

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time, Year B
September 19, 2021*

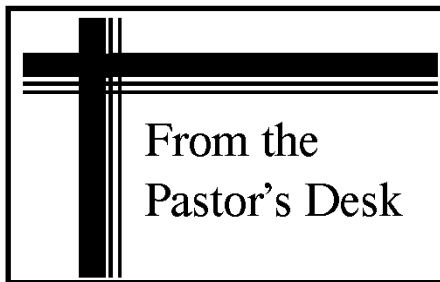


**Saint John Vianney Parish
Community**

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The first shall be
last shall be
and the first



Dear Parish Family,

Worldly ambition drives us to try to appear more important than we are. In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples have strange ideas about the Kingdom of God. They have certainly not understood the implications of being disciples of Jesus. The continued misunderstanding of the disciples and their preoccupation with worldly honors, not unlike many of us, requires Jesus to command that they must become servants of all – as he was. In the face of such failure to understand what he is speaking about, Jesus sets a child in front of them, and invites them to understand what he is talking about.

Unlike adults, the child's struggle is not for first place but for life. In order to live the child accepts the necessity of receiving everything from its parents. The fundamental attitude of the child is one of *trust* in its parents and of *humility*. The affection with which Jesus embraced the child was meant to teach them a lesson. Jesus teaches them that the first shall be last, and that their attitude to each other should be like the way they treat a child – as someone to be helped and cared for. Nor should this be seen as a passing act of kindness, but as a constant awareness of other's needs and a desire to fulfil those needs "in the name of Jesus."

In the struggle for position and rank in many societies and even in our Christian communities, we can easily forget that the thing that counts most is to recognize that we are all children of the same Father, and that we must trust in him. Jesus offers a permanent challenge to his followers to welcome the powerless, and to take to heart the weakest members of our communities. He places himself in their company. Their vulnerability is something that Jesus not only shares, but values. May we always follow in his footsteps of service as good stewards of time, talent and treasure.

**In Christ,
*Fr. Peter***

Saint John Vianney Parish, a Christian Community in the Roman Catholic tradition, motivated by the love of God, provides opportunities in worship, education, ministry and outreach for its parishioners and the community at large.

Pastor Fr. Peter Miti

Permanent Deacons

Clarence DeCaires Jerry Tokars Walter Yoshimitsu—Retired

Parish Administrator

Gail Browne

Music Ministry

Robert Mondoy

Maintenance

Glenn Chong

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Kamalani Rodrigues

Religious Education—Steffanie Beissel, Director
Pre-School & Elementary Youth Ministry

Sacrament of Baptism and Sacrament of Marriage

Please refer to website for information or call the Parish Office: 808-262-8317

Annulment Fr. Peter Miti, Deacon Jerry Tokars & Mary Duddy

Sick and Homebound (Communion/Anointing of the Sick)
Call the Parish Office: 808-262-8317

Funerals

Call the Parish Office before making arrangements with the mortuary.

Online Giving Go online to:
saintjohnvianneyhawaii.org

PARISH SCHOOL Website: sjvkailua.org
Phone: 808-261-4651 Fax: 808-263-0505

Principal: Caryn DeMello
Administrative Assistant: Annie Chee
Director of Finance: Sheryl Caldeira

Sunday Liturgy of the Eucharist

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Hearing assistance devices available. See ushers.

Weekday Liturgy of the Eucharist

Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat: 8:00 am
Monday: Communion Service 8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

After Saturday 8:00am Mass
and by appointment only

Welcome New parishioners:
please register at the parish office.

Aloha Departing parishioners: please advise the parish office of your departure date.

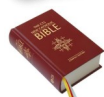
AED Available at back of church in cabinet under Divine Mercy picture and on parish lanai at school doors.

Parish Office Hours

Monday: 8:30am to 12:30pm
Tuesday—Friday: 8:30 am— 4:00 pm
Saturday: Closed

Church is now open from 8:30am—10:30am for private prayer and devotion, Monday thru Friday

Know your Catholic Faith Corner



Apologetics Without Apology Year of Reading the Bible

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30-37

Scriptural Background:

This Sunday's Gospel takes place shortly after Jesus' Transfiguration on Mt. Tabor (Mark 9:2-8), his disclosing to them a mystery about John the Baptist (Mark 9:11-13; see also Malachi 3:23-24; Matthew 17:10-13), and Jesus' casting out of a demon from a young boy (Mark 9:14-29). This episode marks the end of his ministry in Galilee. From this point in Mark's Gospel, he will be more intent on making his final journey to Jerusalem and to his death. Jesus uses this time for more personal instruction to his disciples to prepare and strengthen them for the coming events that will shake their faith, as he began to tell them in last week's reading from Mark 8:31-37. The disciples seem to be in a state of denial: even while they hear his words, they are afraid to ask him the hard questions (verse 32). Instead, the disciples are focusing, not on his instruction to them in this critical time, but on the petty details of their own agendas about who is the greatest (verse 34). Jesus takes the opportunity to show them the greatest of them will be the one who: puts himself last; is the servant of all and; will receive the seemingly most insignificant person with great love. Such persons should even be regarded as an emissary from God (verse 37)!

Questions for reflection:

- ◇ Read all of Wisdom, chapter 2, from which our First Reading is taken. How is this a clear prophecy of the events surrounding the events of Our Lord's life?
- ◇ How do the attitudes of the people in that reading and in the Gospel Reading reflect those of some today?

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YEAR B

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091921.cfm>

Reading 1 Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The wicked say:

Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us;

he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training.

Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him.

For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes.

With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test

that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him.

Reading II James 3:16-4:3

Beloved:

Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from?

Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess.

You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war.

You do not possess because you do not ask.

You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

Gospel Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it.

He was teaching his disciples and telling them,

“The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.”

But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house,

he began to ask them,

“What were you arguing about on the way?”

But they remained silent.

They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest.

Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them,

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”

Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst,

and putting his arms around it, he said to them,

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”

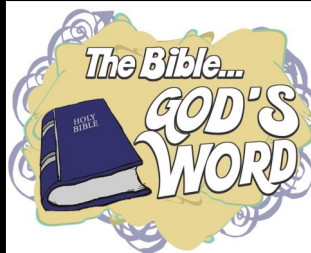


Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory: Our weekly donation for September 4-10 and 11-17, 2021 is \$TBA and the weekly

budget is \$8,010. We will report the collection in next week's bulletin.

MAHALO for your continued **SUPPORT** to **GIVE**. If you give online, keep giving online, and if you give by envelope, you can mail or drop off your donation at the Parish Office or place in the Slot Box.



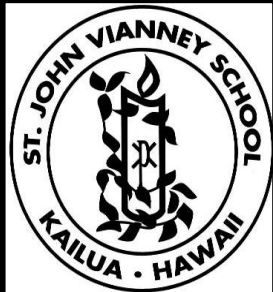
Next Week
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 26, 2021

Reading I	Numbers 11:25-29
Reading II	James 5:1-6
Gospel	Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



School News

by Earl Walker



At St. John Vianney School we focus on an excellent curriculum that inspires our students. We provide them the opportunity to expand their knowledge, explore their passions, create community, strengthen their sense of self and come to know God all in one place. We understand that the greatest benefit we can offer students is the power to think with Catholic principles and engage our society with the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

Our goal is to teach young people how to engage in this world with a robust understanding of who God is and who we are as sons and daughters made in His image and redeemed in Christ. We continually show students that they are accepted and loved, which helps support positive self-esteem and feelings of self-worth, however, our ultimate goal is always to form them as disciples of Jesus.

For more information on our curriculum and goals, call the school office at 261-4651.

Sunday September 19 Catechetical Sunday
Religious Education Classes

Monday September 20
8:00 am Communion Service
9:00 am Acts Study Program
6:30 pm Youth Online Bible Study
7:00 pm RCIA

Tuesday September 21
8:00 am Mass

Wednesday September 22
8:00 am Mass

Thursday September 23
8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Rosary Making
7:00 pm Acts Study Program

Friday September 24
8:00 am Mass
6:30 pm Girls' Bible Study

Saturday September 25
8:00 am Mass and Anointing of the Sick
8:30 am Reconciliation

Sunday September 26
Priesthood Sunday

Note: Subject to change.



For the Healing of
Ruth Alves
Doug Barbieto
Edward Balderston
Jim Balderston
Sydney Bennett
Susan Briggs

Gail Browne
Stacy Carnes
Rod Castanha
Sandy Chong
Eleanor Dodds
Barbara Fields
Jacci Hagen
Kathleen Heirakuji
Heidi Hughes
Keone & Deborah
Johnson
Myungoc Le
Jonathan & Malina
Lewsczuk
Elizabeth Libby
Buck Marcum
Milton McAngus

Melia Meier
Michael Miti
Patrick Miyachi
Trish Robertson
Herbert Rodrigues
John Sutton
Sharon Sweat
Gabrielle Taylor
David Teves
Gordon Wong
The homebound
and for the repose of
soul of Agnes Alcover,
Adeline Cabral, Krissie
Mattis and Adel
Vasconcellos.

Rest in Peace

A Funeral Service for **Joseph Alves** will be held on Friday, September 24 at 9 a.m. in the church. All are invited to attend and celebrate his life.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, October 1 at 11 a.m. for **Agnes Alcover**. She was a retired Cafeteria Server at St. John Vianney School in Kailua.



**The last Saturday of the month,
 September 25 at the**

**Holy Hour: The first Saturday of the month,
 October 2 after the 8 am Mass**



**Reconciliation offered every
 Saturday after the 8 am Mass**

FALL 2021 SCHEDULE

September 24

October 15

November 19

December 17

St. John Vianney Parish

GIRL'S BIBLE STUDY

For all girls in grades 3 - 5

**Begins Friday, September 24th
6:30 - 8:00pm**

Parish Basement

Register online at:

<https://forms.gle/x7B9UdXLPhEbpX3y5>

SESSIONS INCLUDE

Bible Study, Journaling, Games and Activities, Arts and Crafts



What is Priesthood Sunday?

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International.

When is Priesthood Sunday celebrated?

Priesthood Sunday is celebrated on the last Sunday of September (September 26, 2021).

Why is Priesthood Sunday important?

Catholics are invited to observe Vatican-backed worldwide events, namely, [World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#) and [World Day for Consecrated Life](#). In the United States, we also have [National Vocation Awareness Week](#) and [National Catholic Sisters Week](#). **Priesthood Sunday, however, specifically honors priests, without whom the Mass could not be offered and Sacraments could not be celebrated.**

More than the other events listed above, Priesthood Sunday is a more personal one for parishes and organizations with a chaplain. It is for those who cultivate close working relationships with their priests and therefore could benefit from a special day to express their gratitude. It's a chance to thank and honor priests in unique ways.

It is essential to note that **the number of priests and ordinations in the United States has steadily declined in the past 50 years.** Meanwhile, the number of parishes without a resident priest pastor has sharply increased in the same period of time. ([See the official statistics from the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate \(CARA\) here.](#)) **The men who answer the call to priesthood are special indeed, and they are working harder than ever before.**

'Ohana in Christ

THE ANNUAL APPEAL for the CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII

September 2021

Dear Steward,

Peace be with you!

So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Eph 2: 19-20

This passage in the New Testament truly conveys the essence of our new appeal for the Catholic Church in Hawaii. As fellow citizens and members of God's household, we are all called to discern, develop, and disburse our gifts, always with gratitude, to further build His kingdom at both the parish level and beyond.

The former Bishop's Circle appeal has been re-branded to help raise awareness of the many ministries and services offered by our local Church, the Diocese of Honolulu, as well as to broaden financial support for them at each faith community. Along with promotional materials to assist your parish's effort, a short video is available to view at church - or on the diocesan website at: CatholicHawaii.org.

When you give to the '**Ohana in Christ**' appeal, your gift not only assists the diocesan mission, you also help support your parishes, pastors, schools, service agencies and communities. (See reverse for details.) Your generous contribution is indeed needed to strengthen vital programs as "fellow citizens" striving to make a difference in our Islands by our witness to Jesus.

I truly appreciate your support of the Bishop's Circle, and humbly ask for your prayerful and generous gift to the '**Ohana in Christ**' annual appeal. I will remember all donors in a special Mass, and I pray that you and your loved ones stay safe during these challenging times.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Larry Silva*

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu



P.S. Please be sure to identify your parish on the enclosed gift form. **MAHALO!**



September 22 – October 31, 2021

Help Save Lives in Honolulu!

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer & fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

You can pray for mothers, fathers and children by joining the worldwide mobilization to pray and fast to end abortion!

With God's answered prayers, here are the proven results in 27 coordinated campaigns:

- 19,198 saved from abortion
- 112 abortion centers closed
- 225 abortion workers quit

Join hundreds of faith communities around the USA and the world to peacefully pray for an end to abortion (2 Chronicles 7:34, Matt. 19:26 and James 5:16).



Here's how to take part:

- **Sign-up to pray throughout the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil** from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm, from September 22 – October 31, 2021. www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu

We encourage your church group to select one day to come and pray for one hour throughout the campaign!

- **Come to the Opening Rally** from 9:00 am – 12 noon, Saturday, September 25, 2021 in front of the abortion facility at 839 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI.
- **Contact Anne** at anne40df@gmail.com or 808-268-7143.

Sign Up Today!

www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu



FALL 2021 STATEMENT OF PEACE
SEP 22-OCT 31, 2021
"I pledge to pray for an end to abortion in Honolulu, HI"

Name (Printed): _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone: _____
 Church: _____

I testify that I will only pursue peaceful solutions to the violence of abortion when volunteering with 40 Days for Life; I will show compassion and reflect Christ's love to all "Planned Parenthood" employees, volunteers, and customers; I understand that acting in a violent, harmful, or threatening manner immediately and completely disassociates me from 40 Days for Life; I am in no way associated with "Planned Parenthood", their affiliates, or any abortion provider. While standing in the public right-of-way in front of "Planned Parenthood" abortion facility: I will not obstruct the driveways or sidewalk while standing in the public right-of-way; I will not litter on the public right-of-way; I will closely attend to any children I bring to the prayer vigil; I will not threaten, physically contact, or verbally abuse "Planned Parenthood" employees, volunteers or customers; I will not damage private property; I will cooperate with local authorities.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
 MY DAY(S): _____ MY HOUR(S): _____

My hours are flexible; you may call me as a substitute to cover other hours if needed.
Copy your day(s) and hour(s) below and tear off to keep as a reminder for yourself!

MY DAY(S): _____ MY HOUR(S): _____

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEP 26	SEP 27	SEP 28	SEP 29	SEP 30	SEP 24	SEP 25
OCT 3	OCT 4	OCT 5	OCT 6	OCT 7	OCT 1	OCT 2
OCT 10	OCT 11	OCT 12	OCT 13	OCT 14	OCT 8	OCT 9
OCT 17	OCT 18	OCT 19	OCT 20	OCT 21	OCT 15	OCT 16
OCT 24	OCT 25	OCT 26	OCT 27	OCT 28	OCT 22	OCT 23
OCT 31					OCT 29	OCT 30

I have committed to pray and fast in peaceful vigil during 40 Days for Life (Sept. 22-October 31, 2021) at "Planned Parenthood 839 S. Beretania St., Honolulu, HI 96813"

19,198 KNOWN BABIES SAVED **225** ABORTION WORKERS QUIT **112** ABORTION FACILITIES CLOSED

Community Stand & Pray from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM for 40 days!

www.40daysforlife.com/honolulu Anne Shigeta-Koch anne40dfl@gmail.com 808-268-7143

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40 Days for Life is a peaceful prayer vigil.

For individuals who wish to become a sidewalk counselor, please join the next all-day class. Contact Paul Maple, ProLifeDirector@gmail.com

SidewalkAdvocates.org



SIDEWALK ADVOCATES FOR LIFE

The Harvest is Great... The Laborers Few (Matthew 9:37). +Be Vulnerable+
 SAFL-Hawaii Director: Paul Maple (808) 726-5096



**Faith Action 25th Anniversary Reflection:
“Energy I Could Feel Down to my Bones!”
by Christy MacPherson, immediate past FA Executive Director**

As I look back on the last 25 years of Faith Action for Community Equity’s existence, I can certainly say that we have gone through our powerful and not-so-powerful periods. Such is the ebb and flow nature of grassroots organizations like ours.

But one thing that always grounds an “organization of organizations” like Faith Action is our roots, our history. Whenever we struggle to find purpose or meaning in the work we are doing as people of faith fighting for social justice, we need only look to our beginnings--our formation and development, our first issue, our first leaders, our first action, our first victory! There are jewels in that.

I distinctly recall our Founding Convention in October of 1998 when we gathered 1,000 people at Farrington High School auditorium. It was a culmination of the countless one-on-one conversations and hard work of the previous two years, including organizing the residents of Kalihi Valley Homes.

I got chicken skin from the energy I could feel down to my bones! We got then gubernatorial candidates Ben Cayetano and Linda Lingle to commit to renovations of KVH and it was then that we knew we really held *power*.

As we continue in our life together, let us take time to reflect at every crossroad and incorporate the wisdom gained from our experiences. May we keep moving forward by building and cultivating our relationships, calling each other and our leaders into accountability, and making OUR community what we want!



“PLEDGING to work tirelessly for ‘the voiceless and the outcast,’ 1,000 members of Oahu churches gathered in Kalihi yesterday to christen a multi-faith group, Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE), and seek commitments from the candidates for governor,” reported The Honolulu Advertiser on Nov.1, 1998. This was the Founding Convention of FACE held Oct. 31, 1998. Gov. Ben Cayetano and challenger Maui Mayor Linda Lingle were asked to pledge their support of long term care, Kalihi Valley Homes renovation, and requiring businesses that receive contracts from the state to give residents the first chance at job openings. – Looking Back: 25th Anniversary of Faith Action.



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All Blood Types Needed

Young Street Donor Center	1907 Young St Honolulu HI 96826	MON – THU 6:30 AM – 6:30 PM	FRI – SUN 6:30 AM – 4:30 PM	
Dillingham Donor Center	2043 Dillingham Blvd Honolulu HI 96819	TUES/FRI/SAT 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM	WED/THURS 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM	
Waikale Center (bloodmobile)	94-849 Lumiaina St. Waipahu HI 96797	MON/TUES 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM	WED/THURS 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM	FRI – SUN 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

*Only 3 locations until October 31, 2021. Operations are subject to change.
Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information.*

**Donations by appointment only.
Visit bbh.org or call (808) 848-4770**

