



The First Sunday of Lent March 1, 2020



Saint John Vianney Parish Community

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Dear Parish Family,

We have now entered the great season of Lent. For those of us who are old enough to remember, Lent in the past was not, in some respects, a time we looked forward to. Fasting and abstinence, not to mention other forms of penance, were in force and it was serious business. Yet Lent has always been one of the key periods of the Church year, and it would be a great pity if we were to forget its true meaning. In fact, that is what we ask for in the Opening Prayer just before we sit down to listen to the readings: "Father, through our observance of Lent, help us to understand the meaning of your Son's death and resurrection and teach us to reflect it in our lives." This prayer beautifully summarizes the whole purpose of Lent which goes on for six weeks.

We begin Lent with our focused attention on the trials that Jesus had to face and overcome during his life. They are the same trials that the people of God faced in their journey through the desert to the Promised Land, and they are the same trials which each of us has to face on our journey through life.

After baptism Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert where he fasted for forty days and forty nights. The obvious consequence of his fasting was that, at the end of it all he was hungry. As we pass through this life, we are all hungry. Our appetites dictate the direction of our lives, whether it be the cravings of our stomachs, the passionate desire for possessions or power or the longings of our spirits for God.

How hungry are you and I for God's love? Like Jesus we might be tempted to try to satisfy our hunger on our own. It doesn't work. Jesus reminds us that our real hunger is for communion with God.

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 Interim Gail Browne **Parish Secretary** Gail Browne **Music Ministry** Robert Mondoy

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Pam Agui and Kamalani Rodrigues

Religious Education—Steffanie Beissel, Coordinator Designated Sundays—10:15 am—11:45 am

Pre-School & Elementary

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Pre K—Gr. 1)

First Reconciliation/Confirmation/Eucharist (gr. 2)

Religious Education (Gr. 3-5)

Youth Ministry

Middle School (Gr. 6– 8) High School (Gr. 9—12)

Sacrament of Baptism and Sacrament of Marriage

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

Fr. Peter Miti & Deacon Jerry Tokars

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 Office Hours: Mon — Fri 7 am - 3 pm

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

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

Saturday: 8:30 am — 9:00 am and by appointment

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

Know Your Catholic Faith Corner

Apologetics without apology!

Why Do Catholics Pray to Saints? Asking Our Fellow Christians in Heaven for Help

The month of March will be dedicated to the Communion with the Saints. Like all Chritians. Catholics believe in life after death. But unlike some who believe that the divide between our life here and that of those who have died and are in Heaven is unbridgeable, Catholics believe that our relationship with our fellow Christians does not end with death. Our prayer to saints is a recognition of this continuing communion.

The Communion of Saints: As Catholics, we believe that at death, our life simply changes. Those who have lived good lives and died in the faith of Christ will, as the Bible tells us, share in His Resurrection. While we live together on earth as Christians, we are in communion, or unity, with one another. But that communion doesn't end when one of us dies. We believe that the saints, the Christians in heaven, remain in communion with those of us on earth. We call this the Communion of Saints, and it's an article of faith in every Christian creed from the Apostles' Creed on. Why Do Catholics Pray to Saints? But what

does the Communion of Saints have to do with praying to saints? Everything. When we run into trouble in our lives, we frequently ask friends or family members to pray for us. That doesn't mean, of course, that we can't pray for ourselves. We ask them for their prayers even though we're praying, too, because we believe in the power of prayer. We know that God hears their prayers as well as ours, and we want as many voices as possible asking Him to help us in our time of need. But the saints and angels in Heaven stand before God and offer Him their prayers, too. And since we believe in the Communion of Saints, we can ask the saints to pray for us, just as we ask our friends and family to do so. And when we make such a request for their intercession, we make it in the form of a prayer.

Stewardship of Treasure



Offering - Feb 22 & 23, 2020	\$ 10,058.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal	\$ 11,732.00
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (1,674.00)



New Registered Members of our Parish

Holly Bowers Sheila Conry Matilda Cazimero

MAHALOS to those who gave Blood to Save a Life and those who supported the Sodality of Our Blessed Lady by purchasing Malasadas, Pickle Onions, other goodies.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS **EVERY FRIDAY AT 7 pm**

Mar 6, 13, 20 and 27 and Apr 3, 2020



School News by Earl Walker

Each year the Windward Knights of Columbus (Council 6307) host an ono delicious Fish Fry during Lent at either St. John Vianney or St. Anthony. Price is \$17 for adults and \$13 for seniors and adolescents.



The funds earned from the Fish Fry are gifted to both St. John Vianney and St. Anthony schools to be used as scholarships for students returning the next school year.

Their Fish Fry this year will be held at St. Anthony's on Friday, March 6, 2020 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Applications for the 2020-2021 school year for new students are available in the school office or may be downloaded at our website: sjvkailua.org.

Welcome Grants for assistance with tuition for two years are available to Catholic students who wish to enroll in St. John Vianney School from a non-Catholic school.

For more information please call 261-4651.



Next Week The Second Sunday of Lent March 8, 2020

Reading I Genesis 12:1-4a Reading II 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 Gospel Matthew 17:1-9



Sunday, March 1 Monday, March 2

8:00 am Communion Service 3:00 pm School – Hula Halau

7:00 pm **Baptism Class**

7:00 pm **RCIA** Tuesday, March 3

9:00 am Parish Staff Mtg 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 4

11:00 am Ex Meeting 6:00 pm School - PTSHui

7:00 pm **Faith Formation**

Thursday, March 5

9:00 am Sodality – Rosary Making School—Hula Halau

3:00 pm

Friday, March 6

9:00 am Seniors – Joyful Movement

1:45 pm School – Faculty Mtg

Upper Room – Teen Bible Sharing 6:30 pm

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 7

8:30 am Adoration 8:30 am Reconciliation

5:00 pm Youth-Led Mass Sunday, March 8

10:15 am Rel Ed classes Note: Subject to change.

NOTICE OF EVENTS

Mar 6—Station of the Cross—7 pm

Mar 6—Fish Fry—5-7 pm, St. Anthony's Church

Mar 6—Metastatic Breast Cancer—Support, Information and Resources - contact Trisha at

808.799.8854

Mar 7—Youth Led-Mass at 5 pm

Mar 20-22—Basic Christian Community of Hawaii -Lenten Retreat, St Anthony Retreat

Center, contact Dcn Perez at 808.256-9000

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