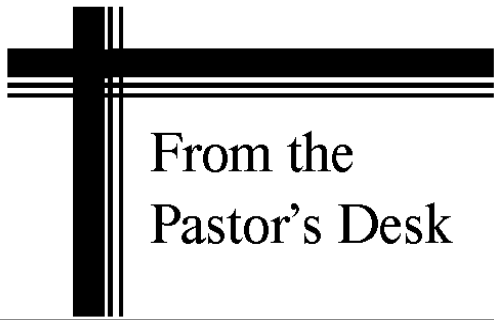




Second Sunday of Advent
Year C
December 5, 2021



From the
Pastor's Desk



**Saint John Vianney Parish
Community**

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Dear Parish Family,

Many of us have likely heard the phrase “All roads lead to Rome.” The Roman Empire prided itself on its complex system of roads connecting every part of the Empire with the Capital. They were built by slaves and paid for by taxes from conquered lands. They were feats of engineering, passing over hills and mountains, under aqueducts, taking many twists and turns to avoid nature’s obstacles. They were anything but straight.

John the Baptist would have traveled Roman roads many times in his life, as did those who came out to the desert to hear him preach. It was there, where the roads end in the desert, that John tells his disciples to build a new road – one for God’s Son: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” He was not telling them to pick up shovels and pick-axes. Rather, he prayed that they might pave a way for the love of the Lord to enter their hearts and touch their souls.

For us as well, this road work began in us on the day of our baptism, and it continues until we meet the Lord at our death. As Paul told the Philippians: “I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to bring it to completion.” This Advent season, what is of greatest value is not the large number of gifts soon to appear under the tree, rather it is the gift of God’s only Son who hung on the tree of the cross for us and for our salvation.

During this busy season, let us make sure we spend at least as much effort preparing for the coming of Christ, both his birth in Bethlehem and his return in glory as our King. As good stewards, may we go forth proclaiming the Good News by loving others just as we have been loved.

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

Music Ministry Robert Mondoy

Maintenance Glenn Chong

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Kamalani Rodrigues

Religious Education for Pre-School and Elementary, Youth Ministry

Steffanie Beissel, Coordinator

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

Business Manager: Therese Campos

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



A Year of the Holy Spirit

Biblical or Ecclesial Reference

On the seventh day, God said, “Let us make a man in our image, after our likeness (Genesis 1:26). St. Peter Chrysologus comments, “The Creator still works to devise things that can add to your glory. He has made you in His image that you might in your person make the invisible Creator present on earth.”

Life as a Gift, Image of God

Our life is a gift of God, and our intrinsic dignity is rooted in being created in God’s image. Jesus is the perfect revelation of Trinitarian love and the perfect model for our imitation. In a unique way, He makes present this love in the sacramental love of marriage, an efficacious sign of Christ’s love for the Church. **Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we appreciate that we are made in God’s image and recognize our own identity.** This can happen because of God’s grace, which precedes, accompanies, and perfects our freedom and any work that we do.

God’s free gift of grace also helps us love as Jesus loved, a vocation inscribed into our very being as made in God’s image. This divine love helps us to understand His gift of life and to see others in a new way. Made in God’s image, we are called to use the gifts our Creator has given to us. Thus, we make visible the Creator on earth.

(Pause to reflect on our life created in God’s image.)

Reflection Questions:

The wisdom gleaned from seeing our deepest identity rooted in God urges us to ask the following questions:

- 1) If we believe we are made in the image of God, whether we are single or married, what difference can this make in our attitudes and lives?
- 2) If God made our parents, children, colleagues, enemies, and friends in His image, what difference should this make in how we treat them?

Let us pray the Our Father, asking God to help us see ourselves as made in His image.

UPCOMING Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- DEC 5 (SUN) RE ED PROGRAM 8:00AM-12:00PM (BR/L/FLanai/Basement/Hall)
RE ED PROGRAM 1:30PM-3:15PM (Church)
People of Praise 3:00PM-4:30PM (Fellowship Lanai)
- DEC 6 (MON) BIBLE STUDY 9:00AM—10:30AM (Brdrm/Lounge)
RCIA 7:00PM—8:30PM (Brdrm/Lounge)
- DEC 7 (TUES) BSA—GIRLS METTING 6:30PM-8:30PM (Parish Hall— Outside Circle of Peace)
- DEC 8 (WED) IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS 8:00AM-CHURCH
EXTRA HOUR 6:00PM-7:00PM (Lounge/Boardroom)
BOYS SCOUT TROOP 311 6:00PM-9:00PM (Parish Hall-Parking Lot)
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS 7:00PM—CHURCH
- DEC 9 (THURS) ROSARY MAKING 9:00AM-11:00AM (Boardroom/Lounge)
BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM– 8:30 PM (Boardroom/Lounge)
- DEC 11 (SAT) RELIGIOUS ED—FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT –9:00AM—1:00 PM
(Church/Boardroom/Lounge/Flshshlan)
LADIES SODALITY MEETING 9:00AM-11:00AM (Church)

**ANNOINTING
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EVERY LAST
SATURDAY OF
THE MONTH
AFTER THE
8AM MASS**

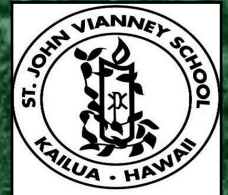
Communion Service
Mondays at 8:00 AM

Weekday Morning Masses:
Tuesdays thru Saturdays
8:00AM

Weekend Masses Saturdays at 5:00PM
Sundays: 7:00 AM, 9:00AM and
11:00 AM

By: *Earl Walker*

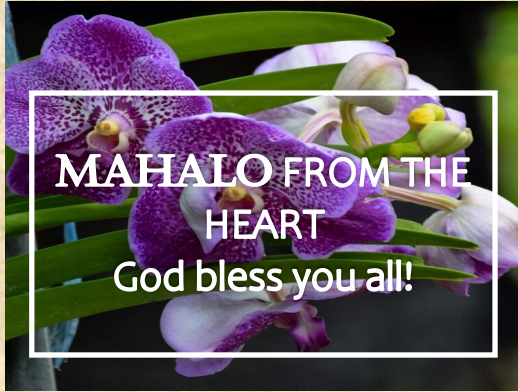
SCHOOL NEWS



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

SANTA'S ELVES ARE COMING to visit students at St. John Vianney School on Tuesday, December 7, 2021! Once again, COVID is forcing us to be a little creative on our Santa visit this year. Because we don't want to expose Santa to any germs, we are having Santa's elves (members of our faculty) visit us this year! Students in ELC₃ through Grade 4 are asked to bring new, unwrapped toys or gift cards to give to Santa's helpers, who will in turn give them to our parish Giving Tree and Toys for Tots. We plan on taking pictures of our little ones with our SJV elves. Any older students who would like to participate may also bring a gift to the school office.

Friday, December 10th is the last day of 2nd quarter and classes will be dismissed until January 3, 2022 when all classes will resume. For more information, please contact the school office at 808-261-4651.



Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory: Our weekly donation for November 20th to November 26th was \$6,153 our weekly budget is \$8,010. Therefore, we have a deficit of \$1,857.

November 27th to December 3rd was \$8,233, we have a surplus of \$223

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.



*Next Week- Third Sunday of Advent—Year C
December 12, 2021*

*Reading I:
Zephaniah 3:14-18a*

*Reading II:
Philippians 4:4-7*

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/121221.cfm>



For the Healing of
Ruth Alves
Doug Barbieto
Ralph Barney
Edward Balderston
Jim Balderston
Sydney Bennett
Clark Bernales
Robert Bernales
Rod Castanha

Sandy Chong
Mollie Chun
Eleanor Dodds
Barbara Fields
Jayla Gomes
Jacci Hagen
Kathleen Heirakuji
Keone & Deborah
Johnson
Myngoc Le
Kasey Lopes
Lopes Ohana
Jonathan & Malina
Lewsczuk
Elizabeth Libby
Buck Marcum
Milton McAngus
Michael Miti
Patrick Miyachi

Hope Montalvo
Christian Palacio
Trish Robertson
Herbert Rodrigues
Souza Ohana
John Sutton
Sharon Sweat
Gabrielle Taylor
David Teves
Gordon Wong
The homebound
and for the repose
of soul of
+Mary G. Lerps
+Katherine Lerps
+Michael Williams

9-Day Novena Advent Crusade to Pray for the Return Home of Prodigal Catholics.

REPLICA AL TAMAÑO ORIGINAL
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Guillermo Schulenburg P.
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Starting December 3rd and ending on December 12th , the St. Michael's Center Traveling Image of Our Lady Of Guadalupe will be displayed 10 different parishes on O'ahu.

St. John Vianney Parish will have the 6th Day Novena Wednesday, December 8, 2021 Holy Day of Obligation (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Morning

- 7:30 AM Placement of the Guadalupe Image in the Church
- 8:00 AM Morning Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM
- 9:10 AM Day 6 Novena Prayer for Our Lady of Guadalupe and Rosary (led by Dara)
- 9:30 AM Speaker for Our Lady of Guadalupe: **Thomas Pereira** from the St. Michael Center
- 10:00 AM Display of Image & Veneration
- 10:30 AM Closing

Evening

- 6:30 PM Day 6 Novena Prayer for Our Lady of Guadalupe and Rosary (led by Dara)
- 7:00 PM Evening Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM
- 8:10 PM Removal of the Image to Relocate to the Next Pilgrimage Parish Church

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December 5, 2021

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/120521.cfm>

Reading I

Bar 5:1-10

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery;
put on the splendor of glory from God forever:
wrapped in the cloak of justice from God,
bear on your head the mitre
that displays the glory of the eternal name.

For God will show all the earth your splendor:
you will be named by God forever
the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;
look to the east and see your children
gathered from the east and the west
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Led away on foot by their enemies they left you:
but God will bring them back to you
borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones.

For God has commanded
that every lofty mountain be made low,
and that the age-old depths and gorges
be filled to level ground,
that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God.

The forests and every fragrant kind of tree
have overshadowed Israel at God's command;
for God is leading Israel in joy
by the light of his glory,
with his mercy and justice for company.

Gospel

Lk 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar,
when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea,
and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee,
and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region
of Iturea and Trachonitis,
and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene,
during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas,
the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert.
John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,
as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

*"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.*

Every valley shall be filled

and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

*The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,*

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Reading II

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters:

I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you,
because of your partnership for the gospel
from the first day until now.

I am confident of this,
that the one who began a good work in you
will continue to complete it
until the day of Christ Jesus.

God is my witness,
how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer:

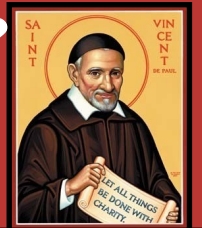
that your love may increase ever more and more
in knowledge and every kind of perception,
to discern what is of value,
so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,
filled with the fruit of righteousness
that comes through Jesus Christ
for the glory and praise of God.





In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 808-456-7837 so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine and more. Please be generous.

The donation envelopes for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be in the church or in the parish office. Mahalo. God bless you all!



Blood Bank of Hawaii

Hawaii needs more than 200 blood donors *every day.*



Did you know that all 18 of Hawaii's civilian hospitals rely on our donors to provide blood for everything ranging from cancer and burn treatments to surgeries and transplants. Your neighbors on every island need your support.

Young Street Donor Center	1907 Young St Honolulu	MON – THU 6:30 AM – 6:30 PM	FRI – SUN 6:30 AM – 4:30 PM	
Dillingham Donor Center	2043 Dillingham Blvd Honolulu	TUES/FRI/SAT 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM	WED/THURS 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM	
Waikele Center (Bloodmobile)	94-849 Lumiaina St. Waipahu	MON/TUES 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM	WED/THURS 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM	FRI – SUN 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Windward Mall (Bloodmobile)	45-056 Kamehameha Hwy Kaneohe	MON/TUES 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	WED/THURS 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM	FRI – SUN 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

operations subject to change; please visit the web/call us for most up-to-date info

Please provide your Lifesaver Club group name/code to the BBH staff when you arrive for your appointment at any location:

St. John Vianney Parish (1793)

Donations by appointment only.

Visit bbh.org or call (808) 848-4770





For more than 40 years, our St. John Vianney parish community has been bringing Christmas joy to families and children in need. This year we hope to grant 300 wishes to kids in the following communities:

Catholic Charities Hawaii, Oahu Programs and Services clients

- St. George Parish, Waimanalo
- Mā'ili Land Transitional Housing
- St. Roch Parish, Kahuku

This year many families are asking for gift cards so they can do their own Christmas shopping. Most gift cards should be from statewide chains of discount department stores. **Each gift card should be \$20-\$25 with the amount clearly seen.**

Some families are asking for certain type of gift/s (this is actually very helpful in choosing what to give). The gift/s should be wrapped with price tag/s removed. Each gift tag you selected from the Giving Tree should be taped on the wrapped gift. This will be very helpful when the gifts are being separated for each communities. **Each gift should cost approximately \$25 or less.**

Please go to the parish office after each Mass this weekend and choose a gift tag or two OR go to the parish office during the week from 8:30am to 4:00pm. Mahalo for your giving heart. May God bless you. **PLEASE BRING WRAPPED GIFTS AND GIFT CARDS BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021.**



The Girl Scouts made about 300 ornaments. As a thank you, each person who takes a gift tag or two gets to keep the ornament.

We thank the Girl Scouts and their team leaders for making the ornaments and attaching them to the gift tags to place on the tree. We are grateful for their time and talent. Mahalo from the heart!

"You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous in every way. Such generosity produces thanksgiving to God through us." 2 Corinthians 9:11



Caring for Creation: Come to the Vigil

By Susan Gorman-Chang, Environmental Justice task Force Chair



The 26th United Nations Climate Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow, Scotland has ended. As people of faith, we must continue to focus on healing our earth and caring for all living things. We must keep our national and local leaders committed to doing the same.

As a way to sustain that caring, **Faith Action's Environmental Justice Task Force** will hold a **Climate Vigil** on **Friday, December 17, 2021, 4:00-5:00 PM** at the **Hawaii State Capitol**. We invite Faith Action members and their family and friends to come and stand with us.

We will share readings, songs, and posters, and hold up candles as a visual reminder of the reality of climate change and the responsibility of people of faith to protect, guard, and steward the gifts of Creation.

St. John Vianney Parish
Presents
A Year of The Holy Spirit
"The Lord and giver of life"



**When the Holy Spirit has come upon you,
you will be Christ's witnesses to the end of the earth.**

**The Third Person
Of the Blessed Trinity
Is the Holy Spirit**

*"Most people know more about
God the Father and God the Son
than the third person of the Holy Trinity."
(see back side)*

“A Year of The Holy Spirit

“the Lord and giver of life”



1. The Holy Spirit is a Divine Person, distinct from the Father and the Son, equal in dignity and majesty, one in being with them and God's continued presence on Earth.
2. For all eternity the Holy Spirit has existed and is mentioned numerous times in the Old Testament and played a big role in the creation of the universe (**Genesis 1:2**)
3. In the New Testament the Holy Spirit is first mentioned at the Annunciation: "When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit" (**Matthew 1:18**).
4. The Holy Spirit has many names including: Spirit of Christ (**Romans 8:9**), the Spirit of the Son (**Galatians 6:6**), the Spirit of Jesus (**Acts 16:7**) and the Paraclete or Advocate (**John 14:16**).
5. Often pictured as a Dove, because it was in this form that the Holy Spirit descended visibly upon Christ at His baptism in the Jordan (**Mark 1:10**).
6. Jesus revealed the third person of the Trinity when He said "The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." (**John 14:26**)
7. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (**Romans 5:5**) and bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. (**Romans 8:14-16**)
8. It is the Holy Spirit by His name and His power, that our sins are forgiven. "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them." (**John 20:22-23**)
9. The Holy Spirit has always guided and protected the members and leaders of the Catholic Church from straying from the teachings of Jesus Christ.
10. We can know and love the Holy Spirit just as we know and love the Father and the Son, and thus become agents of evangelization.

**Our Parish Faith Formation Committee
encourages everyone in our parish family
to learn more about the Holy Spirit**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



LIVE NATIVITY

AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

DECEMBER 19, 4-5:30PM

920 KEOLU DRIVE, KAILUA, HAWAII 96734



MORE INFORMATION 808.262.8317 | WWW.SAINTJOHNVIANNEYKAILUA.ORG

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Help us make our Living Nativity a wonderful celebration for our Parish and community!

**ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH
LIVING NATIVITY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2020
4:00 – 5:30pm**

We need 8 families to adopt a scene from the Nativity Story and bring it to life!

Here's all you need to do:

- **Decide which part of the story is best for your family** (see below for summaries).
- **Signup online at** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4fa8a723a1fa7-living>
- **Develop that scene** – you can create backdrops, props, – anything you'd like to make the scene work! We do have some costumes (angels, shepherds, animals, wise men, Mary and Joseph, etc.) and props (manger, gifts, etc.) you are welcome to borrow, as well as some paper and paints. We will help you however we can to make your vision come to life!
- **On December 19th, pop up your tent, set up your scene and be part of our LIVING NATIVITY.**
- **Drive-Thru will be open 4:00 – 5:30pm**

SCENES:

SCENE	BIBLE REFERENCE
#1 – The Annunciation	Luke 1:26-33; 38
#2 – The Visitation	Luke 1:39-56
#3 – Travel to Bethlehem	Luke 2: 1-5
#4 – No Room at the Inn	Luke 2:7
#5 – Jesus' Birth	Luke 2:6-7
#6 - Shepherds	Luke 2: 8-12; 15-20
# 7 - Angels	Luke 2: 13-14
#8 – Wise Men	Matthew 2:1, 9-12

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

is pleased to re-introduce our



***“Train a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old, he will not turn from it.”***

Proverbs 22:6

Every day children in our society are bombarded with hundreds of materialistic messages. It is important that in church, our children hear a **different message**. Children need to hear that Jesus loves them just as they are, to hear that God has given each of them unique and special gifts, and to hear the message of Stewardship.

Stewardship is not just for adults. Even children have wonderful gifts to give. It is very important that young people learn to realize that they are greatly blessed by God and that God, in turn, asks them to share their blessings.

Starting next week, we hope that our Children's Stewardship Opportunity will provide a way for our parish youth to give their own gift back to God.

What is the purpose of the Children's Stewardship Opportunity?

Our Children's Stewardship Opportunity will allow our children to share how they have used their God-given time and talent and to place their own gifts to God in the Offertory basket each week. The purpose of this program **IS NOT** to raise money for our parish. We will use the offerings from the Children's Stewardship Opportunity to give back to the community and will let our children know how the offerings have been used. **The purpose is to teach the children the joy of giving and the fact that they need to give back to God out of gratitude for all that God has given to them.**

Each Envelope has a space for the children to offer to God their TIME, TALENT and TREASURE. Examples of your child sharing gifts of time and talent could include cleaning up their room, drawing a picture to make someone feel better, teaching someone how to play soccer, or helping a friend. We **DO NOT** expect you to provide your child with the money that goes in the envelope. It is more important that your child puts in a nickel, dime or quarter from his or her own allowance and feels proud of that contribution rather than putting in a dollar from mom's or dad's wallet.

Where do I get envelopes for my child?

You will find special Children's Offertory Envelope available in the back of the church. You may pick up an envelope for your child as you enter church.

What do we do with the envelopes?

Each week, during Preparation of the Altar and Gifts at Mass, children will be invited to come forward and place their envelopes in a basket at the altar. Of course, if a child is shy or uncomfortable about coming to the altar, he or she may also place the envelope in the Offertory Boxes at the back of the church.

Please support this effort by always bringing your child to Mass. Discuss with them the importance of Stewardship and to feel proud they are giving their own gift to God.