

St. John the Baptist Church



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Monday – Closed
Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 6th, 2022

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:00 pm	(+) Florentino Mandac Felipe, Eugenio Duldulao Batangan, Patricio Patague, Oren Bernardino Healing & Thanksgiving Aaron Pascual Jacinto Thanksgiving Henry & Linda Maglaya (64 th yr. wedding anniversary)
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Sunday

6:00 am	<i>Parish Family of St John the Baptist</i>
8:00 am	(+) Eligio, Lourdes & Mamerto Machacon, Jeffrey, Eugenio, Natividad & Enrique Cuaresma, Patricio Patague Thanksgiving Fa'asu Family
10:00 am	(+) Florentino Mandac Felipe, Joseph Tuiteleapaga, Oren Bernardino
12:30 pm	

Monday – No Service

Tuesday

7:15 am	(+) Florentino Mandac Felipe, Patricio Patague, Oren Bernardino
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Wednesday

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Thursday

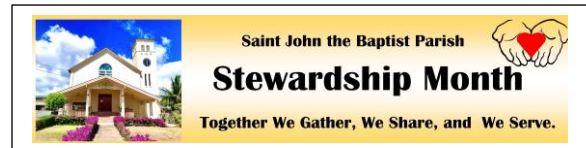
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Announcements

- Today our second collection is for **The Archdiocese for Military Services**. Please support *The Archdiocese for Military Services*, their mission is to serve Catholics in the United States Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical centers, working civilian jobs for the federal government, and the families of these populations. The Military Archdiocese and its priests and deacons are responsible for pastoral service to approximately 1.8 million Catholics. Thank you for your stewardship.
- Stewardship Renewal Begins Today.** This week, we kick off our parish Stewardship Renewal. Please prayerfully discern where God is calling you in the coming year. *On Commitment Sunday, November 19/20*, each parish family is asked to fill out their completed commitment card.



- Samoan Divine Mercy Group** will resume their meeting on 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be on November 13th at 2:00 p.m. in the church. All are welcome!
- Please note that you can request mass intentions, make donations, learn about pre-baptismal classes and more using our website.
- The office will be closed next Friday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day.**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

October 24 – October 30, 2022

Total Sunday Offerings (incl. online and mailed-in)	\$ 4,048.30
Other Offerings and donations	\$ 4,719.92
Total Weekly Offering Collection	\$ 8,768.22
Other Collections	
Second Collections – Repair & Maintenance	\$ 936.00
Special Collections - Debt Reduction	\$ 660.52
Collections Not Retained by Parish	\$ 62.00
School Debt Reduction Collection	
Total Debt	\$ 419,336.92
Debt Reduction Collected	\$ 60,775.44
Interest Paid	\$ 27,423.93



ONLINE GIVING:

Offerings can be mailed directly to the parish office or click on our website's "Online Giving" to share your blessings!



STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2022

MONTHLY DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT: \$ 4,550.41

MONTHLY 'OHANA IN CHRIST' ASSESSMENT: \$ 568.80

The above amounts fund Diocesan ministries, as listed in "Ohana in Christ" to help support our parishes, pastors, schools, service agencies, and communities within the Diocese of Honolulu.



Happy Veterans' Day! Thank you for your time, bravery, and sacrifice for this country. We are forever grateful for what you've done to maintain America's freedom. Happy Veterans Day! Thank you for your sacrifice, your bravery, and the example you set for us all. Mahalo!



Life of Stewardship

Today's readings challenge us to focus on the "why" of stewardship. Why embrace this challenging way of life when it seems hard enough just to pay the bills, take care of our loved ones, meet the demands of our jobs, and fall into bed at the end of each full day? Because this life is not all there is. We were made for more — for eternal happiness in union with God. While we cannot earn our way into Heaven, what we do now with the life God has given us has eternal consequences. Stewardship living helps us to keep focused on our hoped-for destination in the choices we make each day.

Our first reading, from the Second Book of Maccabees, gives an inspiring example of people committed to living for God and striving for eternal happiness with Him. This passage revolves around seven brothers and their mother who were being tortured for refusing to eat pork in violation of God's law. They accepted the torture even to the point of death. This courage was, of course, not about the pork!

It was about love. It was about their awareness that their lives were a gift from God and their grateful response in choosing to live for Him above all else, even if obedience to His laws meant suffering and death. In fact, as one brother was told to put out his tongue (no doubt for some cruel purpose), he offered not only his tongue but his hands as well, saying, "It was from Heaven that I received these; for the sake of his laws, I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again." That is a commitment to one's convictions.

Stewardship is not ultimately about the particular amount or kind of time, talent, and treasure that we offer. It is about the conviction that everything we have is a gift from our loving God whom we can never truly repay and with whom we want to live forever. Revisiting these three aspects of our lives regularly, prayerfully discerning the best use of our gifts, and putting this down in writing clarifies and strengthens our conviction to put God first. It is a clear guide and a powerful aid in living out this conviction in concrete ways day by day.

To borrow the words from St. Paul to the Thessalonians in our second reading, our stewardship commitments help us "direct [our] heart to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ."

In our Gospel passage from Luke, Christ reminds us very clearly that we were made for more than just this life and that our choices in this life have eternal consequences. In this passage, our Lord corrects some Saducees for their mistaken notion that there is no resurrection. He instructs that "those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead...can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise.

Why should we embrace the stewardship way of life? So that we will use this life to thank God for all His gifts to us and so that we may attain the gift of eternal life and everlasting happiness of Heaven with Him.

— Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)