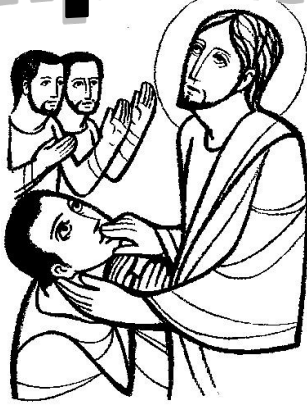


Ephphatha!



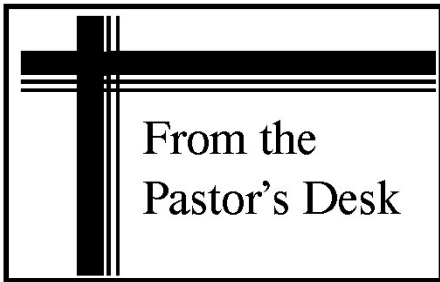
*Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time, Year B
September 5, 2021*



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Dear Parish Family,

We live in a world with a lot of background noises and as a result we find it hard to hear God speaking to us or hear others, especially the poor, crying out for our help. In today's gospel, we have Jesus healing a man with a speech impediment. Perhaps we too need healing to be able to use our words wisely to build up one another and to be honest in our dealings with one another. All of us should be speaking a lot less and choosing our words carefully. Just as Jesus opened the ears of the deaf man, we should pray that He opens our ears too, so that we can listen carefully to the fears, joys and struggles of those around us. Then we will be able to speak words that heal and encourage, as we work together to build a more just and peaceful society.

Jesus' action toward the man who was deaf, and had an impediment in speech, gives us a powerful challenge. If we, as people who have been baptized into Christ, are to have favorites, they are to be the voiceless, the afflicted, the vulnerable and the weak among us. The friends of the man in the gospel can be our inspiration in that regard. They brought the man to Jesus, and in so doing, they opened him up to a whole new life, a life that was richer and fuller than he had ever known. They were his strength in weakness. Their voice, their speaking to Jesus on his behalf, led to his coming to have a voice of his own.

There is power of life and death in the tongue. An encouraging word to someone who is down, can lift them up and help them make it through the day. A destructive word to someone who is down can be what it takes to kill them. We need to listen to what comes from God and tune out the rest. What comes from God are words that give life and fill us with faith, hope and love as we continue to toil in God's vineyard.

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 Gail Browne

Music Ministry Robert Mondoy

Maintenance Glenn Chong

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Kamalani Rodrigues

Religious Education—Steffanie Beissel, Director
**Pre-School & Elementary
Youth Ministry**

Sacrament of Baptism and Sacrament of Marriage

Please refer to website for information or
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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

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Phone: 808-261-4651 Fax: 808-263-0505

Principal: Caryn DeMello
Administrative Assistant: Annie Chee
Director of Finance: Sheryl Caldeira

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.

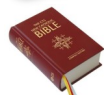
AED Available at back of church in cabinet under Divine
Mercy picture and on parish lanai at school doors.

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



Apologetics Without Apology Year of Reading the Bible

Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

Scriptural Background: Isaiah's vision of the coming day of God reveals a world turned upside down. The blind see, the deaf hear, the mute speak and waters spring up in the desert. This is a world of the unexpected and surprising. It is a result that is as unsettling as it is joyful, for it is not what nature has intended. In the presence of the divine, anything needed is provided; anything broken is made whole. The laws of nature, created by God, are suspended when God comes in glory.

Mark's account of the Gospel describes the living fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy when Jesus touches the deaf and mute man so that he hears and speaks. As in the other healing stories, Jesus demonstrates mastery over the limits of the human body. Already he has made the lame walk (see Mark 2) and the dead live (see Mark 5). The next time he heals (see Mark 8:22-26), he will cure a blind man. Where Jesus walks, life in its wholeness abounds. The astonishment of the people suggest that they remember the prophecy of Isaiah and wonder if this might be the sign that God has come to save them.

In what way might these texts illuminate the epistle from James? James addresses a particular fault of a Christian community in the first century. The people show favoritism to the rich and well-dressed. James reminds them that God's preference is for the poor and disenfranchised. God did, after all, rescue poor Israel from wealthy Egypt. In that act, God displayed a fondness for turning things upside down. James reminds the Church that God's power is not limited to healing the sick or sending manna. God also has control over economic and social injustices. A society that allows these things will be surprised, unsettled and ultimately changed at the coming day of the Lord. Just as God will heal our broken bodies, God will heal the broken relationships caused by unjust uses of wealth. That will be good news to some, but for those who define themselves by their wealth and the privilege it buys them, it will be a painful transformation.

How do we follow God in making a preferential option for the poor?

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<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/090521.cfm>

Reading 1 Isaiah 35:4-7a

Thus says the LORD:

**Say to those whose hearts are
frightened:**

Be strong, fear not!

Here is your God,

**he comes with vindication;
with divine recompense**

he comes to save you.

**Then will the eyes of the blind be
opened,**

**the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing.**

**Streams will burst forth in the desert,
and rivers in the steppe.**

**The burning sands will become pools,
and the thirsty ground, springs of
water.**

Reading II James 2:1-5

**My brothers and sisters, show no partiality
as you adhere to the faith in our glorious
Lord Jesus Christ.**

**For if a man with gold rings and fine
clothes comes into your assembly,
and a poor person in shabby clothes also
comes in,
and you pay attention to the one wearing
the fine clothes and say, “Sit here, please,”
while you say to the poor one, “Stand
there,” or “Sit at my feet,”
have you not made distinctions among
yourselves and become judges with evil
designs?**

Gospel Mark 7:31-37

**Again Jesus left the district of Tyre
and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of
Galilee,
into the district of the Decapolis.
And people brought to him a deaf man
who had a speech impediment
and begged him to lay his hand on him.
He took him off by himself away from the
crowd.**

**He put his finger into the man’s ears
and, spitting, touched his tongue;
then he looked up to heaven and groaned,
and said to him,**

**“Ephphatha!”— that is, “Be opened!” —
And immediately the man’s ears were
opened,**

**his speech impediment was removed,
and he spoke plainly.**

He ordered them not to tell anyone.

**But the more he ordered them not to,
the more they proclaimed it.**

**They were exceedingly astonished and they
said,**

“He has done all things well.

**He makes the deaf hear and the mute
speak.”**

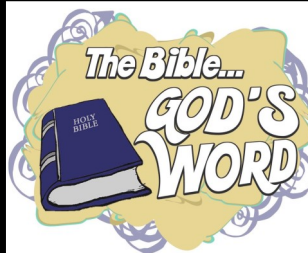


Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory: Our weekly donation for **August 28 - September 3, 2021** is \$4789 and the

weekly budget is \$8,010. Therefore, we have a deficit of \$3221.

MAHALO for your continued **SUPPORT** to **GIVE**. If you give online, keep giving online, and if you give by envelope, you can mail or drop off your donation at the Parish Office or place in the Slot Box.



Next Week
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021

Reading I	Isaiah	50:5-9a
Reading II	James	2:14-18
Gospel	Mark	8:27-35

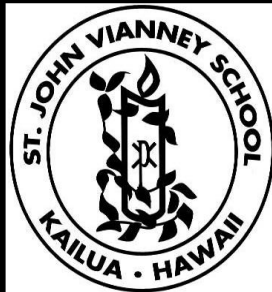
School News

by Earl Walker

Providing a Catholic education has been called the “greatest work of the Church.” Our dedicated teachers and our challenging curriculum have brought out the very best in our students for over 55 years. Our teachers believe that they should inspire the minds and hearts of our students, by taking the best of human knowledge and incorporating it into a life of faith filled with meaning.

Our school is a blessing for our Church community as well as for our families and children. We thank both our parishioners and our school community for your partnership, understanding and priorities that have contributed to being safe on our campus.

Your parish school strives to form our students into good citizens of this world and to love God and their neighbor. This is the difference in a Catholic education that encourages all students to share and explore Christ’s love through kindness and service to the community.



PARISH CALENDAR

- Sunday September 5**
 - Monday September 6, Labor Day**
8:00 am **Mass with Fr. Paul Zaccone**
Holiday Parish office closed
 - Tuesday September 7**
8:00 am **Communion Service**
2:00 pm **Parish office closes**
 - Wednesday September 8**
8:00 am **Mass**
2:00 pm **Parish office closes**
 - Thursday September 9**
8:00 am **Mass**
9:00 am **Rosary Making**
2:00 pm **Parish office closes**
 - Friday September 10**
8:00 am **Mass**
2:00 pm **Parish office closes**
 - Saturday September 11**
8:00 am **Mass**
 - Sunday September 12**
- Note: Subject to change.**

PRAYERS AND AID FOR

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Please consider a donation to the USCCB's Emergency Disaster Fund to support those in most immediate need of help.

www.catholichawaii.org/support-relief

As you have read in the news, the people of Haiti have recently suffered two consecutive natural disasters that have caused almost 2,000 deaths and unimaginable suffering. In response to Haiti's urgent time of need, the USCCB is asking for an emergency appeal for the Bishops' Emergency Disaster Fund for those in Haiti most in need of immediate help.

In support of this, Bishop Larry is asking the parishes of the Diocese of Honolulu to make an appeal for **voluntary donations** that will aid the USCCB's relief efforts in Haiti and around the world. Both Bishop Larry and the USCCB recognize these are financially challenging times for all, but do ask that you make the appeal to our faithful.

Donations can be made to St. John Vianney Church (Haiti Relief), or online.



For the Healing of
Agnes Alcover
Ruth Alves
Doug Barbieto
Edward Balderston

Jim Balderston
Leatrice Ann Battisto
Sydney Bennett
Susan Briggs
Stacy Carnes
Rod Castanha
Sandy Chong
Mollie Chun
Eleanor Dodds
Barbara Fields
Jacci Hagen
Kathleen Heirakuji
Keone & Deborah
Johnson
Myngoc Le
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Elizabeth Libby
Buck Marcum
Milton McAngus
Melia Meier
Michael Miti
Trish Robertson
Herbert Rodrigues
John Sutton
Sharon Sweat
Gabrielle Taylor
David Teves
Gordon Wong
For the homebound
and for the repose of
soul of Krissie Mattis.

STEWARDSHIP

sharing the gifts we have been given

There is someone in our parish who can do this, is it you?

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of our Catholic Christian faith. For those who believe it, the resurrection is the hope of an eternal life, and a joy and peace far beyond the grave. Death is no longer the end, but a transformation into a new beginning. A Catholic funeral gathers family, friends and a community of believers together to offer remembrance of someone we love, and consolation to ourselves, but most importantly as a witness to the world of our faith. The Mass of Christian Burial combined with the Vigil and Committal, whether our own or for a loved one, is a profound gift where God's grace abounds.

The parish needs a VOLUNTEER to prepare the Bereavement program for funerals celebrated in the Church. *Would you please do the honor?* Contact the office. Mahalo!

Life has many storms —distressful relationships, jobs, poor health; situations where we feel our powerlessness.

If you know someone unbaptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, **who is searching for strength and understanding to weather such squalls**, invite them to seek the perspective the Catholic Church offers.

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



“A YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH”



Pope Francis has declared “A Year of St. Joseph” to be observed through December 8, 2021.

In St. Joseph we see love in action. We see a man who listens to the word of God in his heart, and does what he is called to do. St. Joseph teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses, and must never be afraid to let the Lord steer the course of our lives. St. Joseph, pray for us.



Sent by Kathleen Jaycox, FACE Representative for St. John Vianney



Anniversary Memory—Jubilant over Kupuna Caregivers Act 2017 By Kathleen Jaycox, past Faith Action president, 2016-2018

One of my best memories with Faith Action came in July 2017 when Governor Ige signed into law the **Kupuna Caregivers Act**. The *first legislation of its type in the nation*, this act provides financial help for families so that a working family member can remain in the workforce because stipends are available to assist with care services for the family's kupuna age 60 or older.

This landmark legislation was not won overnight. The Faith Action Task Force under the leadership of Dr. Clementina Ceria-Ulep had worked for years to gather stories of the economic impact on families when an employed family member must give up employment in order to be a caregiver. The negative impact is not short-term; it persists long after the caregiving ends. We received support from the national organization Caring Across Generations for more than two years as we worked to organize our members, share their stories with the media, testify before the legislature, and raise public awareness. There were many ups and downs along the road to this success.

I was privileged to be the Faith Action president at the time. Definitely a happy day!



JUBILATION ABOUNDS: Gov. Ige signs Kupuna Caregivers Act of 2017 which gives a stipend to the family that cares for a kupuna so that the caregiver can continue to hold down a job. Hawaii was first in the nation to pass such an Act. In blue Faith Action shirt is Kathy Jaycox. In the back row from left-right: Task Force chair Clem Ceria-Ulep and members Patrick Zukemura, Bob Nakata, Barbara Service, Jan Yuen, Karen Ginoza, and Rosalina Burian. Kupuna from the community joined in the



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