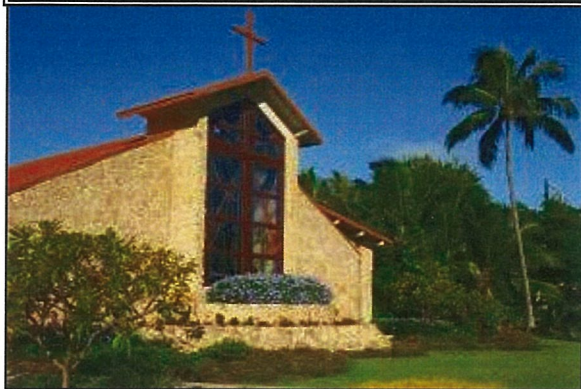


THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH AUGUST 2022

COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET
(Created by Earl Walker)

2000's



NEW FRONT AREA



NEW SANCTUARY

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH COMPLETELY RENOVATES ITS CHURCH

St. John Vianney Parish celebrated its 40th anniversary on August 2, 2002. The theme of the celebration was "We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe." Rather than the traditional potluck dinner after Mass, it was decided to have a parish luau with live entertainment. Tickets were \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students, and was most successful.

The Building Commission once again took up the idea of remodeling the church. A Master Plan had been given to the parish earlier, however 2001 happened and things came to a halt. This time they contacted Lively Architects to work on various possible plans. After reviews and suggestions on at least eight possible configurations, the Building Commission, along with a few Liturgy members, decided on a design which was presented to the parish during Mass on March 8/9, 2003. The cost estimate for the renovation was \$1.3-\$1.5 million.

After deciding on final plans, they were presented to the Diocesan Building Commission and SJV received approval to proceed with fundraising. Parishioners were asked to donate to the Building Fund to raise the necessary 50% of the total funds needed, as required by the diocese. To help SJV reach

its goal, the Ladies Sodality contributed \$10,000 to the Fund. Due to many donations the goal was met.

Plans called for the assembly to be closer to the altar and ambo. There would be fewer doorways and a change of axis for the seating of the assembly to alleviate the "parking lot" feeling and to eliminate people coming and going indiscriminately during Mass. Air conditioning would enhance the worship environment, providing a quieter atmosphere without the sounds of traffic from the street and parking lot.

Expansion by 2250 square feet would allow more room for movement at communion time and other celebrations. There would be a permanent baptismal font, a Chapel of Adoration for the Blessed Sacrament and more space for the choir and musicians. There would also be an emphasis on keeping the church bright, using glass in a variety of ways including some stained glass. A new side main entrance with an overhanging canopy was planned to help during inclement weather, and the church's front would be redesigned as a more welcoming and beautiful church.

Construction on the church began in the summer of 2005, and Masses were conducted in the Parish Hall until its completion. (continued on inside page).



FR. TOM GROSS

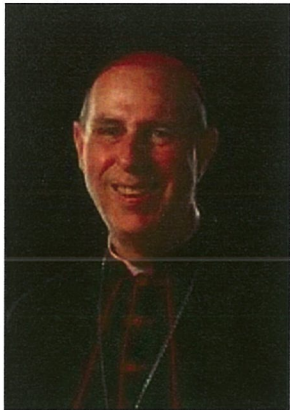
SJV PASTOR

Born to Raymond and Dorothy Gross in Minnesota on January 3, 1947, as their only child, he was baptized in the Lutheran Church. After the family moved to Cleveland, Ohio, Fr. Tom's father passed a Catholic Church with an outside sign, "Convert Instructions." All three agreed to attend classes, and three months later were received into

the Catholic Church.

Fr. Tom studied one year at the seminary in Toronto, Canada, and then decided to join the Crosier Order of priests and brothers. After ordination on May 10, 1975, he returned to teach at the Crosier High School Seminary in Minnesota. Having made the decision to leave the Crosier Order, he moved to Hawaii as an English teacher at Star of the Sea school. Bishop Ferrario welcomed him into the diocese of Honolulu, assigning him to Sts. Peter and Paul parish, and later to St. Joseph's in Hilo. On September 1, 1996 he was assigned as pastor of St. John Vianney.

On September 1, 2012, Fr. Tom will mark 16 years as pastor here, and feels very blessed to be at St. John Vianney Parish and School.



BISHOP SILVA

BISHOP OF HONOLULU

Bishop Clarence Richard Silva, popularly known as Larry Silva is the fifth Bishop of Honolulu. He was ordained a priest on May 2, 1975 for the Diocese of Oakland, where he served as associate pastor and pastor at nine parish churches.

Pope Benedict XVI appointed him as the Bishop of Honolulu on May 17, 2005. In July of that year, he was ordained and installed as the fifth bishop of Honolulu, the only joint ordination and installation ceremony in Hawaii's history. He is the first person born in the state of Hawaii to lead the Roman Catholic community of the Hawaiian Islands.

One of his first acts as bishop-elect was to travel on pilgrimage to Kalaupapa on Moloka'i to pay homage to Blessed Damien and Blessed Marianne. As bishop, he became a principal promoter for the causes of sainthood for St. Damien and for the causes of sainthood for Blessed Marianne, scheduled October 21, 2012 in Rome.

He is the current Bishop of Honolulu.

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS DURING THE 2000'S

Michael Chu
1998 -2001

Jane Quinn
2002- 2008

Michael Busekrus
2009- Present



MIKE BUSEKRUS

St. John Vianney Parish School has played a key educational role in the Windward community for almost fifty years. During these five decades, Kailua and the Windward side of Oahu have experienced dramatic economic and social change that has transformed our school, its student body and its role in the community.

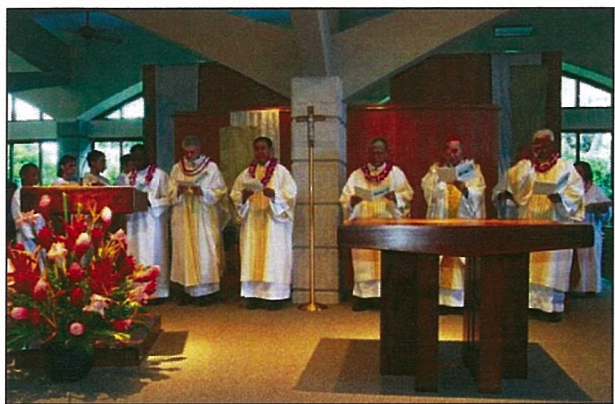
Our school exists as a vital part of the parish and is an extension of the Church in its mission to teach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our school community gives witness to Catholic values in everyday life. We assist parents, the primary educators, in guiding their children to become responsible members of our community, our Church and our world. Our goal is to have our students discover their gifts, share their talents, appreciate who they are and develop who they are called to be.

At St. John Vianney school, we develop the next generation of Hawaii's leaders. By endowing them with a compass of Christian values and superior innovation and problem-solving skills, we enable our students to succeed in life and make a positive impact on our community.

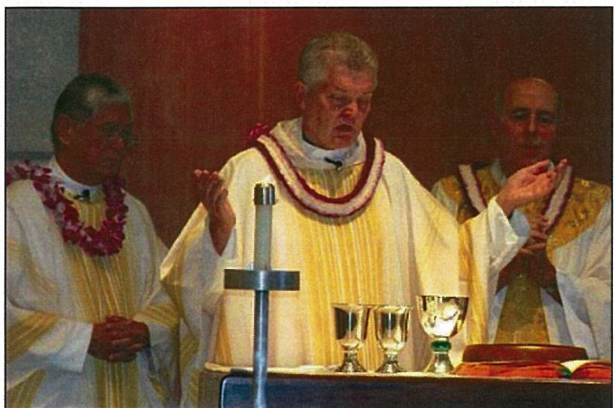
To help meet the goals of our parish school, the first "Breakfast with the Bishop" was held in 2011. The event was financially successful and brought the entire parish family together to support our school. Future ones are planned to continue supporting our students and our school.



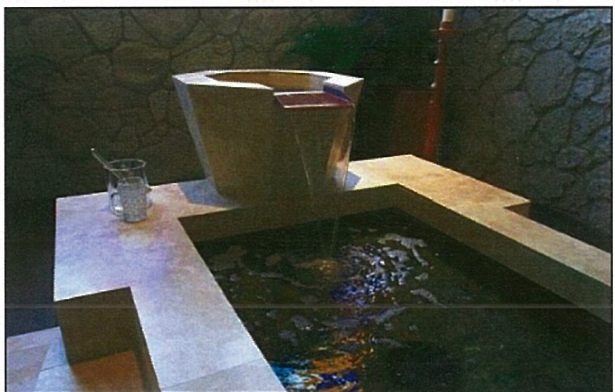
STUDENTS AT THE BREAKFAST WITH THE BISHOP



DEDICATION MASS WITH BISHOP



FR. TOM DURING DEDICATION MASS



NEW BAPTISMAL FONT



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #6307 AT MASS

THE RENOVATED CHURCH

Renovation of the church may be an understatement for the transformation the building underwent. "We had to gut the whole church," said Fr. Tom. About a third of the old roof was removed, the outside pillars are now inside and both walls were completely eliminated as the church was moved out 25 feet on one side and 5 feet on the other. Beside the new sanctuary area, a glass wall reveals a garden of peaceful green flora. The altar and ambo remained the original koa pieces, cleaned and oiled as well as the pews which were refurbished a few years earlier. The crucifix and tabernacle were untouched, but became the focus of a new Eucharistic chapel on the left. The chapel is separated from the main area by two airy, open stained glass window "screens." The screens and the stained glass windows in the entrance and right side of the church were made by Pacific Stained Glass in Kailua with a technique called fused glass with more color and texture.

The new baptismal font is made of white marble in two parts; an upper basin for infant baptisms and a lower rectangular standing pool for adults. Two statues, one of St. John Vianney on the left and Mary on the right, flank the baptismal font. The stature of St. John Vianney, which had been in the old church, was refurbished and repainted by parishioner Gail Berengue, whose parents Joe and Evelyn Pao had donated the original church. The People of Praise, a charismatic group that meets in the parish, contributed a relic of St. John Vianney. One of the parishioner's designed a reliquary to hold the relic, which is housed with another one in the ambry along the wall by the baptismal area.

Renovation was also done with concern for people with special needs. Large disability parking spaces were put near the front door. There are no steps and there is an automatic door for those in wheelchairs. A sign language interpreter at the 7:00 AM Mass and headsets aid the hard of hearing.

Known as the parish with "heart," the construction workers took a large, naturally heart-shaped hunk of coral found in the rubble of the old rock wall that fronted the church and embedded it prominently into the new wall behind the baptismal font. "Though many were not Catholic, the workers took great care in the building, sensing the sacredness of the structure. They knew this was a project of the heart," said Barbara Akeo, the parish administrator during renovation.

Father Tom was vital to the renovation of our church. He shepherded our community through the various and lengthy stages of planning. He consulted with the congregation, the parish staff, the pastoral council, the liturgy committee, as well as the parish finance council numerous times. He was deeply involved with every facet of the renovation of our church, from the beginning to the end. The results are a beautiful church for all to enjoy.

After more than a year of construction, the church was rededicated by Bishop Larry Silva in a formal and joyful Mass at 5:00 PM on September 2, 2006.



ORGANIZATIONS AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS

St. John Vianney parish's success over the years is due to our many dedicated parish organizations. They have helped our parish achieve its mission, which is to provide quality worship, education, ministry and outreach to our parishioners and the community at large. These groups will guide our parish for future years.

Parish Structure

- Parish Staff (administers the parish)
- Pastoral Council (advisors to the pastor)
- Religious Education (teaches children & adults)
- School Staff (administers the school)
- School Board (advisors for parish school)
- RCIA (instructs converts to the faith)
- Finance Council (advisors on financial matters)
- Service Commission (conducts social events)
- Bldg. & Maint. (supports the physical plant)

Liturgical

- Liturgy Commission (plans our liturgies)
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Lectors (proclaim the Scripture)
- Music Ministers (share Gospel through music)
- Hospitality Ministers (welcome people to services)
- Altar Servers (assist at Mass)
- Sacristans (prepare and care for liturgical items)
- Environment (prepares church for seasons & feasts)

Outreach

- St. Vincent De Paul (supports the needy)
- Prison Ministry (provides hope for prisoners)
- Catholic Charities Elderly Services
- Bereavement Ministry (consoles grieving families)
- Family Promise (transitions homeless families)
- People of Praise (charismatic community)

Service Organizations

- Sodality of Our Blessed Lady
- Knights Of Columbus #6307
- FACE (Faith Action for Community Equity)
- Young at Heart - Seniors Group
- Cub Scouts - Pack 311
- Boy Scouts - Troop 311



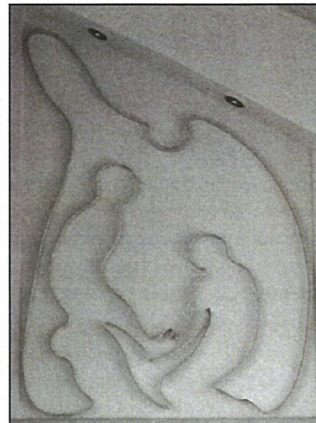
TWO SCULPTURES DEDICATED AT ENTRANCE

Part of the architectural plan of SJV was to have artwork grace the outside of the church on the right and left of the main church doors. The Liturgy Commission was tasked to find the right artist and provide two themes. Mitsu Papayoanou contacted artist Bill Braden, a known artist from Kailua, who presented his idea of two hot-dipped galvanized steel sculptures. His excellent suggestion fit the durability requirements, as well as the \$10,000 budget. The Sodality of our Blessed Lady donated the majority of the funds and our parish school held several book fairs to help fund the project.

The sculptures are life size outlines of people similar to crime scene victim chalk outlines, the ones that police draw on the pavement, but instead of chalk, are made from steel.

The dedication ceremony was held on Saturday August 1, 2009. The piece "Washing Feet" is dedicated to Barbara M. Akeo who worked as Parish Administrator for over 20 years, and died suddenly on Jan. 31, 2007. The piece "Serving the Needy" is dedicated to all the deceased members of the Sodality.

The hope and prayer of our parish is that the theme of service will continue to be paramount for our parish and remind all of us that we are called to service through our baptism.



WASHING FEET



SERVING THE NEEDY