

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

September 24, 2023

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation

Church Dedicated in 1919



**Priests:**

Rev. Apolinario Ty, SSS  
Rev. Ferdinand Tomo, SSS

**Deacon:**

Dcn. David Watson



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**Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. We honor our priests, without whom the Mass could not be offered, and Sacraments could not be celebrated.**

**Thank you Fr. Poli and Fr. Ferdie!**



*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins Weekdays & Sundays at 4:00 p Saturdays at 3:00 p*

## Mass Schedule

6 am 12:15 pm Monday—Friday  
7 am Saturday Morning

5 pm Saturday Vigil Mass  
7 am, 9 am, 11:45 am and 6 pm Sunday

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 2023

*“Are you envious because I am generous?”*

Who in today’s world would do what the landowner in the gospel did? Not only would a person be labeled a fool for wasting his money but can even be sued for unfair labor practices, which is exactly what happens in the story. But that is how man thinks! But certainly not how God thinks and not even more not a reality in His Kingdom. **God's ways are not our ways.** Indeed, God is the epitome of what being generous is!

The Kingdom of God is not a Kingdom of the “equal sign or the scale of balance”, where fairness and justice is measured by “receiving what one deserves.” But rather it is where God’s love and mercy and grace flow in abundance and is dispensed unconditionally for all God’s children that they may be able to live life to the fullest.

But isn't this what good news is? This is good news for our brothers and sisters, who might have lost their way and late as it may seems are just now retracing back their way. This is good news for those who might have lost hope that they will ever be forgiven for a wrong they have done. This is good news for the thief with Jesus on the calvary that trusted that even at that last moment he will have a place in paradise. This is certainly a good news for all of us.

Our God is a generous God. We do not get what we deserve. Rather God gives us more than we deserve.

## PRAY FOR US!



*Please remember St. Joseph Parish in your will!*

# Scripture OF THE WEEK

## Sunday, Sept 24

Is 55:6-9  
Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18  
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a  
Mt 20:1-16a

## Monday, Sept 25

Ezr 1:1-6  
Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6  
Lk 8:16-18

## Tuesday, Sept 26

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20  
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5  
Lk 8:19-21

## Wednesday, Sept 27

Ezr 9:5-9  
Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8  
Lk 9:1-6

## Thursday, Sept 28

Hg 1:1-8  
Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b  
Lk 9:7-9

## Friday, Sept 29

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14  
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5  
Jn 1:47-51

## Saturday, Sept 30

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a  
Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13  
Lk 9:43b-45

## Sunday, Oct 01

Ez 18:25-28  
Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
Phil 2:1-11  
Mt 21:28-32

MARY, MOTHER OF THE EUCHARIST, LEAD US TO HIM!



**DIOCESAN ROSARY  
CONGRESS 2023  
OCTOBER 7-13TH**

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH WILL  
BE COVERING 6 AM TO 12  
PM ON THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 12TH.**

**MARK YOU  
CALENDARS!**

**The Filipino Catholic Club** cordially invites you to celebrate the feast of **San Lorenzo Ruiz**, the first Filipino Saint canonized by Pope John Paul II on October 18, 1987. **The novena continues in the downstairs meeting room.** On his feast day **Thursday September 28**, there will be a **Mass @ 6pm** followed by potluck fellowship in the downstairs meeting room. Spread the good word and hope to see you there. For any questions, please contact me, Christina @ 808-640-4180.



## Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

	September 12-18	YTD Actual
<b>Collections</b>	7,888.95	107,063.33
<b>Other Regular Income</b>	239.00	9,992.84
<b>Unusual Income:</b>		
<b>Choirs</b>	0.00	200.00
<b>Convent Lease</b>		8,500.00
<b>R&amp;M Collection</b>	240.00	8,973.00
<b>Security Project</b>	5.00	319.00
<b>Feed the Hungry</b>	70.00	310.00
<b>Other Unusual Income</b>		635.21
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>8,442.95</b>	<b>135,993.38</b>
<b>Loan to School</b>		25,738.09
<b>Designated Funds</b>		293,407.83
<b>Restricted Parish Hall Funds</b>		454,966.87



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September 27 - November 5  
**40 DAYS FOR LIFE.**

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated **40-day campaign that aims to end abortion** locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. All people of Faith, Goodwill and Conscience are invited to join.

**Prayer and Fasting:** Jesus told us that some issues can only be dealt with by prayer and fasting. We pray that God’s loving kindness will be evident to those who have an unplanned pregnancy and are contemplating an abortion. We pray that each will choose life for their babies.

**Constant Vigil:** The most visible aspect of 40 Days for Life is peaceful prayer outside on the public sidewalk. We are friendly witnesses for life, sharing the truth of God’s love. Individuals or groups can sign-up for one-hour time slots once a week for the six weeks of the vigil.

**Community Outreach:** Join us in fasting and peaceful prayer as we take God’s message of LOVE and LIFE to change hearts and minds.

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers in over 1,000 cities in 64 countries!

**With God’s help, since 2007:**

- **23,525 babies** saved from abortion
- **251 abortion workers** converted
- **145 abortion centers** closed

**Join us in praying, one hour a day, once a week for 6 weeks.**

**Sign up at:** [40daysforlife.com/Hilo](https://40daysforlife.com/Hilo)

**Campaign Contact:** Ruth Statler, [hilo40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:hilo40daysforlife@gmail.com) or 808-333-1807

**Other Contacts:** Pam Lyman - 808-895-2251, Leah Pitoy - 808-443-6959, Remy Gauvin-808-594-3148

**Changing Hearts and Minds, Saving Babies and Saving Souls.**



# 'Ohana in Christ

THE ANNUAL APPEAL *for the* CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII

September 2023

Aloha to All,

Peace be with you!

*May the Spirit of Christ be our hope through the day,  
be our guard through the night, our companion on the way.*

**Song of St. Patrick, Marty Haugen**

Each day, the Catholic Church in Hawaii shares the Spirit of Christ throughout our 'Ohana of parishes, schools, social agencies, and communities across the Islands. This is all possible thanks to your generous response to our Catholic mission and the call to Witness to Jesus.

Beyond the good works at each parish, the annual '**Ohana in Christ** appeal helps us respond to the material and spiritual needs of the greater church. As detailed in the list below, funds raised support many important services and ministries throughout the Diocese of Honolulu that no single faith community could meet alone.

I am deeply grateful for the ways you have contributed to this work in the past. Once again, I humbly ask for you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift to this important appeal. Please know that I pray for you and your loved ones each day - and will remember all donors in a special Mass.

In the Spirit of Christ - and together as '**Ohana in Christ** - we can and will respond to the Lord's call and continue to build His Kingdom.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Larry Silva*

Most Reverend Larry Silva  
Bishop of Honolulu



P.S. For more information on how to live out the Church's mission, or to make a gift to help your parish reach its 'OIC goal, please visit [catholichawaii.org](http://catholichawaii.org). MAHALO!

## Your donations are critical in helping to provide these ministries and services:

### Priests & Deacons

- Professional development
- Recruitment & assignment
- Permanent Deacon Formation
- Clergy health & wellness needs

### Parish Services

- Staffing & Training
- Finance & Insurance
- Savings & Loan
- Safe Environment
- Stewardship & IT
- Cemetery & Real Estate
- Emergency Preparedness

### People Programs

- Youth & Young Adult
- Catholic Schools
- Adult Faith Training
- Catholic Social Ministry
- Food & Shelter Assistance
- Evangelization & Respect Life
- Hospital & Prison Ministries

### And Much More

- Hawaii Catholic Herald & Diocesan eCommunications
- Cathedral Basilica, Chancery, & St. Stephen Diocesan Center
- Pope Francis & United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



# 'Ohana in Christ FAQs

THE ANNUAL APPEAL *for the* CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII

## 1. What is 'Ohana in Christ ('OIC)?

'OIC is the Annual Appeal for the Catholic Church in Hawaii. In fiscal year 2021/2022, it replaced the former Bishop's Circle Appeal to help provide needed funding for diocesan ministries, programs, and services formerly funded by the With Grateful Hearts Capital Campaign - and other efforts that individual parishes cannot sustain on their own.

## 2. How is 'Ohana in Christ different from the Bishop's Circle Appeal?

Along with an enhanced effort to raise awareness of the diocesan mission and financial needs - parishes are assigned a "target goal" based on their annual assessment. This year parishes are required to raise a minimum of 75% of their target goal. Parishes that fall short of the minimum will be responsible for the difference at the end of the fiscal year.

## 3. Parishes already pay a hefty annual assessment - isn't that enough?

Parish assessment fees provide significant funding for the diocesan mission - covering many expenses, but not all. The 'OIC Appeal helps close the gap in the annual diocesan budget.

## 4. What are some specific examples of what my donation will help support?

Along with the ministries, programs, and services listed on the front, your donations help support the diocesan offices and affiliated entities responsible for providing them to our faith communities and beyond.

## 5. Is there consideration for parishes facing significant financial challenges?

Prior to the current fiscal year, parishes have the opportunity to appeal the minimum goal requirement by submitting a written request to Bishop Larry.

## 6. Where does my gift go and how is it managed?

Donations given directly to 'OIC are received, processed, and acknowledged by the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF). Donations given at the parish level are forwarded to HCCF and credited accordingly. In turn, HCCF also oversees management of the funds and their allocations to the diocese in support of the diocesan mission.

## 7. Are donations to 'Ohana in Christ tax deductible?

Yes, to the extent allowable by law. For specific information, please consult your financial advisor. To make a gift today, please visit: [CatholicHawaii.Org](http://CatholicHawaii.Org) or mail your check to 'Ohana in Christ, PO Box 380019, Honolulu, HI 96838-0019. For gifts by credit card or otherwise, call the HCCF Gifts Office at (808) 372-3472.



**MAHALO** for your Generous Support - All Gifts are Important and Appreciated

Recently, Fr. Poli posed this question to some of our students at St. Joseph School, *“Why do you choose to be a Catholic?”*

Here is what they said:

*“I want to continue being Catholic because of Jesus. Having Jesus personally in my life makes me feel a lot more alive and with a reasonable temperament. He makes me feel that I have a purpose. Without that I think I would be like a dead weight. I want to continue to feel a faith filled and strong connection to the world and being Catholic helps me to keep that. My relationship with the Lord guides me in faith and with strength. As a Catholic I can rely on faith guiding me through life as well as have the support from other people around me in my faith community. I want to be able to continue to build my relationship with Jesus and have that strong personal relationship with Him.”*

-Michaela (Gr. 10)

*“I choose to be Catholic because I believe Jesus is right for me. He leads me in the right direction and always makes me feel loved. Being Catholic allows me to have a closer relationship with Jesus. I've believed in God & Jesus Christ ever since I came to St. Joseph School, and I want to continue my faith. My connection with Christ strengthens me to continue my Catholic faith.”*

-Goretti (Gr. 9)

What wonderful and honest responses!



## SAVE THE DATE

East Hawaii Vicariate Youth Stewardship Day Event presents:

**“Eucharist, Center of our Faith & Families”**



Join us for Mass, Breakout Sessions for all age groups, & Lunch

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 @ 830 AM St Joseph School Gym**

All are welcome to this FREE Event! This is also the First Day for Religious Education Participants! Bring a snack to share or donate! We are in need of volunteers and funding for supplies. Contact Crystal or Bernie at the Office. Mahalo!

## Join the Feeding the Hungry Committee!

The first "Feeding the Hungry" meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 26th, at 5pm** in the Library. Feeding the hungry chili will continue every 3rd Thursday of the month at 12 noon. Join the committee, volunteer, donate any of the items below, or call Bernie for more info at (808)640-8709. We are in need of volunteers and the following items below every month:

Ground Beef (25 lbs)  
Red Hot Dogs (200 pcs)  
Calrose Rice (20 lbs)  
Whole Corn (6 cans, #10 size)  
Kidney Beans (6 cans, #10 size)  
Diced Tomatoes (2 cans, #10 size)  
Tomato Sauce (2 cans, #10 size)  
Tomato Paste (12 cans, 6 oz. size)

Paper Goods are also accepted: 5-Part Luau Plates, 3-Section To-Go Containers, Napkins, Utensils (Compostable)

We appreciate anything you can do to contribute to this list!

Mahalo,  
Service Pillar



The following ministries below will start soon after the September 30th stewardship event and Fall Break:

**Mondays at 6pm (Starts October 16)**

- RCIA for new and returning adult members and any of their children.

**Sundays at 1015am (Starts October 22)**

- Classes for Confirmation and First Holy Communion for ages 7 - 12, and 13 - 17. \*Students needing baptism may also attend these classes.

- Youth & Young Adult Ministry for ages 13 and up.

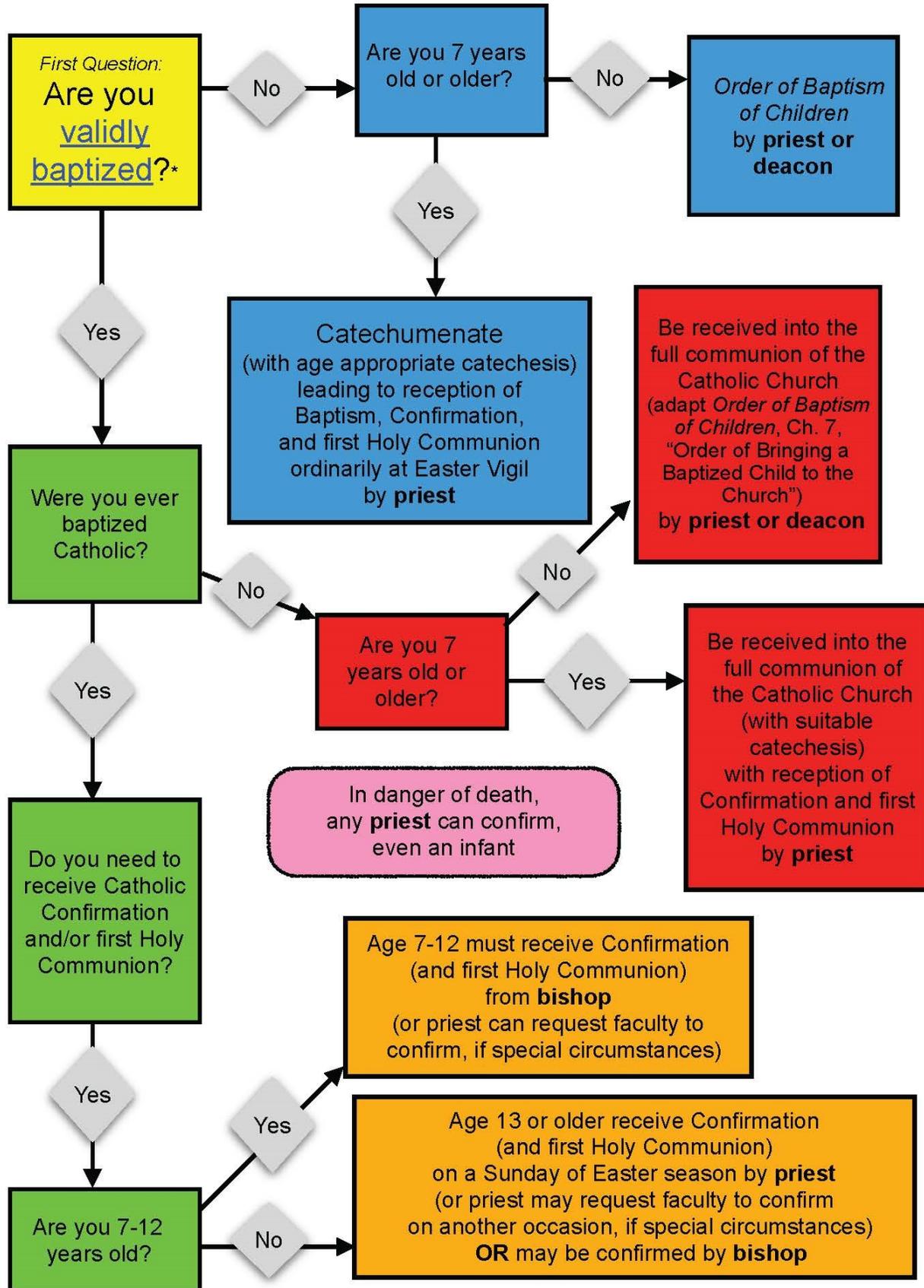
Register or sign-up to volunteer by contacting Crystal. Contact information is as follows:

(808)935-1465 Office  
(808)378-7778 Cell/Txt  
ccastillo@rcchawaii.org

Or visit [stjoehilo.com](http://stjoehilo.com) and click on "Religious Education." Mahalo!



# Initiation into the Catholic Church



\*See [catholichawaii.org/valid\\_baptism](http://catholichawaii.org/valid_baptism)

# September 2023

**Office open 9-1 Monday thru Friday except Holidays**

<b>24</b> 7:00 Mass-FP  9:00 Mass-FP  11:45 Mass-FP  6:00 Mass-FF	<b>25</b> 6:00 Mass-FP  12:15 Mass-FF  6 pm Novena-San Lorenzo Ruiz	<b>26</b> 6:00 Mass-FF  12:15 Mass-FF  6 pm Novena-San Lorenzo Ruiz	<b>27</b> 6:00 Mass-FF  12:15 Mass-FF  6:00 Alabarae Choir rehearsal 6 pm Novena-San Lorenzo Ruiz	<b>28</b> 6:00 Mass-FP  12:15 Mass-FF  6 pm Mass and fellowship 6:00 pm St. Joseph Choir rehearsal in Library	<b>29</b> 6:00 Mass-FP  12:15 Mass-FF  5:30 Wedding rehearsal	<b>30</b> 7:00 Mass-FF  10:00 Confessions  5:00 Mass-FP
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## Parents & Guardians:

Please accompany ALL minors (ages 17 & younger) to the restrooms. It is **YOUR** kuleana to keep them safe while attending Mass & parish events.

Effective immediately the bathrooms will remain locked during **Sunday 6pm mass**. Please see a Hospitality Minister to accompany you to the bathroom.

**SAFETY NEEDS TO BE EVERYONE'S PRIORITY**



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic Revival**

## National Eucharistic Revival Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you give us your flesh and blood for the life of the world, and you desire that all people come to the Supper of the Sacrifice of the Lamb. Renew in your Church the truth, beauty, and goodness contained in the Most Blessed Eucharist.

Jesus living in the Eucharist, come and live in me.

Jesus healing in the Eucharist, come and heal me.

Jesus sacrificing yourself in the Eucharist, come and suffer in me.

Jesus rising in the Eucharist, come and rise to new life in me.

Jesus loving in the Eucharist, come and love in me.

Lord Jesus Christ, through the paschal mystery of your death and resurrection made present in every Holy Mass, pour out your healing love on your Church and on our world. Grant that as we lift you up during this time of Eucharistic Revival, your Holy Spirit may draw all people to join us at this Banquet of Life. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Our Lady of Peace, Mother of the Eucharist, Pray for us.

St. Joseph, silent adorer of the Eucharist, Pray for us.

**As part of our response for the Year of Eucharistic Revival,  
St. Joseph Church will offer Eucharistic adoration on the 2nd Sunday of each month  
from 10:30 to 11:30 am.**

**Please plan to join us on October 8.**

