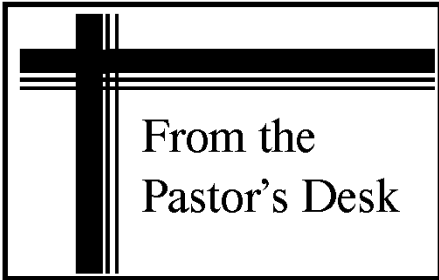




Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B

December 20, 2020



Saint John Vianney Parish Community

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DEAR PARISH FAMILY,

As we draw closer to Christmas, the event of the Annunciation which is our Gospel Reading this Sunday, is full of mysteries. Little wonder it became the first Joyful mystery when we pray the Rosary. Mary was presented with the difficult task: “*You are to conceive* (without the natural way of conception) *and bear a son*” (Lk 1:31); something that never happened in human history and seemed to be an impossibility in the eyes of men. Yet, she took it calmly and said “*I am the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to your word*” (Lk. 1:38). I suppose what gave Mary the courage to say this was the assurance from the angel Gabriel in the verse that preceded it: *...for nothing is impossible with God.* (Lk. 1:37). Mary trusted in God. (Lk.1:51).

Sometimes in our lives, when faced with difficulties it would seem impossible for any good to come out of a situation. One thing always remains clear; our God is a God of surprises. With a seemingly impossible mission, God made the impossibility into a possibility in Mary’s life. She had a unique role; to be the Mother of the Savior who had a mission of bringing redemption to humankind.

As the people of God today, each one of us has a unique mission that God has placed in our lives. As we are about to celebrate Christmas, may we, like Mary always say ‘yes’ as we spread peace and love. Whenever you find it hard to believe in God due to the challenges you are passing through in life, check how many times it is emphasized that nothing is impossible for Him to do for you: Gen 18:14; Jer. 32:27, 32:17; Matt. 19:26. He is still that same God. He never changes.

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 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
and on parish lanai at school doors.

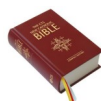
Parish Office Hours

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

**Church is now open from 8:30am—10:30am for private
prayer and devotion, Monday thru Friday**

Know your Catholic Faith Corner

Apologetics Without Apology



Year of Reading the Bible

How can we improve our participation in the Liturgy of the Word? How can we be sure we hear God's voice in the Scriptures? Here are some helpful suggestions:

1. Get a Good Bible: *Hopefully, you got yourself a good family Bible from the daughters of St. Paul last weekend.* Christians of the past had a good excuse for not knowing Scripture. They couldn't read and printed copies of the Bible were rare and expensive. Today, however, we have been given a great gift in the widespread availability of Scripture, commentaries and study guides such as *The Great Adventure Bible*.

2. Memorize Scripture: The saints have regularly recommended the memorization of Scripture both for being attuned to the Spirit's work in our daily lives and for better understanding of the Scriptures. The more Scripture we have stored up in our hearts, the easier it is for us to make connections and have a context for those passages with which we are unfamiliar. Try to memorize a verse a week or as much as you can.

3. Lectio Divina: *Lectio Divina* is Latin for "divine reading," "spiritual reading," or "holy reading" and represents a method of prayer and scriptural reading intended to promote communion with God and provide special spiritual insights. Daily, prayerful meditation on Scripture is the way in which Scripture comes to penetrate our hearts and minds. The ancient monastic practice of *lectio divina* helps us pray the Scriptures and hear God speaking.

4. Meditate on the Mass Readings: One of the best ways to prepare for the Mass is to meditate on the Mass readings beforehand. If you are more familiar with the Mass readings and come with an understanding of them, you are more able to focus on hearing God's voice.

UPCOMING EVENTS



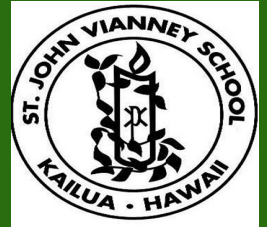
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| DECEMBER 20 SUNDAYS) | RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM—8:00AM—11:45AM BOARDROOM, LOUNGE AND BASEMENT |
| DECEMBER 20 (SUNDAY) | DRIVE THRU—LIVING NATIVITY—4:00PM—5:30PM (SEE FLYER) PARISH SCHOOL COURTYARD |
| DECEMBER 21, 28 (MONDAYS) | RCIA—7:00PM—8:30PM LOUNGE |
| DECEMBER 24 (THURSDAY) | MORNING MASS 8AM & CHRISTMAS EVE MASS—5PM AND 8PM CHURCH |
| DECEMBER 25 (FRIDAY) | CHRISTMAS DAY 9AM MASS CHURCH |



By: Earl Walker

SCHOOL NEWS

St. John Vianney School, 940 Keolu Drive, Kailua, HI 96734 * 808 261-4651



Our school's first Virtual School Mass was successful. Due to the pandemic our students have not been able to attend monthly school Masses. However, Fr. Peter, who missed students attending this Mass, proposed a Virtual Mass with a few students participating. The Mass was streamed into each classroom and Catholic students were brought communion to them. Plans are to continue having a Virtual School Mass each month through the end of the year.

It is bittersweet to announce that after 36 years, our beloved art teacher, Mrs. Caren DeMeo, will be retiring at the end of this month. She will dearly be missed. We wish her much happiness, and may our good Lord bless her in all her future endeavors!

Applications for the 2021-2022 school year for NEW STUDENTS are now available. They may be downloaded from our website at sjvkailua.org or be picked up in the office after Christmas break on January 4, 2021.

Stewardship of Treasure

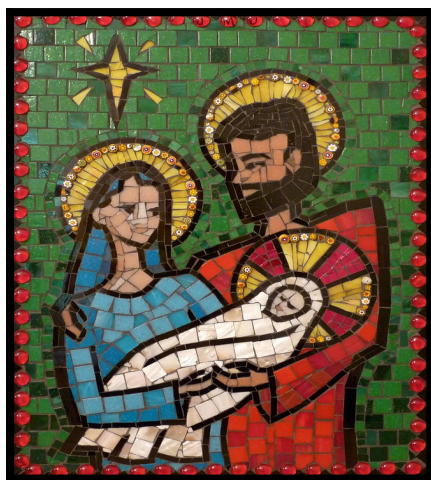


Offertory: Our weekly donation for **December 12th thru December 18th, 2020** is \$8,554 and the weekly budget is \$8,010.

Therefore, we have a **surplus of \$544.**

MAHALO for your 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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122720.cfm>

Reading I:
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Reading II:
Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel:
Luke 2:22-40

For the Healing of

*Janis Palafox, Charles Gauthier Jr,
Robert Brown, John Glorioso, Thomas Schlemmer,
Frances Yoshimitsu,
Milton McAngus, Francis Teixeira,
Jonathan & Malina Lewszuk,
Kathleen Heirakuji,
Gordon Wong, Sandy Chong,
John Sutton, Jon Blumhardt,
Trish Robertson, Joseph Alves,
And for the Homebound.*

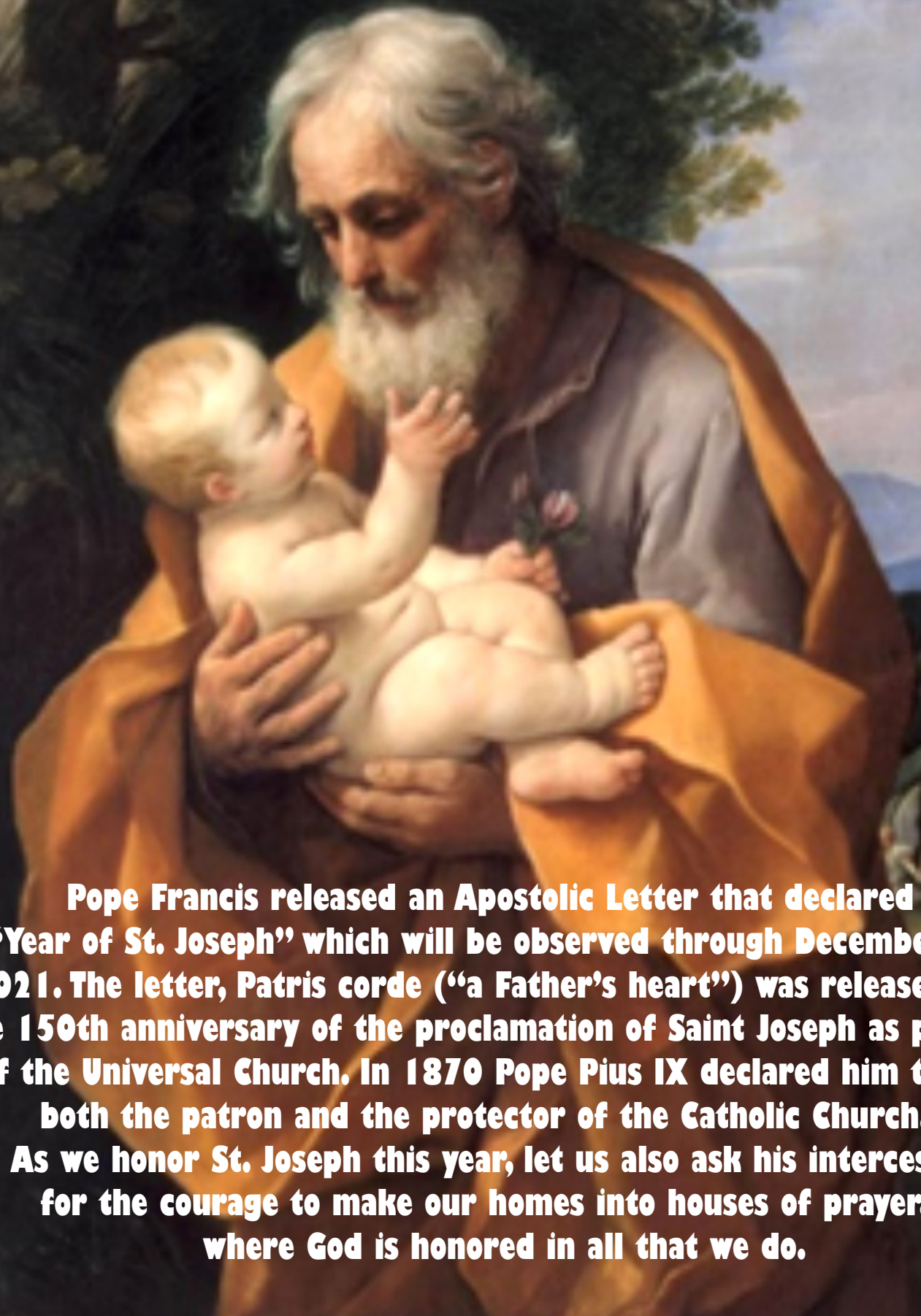


For the Passing of

Stephan Teixeira, Ronald Sprink and Katherin Hagen



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



Pope Francis released an Apostolic Letter that declared a “Year of St. Joseph” which will be observed through December 8, 2021. The letter, Patris corde (“a Father’s heart”) was released on the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as patron of the Universal Church. In 1870 Pope Pius IX declared him to be both the patron and the protector of the Catholic Church. As we honor St. Joseph this year, let us also ask his intercession: for the courage to make our homes into houses of prayer, where God is honored in all that we do.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—YEAR B

DECEMBER 20, 2020

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122020.cfm>

Reading 1

2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

When King David was settled in his palace,
and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side,
he said to Nathan the prophet,

"Here I am living in a house of cedar,
while the ark of God dwells in a tent!"

Nathan answered the king,

"Go, do whatever you have in mind,
for the LORD is with you."

But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said:

"Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD:
Should you build me a house to dwell in?'"

"It was I who took you from the pasture
and from the care of the flock
to be commander of my people Israel.

I have been with you wherever you went,

and I have destroyed all your enemies before you.

And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth.

I will fix a place for my people Israel;

I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place
without further disturbance.



Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old,
since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel.

I will give you rest from all your enemies.

The LORD also reveals to you
that he will establish a house for you.

And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors,
I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins,
and I will make his kingdom firm.

I will be a father to him,

and he shall be a son to me.

Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me;
your throne shall stand firm forever."



Reading 2

ROM 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters:

To him who can strengthen you,
according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ,
according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages
but now manifested through the prophetic writings and,
according to the command of the eternal God,
made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith,
to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ
be glory forever and ever.
Amen.

Gospel

LK 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God
to a town of Galilee called Nazareth,
to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph,
of the house of David,
and the virgin's name was Mary.

And coming to her, he said,

"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."

But she was greatly troubled at what was said
and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

Then the angel said to her,

"Do not be afraid, Mary,
for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus.
He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High,
and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father,
and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever,
and of his kingdom there will be no end."

But Mary said to the angel,

"How can this be,
since I have no relations with a man?"

And the angel said to her in reply,

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you,
and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.

Therefore the child to be born
will be called holy, the Son of God.

And behold, Elizabeth, your relative,

has also conceived a son in her old age,
and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren;
for nothing will be impossible for God."

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word."

Then the angel departed from her.



DRIVE-THRU LIVE
NATIVITY

AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

DECEMBER 20, 4 - 5:30 PM

920 KEOLU DRIVE, KAILUA, HI 96734



MORE INFORMATION 808.262.8317 | WWW.SAINTJOHNVIANNEYKAILUA.ORG

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US

for our **Living Nativity.**

Parish families will recreate different scenes from the Nativity from the Annunciation to the visit of the Magi.

No cost to attend - simply drive through. Come experience the reason for the season on our 4th Sunday of Advent!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
HAWAII



*A letter from: Robert Van Tassell, President & Chief
Executive Officer of Catholic Charities Hawaii*

Thank you for your parish gift of \$3,224.74 received on November 25, 2020 in support of Catholic Charities. Thanks to you, more families have found homes, foster youth have found families and seniors are staying healthy and active.

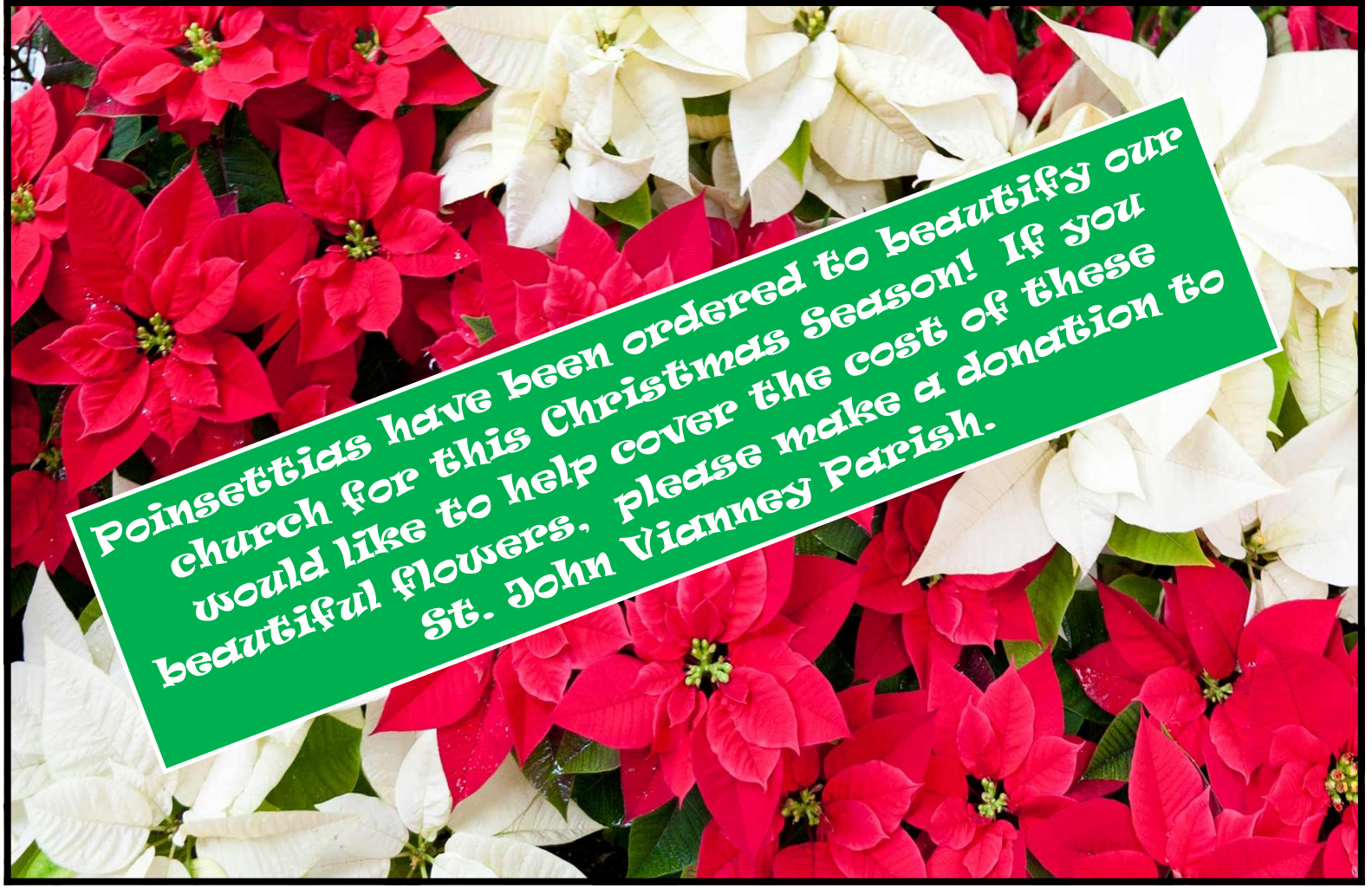
Your support provides services to children, seniors, veterans, homeless individuals, at-risk youth, families and individuals in crisis. A recent client stated: *“Thank you so very much for your generous help. You don’t even know how much it means to our family that there are people who don’t know us that are willing to help. It truly brings tears to my eyes.”* (VC,2020)

For 73 years, Catholic Charities Hawaii has carried out the social mission of the Church in Hawaii by helping people in need to help themselves, regardless of their faith or culture. We provide a wide range of support guidance, touching the lives of more than 40,000 people each year with dignity, compassion, social justice, and a commitment to excellence.

Your charitable donation enables us to assist those who need it most. As a not-for-profit social service agency, we rely on community support to help us carry out this vital mission. Every gift like yours is an investment in the future and well-being of individuals and families throughout our community. For more information on how to support Catholic Charities Hawaii, please contact Matthew Vosseller at 808 527-4826 in our Development office.

Together, we continue the ministry of Jesus in service people in need. We give thanks for friends like you who help us to empower our brothers and sisters to take positive steps to improve their lives.

Mahalo nui loa and God bless!



Poinsettias have been ordered to beautify our church for this Christmas season! If you would like to help cover the cost of these beautiful flowers, please make a donation to St. John Vianney Parish.



Sent in by: Kathleen Jaycox, Representative of FACE for St. John Vianney Parish

CARBON CASHBACK

You are invited to a presentation explaining the Carbon Cashback legislation proposed by Faith Action's Environmental Justice Task Force. It is one of the elements of the legislative agenda recently adopted by Faith Action. Carbon Cashback would assess a fee on gasoline and other fossil fuels in order to discourage their use, and return all of the revenue in equal shares to the people of Hawaii. The presentation will be given on Zoom on Dec. 23 at 5:30 p.m. Here is the link to the Zoom meeting:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89740349698?pwd=TkVGdFBSNUtqSG1JYm1VK2ZMRHRmUT09>

Meeting ID: 897 4034 9698

Passcode: gogreen

Dial in by phone:

Dial 1-669-900-9128, then enter 89740349698#

A DVD was donated by
a parishioner, if you are
interested in
borrowing it, please call
the parish office at
262-8317.
Mahalo!

The
CHOSEN

Season **One**



Making a Difference



**Thank you for
your generous
support to the
St. Vincent de
Paul Society.**



Thank You!

Dear St. Vincent de Paul Society,

Thank you so much for helping support my family during such a difficult time. My husband and I were both working in Waikiki and did believe no one had foreseen the damages of the Covid-19 pandemic. We were furloughed by our employer and have filed for unemployment. Just before the state of Hawaii shutdown we had a baby, making us a family of six. In order to survive we took out an emergency loan at the Bank of Hawaii and cut out some of our bills. With your help we were able to pay our largest expense, rent. Not only did your donations help our family, but so did one of your volunteers.

We believe you sent us a guardian angel. Kealoha has been in contact with us numerous times, each time providing new resources. She helped us get into contact with Hawaii Unemployment Office, assisted in writing a letter to our landlord, gave rental advice, and provided the steps in order to have a better financial future. She genuinely cares about the people of Hawaii and hopes to continue to help more families.

My family really appreciates everything your organization has provided these past few months. We hope you will be able to continue to support other local families like us. Keep up the amazing work.

Mahalo nui loa,

BIBLE STUDY

JESUS

THE WAY, THE TRUTH,
AND THE LIFE

Presented by MARCELLINO D'AMBROSIO,
JEFF CAVINS, and EDWARD SRI

Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know him as we should? Is Jesus a part of your life, or is he at the center of your life as he should be? We invite you to make him the center of your life by joining us for *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life*, a 10-week video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus' life and what he means for us as Catholics today. St. John Vianney Parish will begin the *Jesus* study on January 25th, 2021 on Mondays at 9:00 am or Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information, contact Fran Vierra at 206-225-1414 or embers11@me.com. We hope you can join us! Registration forms are in the Parish Office. Registration deadline is December 22nd.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Monday _____ Thursday _____

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

Participant Fee: \$35.00

Donation to Scholarship Fund: _____

Total: \$35.00

Cash Y/N \$ _____

Check Y/N \$ _____

Checks can be made payable to:
St John Vianney Parish

Mail checks to: