

April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday

# Sunday Bulletin

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Welcome to our newest members to the Catholic faith as well as Candidates of Confirmation

Easter morning when the tomb was discovered to be empty, we can now joyfully sing together, "Christ the Lord is Risen today, Alleluia!" Congratulations to our newest members who committed to being soldiers of Christ.

Full Initiation: Reginald Chun, Piper Ingram, and Susan Yamane

Full Communion and Confirmation: Michael Diem, Gordon Shon, and Justin Shon

Confirmation: Jean-Claude Vasconcellos

### CRS Rice Bowl — Happy Easter!

Our CRS Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda and commit to share our Easter joy with those in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl this week or donate online at <https://crsricebowl.org/give>.

### Divine Mercy Sunday will be next weekend

Plan to join us as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet after all Masses. Copies of the Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet can be found in the back of the church or on our website or myParish app.

### A Day with Father Damien Retreat

Saint Anthony's Retreat Center will be hosting a retreat on **Saturday, May 7, 2022** focusing on a day in the remembrance of Father Damien. There will be intimate articles, relics, and items from Fr. Damien's time spent in Hawaii. These are pieces that are rarely displayed in the public eye. We hope you will be able to attend, to learn, and enjoy the wonderful life and works of Fr. Damien. Please contact Sr. Ivy at Saint Anthony's Retreat Center for reservations. See flyer on our website or myParish app.

### SJV Altar Server Training

Who can be an Altar Server? Anyone 7 years or older who has been confirmed or is preparing to be confirmed... (adults, too!) **Sundays, April 24 and May 1, 2022 from 12—1:30 p.m.** For more information and to sign up for the training visit our website or myParish app.

### The Great Fifty Days of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24, Masses at 7, 9 and 11 a.m. Vigil on Sat., April 23, at 5 p.m. Sixth Sunday of Easter, Sunday May 22, Masses at 7, 9 and 11 a.m.

Full Communion Candidates (Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist at the Vigil Mass on Saturday May 21, at 5 p.m.

Pentecost Sunday, June 5, Masses at 7, 9 and 11 a.m., Vigil on Sat., June 4, at 5 p.m.

## Prayers for Healing

Ruth Alves, Kathy Asing, Edward Balderston, Jim Balderston, Peter Barcia, Sydney Bennett, Chuck Bernales, Robert Bernales, Sheryl Caldeira, Rod Castanha, Sandy Chong, Mollie Chun, Filomena Dalope, Eleanor Dodds, Barbara Fields, Jayla Gomes, Kathleen Heirakuji, Keone & Deborah Johnson, Tony Lambio, Myngoc Le, Bernice Lewis, Kasey Lopes, Lopes Ohana, Jonathan & Malina Leswczuk, Elizabeth Libby, Buck Marcum, Milton McAngus, Michael Miti, Patrick Miyachi, Hope Montalvo, Christian Palacio, Trish Robertson, Herbert Rodrigues, Mary Sauvageau, Souza Ohana, Caroline Soriano, John Sutton, Sharon Sweat, Gabrielle Taylor, David Teves, Paulette Teves, Gordon Wong

## Rest of Soul

+Doug Barbieto,

++Harold "Hal" and Rowena Okita

+Ken Weir

## Next Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31

## Schedule

Sun, Apr 17 Happy Easter!

7, 9 & 11 a.m. Easter Mass

10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

1:30—3:15 p.m. Youth Band Rehearsal

3—4:30 p.m. People of Praise

Mon, Apr 18

9—10:30 a.m. Bible Study

Tues, Apr 19

7—8:30 p.m. Bible Study

Wed, Apr 20

6—7 p.m. Religious Ed Program

6:30—9:30 p.m. BSA Troop 311 Committee Mtg.

Thu, Apr 21

9—11 a.m. Sodality Rosary Making

Fri, Apr 22

10 a.m. Funeral Mass for

++Harold "Hal" and Rowena Okita

Sat, Apr 23

9—12 p.m. Religious Ed Program

10 a.m. Funeral Mass for +Doug Barbieto

Sun, Apr 24 Divine Mercy Sunday

9 —2 p.m. Religious Education Program

1:30—3:15 p.m. Youth Band Rehearsal

3—5 p.m. Girl Scouts

4—5 p.m. BSA Scout Troop 311

# SCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by Earl Walker

The entire faculty, staff and students of St. John Vianney School wish everyone a most holy Easter. Each year, during the season of Lent, our students and their families participate in the CRS Rice Bowl outreach. During Holy Week, our school 'ohana gathered in the church as the students presented their rice bowl donations at the altar. As the students went forward, they recalled the commitments they made during Lent. They were joined by our pastor, Fr. Vincent Vu, as they prayed for the millions of poor and vulnerable people across the globe.

Provide your child an exciting and challenging summer experience by enrolling them in our **St. John Vianney Summer Program** from June 13 to July 8, 2022. See our website for classes offered that promise to help your child grow socially and intellectually. Registration deadline is June 13, 2022 and early registration is recommended as courses fill quickly. For more information contact the school office at 808-261-4651.



# PRISON MINISTRY—THANK YOU!

By Jackie Barney

Thank you for your support towards the Women's Community Correctional project. Many hands and hearts helped make this happen. The delivery of the items were delivered April 13, 2022. Mahalo for giving.



# CATHOLIC FAITH CORNER



## Apologetics without Apology *A Year of the Holy Spirit (The Gift of Understanding)*

Do you understand the mysteries of God? Imagine that you were a theologian who studied the faith of our Church for many years. Would knowledge of all the theological disciplines of our Church necessarily produce in you an authentic understanding of these mysteries that were studied? No, it wouldn't necessarily produce understanding. In fact, it is entirely possible that while knowing all about God and all that has been revealed through the ages, you still might lack an authentic understanding of God and the profound mysteries of our faith.

Understanding ultimately comes as a gift from God. It's an infused gift which illumines and enlightens, and is obtainable only by a direct and personal revelation from God. Yes, study of the faith and attentiveness to clear articulation of this same faith disposes one to understand, but the inspired gift of Understanding is still required to penetrate and grasp all mysteries of our faith.

Understanding is a true gift of God's Mercy. Reflect upon your own understanding of the infinite Mercy of God. How fully do you comprehend this Mercy? Reflect upon all that God has revealed to us throughout history. He has spoken definitively through Scripture, and has also spoken definitively through His Church in numerous ways. Reflect upon how fully you grasp all the Articles of our faith that have been revealed through the ages. God has spoken in a clear and public way. Now He desires to speak those same truths to you in the depths of your soul. If you are willing to listen, your understanding will open the floodgates of God's immensity.

# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Submitted by Melodie Sasaki

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, like Mary Magdalene and the disciples, we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection. As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul envelope, you help those who are poor and hungry to "see and believe" in the Resurrection.

# STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week of Apr 2—8, 2022	Envelopes/Loose	Online Giving	Total	Goal
Sunday Offertory	\$5285.00	\$3,202.00	\$8,487.00	\$8,010.00
Repair and Maintenance	\$1,805.00	\$195.00	\$2,000.00	\$769.23
Debt/Major Repair	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$769.23
Appeal	\$280.00	\$675.00	\$955.00	\$2,307.69



# *Divine Mercy Sunday*

April 23 & 24, 2022



Come pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
immediately following all Masses  
On Divine Mercy Sunday.

*Together we join those throughout the world  
in prayer and adoration  
seeking God's mercy for ourselves  
and for the whole world.*

***Pray the nine day Novena starting on Good Friday.  
Novena pamphlets are available in the back of the church.***

# Divine Mercy Explained

Pope Francis called St. Faustina Kowalska the apostle of mercy. "May she, who was called to enter the depths of divine mercy, intercede for us and obtain for us the grace of living and walking always according to the mercy of God and with an unwavering trust in his love" (The Face of Mercy, 24).

Introduce your students to a saint who made divine mercy the mission of her life.

## Story of St. Faustina

On a February night in 1931, a simple nun in Poland received a mystical vision of Jesus in a white robe with red-and-white rays radiating from his heart. Sister Faustina Kowalska remembered the words Jesus said to her: "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You.' I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and then throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish." In obedience to her vision, three years later she managed to get an artist to produce the now-famous Divine Mercy image.

Jesus had also instructed her that the image was to be venerated publicly on the first Sunday after Easter and that this was to be for the whole Church; even the pope would venerate the image. How could the lowly Polish nun ever hope to accomplish such a task? She had no contacts with people in power, and many doubted her supposed visions and conversations with Jesus.

She found support with one priest, Blessed Father Michael Sopocko, and over the next few decades the Divine Mercy devotion began to spread and gain approval. Then, in 1958 Church theologians detected potential errors in Sister Faustina's writings and both the devotion and her writings were suppressed. The ban on the Divine Mercy devotion lasted for 20 years.

## Divine Mercy Devotion

Meanwhile, in 1965 the archbishop of Krakow—a certain Karol Wojtyla—got permission for a more extensive investigation into Sister Faustina and the Divine Mercy devotion. In 1978 Wojtyla was elected Pope John Paul II, and the Church lifted the ban on Sister Faustina's teachings and the Divine Mercy devotion. Pope John Paul II beatified Sister Faustina in 1993 and declared her a saint in the jubilee year 2000. At that time John Paul II also declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday for the universal Church. Thus, through divine providence, a Polish pope fulfilled the seemingly impossible prophecies given to the simple Polish nun.

As a sign of divine blessing on St. John Paul II's mission of mercy, he died on the vigil of the Divine Mercy in April 2005. On Divine Mercy Sunday 2011,

he was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI, and on Divine Mercy Sunday 2014, Karol Wojtyla joined his little sister Faustina in the roll of saints, thus continuing in heaven together their mission of mercy to the world.

## Divine Mercy Image

The red-and-white beams represent the sacraments of baptism and Communion. We must participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church. Through regular confession and Communion we plug into the powerhouse of Divine Mercy. As Jesus was the Divine Mercy incarnate, our ordinary lives can become the Divine Mercy incarnate.

It is no coincidence that Divine Mercy Sunday is the Sunday after Easter. This is because the Divine Mercy is essentially a Resurrection image. Jesus steps out of the darkness of death, bringing new life and power to the world. As we contemplate this image and yield ourselves to Christ, the rays that emanate from his heart touch us and make the Resurrection life real in our lives.

## Divine Mercy Chaplet

The *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska* chronicles God's message of mercy given through St. Faustina. In a revelation, Jesus encouraged the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given you (*Diary*, 1541). Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death (687). I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy (687). Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will. (1731)

Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, the Divine Mercy chaplet is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist, so it is especially appropriate to teach first Holy Communicants. It may be said at any time, but our Lord specifically told St. Faustina to recite it during the nine days before the Feast of Mercy (the first Sunday after Easter).

For more information and for instructions on how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, visit [TheDivineMercy.org/Message/Devotions/PrayTheChaplet.php](http://TheDivineMercy.org/Message/Devotions/PrayTheChaplet.php)

—Fr. Dwight Longenecker



ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

# ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

*Offer your hands,  
thoughts and time  
to Jesus.*

- Pope Francis



## WHO CAN BE AN ALTAR SERVER?

Anyone 7 years or  
older who has been  
Confirmed or is  
preparing to be  
Confirmed...  
(adults, too!)

## WHEN

Sunday  
April 24 & May 1  
12:00 - 1:30pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
AND TO SIGN UP FOR TRAINING,  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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*A day with....*

# ***Damien***

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***Presented by***

**Rev. Herman Gomes, ss.cc.**

***With Damien Display by***

**Stuart Ching, Archivist**

**May 7, 2022**

**8:30am to 2:30pm**

**Call Retreat Center office for reservations**

**Phone (808) 845-4353**