

*Fifteenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
July 12, 2020*



**Saint John Vianney Parish
Community**

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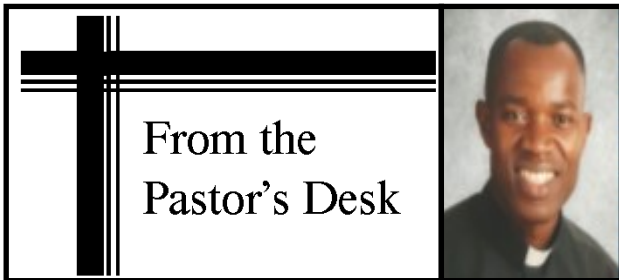
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Dear Parish Family,

We are often advised to take care of our heart, to watch our diet, to exercise, to undergo cardiovascular screening, but there is another kind of heart that should concern us, our spiritual heart. Jesus spoke often about our spiritual heart. The following of Jesus should begin in our hearts but if our spiritual heart is unwell, it hinders our response to **Jesus**. So Jesus says in this Sunday's Gospel:

"Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes..." (Mat 13:15)

What is the state of our heart? Is your heart open to receiving the words of Jesus or is your heart a source of grief to Jesus? Related to the parable of the Sower that Jesus tells us, we like to think of ourselves as good people. In that sense we are the fertile soil that received the seed and produced much fruit. But since none of us is yet a saint, we each have areas in our heart that are in need of "spiritual" cardiac surgery. There are four types of soil: shallow, rocky, thorny, and rich. There is some of each of these four types in each of us. We could be all four of these persons at once, or predominantly, one of these types of person for a certain time in life. Let us do some cardiac surgery on our spiritual hearts.

And may God the Father enlighten the eyes of our mind so that we can see what hope his call holds for us, what rich glories he has promised that the saints will inherit, so that we may receive the Word of God in rich soil and yield a harvest, now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. And for the young receiving the Sacraments this weekend, may they be blessed and become fruitful on their journey of faith.

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.

Know Your Catholic Faith Corner

Apologetics without apology!

What is an Indulgence?

Last Sunday we saw that 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."* Part of the collateral damage of the long ago Protestant revolt is that many Catholics have largely forgotten about indulgences. Indulgences are good and just, and they are part of the Church's infallible teaching. The bad press they've received is due to misunderstandings or to abuses.

Indulgences aren't a "money grab" by villainous medieval bishops; and they aren't a get-out-of-hell free card. What they *are* is the way the Church can exempt a member of the faithful from the temporal punishment due to their sins, after that person has already been forgiven of the eternal consequences of sin through confession, and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Here is an illustration:

Say Johnny's playing baseball in the living room and breaks a vase. He might muster his courage and confess, and he might have true sorrow and contrition, and you might forgive him. You're not going to kick him out of the house (eternal consequence). But that doesn't un-break the vase. The broken vase is the temporal consequence of vase-breaking. It must be replaced. The Bible teaches us that there are always both eternal and temporal consequences of sin.

So you might set up a payment plan for Johnny, and allow him to do extra chores and earn money to put away towards buying a replacement vase, as the temporal consequence. But then, maybe all the other kids in the neighborhood pool their savings and go in together to buy a new vase. Indulgences are like that. Our prayers and sacrifices and good works all go in together with the prayers and sacrifices and good works of Christ and the saints who have gone before us and can be applied, by the Church, where the Church chooses.

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



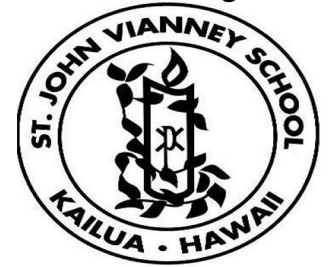
by: *Earl Walker*

St. John Vianney School has a long-standing tradition of providing quality faith-based education for the youth in our community. Our caring principal, teachers and school staff apply innovative strategies and teaching methods with state-of-the-art technology while committed to the mission of Catholic education.

Our Early Learning Center teachers are specialists in early childhood care and education. We provide a safe and rich learning environment for each student. We foster a parent-teacher partnership to develop the whole child, focusing on their emotional, physical, spiritual, social and cognitive development.

On Monday, July 27, 2020 we are looking forward to beginning a new school year. To ensure the health and safety of each child, we will follow the Hawaii State Department of Health's guidance for classroom and campus safety, including safe distancing and disinfection procedures.

For more information or to enroll your child, contact the Office at 261-4651



If you have skills at filming and editing video, perhaps you would like to help in this ministry. If so, please contact the parish office at 262-8317 and leave your name and contact information.

Stewardship of Treasure



Offertory: Our weekly donation for **July 4—July 10, 2020** is \$7,736 and the weekly budget is \$ 9,288. Therefore, we have a **deficit** of \$ 1,552.

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.

(Note correction on last weeks bulletin weekly donation should be for June 27—July 3, 2020.)



Next Week Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I:
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Reading II:
Romans 8:26-27

Gospel:
Matthew 13:24-43



*Healing of
Gordon Wong, Donald Secor
Sandy Chong, John Sutton,
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.

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



Spotlight on Service

Maintaining our sense of community has been challenged during these many months of CoVid-19. When we do not see each other regularly at Mass, it is easy to forget that many of our fellow parishioners continue to share their time and talent in ways we may not see.

This "Spotlight on Service" highlights such ongoing work. It is a feature of our e-bulletin that will recur periodically. As you learn more, I pray that you may be moved to join in service to our parish. Also, let me know of any suggestions for future "spotlighting." Fr. Peter

During this era of CoVid-19, we have been incredibly lucky to have weekly access to Mass streamed on YouTube. How has this been possible? It is through the sharing of talents and time by parishioners Kamalani Rodrigues-Ontai and Chaz Ontai. Each week, they videotape, edit and post the Mass video online.

It is ironic that we feature them in the first "spotlight," because the spotlight is the last thing they seek. But when asked why they became involved in this form of stewardship, Kamalani shared that she and Chaz had approached Fr. Peter in the early days of the CoVid-19 shutdown to suggest electronic communication as a way to sustain community. Their initial commitment was for a three-week trial period. Four months later, it is clear that they had accurately identified a need and a way to fill that need. Our entire parish is grateful for their commitment.



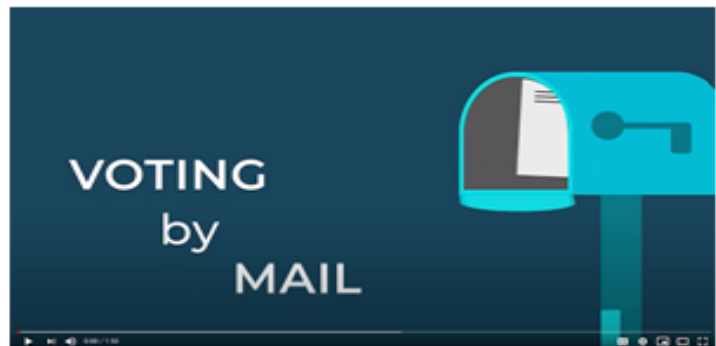
Kamalani Rodrigues-Ontai and Chaz Ontai



ACTION ALERT

Elections in 2020 are going to be very different! Gone are the days when you go to ballot booth. [Now, whether or not you like it, the ballot comes to you.](#) To find out how that is going to work, you can watch the video (at right) produced by the Office of Elections.

In order to ensure that as many people vote as possible, we wanted to provide you with a few reminders. First and foremost, (1) **make sure that you are registered to vote.** You should have received a few mailings already from the Office of Elections including a signature capture card. (2) **Hopefully you received, and returned, that signature capture card.** (We can talk about security and safety at another time, but know that we have our concerns.) If you did NOT receive anything in the mail, please [contact the Office of Elections directly.](#)



Our website for [voting information \(ivote\)](#) has been updated with key dates and resources so check it out if you want to ensure you are ready to receive the ballot packet on our around July 21.

What about the Hawaii Family Forum voter's guide? Hawaii Family Forum normally produces a voter's guide, but we will not be doing one until the General Election. Lack of funding and staffing have made it difficult to provide a guide that will be beneficial to you. As some of you have pointed out, many candidates don't even bother to return our survey. So, as we have done in the last two elections, we will be providing contact information FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION on the candidates so you can make contact with them directly. If all goes well, we WILL have a guide ready for the general election.

Your ballot package should begin to arrive on or around **July 21.** Want to see what your primary ballot will look like? [Click here.](#)

July 27 - August 7, 2020 [Voter Service Centers](#) will be open Monday-Saturday (not open on Sundays) from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Voter service centers provide accessible in-person voting, same day voter registration, and collection of voted ballots. Voter service centers open ten business days prior to the election and on Election Day

August 8, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION DAY the Voter Service Center will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Here are some resources on voting:

- [Office of Elections Primary Election Guide.](#)
- [Voting in Hawai'i brochure from the Office of Elections.](#)
- [Alliance Defending Freedom Legal Guide for Churches \(2020\)](#)
- [BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT: WORLDVIEW, ISSUES, AND VOTING \(2nd Edition\)](#)

THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE

*Online Discernment Retreat with the
Daughters of St. Paul*

JULY 24-26, 2020

For single women ages 18-33

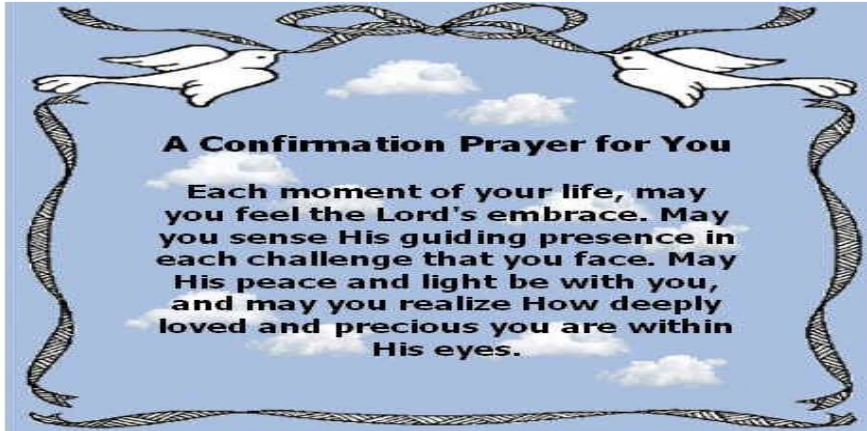
Register at: vocations.daughtersofstpaul.com/events



CONGRATULATIONS!!!



GOD BLESS OUR CANDIDATES FOR WHO WILL BE RECEIVING FIRST EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION AT ALL MASSES, JULY 11 & 12, 2020



Candidates for First Eucharist and Confirmation

- Emily "Ann" Brooks
- Kiana "Catherine" Chang
- David "Thomas" Conroy
- Kekanumakawaiake'ane "Joseph" Kaneshiro
- Kalia "Rose" Keaunui
- Gavis "Francis" Nakamaejo
- Luakalailani "Genevieve" Palafox
- Elijah "Patrick" Rakotonirina
- Gabriela "Francis" Remedios
- Eva "Cecilia" Souki
- Beaudan "Damien" Ventura

Candidates for Confirmation

- Hayes "Agnes" Beissel
- Evelyn "Jude" Keepes
- Henry "Luke" Keepes
- Brandon "Luke" Nicolas
- Madeline "Bridget" Nicolas
- Shawn "Patrick" Nicolas
- Lia "Catherine" Walters

