

THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH AUGUST 2022

COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET
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1980's



FEAST DAY MASS



NEW FURNITURE FOR CHURCH

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH CELEBRATES ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY IN REMODELED CHURCH

St. John Vianney Parish Church with its new Altar was rededicated on August 1, 1982 by Bishop Joseph A. Ferrario, D. D. The celebration included founding pastor, Fr. John B. Read, the parish's second Pastor Fr. Patrick H. Freitas, Parish Administrator Fr. Nathan Mamo and Associate Pastor, Fr. Charles Lees.

Prior to the celebration, the interior of the church was remodeled and given a "face-lift." A new tile floor was installed and the church pews were refinished. The new furniture for the altar, designed by Snowden Hodges, was constructed of solid Koa wood by Martin & MacArthur. The new tabernacle was designed by Paula Hodges and entitled "The Burning Bush" (see picture on inside)

According to Fr. Nathan Mamo, St. John Vianney Parish has been God's instrument in sharing the Gospel with the people of Kailua for the past twenty years. It has been the voice of reason, compassion and inspiration. With the guidance of wise, dedicated, compassionate priests, SJV has been and continues to be an influence for good not only in Kailua but the entire Diocese of Honolulu and the State of Hawaii. The harmony by which the Parish Pastoral Council,

Parish School Board, Religious Education Board, Parish Finance Committee and Parish Administrative Staff worked proved the veracity of the insights of the Second Vatican Council in its efforts to involve as widely as possible the various kinds people who make up the Church.

Fr. Read attributed the success of the parish not only to the parish's patron, whom he believed watches over places and people who invoke his name and protection, but also to its parishioners both past and present. "Throughout the years, parishioners of all ages have been most generous, helpful and kind in every manner. They have taken a personal and proprietary interest in their parish", he said.

Fr. Read had great praise for the pastors, the administrators, the associates and the deacons as well as the dedicated laity who followed his departure for their contributions to the success of SJV parish. He said "The Parish Council, the School Board, the Ladies Sodality, the Charismatic community, the extra ordinary ministers, the ushers, the music and other lay ministers as well as the former Sisters and present teachers have all contributed tremendously."



ANNIVERSARY POT LUCK DINNER



FOOD SERVERS AT ANNIVERSARY

DEACONS FOR THE PARISH

William Hughes and George Christiansen were in the first class of Deacons. On December 6, 1981 the parish had a reception for both of them which included a beautiful brunch, lei, presents and a large group of parishioners. William Hughes was Fr. Nathan Mamo's Administrative Assistant from 1982 to 1986.

Walter Yoshimitsu was ordained to the order of Permanent Deacon on December 4 1984 at St. Anthony's by Bishop Ferrario and was assigned to St. John Vianney Parish in 1985 where he is currently one of our deacons.

Clarence DeCaires and Lauren Wong were ordained to the order of Permanent Deacon on June 15, 1987 at St. Anthony's in Kailua by Bishop Ferrario. Both were assigned to St. John Vianney Parish in 1987 and are both our current deacons.



**NEW
TABERNACLE

DESIGNED
BY
PAULA HODGES**

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Barbara Akeo was the Administrator for St. John Vianney Parish from 1986 until her passing in 2007. She served under three pastors: Fr. Nathan Mamo, Fr. Joseph Grimaldi and Fr. Thomas Gross. Barbara was born and raised in Kaimuki and graduated from Star of the Sea School. She married her husband Paul Akeo, and after the birth of their first child they moved into their new home in Kailua in 1966. They raised three children who all attended St. John Vianney Catholic School.



BARBARA AKEO

Her varied past experiences were in the areas of accounting, customer service and administration. She had served on School Boards, PTSA Boards, Parents' Clubs and Principal's Advisory Boards at St. John Vianney, Damien Memorial High School and Kamehameha Schools.

How fortunate for St. John Vianney Parish the day Fr. Mamo asked her to become the parish secretary. For the parish not only gained a secretary, but a dedicated, hard working person who's position evolved into her becoming the first lay administrator of the parish.

In addition to being the parish Administrator, Barbara served as a Eucharistic Minister and coordinated all the activities for the Bereavement Ministry. She represented SJV at the Pastoral Summit in New Orleans and brought back motivating ideas for various ministries at SJV.



Her drive and determination focused not only on St. John Vianney Parish but on the entire Diocese of Honolulu. She served on numerous Diocesan committees, including the Synod, and was a member of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the Office of Social Ministry and the Augustine Education Foundation. She often assisted neighbor island churches with requests for help whenever she was asked.

She was an integral part of all activities in the parish, including construction of the parish center and parish hall, the church's latest remodel and numerous social events. She always offered a smile, a helping hand, and was a driving force during her many years at St. John Vianney. She is truly admired, loved and remembered by many.





FR. NATHAN MAMO

SJV PASTOR

Fr. Nathan Mamo was the pastor of SJV from 1981 to 1991. His family moved to Hawaii in 1970 after his graduation from high school. He entered St. Stephen's Seminary and enrolled in Chaminade and graduated in 1974 with a B.A. in Philosophy. After earning a Masters in Divinity at St. Patrick Seminary, Menlo Park, California he was ordained at St. Anthony of Padua Church,

followed by appointment as Associate Pastor to St. John Vianney Parish in 1978. A year later his status changed to that of Administrator Pro Tem when Fr. Pat left. He was appointed the third pastor of SJV in July 1981. Fr. Nathan served SJV for 13 years and often said that he was privileged to associate with the kind and wise people of St. John Vianney over the years. He departed SJV in August 1991 to undertake graduate theological studies in Rome, Italy.



BISHOP FERRARIO

BISHOP OF HONOLULU

Bishop Joseph Ferrario served from 1982 to 1993. Born in Scranton Pennsylvania, Ferrario was ordained to the priesthood on May 19, 1951 at the age of 25. Part of a religious order of educators, the Sulpicians, Ferrario taught at various schools and seminaries. While on staff at the Saint Stephen Diocesan Seminary, Ferrario was appointed Auxiliary for the Diocese of Honolulu by Pope Paul VI in

1978.

On May 13, 1982 Ferrario was appointed Bishop of Honolulu by Pope John Paul II following his predecessor's retirement. Bishop Ferrario revamped major diocesan offices and appointed pastors to parishes that were supportive of his vision of implementing changes from the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. He retired due to health reasons at 67 years of age. He resided near Saint Anthony of Padua Church in Kailua where he continued his charitable work with the Augustine Educational Foundation. He kept a vigorous schedule to raise money for Catholic education in the Hawaiian Islands. Bishop Ferrario died of a cardiac arrest on December 12, 2003 at age 77. His work in renewing the Honolulu diocese earned him the respect of many people in the Hawaii Church.



SCHOOL PRINCIPALS IN THE 1980'S

Mr. Gerard Joseph	1978 - 1982
Fr. Terry Watanabe	1983 - 1984
Ms. Jane Quinn	1985 - 1988
Ms. Carmen Himenes	1989 - 1990

SJV SCHOOL COUNTRY FAIRS

Designed to raise funds for our parish school, the country fairs during the 1980's never failed to bring people together. They reflected the ethnic diversity of the parish in its many food booths: Portuguese Bean Soup, Teriyaki Beef, Italian meat balls, Malassadas and other delicious food.

Members of the Parish Council, Ladies Sodality and parishioners volunteered at the fair, bringing support to the endeavors of the school. Included in the event was the Country Store, which had homemade baked goods, crafts and plants. Each grade level was responsible for a game booth. Coke toss, fishing booth, cake walk were just some of the many games enjoyed by all, especially the students.

If God created the world out of chaos and found it good, then it was no wonder that the Fairs were so good, for there always seemed to be moments when someone, if not everyone, felt confused. One could never tell whether they were more profitable in funds raised or acquaintances renewed, for both occurred. More importantly, they brought the entire parish family together to support our school.



THE PARISH HALL AND PARISH CENTER

In 1982 St. John Vianney Parish embarked on a program of Master Planning taking into account the resources and needs which were evident in our parish at that time. The Master Plan revealed a strong and active parish. The plan also discovered that our parish members seriously needed and wanted two particular items by way of facilities: (a) a large gathering space for use as a parish hall, and (b) a more efficient and useful work space for the administration, counseling, volunteering and other efforts expended by parish members, both paid and volunteer.

The Steering Committee was established by the Parish Council to work at making the information and ideas brought forth by the Master Plan move from a paper dream to a reality. For nearly 30 months the Steering Committee worked on plans and encouraged the parish membership to begin setting aside funding in the parish "Building Fund" so that architectural plans and the appropriate down payment would both be ready at the same time. The Honolulu firm, "LMLI, Inc., Architects," was engaged to design and see through the construction process. Command Construction Co. was the low bidder among ten invited general contractors and won the job by bidding a construction price of \$1,177,000. Actual construction began January 1986.

The new SJV Parish Center and Parish Hall were dedicated by Bishop Joseph Ferrario on October 12, 1986. Ben Lum of LMLT Architects of Honolulu was the designer and supervisor of the project. Joe Vierra Jr. of Belt Collins and Associates of Honolulu provided the Civil Engineering plans. Deacon William Hughes was the parish Administrator during the four year project.



CONSTRUCTION OF PARISH HALL



BUILDING OF PARISH CENTER

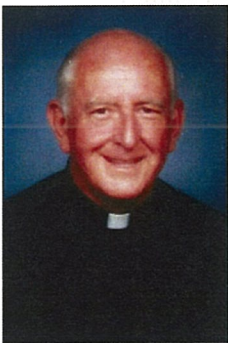


INSTALLATION OF NEW TILE FLOOR



RESTORATION OF CHURCH PEWS

FR. JACK NEWTON



Fr. Jack Newton was stationed by the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS), Kaneohe on September 1979. After 27 years of service in the Navy, his military service ended in 1983. Fr. Jack wanted to stay in Hawaii after his retirement and gained permission from the Bishop of Camden, his Ordination diocese, to stay in Hawaii....."provided he worked."

For about four years he offered his services for Mass, confessions, weddings etc. from Hawaii Kai to Makaha, and from Kahuku to Waimanalo. He shared in the liturgies of nearly every parish on Oahu but kept coming back to his "home" parish, St. John Vianney and saying: "This is it. This is the post Vatican II parish in action. The Mass is best celebrated, the people are involved and God's presence is felt in the Church, the people and the clergy."

Fr. Jack Newton was never lost for words and you could always count on a happy face and good humor. He served SJV parish, thoroughly enjoying it all, from 1985 until his death in 2009 .