

# ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## *Renovations Complete on Room Honoring Deacon Joseph W. Borges Sr.*

The renovations were long-overdue, but a month-long labor of love has given our parish a renewed Deacon Joseph W. Borges Sr. Meeting Room that continues to honor the late “Deacon Joe” for his dedication to his faith and St. Anthony Parish.

Although the renovations were complete and the room opened again on June 8 for meetings and gatherings, it was on June 13, the Feast Day of St.

Anthony, our patron saint, that Fr. Roland officially blessed the room after the 6:30 a.m. Mass. All those attending enjoyed a potluck breakfast after Mass. The blessing of the renovated room recalled the original dedication ceremony held on Nov. 27, 2003, by then-pastor Fr. Raymond E. Malley.

Frank Fanger, a former Marianist Brother who became a skilled carpenter, began working on the room renovations on May 3.

“Frank resides in California with his wife Kathy,” says Nona Iwata, sacristan. “Every year, for three weeks, Frank volunteers to come to Maui and helps with renovations here at St. Anthony.”

Frank worked on the Meeting Room with the help of John Duarte, who assists with the maintenance at St. Anthony Church. The two replaced the cabinets and installed a new sink, ceiling and lights. The entire room was repainted, and Kahului Carpet re-tiled the floor.

During his volunteer visit, Frank has also worked on renovating the back stairs to the rectory; made improvements to the stage area in the school cafeteria, Marian Hall; and made renovations to the Pre-School.

“Frank also volunteers to go to Mexico once a year to help build affordable homes with plumbing and



*New cabinets, sink, counter, lights and floor tile were all part of the renovations completed in May of the Deacon Joseph W. Borges Sr. Meeting Room.*

## *Good for the Giver*

Here's a simple riddle: Name something you can't keep if you don't give it away, but if you give it away, it will increase.

The best answer to this riddle, if you haven't already guessed, is love. But the beauty of this paradox is that there can be a number of different answers. Another response might be artistic talent. Ask any artist, and they'll tell you that their skill for drawing or painting diminishes after a few weeks or months of inactivity. But the more they paint, the more their talent grows.

We also see this truth illustrated in nature. The Sea of Galilee, teeming with fish and other wildlife, is one example. All of the water in this beautiful reservoir is constantly being drained through the Jordan River, which stretches for about 60 miles, providing the only fresh water for all of Israel. It finally drains into the Dead Sea, which has no outlet. It is consequently stagnant and totally lifeless, continually evaporating into thin air.

The point, in a nutshell, is that the good steward takes care of his or her gifts by giving them away. As a result, you won't have less left over, but will instead have more!

There is a story about St. Teresa of Calcutta and her visit to one of the hundreds of convents she had

founded. The Superior of the convent told her, "Mother, we don't have enough time to do our work with the poor; there's just not enough hours in the day." St. Teresa responded, "Then you need to pray more." When the convent added another full hour of prayer each day, they somehow found that they had enough time to do even more for the poor in that city.

The difficulty with this idea – that by giving we receive – is that it is still a struggle to give. When we arrive at the moment of giving, it appears on the surface that we will have less left over. This is especially true regarding money. When writing a check to a charity or to the parish, you mathematically end up with less money to spend on other things. And yet, the immaterial value of our sacrifice is immeasurable. This is why Jesus speaks so frequently in the Gospels about the spiritual benefits of giving to others. We do have more after we give, but it is simply more of something else – and something better.

When we emphasize stewardship, it is not primarily to increase "volunteerism" or to swell our budget. Indeed, our first aim is always the "good of the giver." It is not because the parish has needs, but because we have a need to give. We recognize that the model Steward is Jesus, who gave all, even His very life, so that we may have everything.

### *Stewardship in Nature*

The Sea of Galilee stays fresh and healthy because it "gives away" all its water through the Jordan River. When all that water is finally drained into the Dead Sea, it stays there, becoming stagnant and lifeless. Human beings are the same way. Giving of ourselves is one of the main ways we stay spiritually healthy.





## A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

### *Christ Becomes One With Us Through the Eucharist*

Dear Parishioners,

Any of us who are old enough to remember the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, had to have been marked by that experience. As I reflect on this solemn date in our country's history, I also faithfully reflect upon our celebration of the Eucharist. As Catholics, we are offered the Eucharist to keep it alive by consciously being bread broken and wine poured out for others each day of our lives. We are called to become what we receive.

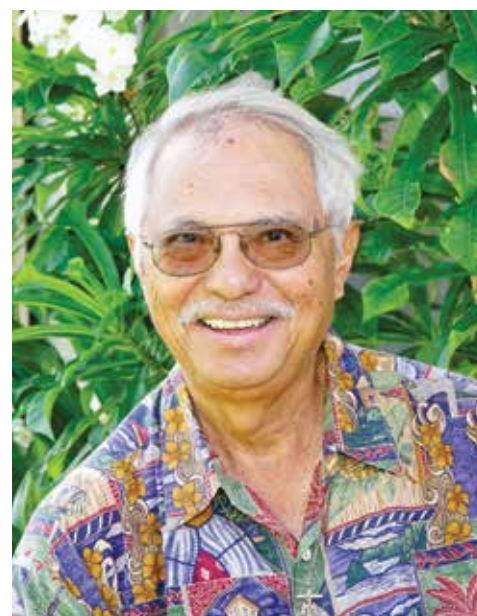
Throughout the calendar year, certain dates are commemorated to inspire us to remember and honor those who may have been lost. These kinds of days — like 9/11 — are testimony to the reality that we, as human beings, are consciously connected to one another. There are unfortunately some who would have us believe that we are independent, separated from those around us.

For us as Catholics, the reception of the Eucharist is the most intimate union with God Himself on this earth. It

is through the Body of Christ that we are unified to God and one another, and reminds us that we are invited to be bread broken and wine poured out for our world.

We gather as a community around the table of the Eucharist. We receive the gift of Christ's Body and Blood so that we may become the embodiment of God's love among us. As we receive Christ, we should recommit ourselves to following in Jesus' footsteps and reaching out to those around us with mercy, encouragement and compassion. By doing that, we reaffirm our identity as disciples and our Baptismal commitment to be His body and blood given for others.

Unfortunately to some, the Eucharist has been diluted to the point that it is viewed as merely a ritual or a symbol. As Catholics, we know that it is Christ's real presence among us — we are to accept that gift and personally become Christ's presence everywhere we go and in everything we do.



The very word “Eucharist” means “thanksgiving.” When we live a Eucharistic life, it has everything to do with gratitude. Let us be thankful for the Eucharist and thankful for one another, and let us demonstrate that through the love that pours out of us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Fr. Roland Bunda*

Fr. Roland Bunda, S.M.

## ST. ANTHONY'S RICHARD *Celebrating Labor Day*

There is something sacred about work, about fervently living out stewardship in our professional lives. On Labor Day, we remember that all our work should not only enhance our human dignity, but it should also strengthen our families and our desire to serve others.

“Labor Day is celebrated in the United States to honor the hard work put forth by our American brothers and sisters,” Richard Macugay says.

“It is a time for us to take a moment to slow down and spend time with our family,” adds Alesia Macugay.

Labor Day observances in the United States began the late 19th century. It is a celebration of the labor movement, while also marking the unofficial end of summer and the beginning of the school calendar.

“Being a part of a local union in my professional career, I have always seen Labor Day as a ‘day off’ and usually take advantage of the holiday by taking the family to the beach or having a picnic at the park,” Richard says.

In recent years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a Labor Day statement on the Church’s teachings about the dignity of work. Pope Francis also emphasizes the necessity of caring for others and placing the human person at the center of our economic life.

In his own life, Richard remembers a time when he struggled personally to the point that it affected his work, and someone reached out to him and brought him back to the faith.

“Every now and then, I will come across someone who I see is struggling in their life, whether it be about love, finance or family problems,” says Richard, a local construction worker. “I try to reach out to those who are in need because I have been there.”

Of course, using our talents to serve others extends far beyond Labor Day, as Alesia, a St. Anthony parishioner since middle school, reminds us. Stewardship should be celebrated all year.

“By giving back to the church, we have met so many people who are helping us to grow in our faith,” Alesia says. “Giving back brings me



*Richard and Alesia Macugay*



*The Macugay family — (from left) Jasyah (13), Alesia, Richard and Jathen (10)*



## RICHARD AND ALESIA MACUGAY

### *Prayer and Stewardship*

closer to God and fills my cup with joy.”

Discerning how best to use our talents in our professional lives and in our community begins with prayer.

“My suggestion for parishioners who are interested in fostering stewardship is first to pray about it,” Richard says. “Stewardship is not just about one or another aspect of our faith lives — it is about all of it. It is the overreaching and foundational spirituality that shapes our entire existence.”

For Alesia, prayer brought her and her family back to the Church and helped them take their first stewardship steps. Richard and Alesia now rely on

their faith and the love of Christ as they encounter challenges and share the Gospel with others.

“Whether it is someone at work or my friends or family, I share what God’s love has done for my family,” Alesia says. “I listen to others who are in need and share my story about how God has helped me to get through the hardest times in my life.”

This Labor Day, let us celebrate the sacredness of work and the necessity of rest with our families and friends, and remember to pray for those who are looking for work, for a means of sharing their talents with others.

*St. Joseph, patron saint of workers, pray for us.*

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electricity,” Nona says.

The Deacon Joseph W. Borges Sr. Meeting Room honors the memory of Deacon Joe, as he always was referred to, who graduated from St. Anthony High School in 1946. His daughter, Anita, said her father was an altar boy and enjoyed his Catholic education throughout high school and college.

“Deacon Joe attended the University of Notre Dame and was the first Mauian to graduate and receive a degree from that school,” Nona says. “He was an active member of the Holy Name Society, and Knights of Columbus of Oahu and Maui. He served as a Grand Knight and his family was once named as Family of the Year by the Knights of Columbus on Maui.”

After four years of concentrated studies, he was

ordained to the permanent diaconate in 1984. He served at various liturgical celebrations, weddings, funerals and school Masses not only at St. Anthony, but at other parishes, as well.

“He was always willing to serve in whatever capacity he was asked,” Nona says. “He was a remarkable person — patient, kind, and loved by St. Anthony Parish and parishioners. On May 3, 2003, at the age of 74, Deacon Joe went home to Jesus.”

Surviving are his wife, June; daughters Marianne and Anita; and sons Joseph Jr. and Thomas. “June is also very active with our parish, serving as a Eucharistic Minister, lector, church cleaner in charge of Hospital Ministry, Homebound Ministry and active as well with our Craft Group,” Nona says.

*The Deacon Joseph W. Borges Sr. Meeting Room is frequently used for meetings by our schools, church clubs, ministries, and local organizations. To book the room, please call the parish office at 808-244-4148.*

## OFFERING OUR LOVE AND ADORATION TO JESUS

Eucharistic Adoration is the adoration of Jesus Christ present in the Holy Eucharist. Churches that have this adoration display the Eucharist in a special holder called a monstrance, and people come to pray and worship Jesus.

Christ's great love for us was shown when He was crucified on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins and give us eternal life. He loves us without limit, and offers Himself to us in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. Can we not give Jesus a few minutes of love and adoration in return?

### **What is the importance of Eucharistic Adoration?**

Eucharistic Adoration is the respect and worship we give to Jesus, who is truly present to us under the appearance of bread and wine. The Eucharist is a priceless treasure; by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass, we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace.

### **What are the fruits of Eucharistic Adoration?**

People who observe Eucharistic Adoration experience a deeper devotion to Jesus, and this manifests itself in countless ways. The primary fruits are repentance and conversion, which lead to increased charity — that is, the love of Christ alive in His people. The adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist also leads to greater reverence at Mass, a deeper desire for personal holiness, and a stronger sense of union with the parish and the whole Church. Ever since the early centuries of Christianity, the Church has linked Eucharistic Devotion to service to the poor. The practice has, more recently, led to an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.



### **What is proper etiquette during Eucharistic Adoration?**

When we are not taking part in vocal prayers and hymns with other adorers, we should be praying silently. Whenever we pass before the place where the Sacred Host is reserved, we should genuflect. We should observe the modest dress and decorum that are appropriate to very solemn occasions. We should avoid any actions that might disturb or distract others, or otherwise draw attention to ourselves rather than Jesus.

### **How should we pray during Eucharistic Adoration?**

There are many ways to pray. We may meditate in silence by gazing on the Sacred Host. We may silently speak to Jesus from our mind and heart. We may also rely on devotions and prayers from Catholic tradition, such as the reading of Scripture, recitation of the Rosary, or the litanies. When two or more are gathered before the Sacrament, they may pray or sing hymns together.

### **What is the best way to promote Eucharistic Adoration?**

The best way to promote Eucharistic Adoration is by doing it! Make frequent visits to Jesus at the tabernacle. Invite your spouse, your children, your neighbors and co-workers to join you. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us, "Because Christ himself is present in the sacrament of the altar, he is to be honored with the worship of adoration. 'To visit the Blessed Sacrament is ... a proof of gratitude, an expression of love, and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord'" (1418).



## MR. JIM REYNOLDS FEELS BLESSED TO SHARE HIS GIFTS *and Glorify God at St. Anthony School*

In April 2012, St. Anthony Catholic Community member Jim Reynolds was experiencing what he describes as “turbulent times.” He had recently taken a year off of teaching and relocated to Hawaii after tragically losing a friend to cancer. At a loss as to what his next step should be, he stumbled upon an ad on Craigslist advertising for a Spanish teacher position at St. Anthony School. He applied and was hired, setting him on a new path that has greatly blessed his life.

“I believe that the Lord makes way the path for each of us,” Mr. Reynolds says. “That was certainly the case for me when I was led to St. Anthony.”

Now going into his seventh year, Mr. Reynolds says that his role as teacher and coach has become much “more of a way of life than a mere job.” Seeking always to live by his favorite Bible verse, “You are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14), Mr. Reynolds feels blessed to be able to share his expertise and gifts with the youth of our community as their Spanish 1-4 and Chinese 1 teacher, swim and tennis coach, and LIFE Team assistant — blessed to serve others and help form the youth of our faith community.

“I am blessed and pleased to serve in a number of capacities at St. Anthony School, simply because I am sharing my gifts and because I love the students, parents, staff, teachers and administration,” Mr. Reynolds says. “I strive to serve my school community in whatever ways I can, to live each day to the fullest, glorify God in all that I do, and to serve the Lord by returning the blessings He has bestowed upon me.”

Over the years, Mr. Reynolds has come to greatly appreciate our faith community’s rich history. He enjoys the intimate relationship shared between the parish and school, shepherded by our Marianist priests and brothers. He finds great joy in participating in our Sunday liturgies, frequently lecturing for the 7 a.m. Sunday Mass.



*Mr. Jim Reynolds and Tyson Wu, St. Anthony School's 2018 Senior State Tennis Tournament qualifier*



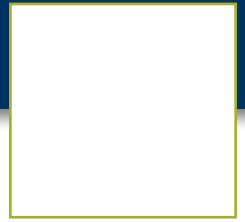
*Mr. Jim Reynolds and his mother during her recent visit to Maui*

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“I truly enjoy teaching at St. Anthony, a Marianist-sponsored school,” Mr. Reynolds says. “It’s this sponsorship which makes St. Anthony School so special and I admire the myriad of spiritual gifts and opportunities it offers to both our students and faculty alike.”

By giving of his time, talent, and treasure in these ways, Mr. Reynolds hopes to continue doing his part to “return the favors,” helping our school and parish communities continue to grow and flourish.

“The Lord surely leads us all on our journey, and I am eternally thankful to be here and to play my role in making St. Anthony the best it can be,” Mr. Reynolds says.

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### 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.