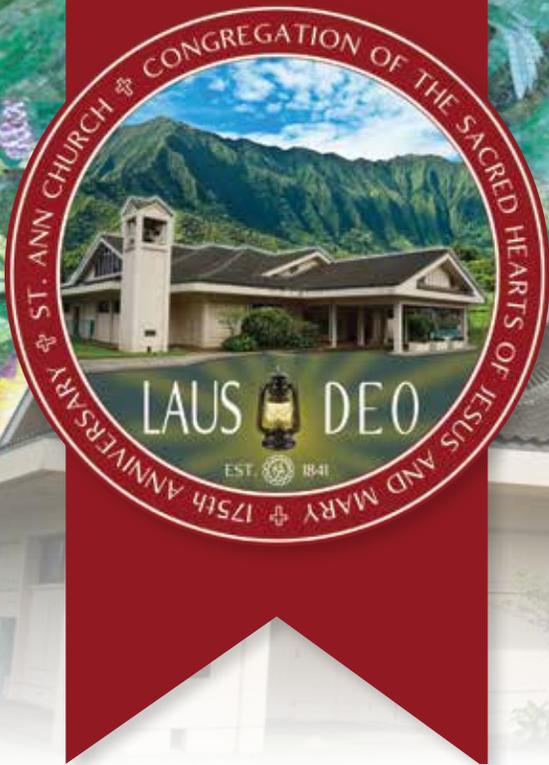


JANUARY 2019

# Saint Ann Church



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK AT ST. ANN

*Showcasing Our Strong Education and Values*

St. Ann School is thrilled to be a part of this year's Catholic Schools Week! For over 40 years, Catholic schools across the country have marked their calendars for this annual celebration, which highlights the strong education and Catholic values that these schools provide to their students. The week will be full of activities for all grade levels, and everyone at St. Ann is looking forward to celebrating what makes this school special. The week begins with a special Mass for the school.

"Each year, we have a Mass celebrating our Catholic faith in education," says Principal Mandy Brown. "We look forward to another wonderful celebration."

Catholic Schools Week 2019 is celebrated from Jan. 27 to Feb. 2, with the theme "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." The focus on service in this year's theme dovetails with a large part of the mission of our parish school.

"Here at St. Ann School, each class



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## Catholic Schools Week

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participates in a yearlong Service Learning Project which exudes the meaning of social justice themes and how students take care of the earth, the poor, the hungry and the needy,” Mrs. Brown says. “During Catholic Schools Week, students raise monies in support of the American Heart Association through the Jump Rope for Heart program. They learn the importance of a healthy lifestyle while raising funds to support heart disease research and awareness for all.”

During Catholic Schools Week, the school participates in the Knights of Columbus Soccer and Basketball Challenges each year, and organizes various fun activities throughout the week.

“Students enjoy both of these competitions and look forward to participating,” Mrs. Brown says. “There have also been times we have produced a talent show, and the students have enjoyed sharing their talents with the student body.”

Catholic Schools Week is a great time to focus on the value of a Catholic education — not only in regards to academics, but also in passing along the faith. Catholic schools form children spiritually, and equip them to use their God-given talents as they continue throughout their lives. Mrs. Brown thanks school families who support St. Ann School in this important mission.

“We are grateful to our parents, guardians and family members who support us each day in ensuring their children meet their expectations for academic excellence,” she says. “It certainly takes a village to raise a child, and we value the partnership we have in our parents to create a successful learning environment in this village.”

*Please visit our school website*

*(<https://www.saintannahawaii.org/st--ann--school.html>),*

*Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/saintannahawaii/>)*

*or Instagram page (<https://www.instagram.com/saintannahawaii/>)*

*for a detailed schedule of our Catholic Schools Week events.*

*All parishioners are invited to celebrate with our*

*St. Ann School family each day! For more info, or if you'd like to volunteer to help out, please contact 808-247-3092.*



A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

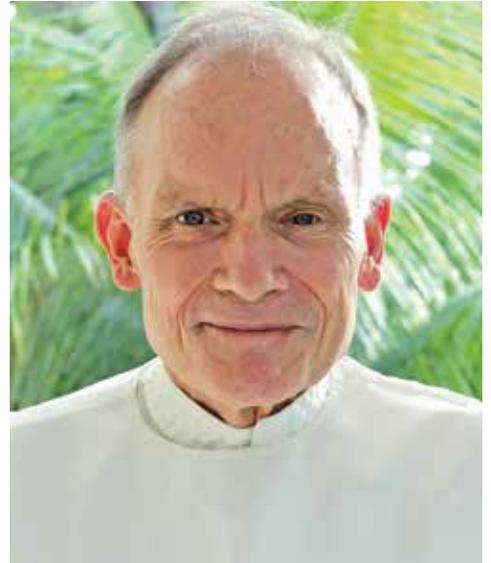
## *New Year's Resolutions*

Dear Parishioners,

As we arrive at the New Year, it is customary that we make resolutions, which hopefully will be carried out during the course of the year. So many times these resolutions pertain to our physical lives — we resolve to exercise more, build a healthier diet, become more organized, etc. These resolutions may also involve the mental aspect of our lives — reading more, attending more cultural events, and so forth.

Too often we forget about the spiritual part of our lives. Our souls need to be tended to, and we need to make sure that we are deepening our relationship with God throughout the entire year.

I would like to give you a list of possible spiritual resolutions. While it might seem difficult for one person to undertake *all* of these, hopefully anyone can try several of these resolutions at one time or a number of them throughout the year.



- Attend Mass once a week over and above weekend liturgies.
- Spend an hour (or any amount of time) in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament once a week.
- Pray the *Liturgy of the Hours* (the *Divine Office*) at least once a day.
- Read and meditate on a chapter of Scripture a day.
- Take up a devotion of the Church (e.g. Rosary, Stations, novena, other prayers, etc.) and pray it daily.
- Read a spiritual book once a month.
- Make a morning offering as you begin your day, then an examination of conscience as you end your day.
- Offer a prayer of blessing/thanksgiving before/after a meal.
- Take time to pray daily with your spouse/family.
- As an individual or a family, take time once a week to do some form of charitable work — visiting those who are homebound or in a nursing home, do some work for an elderly friend or neighbor, bring food to someone in need, etc.

This is not an exhaustive list, but hopefully it gives you an idea that the small things done with great love can make a world of difference — both in your life and the lives of others.

Do not try to overdo any of these, but increase your resolutions gradually, laying a reasonable foundation upon which to build. Enjoy doing these resolutions, and see what a blessing they are for you and others.

Let us pray that 2019 will be a year of grace and favor from God. I wish you and yours a very happy New Year!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Rich McNally, ss.cc.  
Pastor



## ST. ANN YOUTH SHARE IN FAITH AND



This past October, St. Ann was once again honored to host the biennial Hawaii Diocesan Youth Day! An off-shoot of the international World Youth Day celebration, Diocesan Youth Day, or DYD, is organized by the Diocese of Honolulu's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. The primary objective of the event is to foster fellowship, faith building, and making Jesus the center of one's life. Through a variety of activities, our parish youth were able to connect with Catholic youth from around the islands and share their vibrant faith with one another.

"The Hawaiian Islands are one *ohana*, and it's important for our youth to see the youth from the other parishes — it really adds something to your faith when you're sharing it with

another person," says youth minister Mary Dillon. "The youth are social creatures, so when you get them together like that, there is so much energy and it's a different experience than if it were just with your local youth group. It's really great for fellowship and for the continued development of their faith."

DYD 2018's theme was "Chosen. Fearless. Sent." This comes from the Gospel of Luke, where the angel tells the Virgin Mary, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God" (Luke 1:30). In attendance were 460 youth and 65 speakers, planners and volunteers from throughout the Hawaiian Islands — 13 of our St. Ann youth participated in the day, along with four adult chaperones.

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# FELLOWSHIP AT DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY

The day's events included a Mass with Bishop Larry Silva, a ministry and vocations fair, breakout sessions, lunch, and games and music on the St. Ann lawn. The day also featured keynote presentations from Catholic hip-hop artist Joe Melendrez, who presented an evening concert, and Anaheim Life Teen movement member Chika Anyanwu, who gave the keynote address.

"It was definitely a highlight to share liturgy with Hawaii's Catholic youth, followed by a spirited and faith-filled concert," Mary says. "When Chika spoke, I saw a lot of heads nodding and people turning to each other in my pew alone — there was a lot of relatability and understanding. I thought it was really good for the youth to hear from someone from their generation, and I felt a lot of enthusiasm from them. The energy was there, and it felt good to see them respond in that way."

Youth ministry has several events coming up this month, as well as in February and March. This month's Youth Night will be a movie night, showing the movie *Paul, Apostle of Christ*, and the youth ministry's social excursion will be ice skating at Ice Place. In February, Youth Night will feature rosary making, fellowship and a pot-luck meal. Then, in March, Youth Night will be a Fat Tuesday celebration and later on Youth Ministry will host the Stations of the Cross.



*If you would like more information about these upcoming activities, or to get involved in youth ministry at St. Ann, please contact the Religious Education office at 808-247-3092, ext. 104, or send an email to [ymcoord@saintannahawaii.org](mailto:ymcoord@saintannahawaii.org).*



# 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

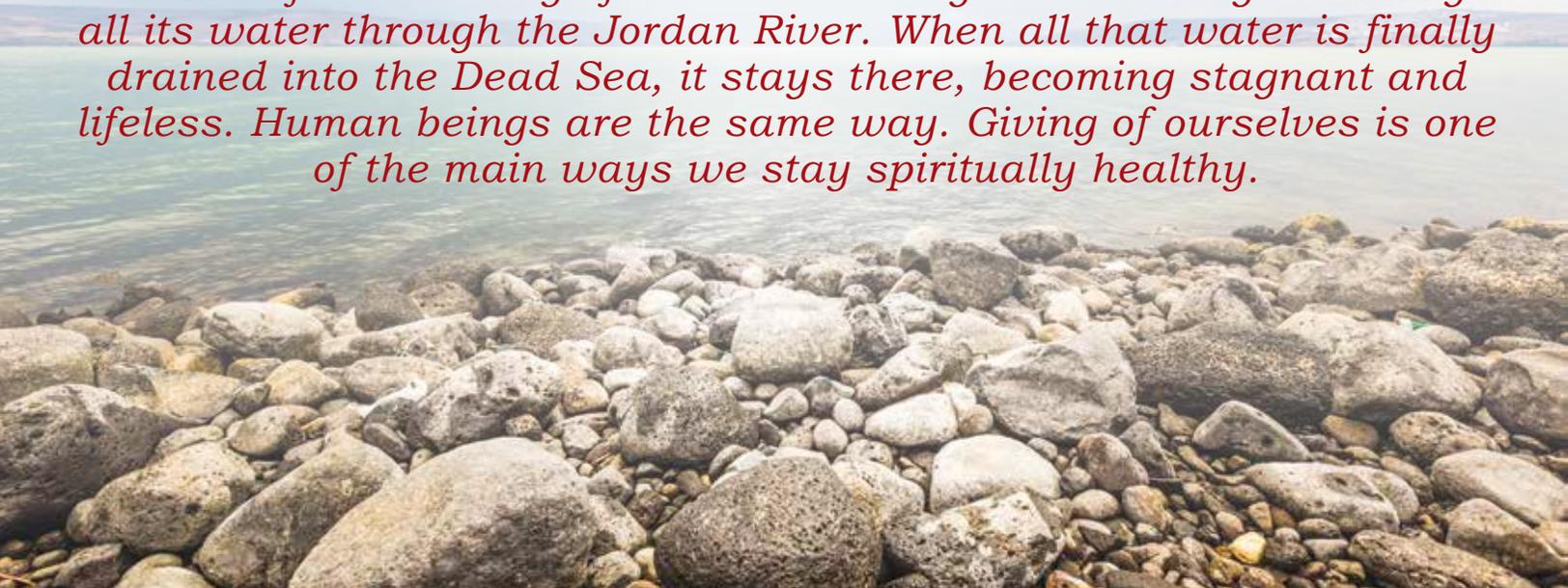
founded. The Superior of the convent told her, "Mother, we don't have enough time to do our work with the poor; there's just not enough hours in the day." St. Teresa responded, "Then you need to pray more." When the convent added another full hour of prayer each day, they somehow found that they had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



## ENTHRONEMENT OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AIMS TO BRING FAMILIES TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our parish has had a long history with the priests of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, going back to its founding in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century by the Congregation's missionaries. The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the home is a tradition borne out of this same Congregation — and a tradition our pastor Fr. Rich McNally is looking forward to reestablishing here at St. Ann.

“The enthronement was started in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century by Fr. Mateo Crawley-Boevey, one of our fathers from South America,” Fr. Rich says. “He saw the secularism of his time destroying the family, and he wanted families to dedicate their lives to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. His idea was to take the image of the Sacred Heart and enthrone it, putting it in the most important place in the home. When you do that, you invite family and friends to celebrate, and it also tells people that Christ is the center of your home.”

Previously, in the early 1990s, an enthronement ministry existed at St. Ann and many parish families were involved. By reviving the ministry, our St. Ann priests will prepare families for the enthronement through prayer, learning, and leading them through the enthronement ceremony. Through this practice, Fr. Rich hopes that family members will be able to support each other as they grow in faith.

“The whole family is involved,” he says. “The idea is that they would all pray before the image of the Lord, and sometimes when there is a decision to make for the family, they would all go and pray about it before the Lord.

“The whole message of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is love and mercy, so this helps you to put the love and mercy of Jesus at the center of your family,” he adds. “No matter how wonderful a family is, they all have a finite supply of love

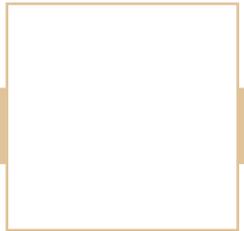


and mercy! They have to be renewed in that, and the source of that is Jesus Christ. He becomes the source of strength for the family. And it's not just the family by itself — it's the family tied to the Church. What feeds the family's commitment to Christ's love is their commitment to the Eucharist.”

The ministry also aims to create a community amongst these families. As more get involved, families who have done the enthronement will also be able to help prepare and support families as they do their own enthronement. They will also get together for follow-ups and for fellowship opportunities.

“A lot of the time nowadays, families who are trying to live a Catholic family life can feel alone,” Fr. Rich says. “It's very important that the families who have had the enthronement support each other, and that they find that support in the parish community, too.”

*All parish families are invited to participate in this new ministry!  
If you would like more information, please contact the parish office at 808-247-3092.*



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## Join us for Bishop Robert Barron's *THE MASS*

Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. *The Mass* will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.

**St. Ann Church, 7-8:30 p.m.**

**Monday, Feb. 4**

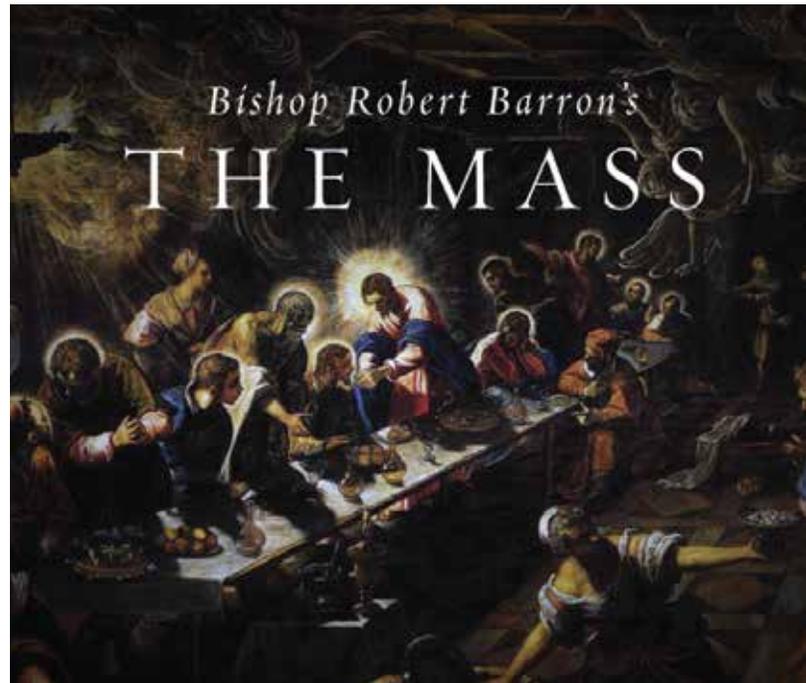
*A Privileged Encounter  
Called Out of the World*

**Monday, Feb. 11**

*God Speaks our Story  
Responding to Our God*

**Monday, Feb. 18**

*Preparing for Sacrifice  
The Real Presence Creates Communion*



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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday:** 7:00 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5 p.m.

**Saturday:** Vigil: 6 p.m. | **Daily Mass:** 7:00 a.m. | **Confession:** Saturday, 4 p.m.