

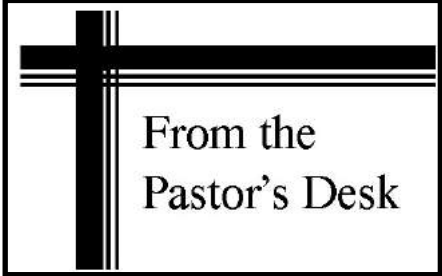
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
August 29, 2021



**Saint John Vianney Parish
Community**

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Dear Parish family,

The Law of God is fulfilled in the Sacrament of love and dwells only in a pure and transformed heart. Hence, the readings this Sunday lead us to reflect on the best way to obey it for the sake of our own salvation.

In the first reading, Moses reminded his people of the commandment of God and urged them to be steadfast to it in order to be successful in life. Importantly, he warned them not to add or remove from it. However, this warning was not taken seriously because they only multiplied the Ten Commandments to about six hundred and thirteen legal codes. Through this, they made life practically and extremely difficult for the people of God. This was why later in Galatians 3, Paul had to make a case “against the law.” He did not completely condemn the Law, but argued that the spirit of the Law was more important than its letter.

So in the gospel, Jesus confronted the Pharisees because of their hypocrisy. They never observed the law that they themselves multiplied for their people. This is a dangerous way of life, to live a hypocritical life, or even make life difficult for others. The quality of our life is measured by the quality of our heart and mind. It is in the heart and mind that malicious intentions, hatred, pride and corrupt tendencies are harbored. If our mind and heart are infested and sick, our body would be sick a thousand times more, even without knowing it. So, the most important thing that God needs from us is a pure heart as Christ taught us: ***“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God”*** (Mt 5, 8).

The best way to be faithful to God’s command is to allow our hearts to be transformed by it; to love the way he has loved us by taking care of our brothers and sisters in their need.

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

Deut. 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Scriptural Background: The cycle of readings return to the Gospel of Mark after a four week detour through John 6. Much of what Jesus is doing on this Sunday in Mark's Gospel is reflected in the book of Deuteronomy. It takes up the description of the laws and customs which will characterize how the nation should preserve its relationship with God, not only externally but internally as well.

Jesus is now in the town of Gennesaret on the west shore of the Sea of Galilee where he has been conducting a healing ministry (Mk 6:53-56). Jesus' entire ministry is marked by conflict with certain groups. He is approached by some Pharisees (a religious/political party) who are joined by scribes (religious legal experts) from Jerusalem, the religious center of Israel. The Pharisees engaged in religious purity as a form of resistance against the pagan Roman occupiers of Israel. Their approach, nonetheless, often tended toward external ritualism, legalism, and self-righteousness (Lk 18:9-14 Mt. 6:1-6). It is for this attitude that Jesus criticizes them in today's Gospel. Jesus' teaching in this area (verses 14-23) reflects the biblical concept of "*the heart*" as being the center of the person and source of every decision that results in action (Mt. 5:28).

Questions for reflection:

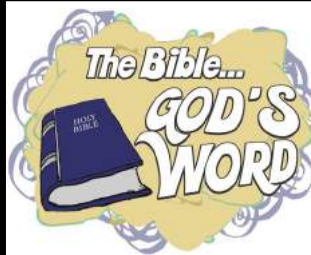
- When can the observance of God's laws turn negative rather than positive?
- Why does Jesus place the source of defilement within the heart of a person rather than, say, the imagination?
- What things come out of a defiled heart (verses 21-22; Galatians 5:19-21; Romans 1:29-31; 1 Peter 4:3)?



Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory: Our weekly donation for **August 21-27, 2021 is \$6196** and the weekly budget is **\$ 8,010**. Therefore, we have a **deficit of \$1814**.

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.



*Next Week
Twenty-Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 5, 2021*

Reading I	Isaiah	35:4-7a
Reading II	James	2:1-5
Gospel	Mark	7:31-37

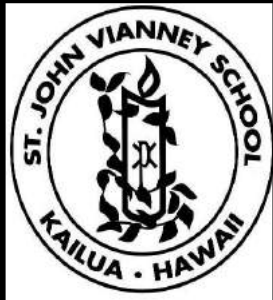
School News by Earl Walker

The teachers and staff of St. John Vianney School attended a virtual **Mass of the Holy Spirit** on Thursday, August 19, 2021 to mark the start of a new school year. The virtual Mass was celebrated at Maryknoll School who welcomed our faculty through their live feed. Fr. E.J. Resinto did a fantastic job celebrating our Catholic School educators.

Following the Mass, the superintendent of Hawaii's Catholic schools, **Dr. Llewellyn Young**, welcomed the group online. Afterwards, a presentation about innovation was made by Dr. Helen Turner, VP at Chaminade University, and Jayne Mondoy from the Diocesan Faith Formation office.

Other Masses were celebrated across our state with priests offering homilies on the importance of a Catholic education and congratulating our Catholic educators for keeping their students safe during this pandemic.

At the end of the day, our teachers and staff were thankful to have participated in this virtual event and felt energized for the year ahead.



PARISH CALENDAR

- Sunday August 29**
 - Monday August 30**
8:00 am Communion Service
12:30 pm Parish office closed
 - Tuesday August 31**
8:00 am Mass
2:00 pm Parish office closed
 - Wednesday September 1**
8:00 am Mass
2:00 pm Parish office closed
 - Thursday September 2**
8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Rosary Making
2:00 pm Parish office closed
 - Friday September 3**
8:00 am Mass
2:00 pm Parish office closed
 - Saturday September 4**
8:00 am Mass
8:30 am Adoration
8:30 am Reconciliation
5:00 pm Youth Led Mass
6:00 pm Youth Ministry Fair
 - Sunday September 5**
- Note: Subject to change.**

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<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/082921cfm>

Reading 1 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses said to the people:

“Now, Israel, hear the statutes and ordinances I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you.

In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I am commanding you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it.

Observe them carefully, for this is your wisdom and discernment in the sight of the peoples, who will hear of all these statutes and say, “This great nation is truly a wise and discerning people.”

For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him?

Or what great nation has statutes and ordinances that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?

Reading II James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Dearest brothers and sisters:

All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change.

He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Therefore, put away all filth and evil excess and humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands.

For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders.

And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds.

So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, “Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?”

He responded, “Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written:

‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;

In vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.’

You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition.”

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.”

From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly.

All these evils come from within and they defile.”

**ADORATION
OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 4, 2021**

**AFTER
THE 8 AM MASS**



Come Spend Time With the Lord

The Parish's Faith Formation committee invites all parishioners to participate in our monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It is usually held on the first Saturday of the month immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass.

We invite you to learn more about this special devotion.

See back side for more details.

*"When we go before the Blessed Sacrament,
let us open our heart;
our good God will open His. ."*

St. John Vianney

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION INTRODUCTION

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

It is a special time of prayer before the Eucharistic presence of Jesus. Jesus, in the form of the Consecrated Host, is placed inside the Monstrance in a clear window for us to see. Adoration is showing that we know God is truly God, our Savior, and the creator of everything that exists.



Is Jesus really present in the Blessed Sacrament?

Yes! Absolutely! The Consecrated Host is the real Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus, His true Presence, in the form of bread. Jesus did not say the Eucharist would be a symbol, He didn't say that it represents Him, He says the Eucharist IS Him! What an awesome gift we have been given, to be able to come before the very presence of our Lord Jesus. He is very real and He is here!

During the Adoration

The readings, songs and prayers recited during the Adoration are meant to direct attention to worship of Christ in the Eucharist. A prayerful spirit is encouraged by periods of silence and brief exhortations aimed at developing a better understanding of the mystery of the Eucharist. During this quiet time, we think, reflect, feel, or listen to Jesus. In adoration, we are before the very powerful and mighty Jesus who humbly appears before us in the form of the host.

Behavior Expectations

First and foremost: Reverence -- reverence for our King! Because Jesus will truly be present, we need to be sure to show Jesus proper respect and reverence because He is our King. We show Jesus respect and honor with our good behavior and our good posture when we sit and kneel. Be as quiet and still as possible before our Lord which includes avoiding talk -- even whispers.

Benediction

After a period of both silent reflections combined with meditative readings, Adoration concludes with the Benediction, when a priest or deacon blesses the people with the Eucharist. The celebrant puts on a humeral veil which is used to lift the monstrance for the blessing. Afterwards, the Eucharist is taken to the Church's tabernacle while a song is traditionally sung.

Our Adoration service typically lasts an hour. In fact, many Catholics refer to Adoration as The Holy Hour. While we hope you will stay for the entire service, it is perfectly acceptable to spend just a few minutes in Adoration.

PRAYERS AND AID FOR

HAITI

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Please consider a donation to the USCCB's **Emergency Disaster Fund** to support those in most immediate need of help.

www.catholichawaii.org/support-relief

EMERGENCY COLLECTION FOR HAITI

**Special appeal for the U.S. Bishops
Emergency Disaster Fund
to support Haiti after the Earthquake
and Tropical Storm Grace**

DONATE NOW



As you have read in the news, the people of Haiti have recently suffered two consecutive natural disasters that have caused almost 2,000 deaths and unimaginable suffering. In response to Haiti's urgent time of need, the USCCB is asking for an emergency appeal for the Bishops' Emergency Disaster Fund for those in Haiti most in need of immediate help.

In support of this, Bishop Larry is asking the parishes of the Diocese of Honolulu to make an appeal for **voluntary donations** that will aid the USCCB's relief efforts in Haiti and around the world. Both Bishop Larry and the USCCB recognize these are financially challenging times for all, but do ask that you make the appeal to our faithful.

Donations can be made to St. John Vianney Church (Haiti Relief), or online at catholichawaii.org/support-relief



For the Healing of

**Ruth Alves
Doug Barbieto
Edward Balderston**

**Jim Balderston
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to
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Sharon Sweat
Gabrielle Taylor
David Teves
and Gordon Wong**
*for the Homebound
and for other
special intentions.*

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.**

**The Environmental Liturgical Committee is looking for VOLUNTEERS.
Please contact the Parish office at 262-8317.**



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**Knights of Columbus Council 6307 is pleased to announce a total revenue of
\$7,400 from your generous purchases and donations from our recent
Zippy's Charitable Fundraiser.**

**\$3,600 will be donated to the Pearson Pregnancy Resource Center.
\$1,850 will be donated to EACH of our St. John Vianney and
St. Anthony Catholic Schools to provide scholarships to students in need.**

**We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous love and
support.**

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**Saturday,
September 4th
after 5pm Mass**

ENVIRONMENT

HOSPITALITY

**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**



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



Celebrating Faith Action's 25th Anniversary

Anniversaries mark the passage of time, but more importantly they take notice of and celebrate commitment to a person, a vocation, or an ideal. Anniversaries also help us to remember those people and events that have gone before us and have changed our lives and our world. For 25 years FACE has been committed to the people of Hawaii who often had no one to speak for them and no one willing to be committed to making the needs of the voiceless heard in the political, social and religious realms of society. In 1997, Rev. Stan Bain, a neighboring pastor, approached me at St. John Vianney Catholic Church and asked to share the story of FACE with me. Stan's enthusiasm and dedication, his idealism and down-to-earth presence, inspired me and eventually the Parish Pastoral Council to "sign-up" as a FACE church member. The rest is history, as they say. It was my privilege to be involved in FACE in varying degrees and in varying roles for the rest of my time as pastor at St. John Vianney. When I retired in July of 2015 after 19 years as pastor, I was confident that the parish and its parishioners had contributed to the efforts of FACE and supported its ideals and goals. The parish has continued to do so to this very day. Happy Anniversary, FACE! And many more!

Fr. Tom Gross (retired pastor of St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Kailua)

Aloha Faith Action members,

You are invited to participate in the Jubilee Three Anti-Racism Training: Learning Together About Systemic Racism from Saturday, September 4 through Monday, September 6! This 2 1/2 day workshop will deepen your understanding of how race and ethnicity play out in our institutions and daily lives.

The agenda includes presentations, discussions, videos, exercises, and small group work.

Our hope, as Faith Action, is to broaden our members' perspectives on how race and ethnicity shape the issues that we work on as an organization -- who is most affected by the lack of affordable housing, and what systemic issues have perpetuated the inequity? Who disproportionately suffers the most from climate change, and why?

To learn more about the training and/or register, please click here: [Register Now](#). Or call Carla Allison @ 808-396-1488.

Faith Action Receives Community Grant

The grant awarded to Faith Action for Community Equity falls within the "Government and Civics" aspect of the framework. It will be used for Programmatic & Operating Support to enhance our work in the CHANGE sub-sectors of 'Citizen Engagement, Participation,' 'Effective, Accountable Government,' and 'Housing Affordability, Cost of Living.'

Mahalo to the Hawai'i Resilience Fund of the Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) for your continued support of Faith Action's work to advance social justice in our communities!

To learn more about the CHANGE framework, click here:

<https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/change>