

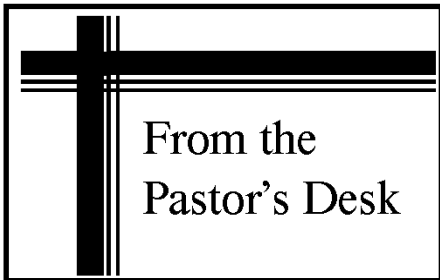
*Twenty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year B
August 22, 2021*



**Saint John Vianney Parish
Community**

920 Keolu Drive, Kailua, HI 96734-3842
Phone: 808-262-8317

Website: www.saintjohnvianneyhawaii.org
Email: svjkailuaparish@rcchawaii.org
School Website: svjkailua.org
myparishapp.com



DEAR PARISH FAMILY,

“Do you also wish to go away?” This is the question Jesus poses in this Sunday’s Gospel reading. It is a question that reminds us that at the very center of our following Jesus, there’s got to be loyalty. When Jesus asked the disciples for a radical change in their lives, some found it so hard, that they could not take up the challenge and therefore turned and walked away. When we are faced with the difficult teachings of Jesus and the Church, do we also wish to go away? Is it not true that many times, because of the complexity of the issues and the pressures of the society around us, we may wish to *“go away?”* Peter’s response to Jesus’ question is striking. He doesn’t say, “yes, of course,” but he doesn’t quite say “no” either. Instead, he answers back with another question: *“To whom else shall we go...?”* It is an honest answer. Peter and the others stay with Jesus precisely because he has been a source of life for them. Jesus liberated them and gave them new life.

Following Jesus and the teachings of the Church may not always be easy, or pleasant, or even totally comprehensible; but when it comes to the eternal-life business, there’s not much out there in the way of alternatives. In a similar way, in this Sunday’s second reading from the letter to the community at Ephesus, Paul exhorts a life of loyalty in married life. Loyalty always has to have its basis rooted in love, just like the love of Christ and the Church.

This week let us not forget the words of Jesus: *“Whoever eats me will live because of me.”* Let us give witness to our Catholic faith and to God’s plan, that through our stewardship of every gift that the Lord has given us, we may be instruments that are loyal to the Lord as we continue to build his Kingdom here on earth.

Vacation update: Fr. Peter’s birthday is on August 23, 2021. Please keep him in your prayers as he celebrates his 50th Birthday in Zambia with his ohana and friends.

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

Music Ministry Robert Mondoy

Maintenance Glenn Chong

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Kamalani Rodrigues

Religious Education—Steffanie Beissel, Director
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.

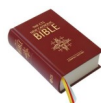
Parish Office Hours

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

**Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b;
Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69**

Scriptural Background: We now come to the last in a series of readings from the Gospel of John, chapter 6. Next week we resume with the Gospel according to Mark. We return to the setting for these readings from John's gospel, the synagogue at Capernaum. The Passover is near (v. 4) and it is a year before Good Friday. Up to this point, Jesus' listeners have managed to accept several difficult claims by him - that he is the Messiah (verse 14), that if they believe in him he can raise them up to eternal life (verses 44, 47), and even that he is, somehow, bread (verse 51). With his announcement that his "*flesh is true food,*" his "*blood is true drink*" and "*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him*" (verse 55-56), many of his disciples reach the limits of their faith: "*This saying is hard; who can accept it?*" (verse 60) Jesus refuses to soften his message (verses 62-63) and does not, as he had done in the past (Mark 4:34), offer an explanation that could have kept his disciples from leaving (verse 67). He clearly meant what he said, and accepted the fact that some would not believe (verses 64-66). It was not long after this that Judas would decide to betray him (verses 70-71).

Questions for Reflection:

- What is Jesus' immediate reaction to their defec-tion (verses 61 and 64)? What does his reaction show about him?
- Read verse 61 "does this shock you?" (Greek: *scandalon*, a stumbling block) at this?" How are his listeners scandalized by Jesus' words about the Eucharist? Are there some people today scandalized by the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist? How? Why?

MAHALO!



Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory: Our

weekly donation for
August 14-20, 2021 is
\$ 7,057 and the weekly

budget is \$ 8,010. Therefore, we have a **deficit**
of \$ 953.

MAHALO for your continued **SUPPORT**
to **GIVE**. If you give online, keep giving
online, and if you give by envelope, you can
mail or drop off your donation at the Parish
Office or place in the Slot Box.

School News *by Earl Walker*

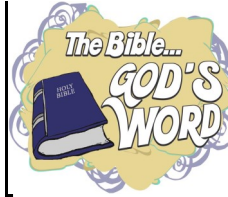
This year St. John Vianney School
is celebrating 55 years of providing an
outstanding Catholic education to
children in a nurturing environment.
The focus of our education is the total
development of each child: spiritual,
moral, academic, physical and
cultural.



As part of our curriculum, we teach love, care
and concern for others. Our exceptional
teachers and staff help students reach their
highest potential with an emphasis on moral
development, service to others, and developing
their leadership skills.

In addition to a challenging curriculum
focusing on math, science and technology,
students are also exposed to drama, literature,
art and music, as well as being offered
extracurricular activities. We are incredibly
excited this year to continue our before and
after school music program by offering band,
orchestra and choir for students in grades 3-8.

You may learn more about our curriculum and
the mission of our school at sjvkailua.org, or
call the school office at 261-4651.



Next Week
**Twenty-Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time**
August 29, 2021

Reading I	Deuteronomy	4:1-2, 6-8
Reading II	James	1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Gospel	Mark	7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday August 22
9:00 am Youth Led Mass

Monday August 23
8:00 am Communion Service

Tuesday August 24
8:00 am Mass
2:00 pm Sodality Board Meeting

Wednesday August 25
8:00 am Mass

Thursday August 26
8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Rosary Making

Friday August 27
8:00 am School Mass

Saturday August 28
8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Anointing of the Sick
8:50 am Reconciliation
11:00 am Wedding-McCutcheon/Leapaga

Sunday August 29

Note: Subject to change.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR B

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/082221cfm>

Reading 1 Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning the elders, leaders, judges, and officers of Israel. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: In times past your ancestors, down to Terah, father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the River and served other gods.

If it is displeasing to you to serve the LORD, choose today whom you will serve, the gods your ancestors served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our ancestors up out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. He performed those great signs before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among all the peoples through whom we passed.

Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

Gospel John 6:60-69

Many of his disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?"

Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you?"

What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?

It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

But there are some of you who do not believe."

Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him.

And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."

As a result of this, many [of] his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Reading II

Ephesians 5:21-32

Brothers and Sisters:

Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord.

For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body.

As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

So [also] husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.

"For this reason a man shall leave [his] father and [his] mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."



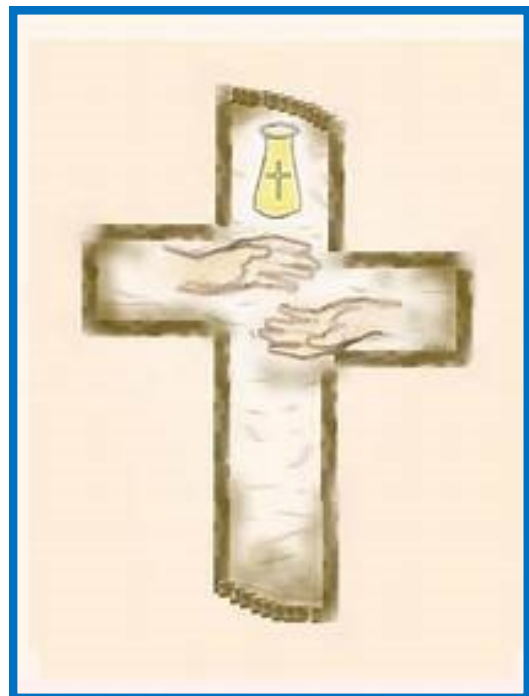
For the Healing of

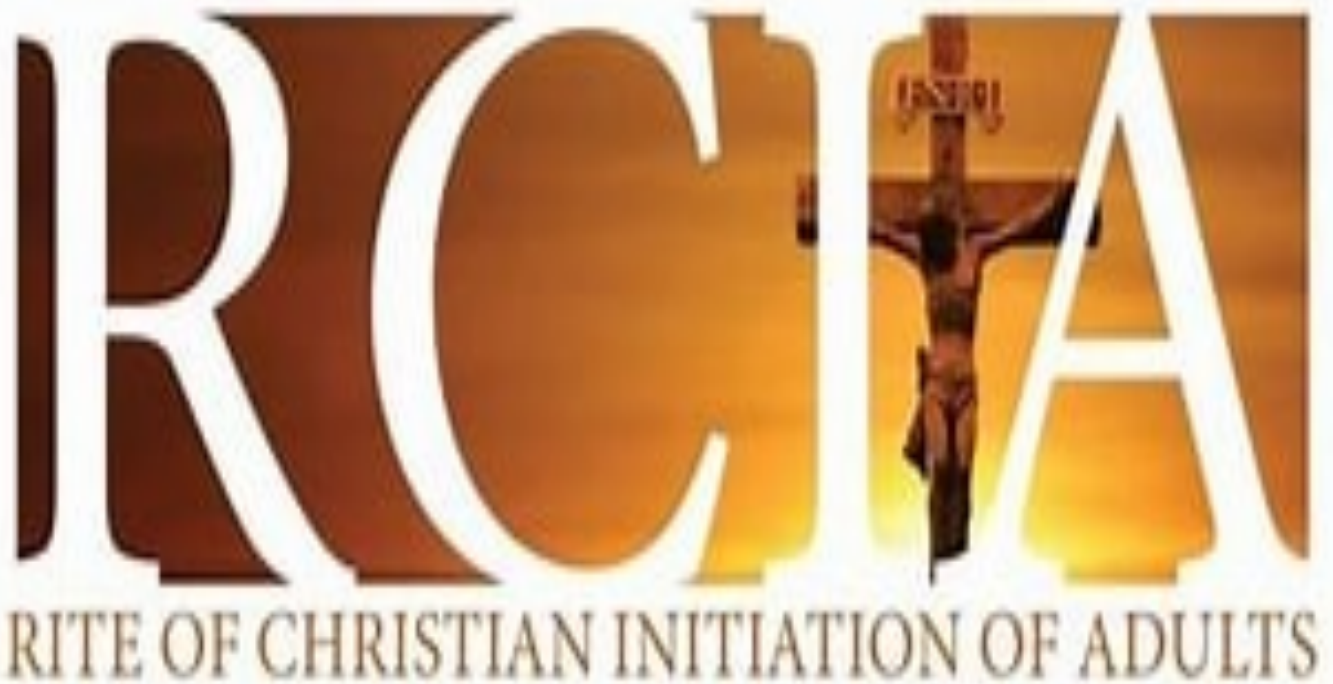
Krissie Mattis, Eleanor Dodds, Sharon Sweat, Keone & Deborah Johnson, Melia Meier, Elizabeth Libby, David Teves, Jacci Hagen, Edward Balderston, Jim Balderston, Sydney Bennett, Stacy Carnes, Barbara Fields, Gabrielle Taylor, Buck Marcum, Milton McAngus, Jonathan & Malina Lewczuk, Kathleen Heirakuji, Myngoc Le, Michael Miti, Gordon Wong, Sandy Chong, John Sutton, Trish Robertson, Ruth Alves, Doug Barbieto, Herbert Rodrigues, Rod Castanha, and Susan Briggs

for the Homebound and for other special intentions.

Anointing of the Sick

**The last Saturday
(August 28, 2021)
after the 8:00 am Mass**





How does our parish attract inquirers each year who consider becoming Catholic?

The short answer is you!

When any parish has many inquirers year after year, it is the fruit of the Holy Spirit as parish members open their hearts to welcome others. Members of a welcoming and evangelizing community take seriously their call to share the Divine message of salvation.

It happens in parish families, in the workplace, in gatherings with friends and neighbors, and in daily contacts. Give thanks to God as he continuously strengthens each of us who seek to do his will in offering a gentle, humble, and clear welcome to the Catholic faith.

"Go out into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15). For information on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), please contact the Parish Office at 808-262-8317.

SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE

BOB BADHAM



Envision yourself seated at St. John Vianney Church. What color are the banners surrounding the altar? Why are they that color? What other decorative touches are visible? Greenery? Floral arrangements? If it is a special time of year, such as Christmas, you'll note the Nativity scene set up near the Tabernacle and dozens of poinsettia plants throughout the church. All of these are aspects of the environmental ministry. For more than three decades, this ministry at St. John Vianney has been coordinated by the volunteer efforts of Bob Badham, who contributes his aesthetic talents so that our church environment can enhance the liturgy without dominating it.

Raised on a farm in Washington State, Bob learned the value of hard work at an early age. He expected that farming would be his future, until he discovered his artistic talents while in college. Part-time employment at a local florist during his college years gave him an opportunity to develop his aesthetic gifts. He went on to earn a Master's degree in Art Education from the University of Oregon, which led to an employment offer from Punahou School. Bob and his wife, Jarleth, accepted the offer and left Oregon for Hawaii, a place they had never been. Talk about a leap of faith!

During Bob's thirty years as a teacher and administrator at Punahou, he and Jarleth raised three sons. One of the major lessons Bob shared with them was, "Use your gifts." And luckily for us, he has demonstrated this belief by sharing his talents here at St. John Vianney. Throughout the year, as the liturgical seasons change, Bob's team transforms the church accordingly. Green for Ordinary time; purple for Lent and Advent; red for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Pentecost; white and gold for Christmas and Easter. This requires not only aesthetic sensibilities, but also the physical strength to climb ladders and to move plants and other objects around the church. An interest in plants and flowers and an understanding of their care is also important to this work. The beautiful manger scene we see every Christmas was designed by Bob and built with help from fellow parishioner Paul Akeo. Similarly, at Easter, our church décor benefits from his creations.

Bob would be the first person to say that environmental ministry is a team effort. The work gets done only because a group of volunteers are willing to contribute their time and their talent. But this is also why Bob was willing to let this "Spotlight on Service" shine on him. He is grateful for the many individuals, past and present, whose service as environmental ministers has enhanced our sense of place as we worship. But now, he feels, the time has come for others to step forward and contribute their aesthetic gifts to lead this ministry.

Might this be your calling? If you are interested and would like to learn more, please call the parish office at 262-8317. Bob or one of his fellow ministers would be happy to provide information and ongoing support.

DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

Stewardship Day 2021

INSPIRATION, PRACTICAL IDEAS
AND NETWORKING FOR
OUR PARISHES, OUR PEOPLE

Saturday
August 28

8 a.m. Mass and Reflection
10 a.m. Virtual Workshops

Livestream link:

<https://youtu.be/xwgBMxlp0MY>



**A Virtual
Conference**

**Announcing
New
Schedule**

Host Parish:
St. John Apostle & Evangelist
95-370 Kuahelani Avenue
Mililani, HI 96789

Speakers:



Most Reverend
Bishop Larry Silva



Very Reverend
Monsignor Gary Secor

This event is offered by the Diocesan Office of Stewardship & Development and the Diocesan Commission on Stewardship & Development, with support from Our Sunday Visitor (OSV), With Grateful Hearts and the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation.

Stewardship Day 2021

Inspiration, Practical Ideas and Team Building for Our Parishes, Our People

Saturday, August 28 @ 8 am – 9:30 (Mass)

St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church – 95-370 Kuahelani Ave, Mililani, HI

Plus:

VIRTUAL-ONLY presentations @ 10 am & 11 am

Available at: <https://youtu.be/xwgBMxlp0MY>

8:00 AM - Mass & Reflection - Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu
- Msgr. Gary Secor, Vicar General, Diocese of Honolulu

Note: Above will be held in the Main Church and lived streamed for those unable to attend in-person.

10:00 AM – 10:50 AM - Session 1 Workshop will only be available via live-streamed:

A) Stewardship of Evangelization - Dominic Olaso - Head Servant, Diocesan Evangelization Task Force
Our Confirmation calls us to bring others to JESUS. Many Catholics want to spread the Faith, but they don't know where to start. Eight practical beatitudes (*with a touch music of course*), shared in this talk, will provide the inspiration to initiate evangelization.

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM - Session 2: Workshop will only be available via live-streamed:

B) Parish Center Projects - Build New or Re-Do - Mike Browning - Deacon Candidate and Good Steward at host parish, St. John A&E, heads a panel of fellow lay leaders from other parishes who share their key learnings on major building projects - with special highlights and features of their new One Community Center.



MĀLAMA I KA MAKANA

Cherish The Gift | A Call to Stewardship
in the Catholic Church in Hawaii

For more information, please contact the Diocesan Office of Stewardship & Development at 808-203-6723.



Celebrating Faith Action’s 25th Anniversary

By Evie Hao, chair Anniversary Planning Committee

The word “celebrate” usually evokes images of confetti and people dancing to Cool and the Gang’s 1980’s song of the same name. But celebration can take many forms. It can be *quiet* and *reverential*. It can *engage* and *excite*. It can *commemorate* and *inspire*.

As the Faith Action Anniversary planning committee digs out memorabilia of the past 25 years of our existence, some of those sentiments are felt.

We are *reverential* when we read about the handful of ministers who quietly met and eventually led their congregations to spearhead “Faith Action for Community Equity” long before it had a name.

We feel the *excitement* our founders may have felt when they *engaged* other churches and members of the larger community to join in the work.

We are *inspired* to recognize leaders who were led by the Spirit to work for social justice. Some leaders are no longer with us; some are still here “fighting the good fight.”

Given recent COVID developments, an in-person celebration is not possible for now. **Instead, in November, we will celebrate with a series of webinars that chronicle our foundational values and highlight key events that brought Faith Action to the forefront.**



A MEMORY that inspires: The late Rev. Bob Nakata (middle-left) leads a delegation of ministers of Faith Action churches in a worship service held in Central Union Church on April 29, 2009. This event highlighted FACE’s Interfaith Healthcare initiative about to be introduced in the legislature that year.

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

FOR GRADES PREK - 12

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

INCLUDING

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Youth Group
eXtra Hour
Sacramental Preparation
....and much more!

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12TH



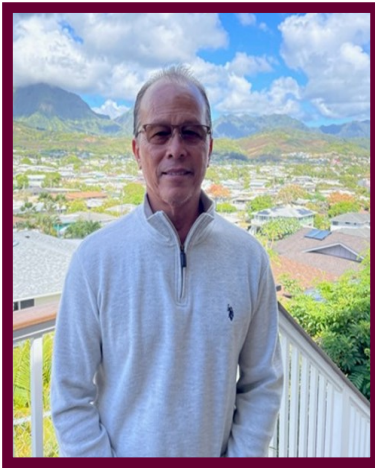
REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:

[WWW.SAINTJOHNVIANNNEYHAWAII.ORG/
ONLINE-REGISTRATION.HTML](http://WWW.SAINTJOHNVIANNNEYHAWAII.ORG/ONLINE-REGISTRATION.HTML)

FOR MORE
INFORMATION

CALL (808) 262-8317

OR VISIT OUR
PARISH WEBSITE



Mike Wong
Minister of Youth
Music Activities
(MYMA)

Dear Friends,

On Sunday August 22, the youth band will playing at the 9:00am Mass. This will be the last 9:00am Mass for a while.

As the band members return to school, we will have to see how we can add another Mass each month to the schedule.

For now, the first Saturday of every month is when the band is scheduled to play.

James Mederios, our lead guitarist, has returned to college and will be returning in December for the Christmas break.

We have not had a full band for a while since several of the band members were on vacation with their families.

However, the band will be in full force at the 9 am Sunday Mass. Please come and join us!

Mahalo for your support and prayers!

Mike Wong

CHURCH NEWS

- Fr. Peter is looking for a VOLUNTEER to prepare the Bereavement leaflet/program. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 262-8317.

- The RECTORY needs major roof repairs. The cost is \$17,000. Your donation would be greatly appreciated. Please consider giving.

- Due to COVID pandemic uncertainties, Jesse Romero's presentations (e.g., Power of Prayer, etc.) has been postponed.