

# St. John the Baptist Church



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Office Hours:  
**Monday – Closed**  
**Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

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**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday

5:00 pm	(+) Florentino Mandac Felipe, Fred & Mary Presley  <b>Thanksgiving</b> Severina Gose
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7:00 pm **Parish Family of St John the Baptist**

### Sunday

6:00 am	(+) Eligio, Lourdes & Mamerto Machacon, Jeffrey, Eugenio, Natividad & Enrique Cuaresma, Patricio Patague, Francisco Isidro, Candido Isidro, Tolentino Isidro
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8:00 am	(+) Florentino Mandac Felipe, Elson A. Ramos  <b>Thanksgiving</b> Juan & Adelina Sebastian & Family
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10:00 am	<b>Thanksgiving &amp; Good Health</b> Alex & Patricia Manansala, Aaron, Noel & Debra, and Family
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12:30 pm

**Monday – No Service**

### Tuesday

7:15 am

### Wednesday

7:15 am

### Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am	In Thanksgiving for all the gifts, we have received.
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### Friday

7:15 am

## Announcements

1. Today our second collection is for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. Please support the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development*, more than 46 million people in The United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Thank you for your generosity.
2. **Today is Commitment Sunday.** Today all parish families are asked to fill out our Commitment Card at Mass. During Mass, as a parish community, we offer God our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. *Our goal is to be a Stewardship Parish*—a community who is noticeably committed to prayer, parish ministry, and generous financial support. All three are important. May God bless you as you discern how He is calling you to grow closer to Him this year.



3. Give thanks to the Lord. **Thanksgiving Day Mass** will be celebrated on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
4. **Mahalo Nui Loa** to the *Stewardship Committee* and everyone who participated in the Ministry Fair last weekend.
5. **A big Thank you** goes to the *Knights of Columbus* for organizing refreshments for our Ministry Fair and cleaning/washing our Church.
6. **The office will be closed on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> in and Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Thanksgiving Day.**

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 7 – November 13, 2022

Total Sunday Offerings (incl. online and mailed-in)	\$ 5,003.84
Other Offerings and donations	\$ 522.00
<b>Total Weekly Offering Collection</b>	<b>\$ 5,525.84</b>
<b>Other Collections</b>	
Second Collections –	\$
Second Collections - Debt Reduction	\$ 1,097.80
Collections Not Retained by Parish	\$ 93.00
<b>School Debt Reduction Collection</b>	
Total Debt	\$ 419,336.92
Debt Reduction Collected	\$ 62,471.82
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.

## Life of Stewardship



On this Feast of Christ the King, our readings show us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is at the same time the humblest of Kings. Christ is the perfect model of servant leadership. And what an indescribable privilege that He has called us to be servant leaders — stewards in the work of advancing His Kingdom.

In our second reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, Paul describes the great power and dignity that characterize Christ the King. "All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together... For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell." It makes you want to stand up and cheer. That's our King!

Yet what a contrasting description of the same King we find in our Gospel passage, from Luke. Now we see our King nailed to the Cross. Everyone from rulers to soldiers, to the criminals on either side of Christ is mocking, sneering, and reviling him. They tauntingly urge him to prove His kingship by coming down from the Cross to end his suffering with a great show of power. "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself."

But He does not.

Amazingly, it is in this moment of seeming weakness and humiliation, when all appears hopeless and lost, that the full breadth of his greatness as king is displayed. Though all things were created through and for Him — Christ chooses to live entirely for others, for us!

What does this mean for us as his followers and stewards of His kingdom? Precisely that our lives are not about us. They are about Christ and others. And we will advance his kingdom to the extent that we embrace this mindset: my life is not about me; it is about serving Christ and others.

The "good thief" hanging on the cross next to Jesus realizes this just in time. Struck by our Lord's perfect humility, he recognizes that Christ is indeed the King of kings. In his last moments of life, he becomes a steward of Christ's kingdom as he counsels the criminal on our Lord's other side to repent. What is the result? Jesus promises the good thief a place with him that very day in Paradise. Our God simply cannot be outdone in generosity.

What powerful lessons this King teaches us from the Cross. We learn that true leadership is displayed in emptying ourselves for others; that true greatness is displayed by way of humility; that none of us is worthy of the call to stewardship of His kingdom but that all of us, like the good thief, are welcomed and invited to take up this call. Following in His footsteps will involve suffering and sacrifice. Yet how can we say no to the King who loves us so completely and promises that His faithful stewards will one day be with Him in Paradise?

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