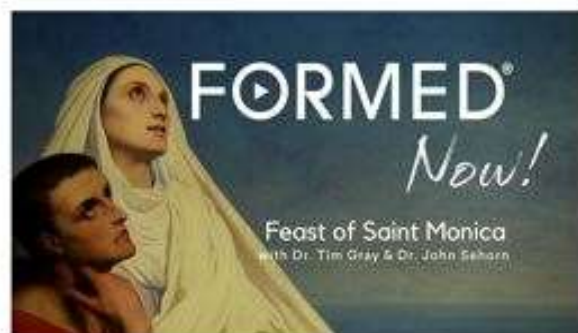
### AUGUSTINE: A VOICE FOR ALL GENERATIONS WITH MIKE AQUILINA

During this very special week for the Augustine Institute, we celebrate both our patron, St. Augustine, and his mother, St. Monica! As a preeminent Doctor of the Church, Augustine has been said to be "the holiest of the wise and the wisest of the holy." To celebrate this great Church Father, please enjoy Augustine: A Voice for all Generations!



## LEARN

### FORMED NOW: THE FEAST OF SAINT MONICA



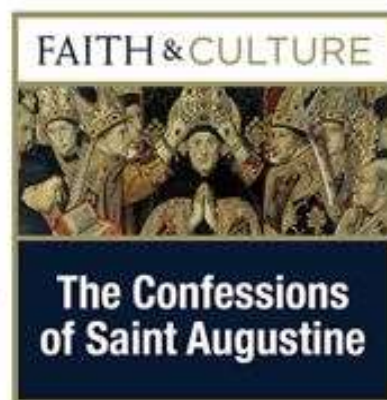
Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son.

In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said, "the son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss more about this great Saint.

## LISTEN

### THE FAITH AND CULTURE PODCAST: THE CONFESSIONS OF ST. AUGUSTINE

In this episode of the Faith and Culture podcast, Joseph Pearce and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the most towering Church Father of the West, St. Augustine. Together, Pearce and Sehorn describe the purpose of Augustine's Confessions, the relatability of this Saint, and his impact on the world in his own time and culture. Finally, they discuss what we can learn from Augustine today.



Our parish has a FORMED subscription.

To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.



## 2021-2022 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

OPEN REGISTRATION for

Grades Kindergarten - 5th.

RE Classes will begin Sept 12.

**THE BOOKS ARE IN!!**

New program: SOPHIA (Spirit of Truth)

Registration forms are available at the  
office and online:

<https://www.stjohnmililani.org/pre-k-grade-5/pre-k-grade-5-home>

Please return completed registration forms  
online: [sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org](mailto:sjaeinfo@rcchawaii.org) or during office  
hours. For more information,  
call (808) 623-3332.

## St. John's Catholic Preschool

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today for an  
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[stjohns\\_preschool@rcchawaii.org](mailto:stjohns_preschool@rcchawaii.org)



# LIFE TEEN

## Register for Comprehensive Youth Ministry!

2021- 2022 Open Registration

**LIFE TEEN:** Grades 9-12

**EDGE:** Grades 6-8

Registration forms are available at the rectory during  
office hours and online:

<https://www.stjohnmililani.org/life-teen-and-edge/life-teen-and-edge-home>

For more information, call (808) 623-3332



# EDGE

## Be a Better Steward of St. John Apostle

*Stewardship is made easier than ever with our new online giving system, WeShare.*

Make your one-time or recurring donation using your debit card, credit card, checking, or savings account.

Start today by following these 3 easy steps:

- 1 Visit our church website, click on Online Giving
- 2 Set up your account
- 3 Choose a payment option and customize your donation

Sign up today by scanning the QR Code  
or visit [www.stjohnmillani.org](http://www.stjohnmillani.org)



**The Hui O Lailima Ministry**, which serves those in need in Molokai, is in need of nonperishable food items: SPAM, Corned Beef, Beef Stew, Vienna Sausage, Rice, Oatmeal, Breakfast Items, Soda Crackers, Ritz Crackers, Pancake Mix, Cocoa/Coffee, Jellies and Ketchup/Shoyu/Mustard, etc. Please drop off your donation in the food trolley located inside the church or the rectory during office hours. Thank you for your continued support.



### SUBSCRIBE TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL!

*You need a Google account to subscribe to our YouTube channel.*

**St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church, Mililani**

### Let us serve one another in love!

The One Community Center (OCC) will help in many practical ways to welcome and to serve those who come to our church to encounter Christ. Please remember to contribute toward the completion of your pledge. **Mahalo!**

*We are grateful to all you who continue to give to the parish generously so we can continue to serve you and others in many ways. May God bless you abundantly.*

## Stewardship of Treasure

Aug 14/ 15

|                                          |             |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Sunday Collection                        | \$ 9,772.33 |
| Online Donation (WeShare)                | \$ 3,042.00 |
| Funeral                                  | \$ 200.00   |
| Stewardship                              | \$ 25.00    |
| Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM) | \$ 753.00   |
| OCC Capital Campaign (Non Assessed)      | \$ 255.00   |
| Mass Intentions                          | \$ 120.00   |
| Candles                                  | \$ 467.00   |
| Catholic Charities HI                    | \$ 143.00   |
| Charity                                  | \$ 141.00   |
| Easter                                   | \$ 8.00     |

**Weekend Total: \$ 14,926.33**

**"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce." Proverbs 3:9**

**HEALING / BLESSINGS:** Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, Helen Guerrero, Elaine Kahala, Linda Ward, Jean & James Tanoue, Kathy & Joe Ball, Willie & Bernard Rash, Florida Badua, Thomas Taum, Xander Ray, Sharon Scott, Ron & Patricia Li, Brenda Upchurch, Laura Ann Peeters, Barbara Ursal, Nicholas Padron, Alexander Bonilla, Elaine Utu, Art Apilado, Zosima Pacleb, Monique Carlmark, Luke Alaipalelei, Sayo DeBoyce, Jimmy Austin & all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

**DECEASED:** Mario Pichon, Priscilla R. Meek, Maricon Wood, Ben Guerrero, Don Motz, Eileen Hayase, Bernabe & Bernard Gonzalez, Tutu Jean McGarry, Linda Armant, Channing Fukuda, Jonathan N. Guerrero, Negrís Indasio, Sueko Santos, Joel Asato, Kristen "Kiddy" DeCoster, Mildred Loggins, Caleb Romero, Gary Nakata, Valentina Asuncion, Maggie Bae, Catherine Gibbs, Mildred James, Catherine McGruder & Donald Blue, MD.

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend, our parish will be participating in the special collection for Catholic Charities Hawaii. Serving Hawai'i since 1947, Catholic Charities Hawai'i serves all people especially those with the greatest need, regardless of their faith and culture. As part of the largest private network of social service organizations in the United States, Catholic Charities Hawai'i offers much needed programs and services statewide, serving 40,000 individuals each year. 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 click on "Online Giving." Please be generous.

**Confessions are held every Saturday from 4:00—4:30 pm and by appointment.**

**Church Candles are available before Mass (exact change only) and at the Rectory during office hours. Monday at 12pm-4pm and Tuesday-Friday at 9am -4pm.**

Volunteers are in need to help sanitize after Mass. If you are able to help, please meet in front of the Chapel after Mass. **Mahalo!**



**Food Pantry-** If you or someone you know needs food assistance, we can help! Come see us on **Tuesday, August 31 from 10 am - 12 noon** in front of the One Community Center.

**Respect Life:** "God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life"

- ❖ Never Confirmed in the Catholic Church?
- ❖ Do you want to be baptized?
- ❖ Are you or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a part of the Catholic Faith?
- ❖ Let us help you with your journey in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation.
- ❖ Candidates will explore the elements of the Catholic faith in weekly meetings with Catechists in preparation to receive all the Sacraments of Initiation. For more information, contact Deacon Romeo Ganibe at [rganibe@rcchawaii.org](mailto:rganibe@rcchawaii.org).



**PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE:** "Later" can be too late. Don't delay having your will drawn. Make sure your estate plans are in place so that your wishes will be carried out to benefit your family. Gifts you plan for your church through your will can help your church continue to minister and serve.

*Please remember **St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church** in planning your will.*