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# ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## LONGTIME PARISHIONER JOE WILLIAMS HELPED ST. ANTHONY RISE FROM THE ASHES OF THE 1977 FIRE

In the early morning of Nov. 1, 1977, an arsonist set fire to the historic St. Anthony Church, a beautiful historic structure built in the Gothic style. The devastation of this event sent shock waves through our parish, the entire Wailuku community, and even reached the mainland, making newspapers in cities as far away as St. Louis, Mo. The task of rebuilding the church was daunting, but a group of selfless and dedicated parishioners were able to make it happen in an astounding three years! Joining Philibert Vierra, Hannibal Tavares, Toshio Ansai, Arthur Ferreria, Robert Miyashiro and Joseph Borges on the committee to rebuild St.



*Longtime parishioner Joe Williams was instrumental in the rebuilding of St. Anthony following the 1977 fire.*

Anthony was a seventh parishioner — Joe Williams.

At age 93, Joe is a longtime member of St. Anthony. He was just a child when his parents moved to Wailuku and began attending church here. Joe graduated from St. Anthony School and, in keeping with his heart for service, the only time he spent away from our parish was when he served with our country's Armed Forces in Japan and the Philippines during World War II.

When Joe and his wife, Martha, had their own family, they both provided strong examples of an active faith life for their three children to follow.

“Church was just a part of our everyday life growing up,” says Joe’s son, Mike Williams. “Our parents sacrificed to send all three of us to St. Anthony School. My sister is still involved, I have a brother up in Washington who is involved with his parish there, and I’m the Building Chairman for St. Anthony. My parents brought us all up to be active in the Church.”

When St. Anthony was destroyed by the 1977 fire, Joe didn’t hesitate to step up to help save the church he loved so deeply. He volunteered to do the fundraising for reconstruction costs, contacting his friends and encouraging them to spread the word and secure the financial support of the entire community. When the bishop expressed concerns about funding, Joe and Martha were two of the parishioners that put up a mortgage on their home to secure the money for construction. Today, Joe also remembers Ralph Yagi as another community member who was

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## STEWARDSHIP *Living in Love*

“God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God and God in him” (1 Jn 4:16). As Christ’s disciples, we are called to live lives of love. When asked which commandment is the most important, Jesus answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might.” He immediately followed this command with, “Love your neighbor as yourself. No commandment is greater than these” (Mk 12:29-31).

The life of a Christian is, essentially, all about love! This doesn’t mean that Christ preached an abstract Gospel, or that we need to love simply because “it feels good.” The reality is quite the opposite. Indeed, Christ’s Gospel of love is one of dramatic action, and living in that love calls each of us to action.

What is this love, then, of which Christ speaks? How are we to live it out today?

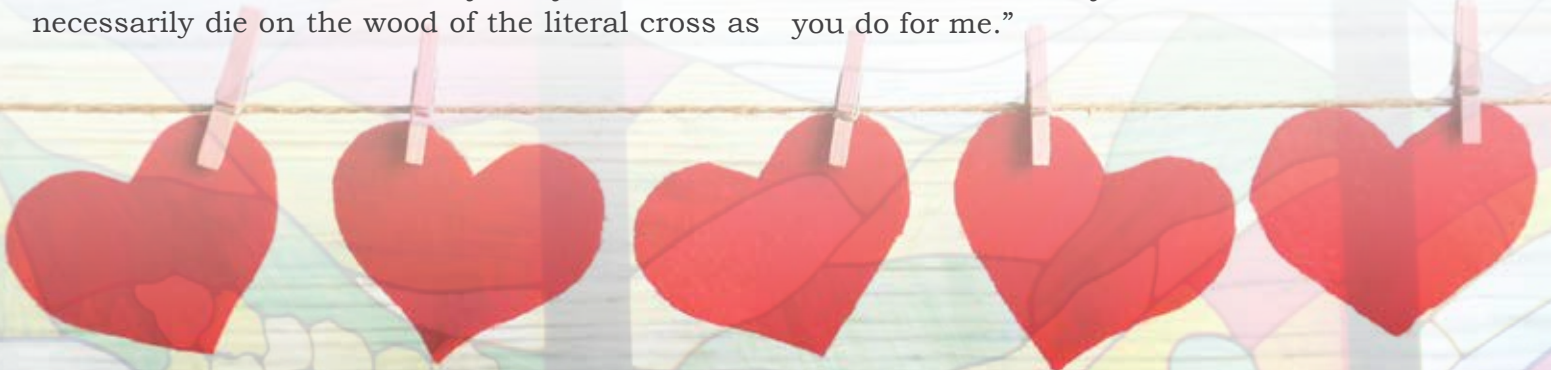
Christ, the God who, as John tells us, “is love” Himself, came to Earth out of pure love for us. So that we might have everlasting life, Christ took the punishment for our sins. He, the Lord of all creation, was mocked, scourged and ultimately murdered on the cross to atone for the sins that we, His creatures, have committed. Now, that’s love! And it is the love that we are called to imitate throughout our lives.

Notice the selfless nature of Jesus’ act. He gained nothing in return for what He did, and He calls us to love in the same manner. How do we do that here and now? Do we die on our own personal crosses? The answer, in a way, is “yes.” We don’t necessarily die on the wood of the literal cross as

Christ did, but we must die to self for the sake of others. That is the love of Christ, and that is the love He calls us to every day. If we want to truly love God, we must love others. God Himself showed us the reality of this need when he commanded that we love our neighbor just as we love Him. And then Christ explained, “Whatever you do to the least of those, you do to me.” If we are called to love God, then we are called to love our neighbor, for Christ resides in each one of us. It must be a love like Christ has shown us – one of selflessness. We should want for nothing more than the good of our neighbor.

There are many ways that we can show our love to others, particularly through prayer and service. Here at our parish, there are many ministries that offer us the opportunity to serve our neighbors. If we offer a little bit of time, we can help out in the parish office doing seemingly menial yet important tasks, such as stuffing inserts into the bulletins so that fellow parishioners are aware of news and events within the parish. Those of us with an aptitude for teaching may be called to serve others through RCIA or our Religious Education program. There is also always a need for more lectors and Eucharistic Ministers to aid the priest in bringing Christ to other parishioners at Mass.

These are but a few of the countless opportunities we have to serve our parish and local community. However we are called to do so, one thing is for certain: the love of Christ calls us to action. How will we show our love for God this year? Remember, “Whatever you do for the least of those, you do for me.”



## A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

### *Surrounded by Saints and Good Stewards*

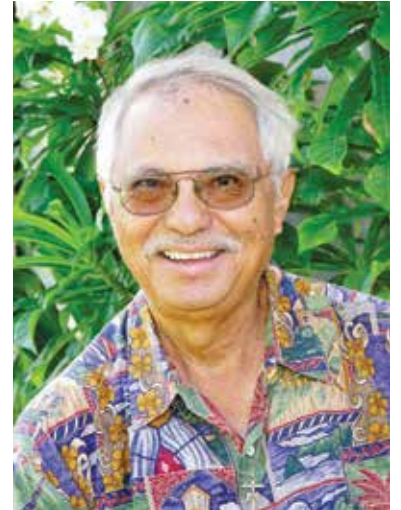
Dear Parishioners,

It is June — not quite the heart of the summer, but certainly a time when everything seems to be wrapping up. From school and religious education, to many of our ministries, much is winding down and going on hiatus.

Last month, we celebrated the month of our Blessed Mother Mary. This month, I would like to turn our attention to the idea of stewardship, although that concept is important every month and every day throughout the year.

We do not have to look far to find good stewards. They are all around us. They may be sitting near us at Mass. They may be part of our own families and households. Pay attention at our liturgies as they are always there, serving in a variety of ways. I suppose the big question is, “Do people look at us and see a good steward?” We are talking about more than our parish and the Church here. There are people in our communities and neighborhoods who show us what it means to be a good steward, and they do not have to be Catholic.

In June, we celebrate Father’s Day. St. Joseph, the earthly father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may seem to be overlooked, but we do need to look at him always and especially on Father’s Day. He humbly accepted his role much in the same way that St. Mary did. He does not have much to say in the Bible, indicative of his humility and understanding. Yet he, like Mary, was obedient. He was selfless. He was a worker, and in his own quiet way he was a leader — an example to all of us.



St. Joseph is, as you know, the patron saint of fathers, workers and the universal Church. If we could all emulate Joseph in some small part each day, we would be closer to being the disciples Christ has called us to be.

Sometimes, we Catholics are criticized for using statues, and some may be under the misguided impression that we worship statues. Our country and our lives are filled with statues — for instance, look at Washington, D.C. and its various monuments. Think of Mount Rushmore. People go to see these statues and stand in front of them, sometimes bowing their heads in prayer, or looking at the statue or piece of marble in awe. Does this mean these people are worshipping these statues? Absolutely not.

Let us be proud of our Catholic heritage and let us not be afraid to honor and respect our saints and the saints in our midst, the good stewards all around us. In fact, we must each try to be more like them.

God bless you in all you do.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Fr. Roland Bunda*

Fr. Roland Bunda, S.M.

## A *Celebration* OF FAITH, FRIENDSHIPS

For Art Fillazar, of the St. Anthony class of 1969, the school's motto "Strength in Unity" is also a fitting theme for the upcoming gathering of school alumni.

"I look forward to seeing the happy faces, people I've known for all these years and, as a former teacher, seeing my former students — seeing the history continue and seeing that being celebrated," Mr. Fillazar says. "I love the sight and the sound of alumni celebrating each other and the friendships that they've had through the years."

Each year, St. Anthony School gathers for Ho'olaule'a, a fundraiser to support the needs of our school, and, in recent years, an opportunity for our alumni to gather in fellowship and camaraderie as part of the St. Anthony School family.

"It's a major fundraiser for the school and as years went on, it transcended into an opportune time for alumni to gather," says Mr. Fillazar, who currently serves as support staff for the admissions office and a volunteer for Ho'olaule'a. "A number of the classes will use the opportunity for their special celebrations, especially those celebrating their

50th year since high school graduation."

This year, along with those from the Class of 1968 who will be celebrating their 50th reunion, those from any classes that graduated in years ending in "3" and "8" — for example, the Class of 1958 will celebrate their 60th, the Class of 1973 will celebrate their 45th, while the Class of 1978 will celebrate their 40th reunion, — will be honored, joined by many other members of our parish and school community.

"It's really a nice celebration, especially for those significant reunions," Mr. Fillazar says. "It's quite an atmosphere because a lot of these people haven't seen each other since high school, so it's a nice way to support the school while at the same time celebrating their high school friendships."

The festivities will take place on Saturday, June 30, beginning with the annual Links to Education Golf Tournament. The tournament will take place at The Dunes at Maui Lani Golf Course, with a 7 a.m. shotgun start. The entry fee is \$125 per player, for the Two-Person Scramble. The awards luncheon will follow, at St. Anthony's Sullivan Field.

Following the tournament, later that evening, will be the annual alumni Ho'olaule'a, taking place at Sullivan Athletic Field. The event, which begins at 5 p.m. and goes until 10 p.m. will be filled with delicious luau food, live Hawaiian music and dancing, and generations of family and friends coming together to celebrate our school.

"There are so many couples who were dating in high school and are still happily married," Mr. Fillazar says. "Being that Maui was the only Catholic school, people grew up together, they saw their kids grow up together and then they see their grandkids grow up together. People come from all over the island. Many of them will plan their trips home and their vacations to come to these reunions. It's so nice for them to have the opportunity to see their friends."

"I see the alums playing an important role, not only in preserving the history of the school, but also in showing support of the school," he adds. "I think even more than financial support, it's important to



*We hope to see you at this year's Ho'olaule'a to support our school!*

# IP AND ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL COMMUNITY



*Longtime friends gather to celebrate the bonds formed at St. Anthony School at the annual Ho'olaule'a.*



*The annual alumni Ho'olaule'a is a night of good food, live music and dancing.*

hear them and feel the spirit that they had — and it transcends to the younger generations to help them see how important tradition and history is.”

The Ho'olaule'a is a good opportunity for current and alumni families to come together and celebrate the unique experience of attending the only Catholic high school on Maui.

“It was a privilege to be able to attend a school like St. Anthony’s,” Mr. Fillazar says. “This is where the thanksgiving comes in — our parents made sacrifices for us to get this wonderful Catholic education, and this is part of the celebration. It’s kind of a tribute to our ancestors in thanksgiving.”

Mr. Fillazar looks forward to Ho'olaule'a and hopes to see many friends and family coming together for this celebration, benefitting the needs of our school and celebrating where we have been and where we are going together, as St. Anthony's school community.

“It’s a celebration of life and it’s so endearing to see that lasting through the years,” Mr. Fillazar says. “It’s a celebration of family, the St. Anthony family.”

*For more information, or to purchase tickets for Ho'olaule'a, please contact St. Anthony School — 808-244-4190, ext. 228.*

*Ticket prices for the Ho'olaule'a are as follows:*

*Adults — \$25 until June 29, \$30 at door*

*Keiki 6-12 — \$10*

*Keiki 5 and under — free*

*Tickets can be purchased with a credit card and held at will call on the day of the event. Registration for the Links to Education Golf Tournament can be completed online at [www.sasmaui.org/registration-open-for-golf-tournament](http://www.sasmaui.org/registration-open-for-golf-tournament)*

***For those who are unable to attend this year's annual alumni Ho'olaule'a, we will be hosting our biennial all-class reunion in Las Vegas, Sept. 28 and 29. For more information and registration forms, email requests to [sasmauivegasreunion@yahoo.com](mailto:sasmauivegasreunion@yahoo.com). Early bird registration ends July 31. The event will include a reception on Friday night, dinner on Saturday, with music, dancing and a celebration of friendship among St. Anthony alumni. Hope to see you in Vegas!***

## “TRANSFORMED BY THE SACRED LITURGY”

### *The Celebration of the Paschal Mystery*

In a limited way, the liturgy can be compared to a story or a film – upon a first reading or viewing, we might understand the basic outline of the narrative, yet through every subsequent encounter, the story further unfolds before us, becoming richer and more complex.

Often, inquisitive children teach us about how to understand a story or the Mass. As a child inquires about the priest’s green vestments, the foregrounded wreath or the presence of palm branches, we might pause to recall the symbolism undergirding the rich rituals of the liturgy.

There is a sense of the sacred in the liturgy, but its rituals and ceremonies can appear as empty pantomimes when divorced from their meaning. Far from empty signs, the liturgy is the celebration of the Paschal mystery, of Christ’s passion, death, resurrection and glorification by which He “accomplished the work of our salvation” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1067).

From the Greek *leitourgia*, meaning public service or worship, liturgy in the Christian tradition refers to the communal participation of the people in the work of God, and God is always present and at work in the liturgy, acting in and with the Church through the sacraments.

Annually, the Church’s liturgical year is structured around the Paschal mystery, which we observe every Sunday. We begin each year with a season of anticipating Christ’s birth, and following a celebration of Christ’s Incarnation, we gradually enter a period of preparation for the Easter Triduum, for His passion, death and Resurrection. The year closes with a period of ordinary time – a time to grow in our faith and in living out the Gospel.

Daily, the Liturgy of the Hours unifies the Church Militant in prayers said by the clergy and increasingly by the laity. As the liturgical calendar structures our year, the Liturgy of the Hours structures our day, offering us an opportunity to consecrate



each present moment to Christ.

Ultimately, the liturgical life of the Church “revolves around the Eucharistic sacrifice and the sacraments” (CCC 1113), for we receive God’s grace to fortify us in our spiritual lives and as His disciples through the sacraments, particularly the Holy Mass.

The Mass nurtures us spiritually, inviting us to reflect on the Paschal mystery and to lift our hearts to God as individuals and a community through spoken and sung prayer.

The Mass moves us corporeally, drawing us to sit as we listen to the Word, to stand as we unanimously profess our faith, and to kneel as the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Mass inspires us apostolically, sending us out to proclaim the Gospel and to share Christ with our brothers and sisters.

Though the “source and center” of all prayer, the liturgy and a sense of the sacred has, in some ways, become marginalized in the American Church. Once robust parishes are seeking to rebuild, but they frequently overlook the connection between the empty pews and the decentralization of the liturgy, which was underscored by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

“I am convinced that the crisis in the Church that we are experiencing today is, to a large extent, due to the disintegration of the liturgy,” Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wrote in his autobiography *Milestones*.

Something in the simplicity of the child’s experience of the liturgy teaches us to return to what we might call the basics of the faith – meaning a love for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the sacraments and the rituals of the Church. Only through the liturgy are we nurtured on our stewardship journey and inspired to proclaim the Gospel.

As Archbishop Alexander Sample from the Diocese of Portland, Ore., writes, “If we are transformed by the sacred liturgy, then we, as believers, can help transform the culture.”

# HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR 2018 STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

Our St. Anthony Parish leaders recently conducted the 2018 Stewardship Renewal. This was an opportunity for the members of our parish family to renew — or in many cases, begin — commitments to parish ministries, in turn giving their gifts back to God. This month, we are happy to share with you some of the highlights of the 2018 Stewardship Renewal.

† There were 138 Commitment Cards received from 20 percent of active parish households.

† There were 730 commitments to prayer, or Stewardship of Time, from 95 percent of participating households. During this year’s renewal, there were 95 more prayer commitments than last year.

† Some of the top commitments to the Stewardship of Time included: “Attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days,” 124 commitments; “Spend at least 15 minutes a day in personal prayer,” 116 commitments; “Pray for the sick of our parish,” 100 commitments.

† There were 391 commitments to ministry, or Stewardship of Talent, from 75 percent of participating households. Of these, 145 were new ministry commitments, and 50 percent more commitments were made this year than during last year’s renewal.

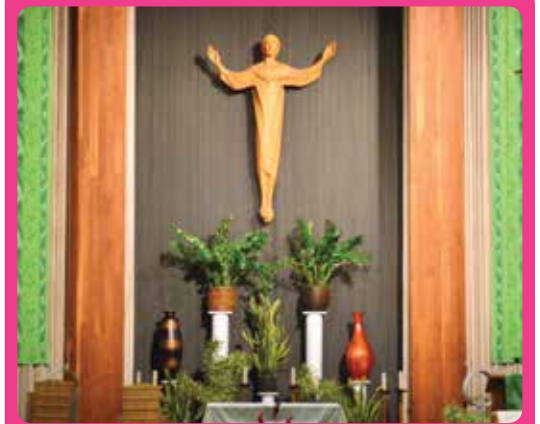
† Some of the top commitments to the Stewardship of Talent included: Church Cleaners, 42 commitments; Eucharistic Ministers, 37 commitments; Music Ministry, 36 commitments; Lector, 34 commitments; Bible Study and Lay Marianist Community, both with 24 commitments.

† There were 106 commitments to the offertory, or Stewardship of Treasure. The average pledge was \$2,431.

We thank all those who participated in the 2018 Stewardship Renewal by filling out a Commitment Card and returning it to the parish. If you did not participate in the renewal, we invite you to consider the ways you can become involved in parish life at St. Anthony, sharing your gifts with the parish. After all, it’s never too late to begin living the stewardship way of life!

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## *Longtime Parishioner Joe Williams* continued from front cover

a great help throughout the rebuilding process.

While the fundraising and rebuilding of the church was certainly an overwhelming proposition, Joe never lost faith that everything would work out.

“He’s a man of more faith than I am, I can tell you that,” Mike says with a laugh. “He stayed the course and helped with not only the fundraising, but also giving advice through the committee to the members that were in charge of the actual construction side of things.”

In the end, Joe’s fundraising for the new church took about 18 months, and totaled more than \$300,000 — over \$1 million in today’s money! Our new modern church was dedicated on St. Anthony’s feast day, June 13, 1980.

Thanks to the group of parishioners that selflessly devoted themselves to rebuilding our church 40 years

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ago, St. Anthony remains a vibrant and thriving place to worship today. And at age 93, Joe is still very much an active part of our parish, serving on the Finance Committee and with the Knights of Columbus. We are thankful for all that Joe has done and continues to do for our faith community!

### LITURGY SCHEDULE

CHURCH CENTER :: **Saturday** 5:00 p.m. | **Sunday** 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

SAINT DAMIEN CHAPEL :: **Monday - Friday** 6:30 a.m. | **Saturday** 7:00 a.m.