April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday Bulletin

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Easter!

Christ is risen! Christ is truly risen! Alleluia! The Easter message of joy echoes through the whole world proclaiming Christ's ultimate victory of light over darkness, grace over sin, and life over death. It is the message upon which we build our lives and to which we anchor our own hope of victory with him. During this solemn Easter season of 50-days we joyfully give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed on us as individuals and as a faith community these many years. Because Jesus has died and risen again, conquering sin and death, we believe that with Him we too shall live. In this spirit of faith and hope, we wish you and your families a most holy and blessed Easter Season!

Welcome to our newest member of the Catholic faith, Austin Marsh

Congratulations to our newest member, Austin Marsh. We give thanks and praise to God who has led him to oneness in faith. You are welcomed in the name of Christ. The Church shares your joy. May you be strengthened by our prayers for your new life in Christ. God bless you.

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 Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya and commit to share our Easter joy with people in our local community and around the world. To donate online visit crsricebowl.org/donate.

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 and Chaplet can be found in the back of the church or on our website or myParish app.

Hope for Mental Health Community

A monthly support group for those for those living with a mental illness and for their family members and friends meets on the third Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Kailua.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

This retreat offers healing and support for anyone who has experienced emotional pain and suffering after abortion. Both women and men are welcomed to this private retreat where the mercy, love and compassion of Jesus Christ will be felt in an environment of safety and trust for healing to take place. The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreats will be held on April 28-30 and October 13-15. **Registrations are strictly confidential.** To register, contact Lisa at 808-349-5071 or email: RVinHawaii@gmail.com

Prayers for Healing

Ruth Alves, Ethel Arola, Anna Asinsin, Edward Balderston, Jim Balderston, Terry Barnaby, Hayes Beissel, Sydney Bennett, Clark Bernales, Robert Bernales, Walter Bicker, Avarose Marie L. Braga, Michelle Brown, Donovan Caldeira, Sheryl Caldeira, Rod Castanha, Paul Chinen, Carolyn Chong, Pat Drury, Diane Fiol, Jerry Gallagher, John Glorioso, Jr, Tom Glorioso, Angeline Goh, Jayla Gomes, Milli Gorecki, Kelly Hohman, Tim Hudson, Keone & Deborah Johnson, Claude Kane, Dylan Kualaku, Tony Lambio, Kailey Jong-Perez, Myngoc Le, Jonathan & Malina Lewczyk, Emily Lim, Kasey Lopes, Elizabeth Libby, Buck Marcum, Sandy McAulton, Edward Medeiros, Beverly and Bobby Mink, Hope Montalvo, Christian Palacio, Jimmy Pany, Cayetana Paras, Kenneth Quirin, Sr., Bill Roman, Antonio Salcedo, Par Salehi, Deni Smith, Bernardo Soriano, John Sutton, Sharon Sweat, Audrey Swift, Erin Tagupa, Nevilla Tagupa, Gabrielle Taylor, Terri Taylor, David Teves, Paulette Teves, David Thomas

Repose of Soul

+Barbara Fields, Funeral Mass May 3, 10:30 a.m. +Daisy Houghtailing, Funeral Mass May 13 +Roger Forness, Funeral Mass in May +Milton McAngus, Funeral Mass in June

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9 Gospel: John 20:19-31

Upcoming Events

- Sat, Apr 8, 7 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass. Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion for Austin Marsh
- Sun, Apr 9, 7 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Masses. Easter goodie bags for all children at Mass.

9 a.m. Mass, Baptism of Leilani Anne Windsor 10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt outside the Parish Hall

- Fri, Apr 14, 9—12 p.m. Seniors' Bingo and Pot luck in the Parish Lounge. Bring bagged gift and food to share. All are welcome!
- Sat April 15 and Sun, Apr 16, Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed after all Masses
- Sun, Apr 30, 7 a.m.—1 p.m. SJV School Art Showcase on the Fellowship Lanai
- Sat, May 6, 6-8 p.m. SJV 60th Anniversary Praise Festival on campus

Use the QR code at the entrance to the church to read the full edition of the Sunday Bulletin online for more announcements, or view it in myParish App.

SCHOOL NEWS

The entire faculty, staff and students of St. John Vianney School wish everyone a happy and 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.

Our Summer School 2023 Program will take place from June 12 to July 7. The program will provide your child with an exciting and challenging summer experience. A complete list of courses and the registration form may be viewed on our website, www.sjvkailua.org. Deadline for registration is June 9, 2023, and class sizes are limited, so early registration is recommended as courses fill quickly. When completing the registration, your child should be registered according to the grade he/she will be entering this fall. Our dedicated faculty and staff look forward to working with you and your child. For more information call the school office at 808-261-4651.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice. It is then that we are truly Easter people! As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul envelope, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them Easter hope and joy.

CATHOLIC FAITH CORNER A YEAR OF THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



The Saints Encourage Us to Spend Time in **Eucharistic Adoration**

"Whenever I go to the chapel, I put myself in the presence of our good Lord, and I say to him, 'Lord, I am here. Tell me what you would have me to do'... And then, I tell God everything that is in my heart. I tell him about my pains and my joys, and then I listen. If you listen, God will also speak to you, for with the good Lord, you have to both speak and listen. God always speaks to you when you approach him plainly and simply." -St. Catherine Labouré

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth." -St. Teresa of Calcutta

"Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day. True, Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, for He has made the promise, 'Ask, and you shall receive,' but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." - St. Alphonsus Liguori

"O Christ, let my greatest delight be to see You loved ... especially the honor of Your mercy. O Christ, let me glorify Your goodness and mercy to the last moment of my life, with every drop of my blood and every beat of my heart. Would that I be transformed into a hymn of adoration of You. When I find myself on my deathbed, may the last beat of my heart be a loving hymn glorifying Your unfathomable mercy. Amen." -St. Faustina

THE OILS BLESSED BY BISHOP LARRY

The Chrism Mass, which Bishop Larry concelebrates with priests from various regions of the diocese and during



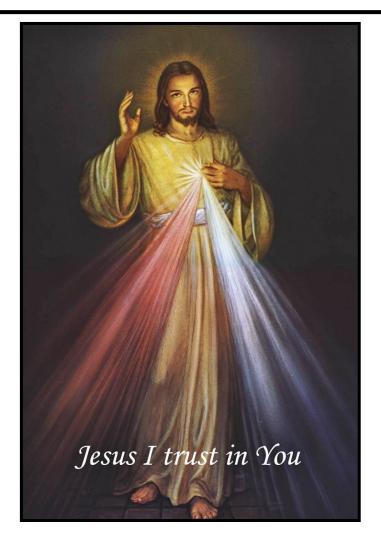
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which he consecrates the sacred Chrism and blesses the other oils, is among the principal manifestations of the fullness of the Bishop's priesthood and is considered to be a sign of the close bond of the priests with him. For it is with the sacred Chrism consecrated by the Bishop that the newly baptized are anointed and those to be confirmed are signed. It is with the Oil of Catechumens that catechumens are prepared and disposed for Baptism. Finally it is with the Oil of the Sick that those who are ill are comforted in their infirmity. Mahalo to Mike and Denise Wong and Ashley Stahlberger for being our representatives at this year's Oahu Chrism Mass to receive the blessed oils for St. John Vianney Church.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE						
Week of Mar 25—31, 2023	Envelopes/Loose	Online Giving	<u>Total</u>	Goal	renovaren	
Sunday Offertory	\$4,057.00	\$2,263.00	\$6,320.00	\$8,195.16	분砌분	
Repair and Maintenance	\$315.00	\$230.00	\$545.00	\$1,298.08	115-312	
Debt/Major Repair	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$2,916.67		
Appeal	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$288.46		

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 15 & 16, 2023



Come pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy immediately following all Masses This 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. 1. Make the Sign of the Cross

2. (Optional*) Pray,

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. "Our Father."

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

"Hail Mary,"

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

"And The Apostle's Creed."

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead....

How to pray The Chaplet of Divine Mercy ... I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

> 4. On the Our Father beads pray.

> > **Eternal Father, Loffer** You the Body and Blood, Soul and **Divinity of Your** dearly beloved Son, **Our Lord Jesus** Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

> > > 5. On the Hail Mary Beads pray,

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

6. Pray three times,

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(Optional*)

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

Close with the Sign of the Cross.

Jesus' promise to St. Faustina

"Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you. Anyone who says it will receive great Mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as the last hope. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this Chaplet even once, will receive grace from My Infinite Mercy. I want the whole world to know My Infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy.....

"....When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person not as the just judge but as the Merciful Savior".

*Optional Prayers are taken from The Diary of St. Faustina.

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

-Fr. Dwight Longenecker

St. John Vianney Parish Presents A Eucharistic Revival

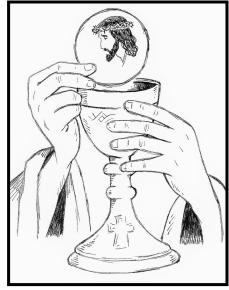
To renew us by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.



Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist, The body and blood of Christ.

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst." (John 6:35) A year long focus to further educate our parish community and the Kailua community about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist

- 1. Eucharistic Adoration is a special time of prayer before the presence of a Consecrated Host, which is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus.
- 2. During Adoration, the Host on display literally contains His presence, despite having the appearance, taste, smell and texture of regular bread.



- 3. Adoration is showing that we know God is truly God, our Savior, and the creator of everything that exists.
- 4. There are many ways Adoration may be held: Perpetual Adoration to pray at any time; Guided Adoration, with reflective readings and music; Adoration while praying the Rosary; Sacrament of Reconciliation during Adoration.
- 5. All consecrated Hosts remaining after Holy Communion are stored in the tabernacle, the little "house" in the sanctuary where Jesus resides.
- 6. The monstrance is an upright vessel that holds the consecrated Host for special adoration. The luna (or lunette) is the sacred class container which holds the consecrated Host in the center of the monstrance.
- 7. "Let Christ gaze on you. Adoring the Christ truly present in the Eucharist: Do I let myself be transformed by Him? Do I let the Lord who gives Himself to me, guide me to come out more and more from my little fence, to get out and be not afraid to give, to share, to love Him and others?" (**Pope Francis**)
- "The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease." (Pope John Paul II)
- 9. Spending time in Eucharistic Adoration with our Divine Lord and Friend is a good time to ask what He wants with our life.
- 10.Eucharistic Adoration is held at St. John Vianney Parish on the first Saturday of every month after the 8am Mass. All are encouraged to come to this amazing opportunity to worship Jesus

Our Parish Faith Formation Committee encourages all parishioners to learn more about the Real Presence during the next 12 months. **Registrations are now being accepted for the April 2023 Retreat!**

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats



Healing the Pain of Abortion... One Weekend at a Time.

If you or a friend are hurting from a past abortion and are searching for a confidential, non-judgmental, safe place of healing and support to express and reconcile painful emotions and begin the healing process, look no further... and join us on our next retreat!

Both women and men are impacted by abortion and greatly benefit from the retreats. Singles, couples and family members of aborted children have come to Rachel's Vineyard for peace and inner healing. Call us today if you need someone to talk to.

Retreats are held at a private retreat center for 3 days and 2 nights. A registration fee of \$175.00 covers accommodations, daily meals/snacks, and materials. Space is limited. Registrations & Retreats are strictly confidential. Need-based scholarships are available.

2023 Retreat Dates: April 28-30 & October 13-15 (Arrive on Friday at 5:30pm; Depart on Sunday at 5:00pm)

Call Lisa at : (808) 490-2571 to Register or email: RvinHawaii@gmail.com Registrations are Strictly Confidential.

Rachel's Vineyard is the world's largest ministry for healing after abortion.

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ABOUT RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats for healing after abortion are offered throughout the year in 49 States and 70 countries (with many new sites in development).

The program is an opportunity to examine your abortion experience, identify the ways that the loss has impacted you in the past and present, and helps to acknowledge any unresolved feelings that many individuals struggle with after abortion.

Because of the emotional numbness and secrecy that often surrounds an abortion experience, conflicting emotions both during and after the event may remain unresolved. These buried feelings can surface later and may be symptoms of post abortion trauma.

It is often said that abortion is a woman's issue. However, both men and women are impacted by abortion and greatly benefit from the retreats. Married couples, mothers, fathers, siblings, and grandparents of aborted children have come to Rachel's Vineyard in search of peace and inner healing. To learn more about Rachel's Vineyard Ministries, visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Rachel's Vineyard Hawaii is a ministry of The Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii and Priests For Life.



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RACHEL'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES HAWAII

c/o The Respect Life Office of the Roman Catholic Church in Hawaii 6301 Pali Highway Kaneohe, HI 96744

If you or a friend are hurting from an abortion, call us today. Contact Lisa Shorba, Hawai'i Site Leader at: (808) 490-2571 e-mail: rvinhawaii@gmail.com

More info at: www.rachelsvineyard.org Toll-Free Hotline: 1-877-HOPE-4-ME

The retreat and registration are strictly confidential. Rachel's Vineyard is a healing and training resource that welcomes collaboration with other post-abortion ministries. Rachel's Vineyard retreats are held in both Catholic and Interdenominational settings.

For information on clinical training or how to become a sponsor of Rachel's Vineyard in your area, please contact Theresa Burke, Phd at: Tel: (610) 354-0555; Fax: (601) 354-0111; or E-mail: **rachel@rachelsvineyard.org.** National Headquarters: 808 N. Henderson Rd., 2nd Floor King of Prussia, PA 19406.

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RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS

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Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. The weekend is a chance to get away from all the daily pressures of work and family and focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive and non-judgmental process. The time away provides an opportunity to deeply enter the grieving process and identify all the ways your abortion may have affected you.

Rachel's Vineyard has a number of powerful exercises, rooted in Scripture, which allow the soul to speak its grief and sorrow. These exercises help connect participants to their inner voice, to each other, and to the love and mercy of God. The exercises help participants to accept forgiveness for themselves and others. Participants are also given an opportunity to re-connect on a spiritual level with their children who have been aborted, to give them honor and dignity through many special and creative spiritual exercises as well as in a memorial service.

The weekend is a lot of work, but those who are willing to journey through their grief will experience the power of resurrection in their own lives. They will find meaning in what has happened and allow God to transform the experience into something that gives hope, liberation and peace.

Testimony: "This experience was life-changing for me! It freed me of the grief and guilt I carried for over 30 years. Even though I thought I was "tough" or "over it," nothing helped me or healed me more than my attending the RV Retreat."

MORE ABOUT RACHEL'S VINEYARD HAWAII

Dr. Theresa Burke and husband, Kevin Burke, founded Rachel's Vineyard Ministries' Weekend Retreats in 1995 in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Burke created the retreat format after founding one of the first therapeutic support groups for post-aborted women and years of clinical work at The Center for Post Abortion Healing, founded in 1986.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Hawaii was established in 2009 as a program under the Respect Life Office of the Roman Catholic Church in Hawaii. Dr. Theresa Burke facilitated the first Hawaii retreat in September 2009 and provided a full-day's clinical training on the subject of Pregnancy Loss & Unresolved Grief to Hawaii's clergy/counselors/lay people/physicians. The RV team consists of a Catholic priest, professional counselor, facilitator, loving and non-judgmental lay volunteers, all who've participated on past RV retreats. We volunteer our time freely on the weekend because we understand the importance of healing and recovery surrounding the pain of abortion. We respect where each participant is in the grief process and we help each participant to move into a deeper level of healing.

Where Does the Name 'Rachel's Vineyard' Come From?

The name "Rachel" refers to an Old Testament figure. Rachel was written about in the book of Jeremiah: "Thus says the Lord: In Ramah is heard the sound of moaning, of bitter weeping!Rachel mourns her children, she refuses to be consoled because her children are no more.

Thus says the Lord: Cease your cries of mourning, wipe the tears from your eyes. The sorrow you have shown shall have its reward, says the Lord. There is hope for your future!" (Jeremiah 31:15-17)

Testimonies: "My husband and I both attended the RV Retreat. We both agree that it brought us closer to God and to each other. We received healing on so many levels. The love, warmth, and confidentiality were superb!"

"A family member & I attended RV; feeling nervous, the two of us were unsure of what to expect....at times it was an emotional roller coaster. We experienced safe lodging, meal nourishment, supportive environment; privacy of participants in mind at all times. The aftermath of the RV Retreat truly lifted my personal battle of burden which had been holding me hostage mentally and in my heart for over 35 years. We left the retreat with a renewed inner strength of confidence and a shared bonding experience which neither one of us will ever forget. Mahalo to the RV Team for doing what you do. Aloha & Mahalo, Ohana"



First RV Retreat in HI (Sept. 2009): Lisa Shorba, Dr. Theresa Burke, Sr. Geralyn Spaulding, O.S.B., and Rev. Khanh Pham-Nguyen.

"Jesus Himself said that He came to call sinners and not the self-righteous. I pray that all who participate in Rachel's Vineyard with the longing to be free and to be healed by Jesus, may find Him, the source of true joy, peace and love, and allow God to restore them to wholeness and happiness. I am praying much for you. God bless you."

~ Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Testimony: "As a man, abortion affects us in a unique way...Rachel's Vineyard helped me heal many wounds from the past. I learned to be compassionate with myself. As Christians, we all strive to forgive, but rarely do we have such an opportunity to really learn how to forgive. The experiential learning process engaged me into a deeper walk with my faith. Now I am able to pray more deeply and authentically...to understand my pain and walk with it. My relationship with my wife has greatly improved...I feel now I can be much more open with her and she can understand my feelings about children. I recommend RV for anyone who has been burdened with the loss of their child. You will be surrounded by loving people."

RETREAT REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Weekend retreats are 3 days & 2 nights and include overnight stay at a private retreat center. Accommodations, meals/ refreshments, and retreat materials are provided. Space is limited. A registration fee of \$175 is required per participant. Need-based scholarships are available.

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<u>Confidential Registrations</u>. Call: (808) 349-5071 or e-mail: RVinHawaii@gmail.com We welcome women and men of all faiths and look forward to serving you on our next retreat!

May God bless you and enfold you with His love and peace. We are praying for you!

~ Your Rachel's Vineyard Team



ST. JOHN VIANNEY SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE SOLICITATION NOTICE March 25-26, 2023

St. John Vianney School is seeking candidates for our St. John Vianney School Board. The board is an advisory council to the pastor and the principal of St. John Vianney School. It assists in the strategic planning for the school, including preparation of budgets, review of finances, development of financial goals, marketing, and recruiting of new families to the school. Meetings are held approximately once a month.

The ideal candidate must be able to generously commit stewardship of time, talent, and treasure as may be required in fulfilling the duties, responsibilities, and expectations placed upon the members of the board.

If you feel the call to serve on the SJV School Board, we invite you to stop by the school office or email us at <u>sjvadmin@sjvkailua.org</u> to request a Candidate Application Form. The deadline for submitting the completed Candidate Application Form is April 10, 2023. The application can be submitted via email or by delivering it to the school office, Monday through Friday from 8AM-2PM.