



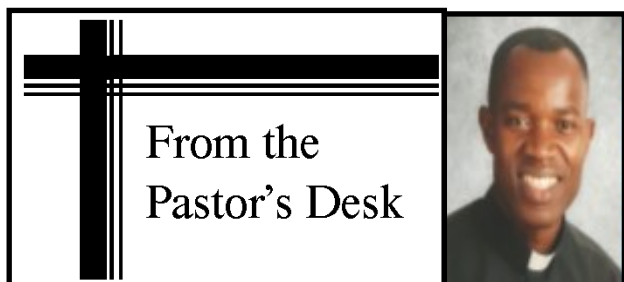
The Most Holy Trinity *June 7, 2020*



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Dear Parish Family,

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This long season ahead of us extends until November 29, the First Sunday of Advent. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith.

We kick off this season with a feast that is so central to our faith, *the Trinity*. This feast reminds us that we believe in a triune God, who is a *mystery*: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Although the name 'Trinity' is nowhere mentioned in the scriptures, we know that Jesus commands us to: "*Baptize them in the name of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit*" (Mt 28, 19). *The doctrine and theology of the Trinity is one that has raised lots of debates and controversies in the history of the church.* We cannot adequately explain who God is, but one of the keys to help us understand the Trinity a little better is the concept of relationships. In the Trinity, there are three persons who are in such intense relationship with one another that, although they are distinct persons, they are so perfectly united in every way, that they are *one*. Nothing separates them, except that they are not the same person, and there is mutual understanding and respect that exists.

The Gospel reading reminds us that God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. And as we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we must pause to reflect on how the Trinity offers us a model for living. Just as the three persons of the Trinity are united as one, as stewards of God's love in service, we must strive to live in ever-greater unity with God and one another. This calls for more collaboration with respect in our uniqueness in ministry while maintaining our individuality.

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 Aqui and Kamalani Rodrigues
Religious Education—Steffanie Beissel, Coordinator
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
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

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!

Our Belief in Purgatory

The term Purgatory comes from a Latin word *purgare*, meaning to make clean or to purify in accordance with Catholic teaching. It is a place or condition of temporal punishment for those who, departing this life in God's grace, are not entirely free from venial faults, or have not fully paid the satisfaction due to their transgressions.

Fundamentalists charge that, "The word purgatory is nowhere found in Scripture." This is true and it brings us right back to what we talked about in the month of April, Tradition. John 21:25 reminds us that not everything was written down in the Bible. As such, it does not disprove the existence of purgatory or the fact that belief in it has always been part of Church teaching. The words *Trinity* and *Incarnation* aren't in Scripture either, yet those doctrines are clearly taught in it. Likewise, Scripture teaches that purgatory exists, even if it doesn't use that word and even if 1 Peter 3:19 refers to a place other than purgatory.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* defines purgatory as a "purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven," which is experienced by those "who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified" (CCC 1030). It notes that "this final purification of the elect . . . is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (CCC 1031).

Purification is necessary because, as Scripture teaches, nothing unclean will enter the presence of God in heaven (Rev. 21:27) and, while we may die with our mortal sins forgiven, there can still be many impurities in us, specifically venial sins. Every soul needs to be cleansed or "purged" of its remaining imperfections in order to attain sanctification and purgatory is the final stage of sanctification that some of us need to undergo before we enter heaven. (Rom. 5:3–5)



Offertory:

Our weekly donation for **May 30-Jun 5, 2020** is \$ **13,327.00** and the weekly budget is \$ **9,288.00**. Therefore, we have a **surplus** of \$ **4,039.00**. MAHALO for your generosity.



Next Week *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

(Corpus Cristi)

Reading I:

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Reading II:

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel:

John 6:51-58



Healing of

María Gorak

Kathleen Heirakuji

Trisha Robertson

And for the Homebound

Once in a while, there comes someone very special like Fr. Peter who not only serves the church and its people faithfully, but who make of their own life a living testimony of Christ's love. Thank you for your years of devoted and caring ministry.

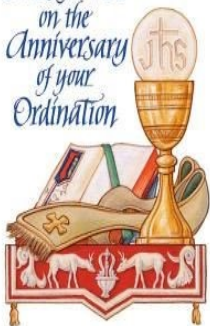
Happy Thirteen Years Anniversary to the Priesthood!!!

Let's us all congratulate Fr. Peter on his Ordination Anniversary!

(Fr. Peter ordained June 8, 2007)

CONGRATULATIONS, FR. PETER!

BLESSINGS
on the
Anniversary
of your
Ordination



School News *by Earl Walker*



For over fifty years your parish school has proven to be a vital institution for educating the youth in our community. Recently we established an **SJV Scholarship Fund** to help parents affected by the Coronavirus pandemic to keep their child enrolled in our school. With so many parents out of work and having lost income, we urgently need your support to help those families who need financial assistance to pay next year's tuition.

Please help us continue to provide these children an outstanding education. Letters were mailed to many local businesses and several parishioners asking for support of this worthwhile program.

Please respond by sending in a donation. All will be appreciated and recognized. If you did not receive a letter, please donate to this Fund by mailing a check to SJV Scholarship Fund, 940 Keolu Dr. Kailua, HI 96734.

Mahalo for your generosity.

13th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION - 06/08/20



Would you believe it? *"Time flies when you..."* It is 13 years this weekend since I was ordained a priest to serve in God's vineyard. During this time, I have received a lot of blessings and graces through your relentless prayers, moral, spiritual and physical support. There has been many times of tremendous joy and satisfaction but also those of various challenges. And yet, in such tumultuous and rough times, I have always been reminded of the words of St. Paul: *"I can do all things through him who gives me strength."* (Phil. 4:13)



For the journey ahead, please continue to remember me in your prayers



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St. John Vianney Parish
Presents a year of
APOLOGETICS
How to Explain and Defend your Catholic faith



Upon this Rock I will Build my Church
and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it.

Our Belief in Purgatory

Scripture teaches that purgatory exists,
even if it doesn't use the word specifically.

We believe that the souls of the saved
who are in need of further purification before facing God
will be purged in purgatory. (see back side).

APOLOGETICS

DEFENDING THE FAITH

Our Belief in Purgatory



- The Church has given the name Purgatory to the place where final purification of the elect will take place, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned.
- Although a person dies in a state of grace, they may need purification because they died with sins that they failed to confess or failed to pay penance for before death.
- Purgatory is the place of purification, “to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven,” because, as Scripture teaches, nothing unclean will enter the presence of God in heaven (Rev. 21:27)
- Temporary punishments are suffered by some in this life only, by others after death, by others both now and then; but all of them before that last and strictest judgment.
- When we die we undergo individual judgment, but at the end of time, when Jesus returns, there will come the final judgment. (Matthew 25:31-32)
- From the earliest of times, the Fathers of the Church taught the existence of purgatory, as well as by the Jews at the time of the Maccabees.
- Some of the earliest Christian writings during the second century refer to the practice of praying for the dead.
- Prayers for the dead are also recorded in the catacombs, where Christians were persecuted during the first three centuries.
- The Church has only two official teachings concerning purgatory: it exists, and our prayers help the souls in purgatory.
- The Reformers rejected the doctrine that had always been believed by both Jews and Early Christians and is still believed by Orthodox Jews today.
- The Eastern Orthodox Church, Oriental Orthodox Churches, and elements of the Anglican, Lutheran and Methodist traditions hold that for some there is cleansing after death and pray for the dead.

Our Parish Faith Formation Committee encourages
all parishioners to learn more
about this specific topic during June

Worldpriest Annual Global
Rosary Relay

for the Sanctification of Priests

Friday 19 June 2020



Country:

USA Hawaii

Time:

11.30 *Local prayer time*

Lead Location:

The Cathedral
Basilica of Our
Lady of Peace

Mysteries:

Sorrowful

To join, go to www.hictv.com
or join with Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7045737662>
Meeting ID: 704 573 7662

Pray the Rosary, unite with your country from wherever you are located on 19 June and help encircle the world in prayer.



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