

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021



Saint John Vianney Parish Community

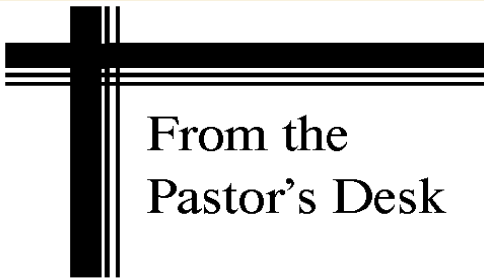
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Dear Parish Family,

Now that Jesus is risen, it means that he is in his people. Of course, Jesus is present in every person in some way ("as often as you do it to one of these, the least of my brothers and sisters, you do it to me" Mt. 25:40) but he is present in a special way in his own disciples, that is, those who accept him as their Lord. This Sunday's Gospel says that our relationship to him is similar to a tree and its branches. The branch cannot be separated from the parent tree and continue to live. At the same time, it is not enough to be a branch on the tree, there must also be fruit produced. It is not enough to be a Christian and "fulfill one's religious duties". What is that fruit that Jesus speaks of? We get an indication in the Second Reading which is from the First Letter of John. There he says that love cannot just be in words and talk, not even in the most lovely-sounding prayers. Love, he says, is shown in action, in deeds. Only when we are loving in deed can we know that Jesus lives in us. If we let Him, God produces his goodness in us. God does not love me because I am good; I am good because God's love is working in and through me to others.

Finally, I have to ask myself: Am I really a living branch on the vine that is Jesus? Am I a Christian that bears fruit? Am I living my life creatively so that others also benefit? Can other people see the influence that Jesus has on my life – in my words, my actions, my general behavior and lifestyle? Am I unmistakably a follower of Jesus? How many people have come to know and believe in the joy of following Jesus because of me? Let us ask the Lord to make us true branches that bear fruit.

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

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

Our lives are always connected to a source. In the First Reading, Paul is accepted by the source of faith, the apostles in Jerusalem. And in the Second Reading, the connection goes a step deeper: God commands us to believe in Jesus Christ and to love one another. This connectedness leads us to a better understanding of the Gospel.

As the Easter season progresses our gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of John, which provides us with rich material for reflection on what Christ has done for us through his death and resurrection. We encounter this Sunday another image which Jesus uses to describe himself and his relationship with his disciples. Jesus is the true vine. The symbol of the vine is found frequently in the Old Testament.

The people of Israel are compared to a vine, which is supposed to bear abundant fruit. Jesus adopts the image to speak of the way in which he provides life for those who believe and follow him. He himself is the vine, and his followers are the branches. The process of growth and of bearing fruit is watched over by the Father, to whom the vine belongs. The image of the vine is particularly effective because the branches cannot live without their attachment to the vine, neither can they be fruitful without the goodness provided by the vine. To live with Christ is to bear fruit. It is in drawing strength from Jesus that Christians can bear fruit in faith and good works. On the other hand, a refusal to be connected to God has a negative consequence, that of not being nourished by God's kindness.

Questions for Reflection:

*How can you derive more strength from the vine which is Christ?
How important do you consider it to belong to the vine of Christ?*

UPCOMING EVENTS

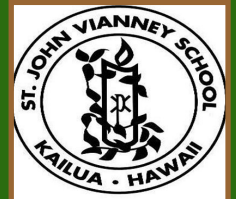
MAY 2, 16, 23 & 30 (SUNDAYS)	RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM @ 8:00am-11:45am BOARDROOM, LOUNGE & BASEMENT
MAY 3, 10, 17, 24 (MONDAYS)	RCIA @7PM—8:30PM LOUNGE
MAY 6, 13, 20 & 27 (THURSDAYS)	ROSARY MAKING @ 9:00am—11:00am BOARDROOM & LOUNGE
MAY 9 (SUNDAY)	MAY CROWNING AT THE GROTTA after 11 am Mass
MAY 7, 14, 21 & 28 (FRIDAYS)	UPPER ROOM BIBLE SHARING LOUNGE—@6:30PM-8:00PM
MAY 15 & 16 (SATURDAY/SUNDAY)	CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN- SECOND COLLECTION
MAY 23 (SUNDAY)	PENTECOST
MAY 31, (MONDAY)	MEMORIAL DAY—HOLIDAY –PARISH & SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED

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By: *Earl Walker*

SCHOOL NEWS

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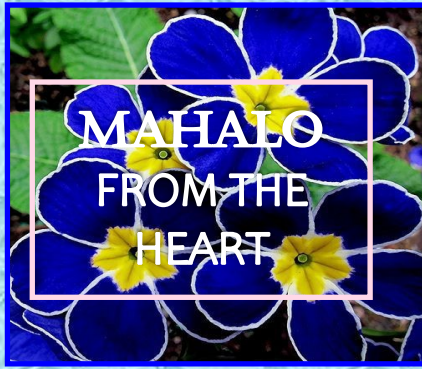


St. John Vianney School's May Day Celebration honoring native Hawaiian Culture will take place this Friday, May 7, 2021. This year's virtual event is a fundraiser for our tuition assistance programs, since we are unable to hold our annual Breakfast with the Bishop.

We wish to thank all our sponsors who contributed to this event with donations over \$15,000.

These funds will support both our tuition assistance programs: SJV Scholarships, which are considered for any new student who needs assistance with tuition, and Welcome Grants, which are considered for Catholic students who wish to enroll in grades K through 7th from a non-Catholic School.

We invite you to come and experience our Catholic School and the difference it will have on your child and your family. We place an emphasis on character development, offer an environment where everyone is welcome and strike a balance between academics and the value of service to others. For more information, call 261-4651.



Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory: April 10th thru 16th, 2021—\$7,885.00

Budget of \$8,010.00 = deficit of \$125.00

April 17th thru April 23rd - \$4,819.00

Budget of \$8,010.00 = deficit of \$3,192

April 24th thru 30th will be in next week's bulletin.

MAHALO for your continued SUPPORT to GIVE

If you give online, 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.



Chasuble, liturgical vestment, the outermost garment worn by Roman Catholic priests and bishops at Mass when they celebrate the Eucharist.

Next Week's Readings Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/050921.cfm>

Reading I:

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Reading II:

1 John 4:7-10

Gospel:

John 15:9-17

For the Healing of:



*Edward Balderston, Jim Balderston,
Andrew Montalvo, Sydney Bennett, Maria Durante,
Joya Baker, Stacy Carnes, Leatrice Ann Battisto,
Barbara Fields, Gabrielle Taylor, Buck Marcum,
Keone Johnson, Janis Palafox, Charles Gauthier Jr,
Robert Brown, Frances Yoshimitsu, Milton McAngus,
Jonathan & Malina Lewsczuk, Kathleen Heirakuji,
Myngoc Le, Michael Miti, Gordon Wong, Sandy Chong,
John Sutton, Trish Robertson, Ruth Alves,
Doug Barbieto, for the Homebound and for other
special intentions.*

Rest in Peace: Bob Brown



LET THE SPIRIT GUIDE YOU
DISCERN THE VOCATION OF
DEACON

**WE NEED DEACONS IN OUR PARISH!
NEXT DEACON INQUIRY
WEEKENDS WILL BE HELD
MAY 14—16, 2021 AND JUNE 11—13, 2021
CALL 203-6729 OR [JCOUGHLIN@RCCHAWAII.ORG](mailto:jcoughlin@rcchawaii.org)**

Deacon Formation



Aloha and welcome to the Office of Permanent Deacon Formation website!

The Office of Permanent Deacon Formation is responsible for coordination of recruitment, screening, selection and formation of candidates for the Permanent Diaconate.

The Permanent Deacon Formation Program is directed at preparing men spiritually, academically and pastorally for ordination and to assist the Church in its mission of salvation of souls. Men who are called and chosen will be formed and sent to teach, to guard and to bear witness to, and to serve Holy Mother the Church through the example of their lives and their ministries of Word, service and charity.

Diaconal ministry works hand in hand with both priestly and lay ministry as a sacrament to bring about the kingdom of God. Deacons are men with a charism and a calling to radical availability for service to the People of God, the Church. The deacon's vocation calls him to collaborate with the bishop and the priests in an exercise of a ministry which is not of their own, but the Word of God—calling all to conversion and holiness. It is a ministry of reconciliation, of outreach to the most marginalized and those most in need of care, of education and justice. The Diaconate was not re-instituted because we have a shortage of priests or lay ministers. It was restored as "a living icon of Christ the Servant within the Church...a visible sign or sacrament of the Lord Christ himself."

If you are discerning a call to the permanent diaconate or interested in learning more about the diaconate, please visit our web pages for **Deacon Formation** or contact Deacon John Coughlin, Co-Director, at [\(808\)203-6729](tel:8082036729) or jcoughlin@rcchawaii.org.

Within the Office of Permanent Deacon Formation, we are prepared to assist you on discerning a response to your vocation.



**DEACONS
ORDAINED THIS
YEAR 2021**

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<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/050221.cfm>

Reading I

Acts 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

Gospel

Jn 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:
"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Jesus: The True Vine

John 15:1-8



Reading II

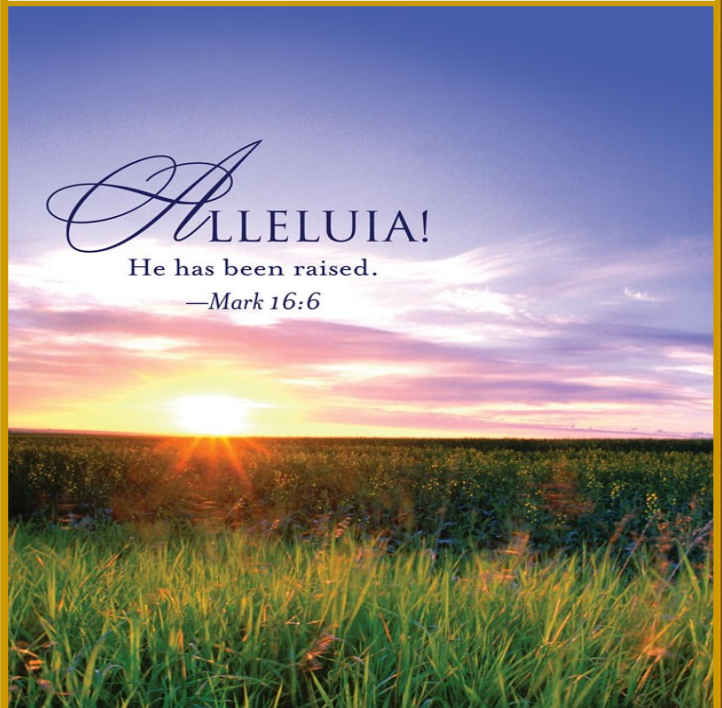
1 Jn 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

ALLELUIA!

He has been raised.

—Mark 16:6



**St. John Vianney Parish
Presents**

A Year of Reading the Bible

Hearing Scripture only on Sunday is not enough.



“Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ”
Saint Jerome (342 AD - 420 AD)

During May read the entire Biblical story:
Jesus describes his relationship with his Disciples.
The Disciples are given a commandment.
Jesus is taken up to Heaven.
The Disciples receive the Holy Spirit.
Jesus commissions His Disciples.
(See back page)

“And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

"Salvation, faith, unity and mercy all depend on knowing Christ and sacred Scripture."

Pope Francis



MAY GOSPEL READINGS

Please read the entire story

May 02: Fifth Sunday of Easter

"I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you."

(Read more: John 15:1-8)

May 09: Sixth Sunday of Easter

"This I command you: love one another. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you." **(Read more: John 15:9-17)**

May 16: Ascension of the Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.

(Read more: Mark 16:15-20)

May 23: Pentecost

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

(Read more: John 20:19-23)

May 30: The Most Holy Trinity

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

(Read more: Matthew 28:16-20)

**Our Parish Faith Formation Committee
encourages everyone in our parish family
to read these entire Gospel stories during May 2021**



Faith Action Presents Free Climate Change Webinar

Faith Action's Environmental Justice Task Force is co-sponsoring a free webinar on climate change, where the most recent research data will be presented. The online event features national authority and professor of Earth Sciences at UH Manoa, Dr. Charles "Chip" Fletcher.

"Climate Change: Global Perspectives, Local Solutions"

May 8, 2021, 9:00 -a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

To register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltcuyurT4qHtKca501BVkF1Tg7hyiwkoTW>

Following Dr. Fletcher's presentation, participants will be able to choose breakout groups led by Hawaii's environmental organizations where everyone will be given a chance to engage on how to take action locally.

This event is co-sponsored by the following organizations:

350.org
Citizens' Climate Lobby Hawaii
Climate Protectors
Climate Reality Leadership Oahu
Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party
Environmental Justice Task Force of Faith Action for Community Equity
Hawaii EV Association
Hawaii Youth Climate Coalition
Kauai Climate Action Coalition
The Nature Conservancy, Hawai'i and Palmyra
Protect & Preserve Hawaii
Surfrider Oahu

The webinar promises to be stimulating and informative, and we hope you will join us.



During the Month of May, the women of the Sodality of Our Blessed Lady will pray the Rosary after the 8 a.m. Mass on Saturday mornings.

We invite you to come to Mass and pray the Rosary with us.

Please mark your calendars. Bring your Rosary, wear your mask and we will continue to observe 6' distancing.

A plenary indulgence is granted if the Rosary is recited in a church, a public oratory, a family group.

PLENARY INDULGENCE

The word "plenary" means "complete," relating to the complete remission of punishment for sins. The word "indulgence" comes from a Latin word, "indulgentia," which means "pardon." An indulgence is a gracious pardon, or dismissal, of the effects of sin. It can remove all the temporal punishment due to forgiven sin.

No one but God knows for certain when a plenary indulgence is actually gained, because only he knows whether a person's dispositions are adequate. A plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day.

To receive a plenary indulgence it is necessary to perform the work to which the indulgence is attached and to fulfill three conditions:

1. Sacramental confession,
2. Eucharistic Communion, and
3. Prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, all to be performed within days of each other if not at the same time.

These conditions may be satisfied several days before or after the performance of the prescribed work, though preferably Communion should be received and the prayers offered for the Pope on the same day as the indulgenced work. It is further required that all attachment to sin, even to venial sin, be absent.

Important: Every new Rosary must be blessed by a Catholic priest in order for it to be a SACRAMENTAL, which means that it carries the blessing of the "prayer of the Church".



The parish May crowning of our Blessed Lady, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, will be on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9th, after the 11 a.m. Mass