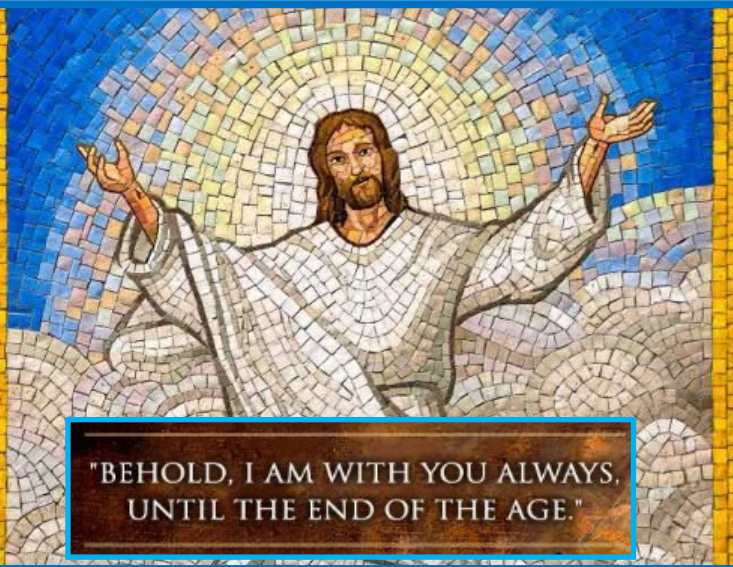


# The Ascension of the Lord May 16, 2021



## Saint John Vianney Parish Community

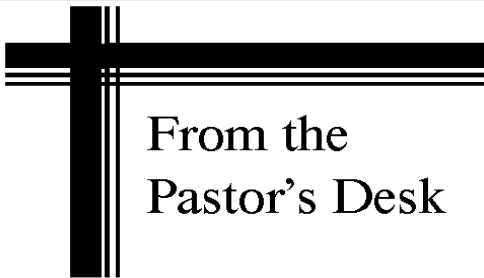
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**Dear Parish Family,**

***Happy Ascension Sunday! Mission accomplished!***

Though Jesus would have wanted to do more with his physical presence here on earth, the mission he was sent to do had somewhat come to an end. At this time, he was returning back to his original glory and he promised his disciples: ***“I am going to prepare a place for you.”*** This only shows that, although our lives may take different twists and turns, our destination is the same, union with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

However, where Jesus’ mission ends here on earth, a new journey begins for us. This Sunday’s readings have a clear reminder to the disciples and all those who would believe: ***“...and you will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth.”*** To be a witness of Jesus, is both a privilege and an obligation. This honor, bestowed on us, can for the most part be scary because many times we all feel unworthy. And truth be told, that is why we need the Church because it is there where we acknowledge our unworthiness, and only by the grace of God through the sacraments, we are made worthy. This clearly shows that it was Jesus’ intent to pass on the torch to be kept burning brightly for us. Jesus, being realistic, knew very well that the work and mission he was handing over would be challenging and difficult at times, leading some to want to give up or quit. ***It is for this reason that he promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit to help them in this urgent and important mission.***

Next Sunday at ***Pentecost***, we will see how we are never alone, in health and sickness, in poverty and in riches, laboring as stewards in the Lord’s vineyard.

***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  
**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*

**Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20 (Ascension of the Lord)**

*The Ascension is the dramatic departure of the risen Christ from His earthly, bodily ministry among His followers. It is important to realize that the ascension of Christ had always been a part of the overall plan of God found in the prophecies of the Old Testament. The idea of the ascension was not some last minute idea thought up by hapless and hopeless disciples. Isaiah 52:13 states: "Behold, My servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up, and greatly exalted."*

*Since His birth in Bethlehem by the miracle of the incarnation, Christ had lived physically on earth, but 40 days after the resurrection, His earthly ministry would cease (Mark 16:19; Luke 24:50-51; Acts 1:9-11). To a large extent the ascension was for the benefit of Jesus' followers because he would be present to them, no longer with a physical presence, but through the Spirit. They must now wait for the promised Holy Spirit through whom the work of Jesus would continue. After Jesus ascended, there was the urgency to share the gospel with every creature. This mission of sharing a wonderful message of joy and life is still an active job description to all his followers in every generation. As you prepare to share it, it will not be an easy task, but will be very fulfilling.*

**Questions for Reflection:**

- *What makes it easier to share your faith with some people than with others?*
  - *Is there anyone in your "world" whom you think needs to hear the Gospel message?*
- What are some non-verbal ways you can help your friends know about Jesus?

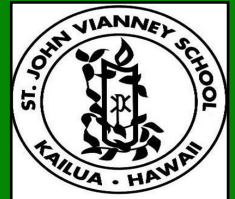
# UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 17, 24 (MONDAYS)	RCIA @7PM—8:30PM LOUNGE
MAY 20 & 27 (THURSDAYS)	ROSARY MAKING @ 9:00am—11:00am BOARDROOM & LOUNGE
MAY 21 & 28 (FRIDAYS)	UPPER ROOM BIBLE SHARING LOUNGE—@6:30PM-8:00PM
MAY 23 & 30 (SUNDAYS)	RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM @ 8:00am-11:45am BOARDROOM, LOUNGE & BASEMENT
MAY 22 (SATURDAY)	FIRST EUCHARIST/CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL @ 10AM
MAY 23 (SUNDAY)	PENTECOST- FIRST EUCHARIST/CONFIRMATION WITH BISHOP LARRY@ 11AM MASS
MAY 31, (MONDAY)	MEMORIAL DAY—HOLIDAY –PARISH & SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED

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By: *Earl Walker*

## SCHOOL NEWS



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

*The School Board of St. John Vianney School met in person this past May 11<sup>th</sup> for the first time in over thirteen months. Prior to then, the Board had met through Zoom meetings due to the pandemic. During this meeting the members wore face masks and maintained safe distancing. Our school's excellent financial position was reviewed at the meeting, as well as presenting its new Strategic Plan, named Journey to Excellence Part Two.*

*The Board had undertaken the task of updating the Strategic Plan developed in 2010 which served as a roadmap for our school leaders and faculty for the past decade. This updated version presents a road map for achievement for the next five years. It provides guidance for curriculum development, optimal enrollment levels and the maintenance of our facilities. Upon approval by our pastor, it will be a guide for our continued excellence as we educate the children of Windward Oahu.*

*For more information, call 261-4651.*



## Stewardship of Treasure

**Offertory:** Our weekly donation for May 8th thru May 14th was \$7,477, weekly budget is \$8,010.

**Therefore, we have a deficit of \$533.**

**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.*



***cincture*** In the Roman Catholic Church, is a long, rope-like cord with tassled or knotted ends, tied around the waist outside the alb. Besides its functional role in securing the alb and stole, the cincture bears a symbolic role, signifying chastity and purity.

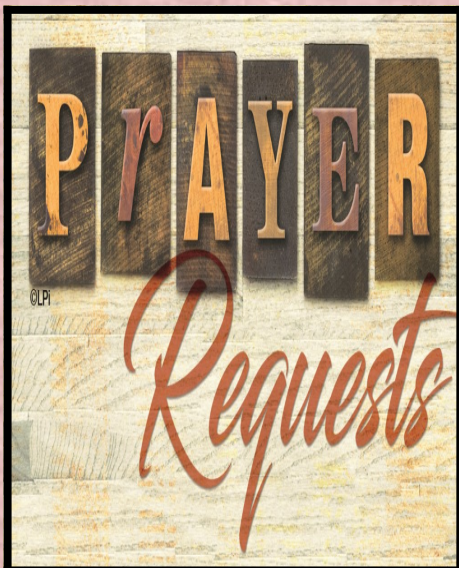
## Next Week's Readings Pentecost Sunday

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/052321.cfm>

Reading I:  
Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Reading II:  
1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

Gospel:  
John 20:19-23



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

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

# Ascension of the Lord

## May 16, 2021

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/051621.cfm>

### Reading I

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus,  
I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught  
until the day he was taken up,  
after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit  
to the apostles whom he had chosen.  
He presented himself alive to them  
by many proofs after he had suffered,  
appearing to them during forty days  
and speaking about the kingdom of God.  
While meeting with them,  
he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem,  
but to wait for "the promise of the Father  
about which you have heard me speak;  
for John baptized with water,  
but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

When they had gathered together they asked him,  
"Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"  
He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons  
that the Father has established by his own authority.  
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,  
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,  
throughout Judea and Samaria,  
and to the ends of the earth."  
When he had said this, as they were looking on,  
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.  
While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going,  
suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them.  
They said, "Men of Galilee,  
why are you standing there looking at the sky?  
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven  
will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

Eph 4:1-13

### Reading II

Brothers and sisters,  
I, a prisoner for the Lord,  
urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received,  
with all humility and gentleness, with patience,  
bearing with one another through love,  
striving to preserve the unity of the spirit  
through the bond of peace:  
one body and one Spirit,  
as you were also called to the one hope of your call;  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;  
one God and Father of all,  
who is over all and through all and in all.

But grace was given to each of us  
according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Therefore, it says:

*He ascended on high and took prisoners captive;  
he gave gifts to men.*

What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended  
into the lower regions of the earth?

The one who descended is also the one who ascended  
far above all the heavens,  
that he might fill all things.

And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets,  
others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers,  
to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry,  
for building up the body of Christ,  
until we all attain to the unity of faith  
and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature to manhood,  
to the extent of the full stature of Christ.

### Gospel

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.  
These signs will accompany those who believe:  
in my name they will drive out demons,  
they will speak new languages.  
They will pick up serpents with their hands,  
and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them.  
They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them,  
was taken up into heaven  
and took his seat at the right hand of God.  
But they went forth and preached everywhere,  
while the Lord worked with them  
and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.





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".



# "A Year of St. Joseph"



Pope Francis has declared "A Year of St. Joseph"  
to be observed through December 8, 2021.

He was a humble man who was so near to Jesus and Mary and  
connected with their lives. A just man, a man of faith who lived  
the faith. Let us invoke his intercession, so that we imitate his  
virtues and welcome Jesus Christ into our lives as he did.

St. Joseph, pray for us.



**NEXT DEACON INQUIRY  
WEEKEND WILL BE HELD  
JUNE 11—13, 2021  
(808) 203-6729**



# 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 or [jcoughlin@rcchawaii.org](mailto:jcoughlin@rcchawaii.org).*

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



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

Just two items to share this week:

1. The virtual meeting of the Faith Action Steering Committee has been re-scheduled from May 15 to May 22 at 10 a.m. All interested persons are welcome to join the zoom meeting, though only steering committee members can vote on action items. To request the zoom link, please e-mail [aloa@faithactionhawaii.org](mailto:aloa@faithactionhawaii.org).
2. The Housing Now! Task Force is already gathering data to help inform its efforts for 2022. You can contribute your input by taking their short survey. For access to the survey, contact task force chair Foo Pham at [housing@faithactionhawaii.org](mailto:housing@faithactionhawaii.org).

As always, thank you for all that you do on behalf of social justice.

## WELCOME KURT, FRANCIS AND TAYLOR!

Catholic Diocese of Honolulu seminarians are here with us at St. John Vianney. They will be here for a week, and then they will go to their assigned assignment for the summer. Mahalo for answering the call to Priesthood! God bless you all!



### **Mr. Kurt Meyer (Theology II, Saint Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park)**

*Kurt Meyer was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, to Frederick and Rebeca Meyer. He has an older brother, two older sisters and a younger brother. Kurt is a long-time parishioner from St. Philomena Church in Salt Lake, Oahu. He is an alumnus of Radford High School and graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Accounting and a Master of Business Administration degree. Kurt worked in the business world for several years before entering St. Patrick Seminary & University in Menlo Park, California, in 2017.*



### **Mr. Hai "Francis" Pham (Theology II, St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, CA)**

*Francis Hai Pham was born in Vietnam. He is the second of eight children of his parents, Joseph Hoang Pham and Theresa Khuong Nguyen. After High School, Francis went to Saigon for his education and to work. Francis joined the Order of the Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel in New York. He served as a brother in the Carmelite Order for several years and completed his Philosophy studies with the Jesuit Scholasticate in Saigon. After a long period of prayer, discernment, and spiritual direction, he left the Carmelite Order and worked for a few years. He applied and was accepted by the Diocese of Honolulu in 2019.*



### **Mr. Taylor Mitchell (College IV, Mount Angel Seminary, Oregon)**

*Taylor Mitchell was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, to Wayne and Glenda Mitchell. He is a parishioner of St. John Apostle and Evangelist Parish, Mililani. Taylor entered into priestly formation as a college seminarian for the Diocese of Honolulu in 2018. He is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy.*



# IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Next week for the 11:00 AM Mass ONLY, May 23rd

*It has come to our attention that the First Eucharist/Confirmation Mass scheduled for Sunday, May 23 at 11:00am is already at max capacity. We have over 100 registered attendees (candidates, their immediate families and sponsors and their immediate families). We are also aware that families of members of the Youth Praise and Worship group will be in attendance as well as the Youth Ministry class.*

*Therefore, we are requesting:*

**\*\*\* NO ONLINE RESERVATION AND TELEPHONE CALL RESERVATION FOR THE 11:00 AM MASS ON 5/23/2021.**

**\*\*if you regularly attend Mass at the 11:00am, we suggest making reservations for either the 5pm, Saturday Mass or the 7:00am Sunday Mass or the 9:00am Sunday Mass**

**\*There will be seating outside the church and the fellowship lanai at the 11am Mass if that is the time you prefer to attend.**

## 500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES

### Hawaii Celebration Virtual Gatherings



#### Our 2nd Virtual Gathering will be:

**MAY 29, 2021 | Saturday, 10 AM – 11 AM**

Speaker: Dr. Clementina Ceria-Ulep  
Topic: Joy: A Convincing Sign of Mission

**JUNE 26, 2021 | Saturday, 10 AM – 11 AM**

Speaker: Sister Rosalinda Barrozo  
Topic: Missionary Transformation

The topics are based on the Pastoral Letter of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines for the Year 2021, entitled: "Becoming Jesus' Missionary Disciples." The speakers will share their reflections on the topics in their pastoral experiences as priests, lay person and woman religious respectively in the context of Hawaii. Participants will be given opportunities of interactive sharing.



VIRTUAL GATHERINGS WILL BE ON ZOOM. DETAILS ON HOW TO JOIN WILL BE ANNOUNCED THROUGH PARISH BULLETINS AND PULPIT



# LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE FAITHFUL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020 TO PRAY THE ROSARY EVERYDAY SO THAT WE MIGHT BE UNITED IN PRAYER TO END THE PANDEMIC



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.



For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020*

*Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist*

Pope Francis

## First Prayer to Our Lady

*O Mary,  
You shine continuously on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of  
the sick, who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus' suffering,  
and persevered in your faith.  
“Protectress of the Roman people”,  
you know our needs,  
and we know that you will provide,  
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return  
after this time of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.*

*For he took upon himself our suffering,  
and burdened himself with our sorrows  
to bring us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection.  
Amen.*

*We fly to your protection,  
O Holy Mother of God;  
Do not despise our petitions  
in our necessities,  
but deliver us always  
from every danger,  
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*



## The Second Prayer

*"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God".*

*In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.*

*Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.*

*Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.*

*Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health. Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone. Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.*

*Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.*

*Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.*

*Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.*

*Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.*

*To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.*



Friendship with God,  
Friendship with Our Spouse,  
In the Holy Spirit

**Good habits and the power of the Holy Spirit can transform all marriages!**

## **Parish Marriage in Christ Seminar:** **Tuesday Evenings: June 8 through July 6th;** **7 to 9 p.m. Parish Basement;** **Registration deadline: Saturday, June 5.**

St. John Vianney parish will sponsor a Marriage in Christ Seminar for married couples interested in enriching their relationships. This five-week seminar invites couples of all ages to renew their love and affection for each other, deepen their unity, and celebrate the presence of God in ordinary married life. Following courtship and marriage “life happens” and it can become increasingly difficult for couples to find the time and energy to invest in their relationship.

Seminar topics include: Prioritizing your marriage; Faith and marriage; Communication and Forgiveness; Expressions of Love in Marriage; and the Role of the Holy Spirit in marriage. The Seminar will be held on five consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm will include a short video, small group discussions, personal stories by hosts and private conversation time with your spouse. Cost is \$50 per couple with financial assistance available. All interested married couples are welcome.

**Questions and /or Registration please contact Tom and Mary Duddy at**  
**808-453-0601 or [duddyhawaii@gmail.com](mailto:duddyhawaii@gmail.com).**

Donald and Alana Busekus will be co-hosting the  
Seminar with Tom & Mary.

# MAHALO, PARISHIONERS

## *from Catholic Charities Hawaii*



### CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

April 20, 2021

Rev. Peter Miti  
St. John Vianney Church  
920 Keolu Dr  
Kailua, HI 96734-3899

Dear Fr. Peter,

Thank you for your parish gift of \$440.00 received on 4/19/2021 in support of Catholic Charities Sunday. Thanks to you, more families have found homes, foster youth have 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 even know us that are willing to help. It truly brings tears to my eyes."* (VC, 2020)

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Mahalo nui loa and God bless!

With Aloha,

Robert Van Tassell  
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