

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII

# Sacred Heart Church



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For Sacraments and Sacramentals, please contact office before making final arrangements & finalizing dates

**September 8, 2024**

## Parish Administrator

Fr. Carlito Joey Ranjo Jr.

## Deacons

Morton Zabala

Jerome Lefu'a Vito

## Parish Staff

### Business Administrator

Albert "Al" Wong Jr.

### Parish Secretary

Linda Jose

### Parish Bookkeeper

Myrna G. Peralta

### Director of Religious Education

Rosa Lefua

### Groundkeeper/Maintenance

Pablo "Jun" Peralta

## Mass Schedule

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Friday**

7:30am (after 7am Rosary)

**Wednesday**

6:00pm Rosary, OLPH Novena,

Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Mass

**Saturday Vigil** (fulfills Sunday obligation)

5:00pm

**Sunday**

7:30am, 9:30am, 5:00pm

## Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00-4:45pm

## Devotions

**Thursday**

5:00—6:00pm Silent Adoration

**First Friday**

6:30am Holy Hour/Benediction (mass to follow)

**First Saturday**

7:00am Rosary (mass to follow)



## **Parish Mission Statement**

**Sacred Heart Parish is a Christ-centered community of disciples, journeying together in proclaiming and witnessing God's Word for the integral human and Christian development of all, with respect for the diversity of cultures in the spirit of aloha, towards the realization of God's Kingdom.**

## **Parish Vision Statement**

**The Sacred Heart faith-community envisions to create a sense of communion and responsibility of its members by actively engaging in the life of worship and prayer, to instill in them the value of stewardship as a way of life, to empower them especially the children and youth in participating meaningfully in church activities, and to commission them as servant-leaders in boldly proclaiming the Gospel.**

# The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading    Second Reading    Gospel

This Weekend's Readings    **Is 35:4-7a**    **Jas 2:1-5**    **Mk 7:31-37**

He looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" – that is, "Be opened!" – And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.  
*Mark 7:34-35*

This Sunday's readings highlight God's healing and justice. They remind us of God's care for the needy and the importance of treating everyone equally.

- **God's Promise of Healing:** God promises to deliver and heal, turning barren landscapes into flourishing life. This is seen in Isaiah where God transforms the dry land into streams of water.
- **Justice for the Poor:** James emphasizes that favoritism based on wealth is against Christian faith. God honors the poor in spirit, promising them His kingdom.
- **Jesus' Healing Power:** Jesus heals a deaf man with a speech problem. This miracle shows Jesus' compassion and power to heal.
- **Equality in Faith:** James warns against treating people differently because of their wealth. True faith means treating everyone equally, as God does.
- **God's Care for the Needy:** Isaiah's prophecy shows God caring for the afflicted. He brings joy and healing to those who suffer.
- **Faith in Action:** The readings call us to act on our faith. This means helping those in need and not showing favoritism.

These themes remind us of God's love and care for all people, especially the poor and needy. They call us to live our faith by treating everyone with equality and compassion.



There will be a PPAC (Parish Pastoral Advisory Council) meeting on September 8, 2024 after the 9:30am Mass in the Rectory Conference Room.



### "For I was hungry and you gave me food"

Did you know the Sacred Heart Food Pantry serves hundreds of people each week with much needed food? Envelopes are in the church to provide this much needed ministry with the funds it needs to have its own space and continue the corporal work of mercy of feeding the hungry.

Monday 9/9/24	Tuesday 9/10/24	Wednesday 9/11/24	Thursday 9/12/24	Friday 9/13/24	Saturday 9/14/24
1st Reading 1 Cor 5:1-8	1st Reading 1 Cor 6:1-11	1st Reading 1 Cor 7:25-31	1st Reading 1 Cor 8:1B-7, 11-13	1st Reading 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22B-27	1st Reading Nm 21:4B-9 2nd Reading Phil 2:6-11
Gospel Lk 6:6-11	Gospel Lk 6:12-19	Gospel Lk 6:20-26	Gospel Lk 6:27-38	Gospel Lk 6:39-42	Gospel Jn 3:13-17
<b>Next Weekend's Readings</b> September 15, 2024   The Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time					
<b>First Reading</b>		<b>Second Reading</b>		<b>Gospel</b>	
Is 50:5-9a		Jas 2:14-18		Mk 8:27-35	

# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

September 2024

SACRED HEART CHURCH - WAI'ANAE

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Peter Claver

Born into a farming family in Spain in 1580, St. Peter joined the Jesuits at the age of twenty and was ordained in 1615. While serving in Colombia in 1610, he was horrified by the slave trade. Rushing to meet each arriving slave ship, he brought water, medicine, food, and clothing to the enslaved people on board. He taught them about God and baptized nearly 300,000 individuals. St. Peter lived humbly and penitentially, in solidarity with those he served.



### Don't delay to seek Love

Don't wait to become perfect before seeking God's love, or you never will. The good news is, we don't have to. God already loves us — infinitely. When we accept His love and grace with open hands, it will transform our hearts.

*"My steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you"*  
(Isaiah 54:10).



## Find true peace

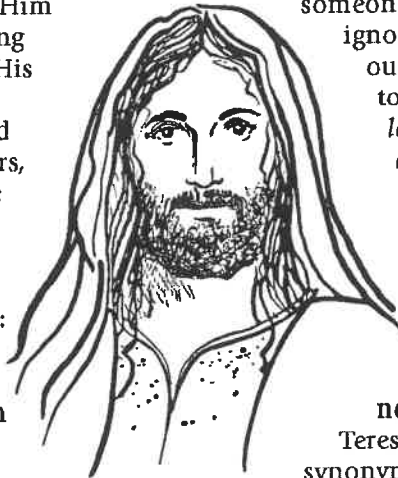
As Catholics, we understand that the key to true happiness and peace lies in proclaiming Christ as our Lord and following Him faithfully. By knowing Jesus, experiencing His love, keeping His Commandments, and serving Him in others, we will find genuine joy, fulfillment, and peace.

Know Jesus and experience His love: God invites each of us to enter into a deep friendship with Him (John 15:15). This friendship is characterized by mutual respect, intimacy, and cooperation. Jesus reveals His love for us through the Scriptures, the Sacraments of the Church, and especially through the Mass. In prayer, ask God to reveal His personal, everlasting love for

you. That's a prayer He is eager to answer.

Love Him back: Do you know someone who claims to care but ignores what you say? Jesus, our greatest Friend, asks us to listen to Him. *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments"* (John 14:15). By living the Ten Commandments and the Eight Beatitudes (see Matthew 5:3-ff), we demonstrate our love for Jesus.

Serve Him in our neighbors: For Mother Teresa, serving the poor was synonymous with serving Jesus (Matthew 25:40). She prepared their beds and treated their wounds as if He were the next to use them. By performing ordinary tasks with love and intentionality, we can experience true and lasting happiness.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

Just as families have household rules guiding how each member contributes to supporting the home, the Catholic Church has issued rules, called precepts, that act as the principal obligations of every Catholic. These are: attend Mass every Sunday



## Why are there Church's precepts?

and Holy Day of Obligation, receive Communion and attend Confession at least once annually, study Catholic teaching, observe the Church's marriage laws, give children religious training, to strengthen and support the parish community, do penance, and join in the Church's mission.

## Mistakes can be blessings

Do you dread making mistakes and feel remorse when you do? Instead, realize that mistakes are simply outcomes we didn't expect and can lead to growth.

Start by admitting your mistake. You can only learn from a mistake if you admit you made one. Acknowledging the error takes the focus away from assigning blame and moves it toward understanding a future course of action.

Enlist help. Talking to someone else about what happened gives you the benefit of another's experience. He or she may have made a similar mistake

or know of a solid solution. Plus, describing the event forces you to think it through and may even help you see opportunities you didn't know were there.

Decide on change. Ask, "What will I do better next time?" Real growth and change happen when you see possibilities for improvement.

Benefit from mistakes. If you can learn from the current error, you may be able to avoid a future one. Remember, God is the only one you know who doesn't make mistakes.

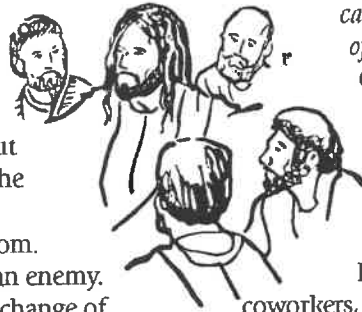


### from Scripture

#### Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48, The demands of discipleship

In this Gospel passage, the disciples hear about an unfamiliar man who healed in Jesus' name. Their initial reaction was one of jealousy. They seemed more concerned about losing the spotlight than the healing itself. Jesus put things into perspective. The man shared their goal of building up God's Kingdom. They gained an ally, not an enemy.

Discipleship requires a change of heart, lifestyle, and habits. Jesus was very clear: if we choose to follow Him, we cannot harbor private sins on the side. If our sins lead others into sin, our responsibility is even greater.



These are serious words, but the opposite is great news: "Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:19).

God rewards us for the good we do for others.

Our example holds powerful influence.

Being a faithful disciple isn't easy.

Embracing unfamiliar

coworkers, rooting out sin, and setting a good example can be challenging, but we are not alone, nor are we without grace. Whatever God asks us to sacrifice, the reward will be infinitely greater.

### Q & A How can I get better at defending my beliefs?

One good way to be sure you can explain what you believe is to have solid information at your fingertips.

To start, keep a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* handy. It summarizes what we believe and why, with an excellent glossary to help navigate. Your library may have one or you can buy it from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org), 800-235-8722).

Read some common questions and answers about Catholic faith and practices by Church experts. For example, a helpful resource, *Catholic Answers to Catholic Questions*, by Paul Thigpen, Ph.D., is available at Our Sunday Visitor books ([www.osv.com](http://www.osv.com), 800-348-2440). Or, ask your priest for a Church-approved recommendation.

Know the common misconceptions. There are many misunderstandings about the Catholic Faith. Knowing what the Church actually teaches on topics like the Eucharist, Mary, the Saints, and salvation will prepare you to clarify these points.

Don't forget to ask for help from the Holy Spirit. In fact, just let the Spirit do the talking.

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### Feasts & Celebrations

Sept. 3 - St. Gregory the Great (604). St. Gregory resigned as chief prefect of Rome to become a monk at the Abbey of St. Andrew. As Pope, he used his political skills to make peace with the invading Lombards, save Rome from famine, and restore order within the Church itself.

Sept. 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows. In Luke 2:35, Simeon predicted Mary's sorrows as "a sword piercing" her soul. Despite her sorrow, Mary stood at the foot of the Cross, dignified and fearless while others ran away.

Sept. 27 - St. Vincent de Paul (1660). St. Vincent de Paul was devoted to the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick. He founded several hospitals and ransomed over 1,200 galley slaves from North Africa.

Sept. 29 - The Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. Three archangels entrusted with important missions to mankind, such as St. Gabriel's visit to the Blessed Mother, announcing she was to be the Mother of God.



**Deceased:** Olly (heavenly BD) & Juliet Eremita, Jose Saniatan, Tonly L. Lopez (3 yr Heavenly Anniv), Robert-Noi Pahinui, Florendo Paguirigan, Bobby Timbreza, Repose of the souls of the deceased FCC members  
**Healing:** Joyce Aliniado, Elisa & Tyrell Carroll, Health and Safety of the Filipino Catholic Club members  
**Birthday:** Rochelle Tiller, Teodoro Felix R. Nano III, Violeta Rodrigo Nano, Birthday blessings for the Filipino Catholic Club members celebrating their birthdays in September  
**Thanksgiving:** 68th Wedding Anniversary Maximino & Cleofe G. Umil Prayers for Al Eremita  
**Wedding:** Fermin & Elizabeth Balisacan

ALL MASS INTENTIONS must be turned into the Parish Office during office hours no later than the Thursday prior to the intention. Mass Intentions are limited to (3) named Intentions per family per week; any additional may be listed in the bulletin as "et al". Suggested donation as recommended by the Diocese of Honolulu is \$10.00 per Intention/Mass.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR INTENTION TO BE READ AT EACH MASS, THE DONATION WILL BE \$40.00 (\$10/per mass)  
 Please submit your envelope provided for your convenience and submit with your intention and donation.

**NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT PLACE YOUR MASS INTENTION IN THE OFFERTORY BASKET IF IT FOR THE UPCOMING WEEKEND. PLEASE TURN INTO OFFICE DIRECTLY FOR THE WEEKEND. WE CAN NOT GUARANTEE YOUR INTENTIONS WILL BE IN THE BULLETIN OR READ. Mahalo.**

**Faith Formation Registration [Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Young Adult & Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)]:**

Registration for Faith Formation is open. Please sign up so we can figure out resources for every person. Please see any one of our catechists after mass for an application or stop by the RE Office on Saturday or Sunday between the hours of 8am - 12noon

**Catechist or Catechist Assistant Invite:**

Our Sacred Heart Church, Wai'anae Faith Formation (FF) invites people who are interested in becoming a catechist or catechist assistant. If you feel the call to ministry in Faith Formation please contact Rosa Lefu'a (contact is below)

**Praying the Rosary:**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month we invite all children/teens and anyone who wants to join us, to PRAY the ROSARY before 9:30am Mass. The next Rosary is Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 9am in the church.

**Catechetical Sunday:**

On Sunday, September 15th is Catechetical Sunday. The theme this year is "Lord, when did we see you hungry" Matthew 25:37. The theme reflects our call to missionary discipleship. As St John Paul II reminded us: The universal call to holiness is closely linked to the universal call to mission. Every member of the faithful is called to holiness and to mission. We are called to be Eucharist by word and action to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our times cry out for this kind of holiness, one inflamed by the ardent determination to bring as many to Christ. Catechists and assistants will be commissioned during the Mass on Sunday, Sept. 15th for their mission to nurture a living, conscious and active faith in others, and to witness to the faith by sharing their faith commitment through word, experience, prayer and liturgy.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rosa 808-861-3747 or email rlefua77@gmail.com. God bless & have a great weekend.

Are you new to the parish or do you need to update your parish information?  
 Please fill out the form below, detach and give to any of our ushers during mass!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



**Blessings of Financial Stewardship for August 31 and September 1, 2024**

**Mass Collections**

5:00pm (Saturday)	\$268.00
7:30am	\$1,357.00
9:30am	\$1,541.00
5:00pm (Sunday)	\$1,036.00

**2nd Collection R&M** \$1,281.00

**Online Donations** \$245.00

**Total Mass Collection** \$5,728.00

**Other Collections**


Baptism	\$100.00
Building Fund Pledge	\$40.00
Building R&M	\$25.00
Candles	\$62.00
Funeral: Church	\$500.00
Funeral: Hall	\$300.00
Funeral: Priest	\$300.00
Mass Intentions	\$474.00
RE: Registration Fees	\$70.00
Catholic University	\$20.00
Maui Wildfire	\$20.00

**Total Other Collections** \$1,911.00

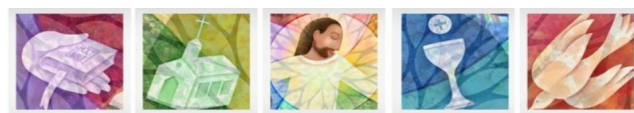
**Grand Total:** \$7,639.00



**Tony L. Lopez**  
**We are Blessed**  
**3 Year Heavenly**  
**Anniversary**  
**July 31, 2024**  
**and Heavenly 87**  
**Birthday June 13, 1937**



Offered by: Family Lopez,  
 Children and Wife



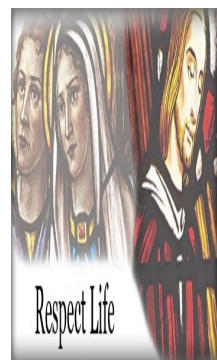
*Faith Formation*



**Are you someone or do you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?**

Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

*Lilia Grace at (808)379-9446 or  
 Email: Ms.lbpg@gmail.com.  
 Come and join us on  
 Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.  
 in the Religious Education building.  
 God bless you!*



**As we begin recall Our Blessed Mother's Birthday, we give thanks for the gift of life from conception to natural death and pray for expectant parents, those with pregnancy difficulties and post abortion healing.**  
**The following events respect life:**  
 40/365 days for life prayers,  
 Side Walk Advocates Training (TBA)  
 Hawaii State Laws prayers  
 Walking with Moms in Need programs  
 40-365 Days for Life Mass at St Theresa, Co-Cathedral 9/21/24 at 8am.

For more information, Please contact:  
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**SHCW - PANTRY**  
**Did you know our Pantry Services hundreds of people each month with much needed food to survive! WE ARE IN ALWAYS NEED OF NON-PERISHABLE CANNED & DRY FOODS.**

**Let us always be mindful of those who are less fortunate than us**

**Please call the Pantry Coordinator for more information at (808) 741-1056**

**"THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER"**

**Church Cleaning Schedule for September 2024**

- September 7, 2024 RE/Youth
- September 14, 2024 Filipino Catholic Club
- September 21, 2024 O.C.I.A
- September 29, 2024 Chuukese Community

*Mahalo for your continued Stewardship for cleaning the house of our Lord*

**2024 Second Collections Office of the Chancellor**

The Catholic University of America	September 7/8
'Ohana in Christ Campaign	October 5/6
World Mission Sunday	October 26/27
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	November 16/17
Retirement Fund for Religious	December 7/8



*Stewardship*  
 RECOGNIZING GOD'S GIFTS & GIVING BACK IN GRATITUDE