

*The Most Holy Body and
Blood of Christ
June 14, 2020*



**Saint John Vianney Parish
Community**

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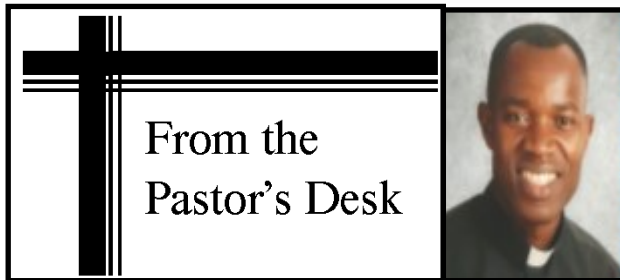
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Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Every time Mass is celebrated, a miracle is performed right before our eyes. The host is transformed into real flesh and the wine into real blood. While the greatest treasure of our church is the Eucharist, it is really sad that, it is said, one third of all Catholics do not believe in the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. They believe the Eucharist is a symbol or representation of Christ. This viewpoint is also held by the majority of our Protestant brothers and sisters. But this is what sets us apart as Catholics. We literally believe the words Jesus spoke in John 6: 53-56: *"...unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life..."* If we believe every word of Jesus in the Bible, how then can we disregard these words about his real presence in the species of bread and wine, food and drink for our journey of faith?

The Body of Christ is not just something that we receive. It is something that we become. As the Church, we *are* the Body of Christ. For this reason we come together to celebrate being a community and a fellowship in Christ. The celebration of the Eucharist is a strengthening symbol of that community. We don't just "go to" Mass, or "hear" Mass, or "attend" Mass as individuals. We don't come to the Eucharist the way we go to see a play or a movie. We don't come to be entertained. We don't come just to get something, but to give something,; ourselves, to each other. Some people ask Catholics why they have to come to Mass and why can't they pray at home. Of course, they can pray at home. And sometimes that is a better place to pray. But Mass is not just a time for praying; it is a time for celebrating community. That cannot be done at home; we can only do that together. Become what you eat.

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

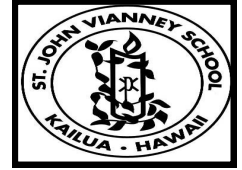
Early Christians remembered and prayed for the dead, and the practice has continued since then. Different dioceses began adopting a formal feast day in the 11th century. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, most of us who don't merit hell yet still need purification before we can enter heaven will pass through a state the Church calls purgatory when we die. (CCC1030) With our prayers we can help our loved ones' souls move from purgatory to heaven.

There are several scriptural bases for praying for the dead. One of them is found in the second book of Maccabees, one of a series of books in Catholic bibles that the Church recognizes as the apocrypha. In one of the stories, a military commander offers prayers and sacrifice for his dead soldiers (2 Macc. 12:38-45). It is clear that the living can help the dead: *"for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death."* (2 Macc. 12:44) In Romans 8:37-39, St. Paul echoed this idea when he wrote that nothing can separate us, *"neither life nor death"* from the love of God.

There are many ways to help your deceased loved ones. One way is by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet for them. A chaplet is a series of prayers that can be prayed on rosary or other beads. This chaplet doesn't just benefit the living and the dying. The chaplet's power is based on the Passion of Christ by which He merited every saving and sanctifying grace for the world, and on the prayer offered with sincere trust in the Divine Mercy.

Here is a common prayer you can say for your beloved deceased: *Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

School News *by Earl Walker*



The 2019-2020 school year that just ended was one that was definitely challenging and unlike previous years. However, in spite of this, we were successful in providing our students an outstanding education and graduated fifteen 8th grade students. The effectiveness of your parish school is well known and seen as a beacon of hope because of its success in educating children.

As we look forward to in-class instruction for 2020-2021, we are encountering a difficulty which must be addressed. Several of our students are facing the possibility of not financially being able to return next year, due to the financial hardship that the virus has inflicted upon their parents. Therefore, we have established the **SJV Scholarship Fund** to help these families in need. Please support this vital Fund and send your donation to:

SJV Scholarship Fund
940 Keolu Drive
Kailua, HI 96734



Just a Little More Light: Translating Hope

*Just a little more light...
to touch the places in us yearning for hope.
to see the most vulnerable.
to illumine our world once more.
Just a little more light...*

—Excerpt from poem by Rev. Larry Peers

Faith Action for Community Equity hopes to add to that “little more light” by serving our community.

First, in April we helped to put together 15,000 face shields for our health workers. Lately, we became language translators.

Our local families, veterans, and small businesses can get direct financial, health, and medical help from the federal government’s Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

There are 15 categories of aid with long descriptions on how to access that help. Imagine the near impossibility for someone who is still learning English to wade through this sea of technical English! How can we make it accessible to all who qualify?

Recognizing this as an equity issue, Faith Action accepted Senator Brian Schatz’s request for translating the material into other languages. We were assigned Cantonese and Tagalog.

University of Hawaii Faith Action intern Raymond Chen immediately gathered his contacts and friends in the Chinese cultural and business communities who quickly combined their resources to complete the Cantonese translations in less than a week!

Finding the Tagalog translator took longer. Eventually, a university professor fluent in both English and Tagalog was found and she completed the translation in three days.

“My goodness, what an important public service you all are performing!” said Senator Schatz.

We know there are still many needs to be met. We invite everyone to join Faith Action in adding “just a little more light.”

Join Faith Action’s Environmental Justice Task Force to address climate change and environmentally equity. Next Meeting is on:

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

5:00pm - 6:00pm via Zoom

Email: sschake@faithactionhawaii.org

Stewardship of Treasure



Offertory: Our weekly donation for **June 6-Jun 12, 2020** is \$ 7,768 and the weekly budget is \$ 9,288. Therefore, we have a **deficit** of \$ 1,520.

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



Next Week Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I:
Jeremiah 20:10-13

Reading II:
Romans 5:12-15

Gospel:
Matthew 10:26-33



*Healing of
Gordon Wong
Hayes Beissel
And for the Homebound*



Worldpriest Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests Friday, June 19, 2020

Time: 11:30am *(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