



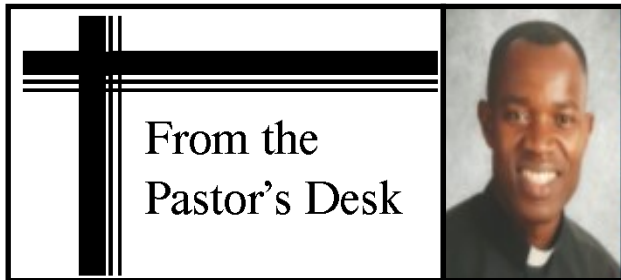
*Fourteenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
July 5, 2020*



Saint John Vianney Parish Community

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Dear Parish Family,

Misfortunes in life come upon each one of us. Some people blame God for any tragedy that happens to them and are often filled with a lot of rage. God does not send us anything bad. He only sends us what is good. If you turn from God because of any crisis that comes upon you, to whom will you then turn? Unfortunately some people turn to New Age practices; practices like palm reading, tarot card reading or all sorts of other practices for solutions to life's problems. Good does not come out of such practices. Turning to such practices only brings more pain and destruction. God is bigger and stronger than all pagan practices.

It is for this reason and in moments such as this that the Lord says in this Sunday's Gospel: *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."* Have you ever wondered why Jesus uses the image of the yoke? At least two oxen are hitched together by a yoke side by side. Oxen are called *"beasts of burden."* So why does he call his yoke easy, his burden light? It is because the Lord humbly yokes himself to us, he helps carry our crosses. He bears most of the weight, if we let him. That's why his yoke is easy. By this Jesus does not say that we will no longer have struggles, but that we will find recourse in him. His strength will be our strength, infusing us with trust and helping us place all our difficulties and challenges before him. And when we commit ourselves to him, we become one with him, with the Father whom he has revealed to us, and with the Holy Spirit who gives us the gift of faith.

Unfortunately in this life, there are many who continue to walk alone, bereft of hope. They mistakenly believe that to take Christ's yoke upon them means that they are somehow limiting their freedom. In Christ we are reminded there is fullness of freedom that leads to life eternal.

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!

What is an Indulgence?

You don't hear much about indulgences anymore, at least not in Catholic circles. If it could be said that at one time they were overemphasized, it's surely true that today they're underemphasized. Many Catholics simply don't know what indulgences are, and they're at a loss to explain the Church's position on indulgences when challenged by their protestant counterparts. Indulgences are widely misunderstood by both Catholics and those of other faiths. It is unfortunate that from a historic perspective, you might have heard only negative things about them. If understood well, indulgences are a beautiful, charitable, and efficacious practice for kids and grownups alike. But before we get deep into the topic, it is important to note what an indulgence is and what it is not.

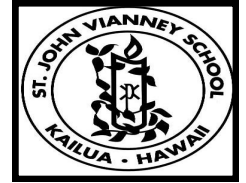
WHAT IT IS NOT: Before proceeding, it is important to point out what an indulgence is not. It is not a permission to commit sin, nor a pardon of future sin; neither could be granted by any power. It is not the forgiveness of the guilt of sin; it supposes that the sin has already been forgiven. It is not an exemption from any law or duty, and much less from the obligation consequent on certain kinds of sin.

WHAT IT IS: Originally the word indulgence meant kindness or favor; in post-classic Latin it came to mean the remission of a tax or debt. But in the special sense in which it is here considered, an indulgence is defined as *"the remission of the temporal punishment due, in God's justice, to sin that has been forgiven, which remission is granted by the Church."* The first thing to note is that forgiveness of a sin is separate from punishment for the sin. Through sacramental confession we obtain forgiveness, but we aren't let off the hook as far as punishment goes.

Next Sunday we will see an illustration on such a separation between a sin forgiven and punishment for sin.

School News *by Earl Walker*

Catholic schools make up the largest system of private schools in this country and are facing closures due to the economic fallout from the coronavirus pandemic. This month two Catholic schools on Oahu have closed permanently, as they join the hundreds of Catholic schools nationwide projected to shut their doors this year.



St. John Vianney School is truly a blessing to our parish, the Diocese and the universal church by its commitment to educate our children in the faith. Your parish school has proven to be a vital institution in our community for over 55 years. In facing the future, our entire parish family should recommit itself to the mission of our Catholic education and its duty to support our treasured parish school. Please support the SJV Scholarship Fund for student aid and send your check to:

**SJV Scholarship Fund
940 Keolu Drive
Kailua, HI 96734**

MAHALO



DISPENSATION

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic, Bishop Larry Silva extends the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Masses to all the people of the Diocese of Honolulu and all visitors to the Diocese of Honolulu through August 31, 2020.

All who are able to attend Sunday Mass without putting themselves or others at serious risk of infection, are encouraged to do so, but are not obliged to do so.

ROSARY MAKING



Every Thursday, from 9am to 11am in the SJV upstairs lounge. Please wear a mask. All Covid-19 procedures will be observed.

*For more information contact Jody Barnhart at
775-340-2562.
Mahalo*



Stewardship of Treasure



Offertory: Our weekly donation for **July 4—July 10, 2020** is \$ **8,170** and the weekly budget is \$ **9,288**. Therefore, we have a **deficit** of \$ **1,118**.

MAHALO for you continued **SUPPORT** to **GIVE**. If you give on line, please 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 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I:
Isaiah 55:10-11

Reading II:
Romans 8:18-23

Gospel:
Matthew 13:1-23



*Healing of
Gordon Wong, Donald Secor
Sandy Chong,
Thomas Taum, Trish Robertson
And for the Homebound*

REST IN PEACE Al Tagab



URGENT NEED

for all blood types. #GiveNow

The perfect pandemic storm has finally arrived: Hospitals are opening back but our donation levels are still critically low.

We need all blood types! Blood Bank of Hawaii has less than one day supply of our blood inventories.

If you've given recently and are already scheduled for an appointment, will you convince a family member, a friend or coworker to save three lives. Blood Bank of Hawaii has made giving blood safer, cleaner and easier than ever before. We are practicing physical distancing, keeping our machines ultra clean and scheduling by appointment only. It only takes an hour and our state really needs what only you can give.

To make an appointment at one of five Oahu locations, visit our website: **bloodbanktough.org** or call **808 848-4770**.

APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED





July 4th: A Reflection On Our Independence

1. This is a day to thank God for the political and religious freedom we enjoy and to pray for God's special blessings on the leaders and the people of our country.
2. It is a day to remember, with gratitude, the founding fathers of our democratic republic; especially, Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence, and James Madison, the architect of the Constitution, who believed that all power, including political power, came from God and entrusted to elected leaders.
3. It is a day to remember and pray for all our brave soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice of their lives to keep this country a safe and a free country, and for those who are now engaged in the fight against terrorism in other countries.
4. It is a day to remember the basic principle underlined in the Constitution, that *"all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."*
5. It is a day to remind ourselves that we have a duty to protect these God-given rights by *voting* into power leaders who believe in God and who have character, integrity, experience, and strong belief in inalienable human rights.
6. It is a day to fight for the fundamental right to life denied to pre-born children to grow and develop in their mothers' wombs; to the sick and the elderly to die gracefully without fearing of euthanasia.
7. It is a day to pray and work for liberation for all those who are still slaves in our free country – slaves to evil habits, and addictions to alcohol, drugs, pornography, promiscuity and sexual aberrations.
8. It is a day to take a pledge to become recommitted to doing something about our own growth in Christ, and to living as Americans who contribute something to our religion, Church, country, and the lives of others.
9. It is a day to remember where we came from, what we stand for, and the sacrifices that thousands of our countrymen have made on our behalf.



The DeCaires Family
Clarence, Vi, Carlyn, Brad & Joelyn



Deacon Clarence & Mrs. Vi
DeCaires



Vi & Dcn Clarence with Bishop Ferrario



Deacon Clarence DeCaires just recently celebrated his 33rd Diaconate Ordination Anniversary, now he is celebrating his birthday this coming Thursday, July 9th.

Happy 75th Birthday!

This day he will also retire as the Director of Permanent Deacons. He gave nine years of his volunteer position to serve the Deacon Community and the Diocese of Honolulu. Mahalo for a job well done!

Deacon Clarence and his wife, Vi have served our Church and Lord faithfully and unselfishly. **Happy Retirement!**

Although he is retiring, **we are happy he will continue to serve as our deacon here at SJV.** He has touched many lives in our parish and outside the parish. He is an exemplary deacon!

"...for God will not forget your work and the Love you show for His name..." Matthew 6:10



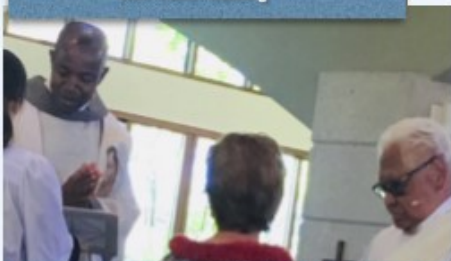
Deacons Hawaii Summer Gathering



The Vatican, Rome, Italy, canonization of
St. Damien Oct. 11, 2009



with Bishop Larry Silva and
Dcn Keith Galang



with Fr. Peter, blessing their wedding
anniversary



Class 3 Ordained as Deacons on June 15, 1987



with the Deacons and Wives of SJV



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.

What is an Indulgence?

It is a distinctive feature of our Catholic Church that grants full or partial remission of the punishment of sin.

An Indulgence applies only to the punishment for sin, and not to the forgiveness of sin. (see back side).

APOLOGETICS

DEFENDING THE FAITH

What is an Indulgence?

- The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that an indulgence is “the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sin whose guilt has been forgiven.”
- Indulgences are widely misunderstood by both Catholics and those of other faiths.
- God in His love and mercy forgives the guilt of any sin for which we are truly sorry. However, God in His justice requires that we atone for our sin, or heal the hurt caused by our sin.
- Indulgences are founded on the belief that in the sacrament of penance, it is not enough to have the guilt of sin forgiven through absolution alone, but that one also needs to undergo temporal punishment.
- Indulgences pertain only to temporal, not eternal, punishment and may be distributed through the Church to someone who is either still living or is in Purgatory and whose soul is in the state of sanctifying grace.
- Indulgences are not, and never have been, ways to seek forgiveness for sins, since forgiveness of sin is separate from punishment for sin.
- Punishment for sins may come either in this life, in the form of various sufferings, or in the next life, in purgatory, and indulgences reduce the punishment for sins.
- An indulgence is partial if it removes part of the temporal punishment due to sin, or plenary if it removes all punishment.
- Indulgences are an ancient part of Christian life dating back to the times of the ancient Roman persecutions.
- Receiving an indulgence is derived from tradition rather than scripture, and Catholics believe that sacred tradition is consistent with Scripture and equal in authority.
- At one time Indulgences were surely over emphasized, however, it is true that today they are under-emphasized.



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



HONOLULU MAYORAL

ACCOUNTABILITY ASSEMBLY

July, 11, 2020
9:30–11:30 am

Watch Remotely Live

To RSVP, please email:
sschake@faithactionhawaii.org

- Keith Amemiya
- Rick Blangiardi
- John Carroll
- Colleen Hanabusa
- Choon James
- Kym Pine

Please join us at Faith Action's Mayoral Accountability Assembly. The Honolulu mayoral candidates will be asked to commit to the Affordable Housing, Environmental Justice and Economic Equity Issues.