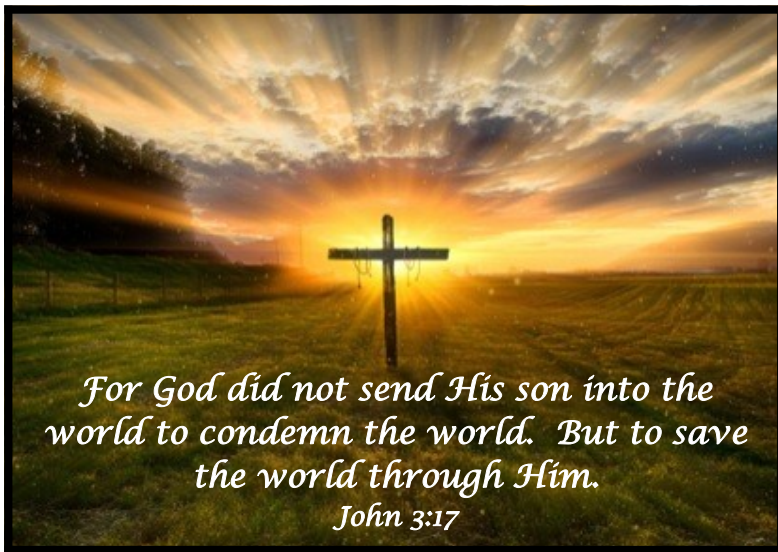


*Fourth Sunday of Lent
Year B
March 14, 2021*

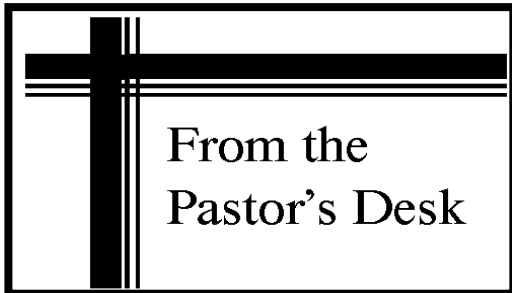


*For God did not send His son into the world to condemn the world. But to save the world through Him.
John 3:17*



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DEAR PARISH FAMILY,

As Lent continues to unfold, I believe that there have been situations that are both exciting and unsettling, as they are disturbing and inspiring:

- Have you ever forgiven someone for something really serious, and done so freely and completely, as pure gift?*
- Have you ever given yourself over to another's need so completely that thoughts about yourself vanished entirely?*

If you answered yes to both or one of these, you begin to know something of the great mystery of the cross and why Jesus became human. He became one of us, as this Sunday's Gospel tells us, because 'God so loved the world.' Once again we are reminded that Jesus has come not to condemn the world, but to save it. The reality painted in the first two readings sets the stage for this revelation. The fact is that we do not deserve to be saved, we deserve to be condemned for our sins, but God loves us so much that we are given chances to accept the grace of God's very life: that is grace; that is gift; that is God's doing. And that's what the Covenant Relationship is: God choosing to love us in spite of our sinfulness.

In joy, the perfect response we can give back for this continued favor is *gratefulness*. However, saying the words "thank you" is not enough, especially when our "thank you" is more automatic and insincere. Being "grateful" takes practice. The "thank you" God desires the most is a "grateful" life. Our actions should be proclamations that we have accepted the gift which God has given us. Let others be touched by and experience God's gracing through our behavior. If we can live "grateful" lives, people will come to better "know" the love which God has for them as well. May we always be grateful stewards of God's gift of mercy.

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
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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.

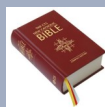
AED Available at back of church in
cabinet under Divine Mercy picture
and on parish lanai at school doors.

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

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23;
Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

The 2nd Book of Chronicles covers the same time period as the 1st and 2nd Books of Kings, approximately **1000 to 960 BC**. The inspired writer was probably a Levite from Jerusalem, given his respectful attention to the Temple and its institutions. It concludes with this Sunday's reading presenting what seems to be the two sides of a coin, the wrath and the mercy of God, revealed in both the exile and liberation of his people. Three complaints were made against Israel and its leaders: *"They were unfaithful; they defiled the temple; and, they mocked the prophets."* This led to their deportation and exile. However, in his mercy through Cyrus, God decided to restore them by allowing them to return.

At the heart of the Gospel are the core words: *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."* (John 3:16). Although alienated or exiled from God, the world is not evil in and of itself; it remains the object of divine compassion. The only explanation that we will ever have of the gift of eternal life (made possible for us in the redemption achieved in Christ) is the incredible love of God for the world. The term *"only Son"* stresses the gratuity of God's love – it extends even to this extreme, *"so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."* There are only two choices: Belief and eternal life or rejection and destruction. There is no middle ground (see John 6:54).

Questions for Reflection:

1. What does John 3:16 mean for you?
2. Why do some prefer darkness and resist the goodness of God?
3. Why do some have difficulty trusting and believing in God?
4. What does it mean to "love darkness"?

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 14,21,28 (SUNDAYS) RELIGIOUS ED PRORAM: 8:00AM—11:45AM
BOARDROOM/LOUNGE AND BASEMENT

MARCH 15, 22, 29 (MONDAYS) BIBLE STUDY: 9:00AM-10:30AM
BOARDROOM/LOUNGE

MARCH 15, 22, 29 (MONDAYS) RCIA—7:00PM-8:30PM
LOUNGE

MARCH 18, 25 (THURSDAYS) ROSARY MAKING—9AM-11AM
BOARDROOM AND LOUNGE

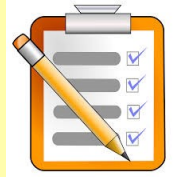
MARCH 18, 25 (THURSDAYS) BIBLE STUDY: 7:00PM-8:30PM
LOUNGE

MARCH 19, 26 (FRIDAYS) UPPER ROOM BIBLE SHARING: 6:30PM-8:00PM
LOUNGE

MARCH 19, 26 (FRIDAYS) **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** 7:00PM-7:45PM
CHURCH

MARCH 24 (WEDNESDAY) WINDWARD VICARIATE DEACONS AND WIVES MEETING -6:30PM-9:00PM
BOARDROOM AND LOUNGE

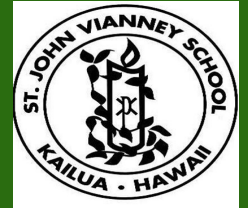
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By: *Earl Walker*

SCHOOL NEWS

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



St. John Vianney School is now accepting applications for our Summer School 2021 program. Class sizes are limited so we recommend that applications be submitted as soon as possible. Our mission is to teach your children and instill in them an appreciation of learning within a safe environment that allows students to grow both socially as well as intellectually. This is an opportunity to provide your child with an exciting and challenging summer experience.

We are also accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year for NEW STUDENTS. Our curriculum offers an education that combines academic excellence with our Catholic faith and teachings. We also strive to develop the future leaders of Hawai'i and our Church. Applications are available in the school office or may be downloaded from our website at: sjvkailua.org. Parents may seek tuition assistance from the St. John Vianney Education Foundation.

For more information on either application, please contact the school office at 264-4651.



Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory: Our weekly donation for **March 6th thru March 12th, 2021** is **\$9,145** and the weekly **budget is \$8,010**.

Therefore, we have a surplus of **\$1,135**.

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.



Pall (liturgy), a piece of stiffened linen used to cover the **chalice** at the Eucharist.

Next Week

Fifth Sunday of Lent—Year B

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/032121.cfm>

Reading I:
Jeremiah 31:31-34

Reading II:
Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel:
John 12:20-33



For the Healing of:

Joan Hiel, Sylvia Kruse, Barbara Fields, Gabrielle Taylor, Rev. Sean Code, Buck Marcum, Keone Johnson, Janis Palafox, Charles Gauthé Jr, Robert Brown, Frances Yoshimitsu, Milton McAngus, Jonathan & Malina Lewsczuk, Kathleen Heirakuji, Michael Miti, Gordon Wong, Sandy Chong, John Sutton, Myngoc Le, Jon Blumhardt, Trish Robertson, Ruth Alves, And for the Homebound

11:00 A .M. MASS WILL HAVE DIFFERENT READINGS FOR THE SECOND SCRUTINY SUNDAY. PLEASE CLICK ON WEBSITE BELOW AND SELECT SCRUTINY CYCLE A

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B MARCH 14, 2021

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/031421.cfm>

Reading I

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place.

But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy.

Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects.



Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled."

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing:

"Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia:

All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

Reading II

Eph 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters:

God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come

He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast.

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them



Gospel

Jn 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed.

But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.



Lenten
Communal Penance
Services
in the
Windward Vicariate

St. John Vianney, Kailua
Tuesday, March 16, 2021 @ 7:00PM

OLMC, Waikane
Monday, March 22, 2021 @ 7:00PM

St. Ann, Kaneohe
Tuesday, March 23, 2021 @ 7:00PM

St. Anthony, Kailua
Friday, March 26, 2021 @ 7:00PM



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU
WITNESS TO JESUS

A Message from Bishop Larry Silva

Peace be with you!

As we continue on our Lenten journey, we look forward to the joyful celebration of the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the greatest event in the history of the world. We have been living in this strange time of the pandemic, and now with decreasing numbers of cases, increasing accessibility to vaccines, and “herd immunity” on the horizon, we should be able to celebrate Easter in a more normal fashion this year. Since our Sunday encounter with the Risen Lord in the Eucharist is the source and summit of who we are as Christians, it is important that we return to our weekly celebrations.

Effective Easter Sunday, April 4 (or as of the Easter Vigil, April 3), I am ending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which has been in effect since mid March, 2020. However, anyone who is sick, may have been exposed to anyone with COVID19, or who has a health condition that would endanger themselves or others by being present in church, continues to be dispensed.

500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES - HAWAII CELEBRATION

MASS of THANKSGIVING

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021 | 6:00PM

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF PEACE
1184 BISHOP STREET, HONOLULU, HAWAII



gifted to give

500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES
1521 - 2021



HAWAII CELEBRATION

CELEBRANT: MOST REVEREND LARRY SILVA
Bishop, Diocese of Honolulu

HOMILIST: REV. PASCUAL G. ABAYA IV
Rector, Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace

Based on the introductory part of the Pastoral Letter for 2021 Year of "Missio Ad Gentes,"

"THE PHILIPPINE CHURCH REJOICES AS IT ENTERS A NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF THE 500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN OUR TREASURED HOMELAND. FIVE CENTURIES AGO, WE RECEIVED THE MARVELOUS GIFT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH; OUR HEARTS OVERFLOW WITH JOY AND GRATITUDE. WHY OF ALL THE NATIONS AND PEOPLES IN ASIA WAS THE PHILIPPINES CHOSEN BY GOD TO BE AMONG THE FIRST TO RECEIVE THIS PRECIOUS GIFT? THE CLEAR ANSWER IS SIMPLY THIS: GOD'S MAGNANIMOUS, OVERFLOWING LOVE."

[Romulo G. Valles, D.D., Archbishop of Davao; President, Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, 29 November 2020, First Sunday of Advent.]

It is with joy to recall that our very own bishop, the Most Rev. Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu, in a letter, dated 3 December 2019 and addressed to priests and parishioners, said,

"IN HAWAII, A GREAT MAJORITY OF IMMIGRANTS HERE ARE FILIPINOS, WHO BROUGHT WITH THEM THEIR TRADITION, CULTURE AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THEIR FAITH. AND SO, I AM CALLING FOR OUR PARTICIPATION IN THAT GREAT JUBILEE, BUT OUR CELEBRATION WILL BE DONE LOCALLY IN OUR ISLANDS. AND WE WILL CALL THEM: "500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES – HAWAII CELEBRATION."

Our beloved Bishop Silva also in that LETTER reminded us, "The '500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines – Hawaii Celebration' is meant to be inclusive and not an exclusive celebration among our Filipino brethren."

Due to the pandemic, in-person participation is by invitation only. Seatings may become available as the date approaches via the Cathedral Basilica. The Mass will be live-stream on the Cathedral Basilica Social Media Platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Hawaii Catholic TV).

https://youtu.be/iYl2sjf_lqc

Pope Francis will be presiding at the Mass for the "500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines" celebration in the Vatican on 14 March 2021, Sunday. The link of the article from the Catholic News Agency (CAN) is provided below:

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/pope-francis-to-mark-500-years-of-catholic-faith-in-the-philippines-with-mass-15705>

LENTEN ALMS CHANGE LIVES

Crsricebowl.org



Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.

Your Lenten alms change lives globally and in your own community.



Your donations help provide lifesaving support to more than **159 million people** in more than **100 countries.**



75%
of your CRS Rice Bowl donation supports our work around the world.



25%
of gifts stay in each U.S. diocese for hunger and poverty alleviation efforts.



Since 1975, people of all ages have participated in CRS Rice Bowl, putting their faith into action during the Lenten season.



What does your donation provide?

\$40
helps purchase infant scales to measure babies' growth.

\$80
helps raise chickens to provide eggs for protein and income.

\$120
contributes toward a household garden for family nutrition.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

SEEKING DONATIONS FOR OUR PARISH

EASTER EGG
Hunt

**PLEASE DROP OFF DONATIONS AT THE
PARISH OFFICE NO LATER THAN MARCH 21ST**

SNACKS

(GUMMIES, POPCORN, GOLDFISH, ETC.)

CANDY

(INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED)

JUICE BOXES

NEW

BOOKS

COLORING BOOKS/CRAYONS

TOYS/CRAFTS



ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH AND PTSH

Easter EGG HUNT

APRIL 4TH 2021 after 9AM MASS

GRAB YOUR SMART PHONE AND GET READY FOR FUN!

- Get your first QR code egg clue after Mass
- Drive and follow the clues to six locations
- Every family receives a basket at the final destination!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

DEADLINE

MAR 28

REGISTER ONLINE AT SAINTJOHVIANNEYHAWAII.ORG

LET THE SPIRIT GUIDE YOU

DISCERN THE VOCATION OF

DEACON



Dcn. Clarence DeCaires



Dcn. Jerry Tokars



**Dcn. Walter Yoshimitsu
Retired**

OVERVIEW

The ministry of the Permanent Diaconate is new, yet in another sense, ancient; it traces its roots to the time of the Apostles.

The Diaconate flourished as an official ministry in the Early Church but, in time it became a step toward priesthood and, thus, became a transitional office. The Second Vatican Council restored the Permanent Diaconate as a unique way to serve the people of God in a threefold ministry of word, sacrament and charity.

The Deacon is empowered by his bishop to administer infant Baptism, witness Marriages, officiate at wakes, funerals and burial services, administer sacramentals, preside at prayer services, distribute Holy Communion, proclaim the Gospel and deliver the homily.

The Deacon's ministry of charity calls him to areas of need in which he demonstrates particular expertise or talent. These areas may include hospital/hospice chaplaincy, prison ministry or other works designed to assist the poor and marginalized members of society.

Cohort 11 Deacon Formation Inquiry Weekends will be held in 2021

Attendance at one of the Inquiry Weekends is mandatory for all those contemplating the submission of an application.

April 9 - 11, 2021 (Limited to 9 couples) Registration deadline - April 2, 2021
May 14 - 16, 2021 (Limited to 9 couples) Registration deadline - May 7, 2021
June 11 - 13, 2021 (Limited to 9 couples) Registration deadline - June 4, 2021

- Married applicants must attend the weekend as a couple. Applications will not be accepted without the wife's attendance.
- All expenses (*including airfare for neighbor islanders*) will be borne by the diocese. Voluntary donations to offset the expense will be accepted upon completion of the weekend.
- Applications will be accepted only after attendance at one of the Deacon Formation Inquiry Weekends at St. Stephen Diocesan Center.



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If you or a friend are hurting from a past abortion...



Rachel's Vineyard is for anyone who has experienced emotional pain and suffering after abortion. This weekend retreat offers a private environment of safety and trust for both women and men to begin the healing process.

The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held on April 16-18, 2021

(Arrival at 5:30pm on Friday/departure on Sunday at 5:00pm)

Space is Limited. Registrations are Strictly Confidential.

"If the emotional and spiritual wounds of a past abortion have been sapping faith, love and joy from your life, I can promise, that if you enter this process for healing, your life will begin to change. A journey into Rachel's Vineyard is a gift only you can open your heart to receive... A new chapter of your life awaits you.. Take courage, God is calling you towards peace, love, hope, and freedom." (Dr. Theresa Burke, Founder of Rachel's Vineyard Ministries)

To register, contact Lisa Shorba at (808) 349-5071

or email: rvinhawaii@gmail.com.

For more information go to: www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Suggested donation: \$175/person (covers room, meals/refreshments and materials). Need-based scholarships are available. Retreats take place at a private retreat center on Oahu.

A Ministry of the Respect Life Office of the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii and Priests For Life.