

EASTER SUNDAY

HE IS RISEN

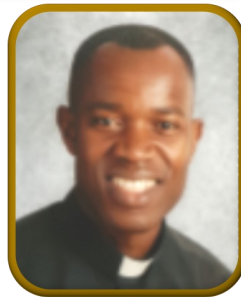
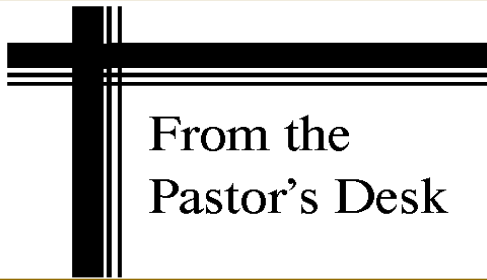
HAPPY  
EASTER!

APRIL 4, 2021



**Saint John Vianney Parish  
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**Dear Parish Family,**

**ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!**

Three words stand out in scripture this day: *Christ is Risen!* For the disciples, these words meant many things, and foremost among them was *joy*. How about you? What does resurrection mean for you? Victory over fear of death and sin? Eternal life with God? The gift of the Holy Spirit within us? I believe that for us, as well, our list contains joy.

It is a joy that in spite of the many hardships; economic, political, physical, health, or whatever it could be in our lives, no one can take it away. How are we to share in all of this? St. Paul reminds us: *“Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. Let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of integrity and truth.”*

Easter is not only a time for celebration, bunnies and Easter eggs, new clothes and fancy bonnets - it is also a time for deep inner renewal. It is a time to recommit ourselves to the meaning of our Baptism and Confirmation. We need to remember that as we break and share together the unleavened bread of the Eucharist, we share the Body of Christ, and that body embraces the whole community. The *“apostles”* were people sent out on a mission to proclaim the Good News about the risen Jesus. We, too, share in that apostolic mission. No one will know about Jesus and what he means in our lives unless we tell them. They depend on us. *The Good News is not a secret, share it joyfully!*

Happy Easter! On behalf of the Parish and School Staff, we would like to wish you and your families a Blessed Easter.

**In the Risen 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 & Mary Duddy  
**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

**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*

## Resurrection of Jesus

Matthew 28:6; Mark 16; Luke 24;  
John 20:1-18; 2 Cor. 5:1

*The above New Testament readings show us that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of the Christian faith. Without the resurrection, the belief in God's saving grace through Jesus is destroyed. When Jesus rose from the dead, he confirmed his identity as the Son of God and his work of atonement, redemption, reconciliation, and salvation. Jesus testified of his resurrection before he died on the cross and his disciples witnessed his body after the resurrection. The resurrection was real. Even the Old Testament speaks of the truth about the resurrection. (Isaiah 26:19; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Daniel 12:1-4; Hosea 13:14)*

*For Jesus' family and friends, the empty tomb and the risen Jesus himself were a shocking surprise. Despite Jesus preparing them for his death and resurrection, they simply couldn't imagine how Jesus' death fit into God's purpose. The Gospel accounts show how the only way to embrace the risen Jesus is to let go of our normal ways of viewing the world. Only then can we open ourselves to the surprising power of God's love for our world.*

*Reflection 1: What do you think people expected Jesus to do or be like? How did he surprise them?*

*Reflection 2: What are some of the assumptions you hold about life, God, or your future that could be keeping you from seeing what Jesus might be up to in your life?*



# Stewardship of Treasure



**Offertory:** Our weekly donation for **March 27th thru April 2nd, 2021** is **\$6,952** and the weekly **budget is \$8,010.**

Therefore, we have a deficit of **\$1,058.**

**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.



*Ciborium, plural Ciboria, any receptacle designed to hold the consecrated Eucharistic bread. The ciborium is usually shaped like a rounded goblet, or chalice, having a dome-shaped cover.*

***Second Sunday of Easter  
(Divine Mercy Sunday) Year B***  
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/041121.cfm>

Reading I:  
Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

Reading II:  
1 John 5:1-6

Gospel:  
John 20:19-31

## ***For the Healing of:***

*Leatrice Ann Battisto, Barbara Fields,  
Gabrielle Taylor, Rev. Sean Code, Buck Marcum,  
Keone Johnson, Janis Palafox, Charles Gauthe Jr,  
Robert Brown, Frances Yoshimitsu,  
Milton McAngus,  
Jonathan & Malina Lewsczuk,  
Kathleen Heirakuji, Michael Miti,  
Gordon Wong, Sandy Chong,  
John Sutton, Trish Robertson,  
Ruth Alves,  
And for the Homebound*



*Rest in Peace: Mary Lerps*

# Upcoming Events!

## **APRIL 4 (SUNDAY) EASTER SUNDAY MASSES @ 7AM, 9AM & 11AM—CHURCH EASTER EGG HUNT (PLEASE SEE FLYER)**

APRIL 5, 12, 19, 26 (MONDAYS) RCIA @7PM—8:30PM  
LOUNGE

APRIL 6 (TUESDAY) Catholic Charities Hawaii "Hawaii Circle of Care of Dementia Project @ 7PM  
Church (see flyer)

APRIL 7 (WEDNESDAY) Faith Formation Meeting @7PM —8:30PM  
BOARDROOM

APRIL 8, 15, 22, 29 (THURSDAYS) Rosary Making 9:00am—11:00am  
Boardroom/Lounge

APRIL 9, 16, 23, 30 (FRIDAYS) UPPER ROOM—BIBLE SHARING  
LOUNGE

APRIL 10 (SATURDAY) ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AFTER THE 8AM MASS  
CHURCH -(SEE FLYER)

APRIL 11, 18, 25 (SUNDAYS) Religious Ed Program 8:00am-11:45am  
Boardroom, Lounge, Basement

APRIL 21 (WEDNESDAY) WINDWARD VICARIATE DEACONS & WIVES MEETING @ 6:30PM-9PM  
BOARDROOM AND LOUNGE

April 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

By: *Earl Walker*

## SCHOOL NEWS

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



*The legacy of our Catholic education at St. John Vianney School is more than the knowledge imparted to our students. It is the development of a deep and abiding sense of faith, the realization of the value of moral character and the inspiration of a life-long journey of learning. We achieve this through a challenging curriculum, in a nurturing environment and with support from their parents.*

*Each child in our three-year-old Learning Center through grade eight is encouraged to achieve the full potential of their God given abilities. Our focus is on the whole child: academically, physically, spiritually and socially. We take time to make sure students are succeeding not only in their studies, but also to help them develop healthy social relationships and to make good decisions. Our goal for them is to succeed in life, serve their neighbors, and find joy in their lives.*

*Excellent reasons for you to enroll your child in our school for next year.*

# Easter Sunday

## April 4, 2021

### Reading I

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/040421.cfm>

Peter proceeded to speak and said:  
"You know what has happened all over Judea,  
beginning in Galilee after the baptism  
that John preached,  
how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth  
with the Holy Spirit and power.  
He went about doing good  
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,  
for God was with him.  
We are witnesses of all that he did  
both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.  
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.  
This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible,  
not to all the people, but to us,  
the witnesses chosen by God in advance,  
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.  
He commissioned us to preach to the people  
and testify that he is the one appointed by God  
as judge of the living and the dead.  
To him all the prophets bear witness,  
that everyone who believes in him  
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."



### Reading II

Col 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters:  
If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.  
Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.  
For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.  
When Christ your life appears,  
then you too will appear with him in glory.

### Gospel

Jn 20:1-9

On the first day of the week,  
Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,  
while it was still dark,  
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.  
So she ran and went to Simon Peter  
and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,  
"They have taken the Lord from the tomb,  
and we don't know where they put him."  
So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.  
They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter  
and arrived at the tomb first;  
he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.  
When Simon Peter arrived after him,  
he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there,  
and the cloth that had covered his head,  
not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.  
Then the other disciple also went in,  
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,  
and he saw and believed.





CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

**TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021 AT 7 PM IN THE  
ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH,  
DIANE TEREDA, FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
WILL PRESENT  
THE HAWAII CIRCLE OF CARE  
FOR DEMENTIA PROJECT**

**Diane will provide information about their case management services for persons living alone with dementia.**

**Diane will share the following information on:**

**Background on the Hawaii Circle of Care for Dementia project**

**The project's goals for providing services to persons living alone with dementia**

**What is Case Management**

**The project's goal to provide Case Management for persons living alone with dementia**

**Ideas on how to introduce case management services to a person living alone with dementia and/or their family caregiver**

**The case management process, including the involvement of family and other concerned persons**

**Please register online or contact the Parish Office at 808-262-8317.**





# ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**S**aint John Vianney  
Church  
Saturday,  
April 10, 2021  
**After the**  
**8:00am Mass**

*We will include  
quotes from our  
Lord as found in  
the Diary of  
Saint Faustina.  
Come Join Us!*



# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021

**(Next weekend is Divine Mercy Sunday. We will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. Everyone is invited to stay)**

## Divine Mercy Explained

Pope Francis called St. Faustina Kowalska the apostle of mercy. "May she, who was called to enter the depths of divine mercy, intercede for us and obtain for us the grace of living and walking always according to the mercy of God and with an unwavering trust in his love" (The Face of Mercy, 24).

Introduce your students to a saint who made divine mercy the mission of her life.

### Story of St. Faustina

On a February night in 1931, a simple nun in Poland received a mystical vision of Jesus in a white robe with red-and-white rays radiating from his heart. Sister Faustina Kowalska remembered the words Jesus said to her: "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You.' I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and then throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish." In obedience to her vision, three years later she managed to get an artist to produce the now-famous Divine Mercy image.

Jesus had also instructed her that the image was to be venerated publicly on the first Sunday after Easter and that this was to be for the whole Church; even the pope would venerate the image. How could the lowly Polish nun ever hope to accomplish such a task? She had no contacts with people in power, and many doubted her supposed visions and conversations with Jesus.

She found support with one priest, Blessed Father Michael Sopocko, and over the next few decades the Divine Mercy devotion began to spread and gain approval. Then, in 1958 Church theologians detected potential errors in Sister Faustina's writings and both the devotion and her writings were suppressed. The ban on the Divine Mercy devotion lasted for 20 years.

### Divine Mercy Devotion

Meanwhile, in 1965 the archbishop of Kraków—a certain Karol Wojtyła—got permission for a more extensive investigation into Sister Faustina and the Divine Mercy devotion. In 1978 Wojtyła was elected Pope John Paul II, and the Church lifted the ban on Sister Faustina's teachings and the Divine Mercy devotion. Pope John Paul II beatified Sister Faustina in 1993 and declared her a saint in the jubilee year 2000. At that time John Paul II also declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday for the universal Church. Thus, through divine providence, a Polish pope fulfilled the seemingly impossible prophecies given to the simple Polish nun.

As a sign of divine blessing on St. John Paul II's mission of mercy, he died on the vigil of the Divine Mercy in April 2005. On Divine Mercy Sunday 2011,

he was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI, and on Divine Mercy Sunday 2014, Karol Wojtyła joined his little sister Faustina in the roll of saints, thus continuing in heaven together their mission of mercy to the world.

### Divine Mercy Image

The red-and-white beams represent the sacraments of baptism and Communion. We must participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church. Through regular confession and Communion we plug into the powerhouse of Divine Mercy. As Jesus was the Divine Mercy incarnate, our ordinary lives can become the Divine Mercy incarnate.

It is no coincidence that Divine Mercy Sunday is the Sunday after Easter. This is because the Divine Mercy is essentially a Resurrection image. Jesus steps out of the darkness of death, bringing new life and power to the world. As we contemplate this image and yield ourselves to Christ, the rays that emanate from his heart touch us and make the Resurrection life real in our lives.

### Divine Mercy Chaplet

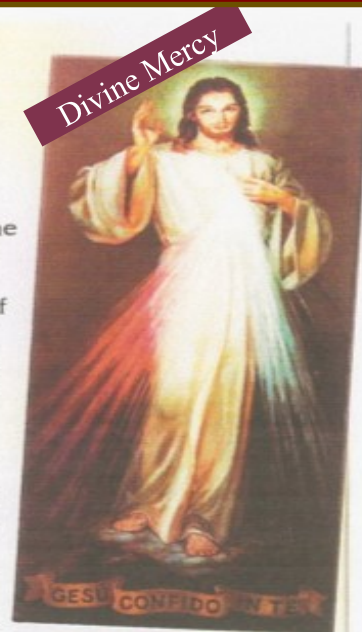
The *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska* chronicles God's message of mercy given through St. Faustina. In a revelation, Jesus encouraged the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given you (*Diary*, 1541). Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death (687). I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy (687). Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will. (1731)

Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, the Divine Mercy chaplet is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist, so it is especially appropriate to teach first Holy Communicants. It may be said at any time, but our Lord specifically told St. Faustina to recite it during the nine days before the Feast of Mercy (the first Sunday after Easter).

For more information and for instructions on how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, visit [TheDivineMercy.org/Message/Devotions/PrayTheChaplet.php](http://TheDivineMercy.org/Message/Devotions/PrayTheChaplet.php)

—Fr. Dwight Longenecker





LET THE SPIRIT GUIDE YOU  
DISCERN THE VOCATION OF

# DEACON



**Deacon Chris Rubican, ordained 2018, from Maui**

## 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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## Hope Is Renewed Every Easter

By Gary Hoover (Get to know Gary. See end of article)



The Christian story centers on Holy Week, where fear and love collide. Hope disappears amidst unbearable grief. Then we are completely surprised by the resurrection--and hope reappears on Easter.

Recent shootings in American cities are not unrelated to the continuing violence we perpetrate against “all our relations” in the Creation. We have learned to take without regard, and now as the Holocene slips away like the Garden of Eden, we need more than ever to follow Christ, who gave himself completely and shows us the way of love.

...My daughter sent me some beautiful photos of dewdrops on leaves and flowers. The dew drops appear along the fractal patterns of leaf and petal. Dew drops are fragile and disappear quickly. But they surprise us by returning as the early morning sun appears each day. When Christ died, he

was fragile and vulnerable, but he moved through death into new life and started the work of the New Creation.

...The Bible tells us that the whole Creation - together with us - is going through the pains of childbirth. God’s spirit is within us and shares every moment of the experience with us, crying out to express our thoughts and feelings with utterances beyond words. God’s spirit also gives us the fruits of “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” (Galatians 5:22, 23) which work powerfully to transform us and our world.

The way of resurrection is the way of the dew drop—returning with each new day. Take time this Easter to renew hope by understanding that the Way of Love will not fail. God promises that one day “there will be no more curse.” That is the way the story ends. We are nested in God’s Love, and God’s spirit dwells within us.

**Love never fails.**

Gary Hoover is a member of Central Union Church and is active in Faith Action’s Environmental Justice Task Force. He moved to Hawaii in 2016 after living in Minneapolis for over 30 years. He has two adult children. He’s done care-giving work and has been a bicycle activist for many years. He currently works for Biki, upkeeping and docking bikes at stations around the city. He considers his job and Faith Action “a blessed opportunity to be the hands and feet of the Risen Christ here and now.” He also leads a weekly webinar entitled “Christ, Creation, Crisis and You.”





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