## March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord **Sunday Bulletin**

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#### 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 to the Catholic faith, Kealahailialoha Tim Sing Congratulations to our newest member, Kealahailialoha "Patrick" Tim Sing, who was fully initiated into the Body of Christ with the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and first Holy Communion on Easter Vigil. We give thanks and praise to God who has led him to oneness in faith. We welcome him in the name of Christ and the Church shares his joy. May he be strengthened by our prayers for his new life in Christ.

#### Free Subscription to FORMED.org for All Parishioners

Our parish now has a subscription to FORMED, a premier online platform filled with over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. FORMED has content from over 60 apostolates, including Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, and the Knights of Columbus, with material that is professionally produced, engaging, and solid in its catechism. Best of all, this material is free to you. Go to Formed.org/signup, enter our zip code and parish name, then your name and email.

#### Divine Mercy Sunday—April 7, 2024

The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. Join us as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet after all Masses next weekend. In addition, all are invited to pray the Divine Mercy Novena for nine days which started on Good Friday. Copies of the Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet are available at the back of the church, on our website and in myParish app.

#### **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

This retreat offers healing and support for anyone (women, men, family members, professionals) who has experienced emotional pain and suffering after abortion. Anyone hurting after abortion 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. Retreats will be held on April 26–28 and October 4–6. Registrations are strictly confidential through Lisa at 808-490-4702 or email RVinHawaii@gmail.com.

#### 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 which brings new life to others. As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy.

#### **Prayers for Healing**

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#### Repose of Soul

+Gwendolyn Bruhn, Funeral Mass pending +Sylvia Ann Pao Kruse, Funeral Mass on Saturday, April 6 at 11:15 a.m.

#### **Next Sunday's Readings**

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35 2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-6 Gospel: John 20:19-13

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Sun, Mar 31, Easter Sunday
   9 a.m. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Parish Hall area. Goodie bags will be given out to all children during the Easter Egg hunt!
- Fri, Apr 5, 9 a.m. Stretch and Dance with Helen Klein in the Parish Lounge
- Sat, Apr 6, 8 a.m. Anointing of the Sick in daily Mass, Holy Hour of Adoration and Reconciliation
- Sat, Apr 6, 6 p.m. Family Faith Formation-Paschal Candle and Dinner in the parish hall
- Sat & Sun, Apr 6 & 7 Divine Mercy Sunday and Hospitality Weekend, refreshments will be served after all Masses

Download the Great 90 Days of Lent and Easter from our website.

Use the QR code at the entrance to the church to read the full edition of the bulletin online or in myParish app for more announcements.

Download the music leaflet to sing along during Mass from your smart device.



#### SCHOOL NEWS

Our entire faculty, staff and students wish everyone a happy and holy Easter. We pray God will continue His blessings on our parish and our school. We are currently on Spring intersession and break and will return to classes on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Parents choose St. John Vianney School for its reputation of academic excellence. Our curriculum is a challenging one with high standards, strong motivation, effective discipline and an atmosphere of caring about each student. Our principal, teachers, and staff strive to form our students into good citizens of this world and to love God and their neighbor. We encourage all students to share and explore Christ's love through kindness and service to the community.

Each child finds the guidance, resources, and encouragement they need to reach their individual potential. An investment in a Catholic education will provide lifelong, priceless benefits for your child and your family. We invite you to enroll your child in our school for next year.

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#### **CATHOLIC FAITH CORNER**

#### The Sacrament of Reconciliation



The Sacrament of Reconciliation, also called Penance and

Confession, is one of the least understood, and least utilized, sacraments in the Catholic Church. This is the sacrament in which sins committed after Baptism are forgiven. We, as Catholics believe that all of the sacraments were instituted by Jesus Christ himself. In the case of Reconciliation, that institution occurred on Easter Sunday, when Christ first appeared to his disciples after his Resurrection. Breathing on them, he said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained" (John 20:22-23).

The purpose of Reconciliation is to reconcile us to God. We deprive ourselves of God's grace each and every time we sin, and by being deprived of that grace it makes it easier to sin again. The only way out of this downward cycle is to acknowledge our sins, to repent of them, and to ask God's forgiveness. God's grace is restored to us in the sacrament of Reconciliation, which helps us to resist sin once again.

Is Confession to a priest necessary? Some people ask why we can't just confess our sins directly to God and not go through a priest. Catholics should in fact make frequent Acts of Contrition, which are prayers in which we tell God we are sorry for our sins and request forgiveness. But the sacrament in and of itself confers God's graces that help us to live a Christian life. Which is why the Church requires us to receive it at least once per year, as well as the fact that the sacrament was instituted by Christ himself as the proper form for the forgiveness of sins. We should not only be willing to receive the sacrament, but should embrace it as a gift from a loving God. Catholics are encouraged to take advantage of it often, even if we are not aware of having committed a mortal sin.



#### THE OILS BLESSED BY BISHOP LARRY

The Chrism Mass, which Bishop Larry concelebrates with priests of the diocese and during 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 Perry, Steffanie, Reagan, Tyler and Hayes Beissel, for being our representatives to receive the blessed oils for St. John Vianney Parish.

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#### **OFFERTORY Our gifts to God to steward the Church**

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### **Easter Sunday**

**GATHERING SONG** 



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#### 2 **GLORY TO GOD**



Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you we bless you, we adore you we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God heavenly King, O God almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ Only Begotten Son, Lord God Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Responsorial psalm** Psalm 118<sup>1</sup> Joyfully strong 3 Robert M. Mondoy з 3 This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and re-joice!

1. Give thanks to the Lord fopr he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever!"

- 2. The right hand of the Lord has struck with power; the right hand of the Lord is exalted. I shall not die but live and declare the works of the Lord.
- 3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

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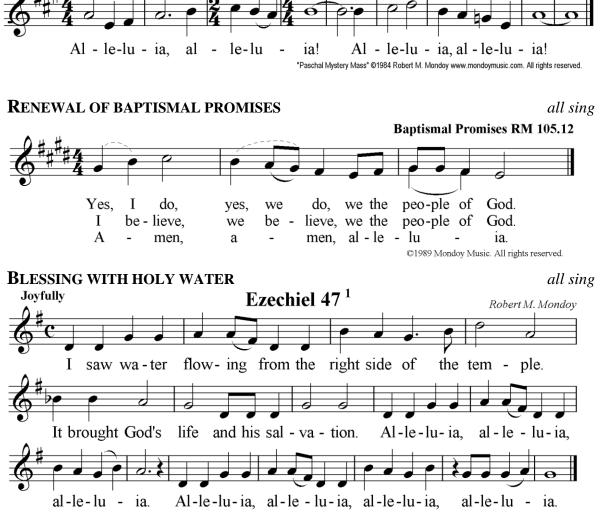
EASTER SEQUENCE



Verses

Chris-tians to the Pas - chal Vic-tim Of-fer now your thank-ful praise!

- 1. Christ the sinless Lamb redeems, Reconciles sinners to the Father. Death and life in battle supreme; The Prince of Life has conquered in glory.
- 2. Mary, speak, you saw the redeemer; Tell us the joy of that empty tomb! "There I saw the tomb of my Jesus, Shroud and napkin, folded, lay there.
- 3. "Christ, my glory, rose from the dead! Angels attest to the glory of Jesus! Yes, my Christ, my hope has arisen! Go forth to Galilee, he goes before you!"
- 4. Christ indeed from death is arisen! Who for us obtained a new life! Mercy, mercy, victor King! Reign for ever! Amen. Alleluia!



- 1. Bless us with the fountain of life that springs from Jesus' wounded side. May we all be born again in Christ, our hope in whom we live, in whom we've died.
- 2. Now we stand before you, O Jesus Christ, your life within us shine; Children of the Father, the Spirit, too, touching all our lives with love divine.
- 3. From your side, O Christ, the springs of life will flood and save the earth; Wash us now with water, remove our sins; life renewed, hope restored, and our rebirth!
- 4. From above the waters, the Father's voice now calls us as his own. Now the Son's own glory upon us shines, and the Spirit fills our lives with joy!
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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (alleluia of Easter Season)

all stand & sing

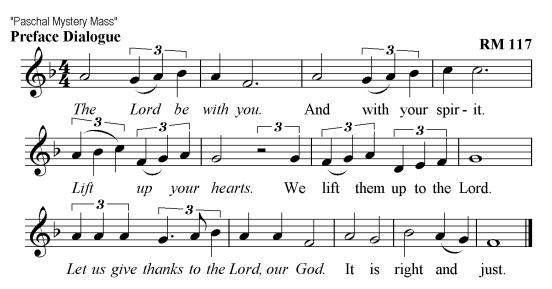
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#### PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS 340. Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

- 1. Come, ye faithful raise the strain Of triumphant gladness; God has brought his Israel Into joy from sadness; Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters; Led them with un-moistened foot Through the Red Sea waters.
- 2. 'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ has burst the prison, And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has risen; All the winter of our sins, Long and dark is flying From his light, to whom we give Laud and praise un-dying.
- **3.** Now the queen of season, bright, With the day of splendor, With the royal feast of feasts, Comes its joy to render; Comes to gladden faithful hearts Who with true affection Welcomes in un-wearied strains Jesus' resurrection.
- 4. Neither could the gates of death, Nor the tomb's dark portal, Nor the watchers, nor the seal Hold him as a mortal; For today among the Twelve Christ appeared bestowing Lasting peace which evermore Passes human knowing.
- 5. "Alleluia!" now we cry To our King immortal, Who, triumphant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark portal; "Alleluia!" with the Son, God the Father praising; "Alleluia!" yet again To the Spirit raising.

Text: Ex 15 Aσωμεν πάντεζ λαοί , John of Damascus (c.675-749), Tr. John M. Neale (1818-1866), alt. Tune: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn (c.1495-1547)

#### EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS, LORD'S PRAYER, LAMB OF GOD



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"Paschal Mystery Mass"



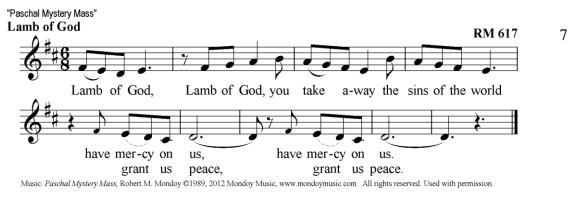
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#### SONGS FOR THE COMMUNION PROCESSION:

all sing

#### 344. Jesus Christ is Ris'n Today

 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss! alleluia!
 Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly king, alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!

3. But the pains which he endured, alleluia! Our salvation have procured, alleluia! Now above the sky he's king, alleluia! Where the angels ever sing, alleluia!4. Sing we to our God above, alleluia! Praise eternal as his love, alleluia! Praise him, now his might confess, alleluia! Father, Son, and Spirit blest, alleluia!

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Text: St. 1 Surrexit Christus Hodie, Latin, 4<sup>th</sup> cent.; para. In Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt. st. 2,3; The Compleat Psalmodist, c.1750, alt. st. 4; Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Tune: EASTER HYMN, Lyra Davidica, 1708.
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#### 351. The Strife is O'er Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- **1.** The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the victor's triumph won; Now be the song of praise begun: Alleluia!
- 2. Death's mightiest pow'rs have done their worst, And Jesus has his foes dispersed; Let shouts of praise and joy outburst: Alleluia!
- **3.** He closed the yawning gates of hell; The bars from heav'n's high portals fell; Let hymns of praise his triumph tell: Alleluia!
- **4.** On the third morn he rose again, Glorious in majesty to reign; O let us swell the joyful strain: Alleluia!

Text: *Finita iam sunt praelia*; Latin, 12<sup>th</sup> cent; Tr. by Francis Pott (1832-1909), alt.Tune: *VICTORY*; Giovanni da Palestrina (1525-1594); adapted by William H. Monk (1823-1889)



Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) in his *Sacred Poems*, 1739, alt. Tune: *Nā Hala o Naue*, J. Kahinu, ca. 1870. Melody after current use. ©1997 Mondoy Music 1555 Põhaku St B-104 Honolulu HI 96817 (808) 845-8405. All rights reserved.Go listen: www.mondoymusic.com

#### CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS TRULY RISEN!

Congratulations to our newly initiated: Kealahailialoha "Patrick" Tim Sing SAINT JOHN VIANNEY PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

## FAMILY Faith Formation APRIL 6, 2024 6:00PM PARISH HALL

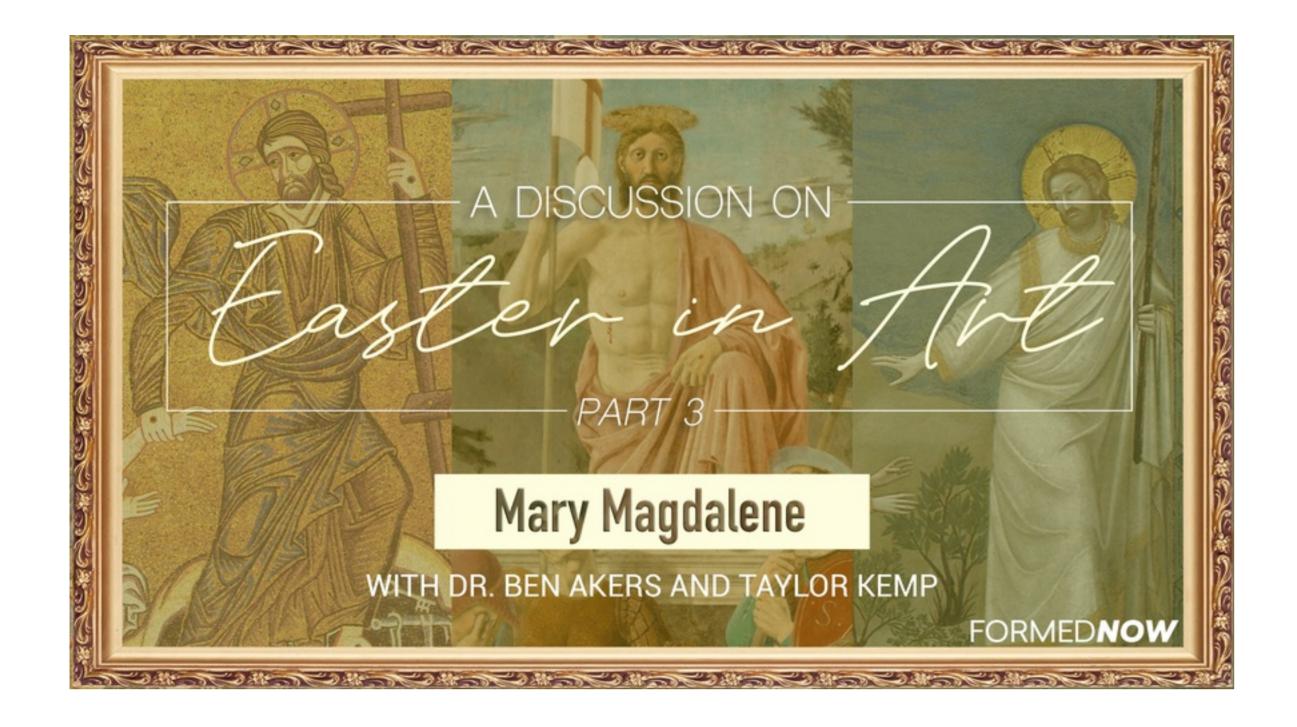
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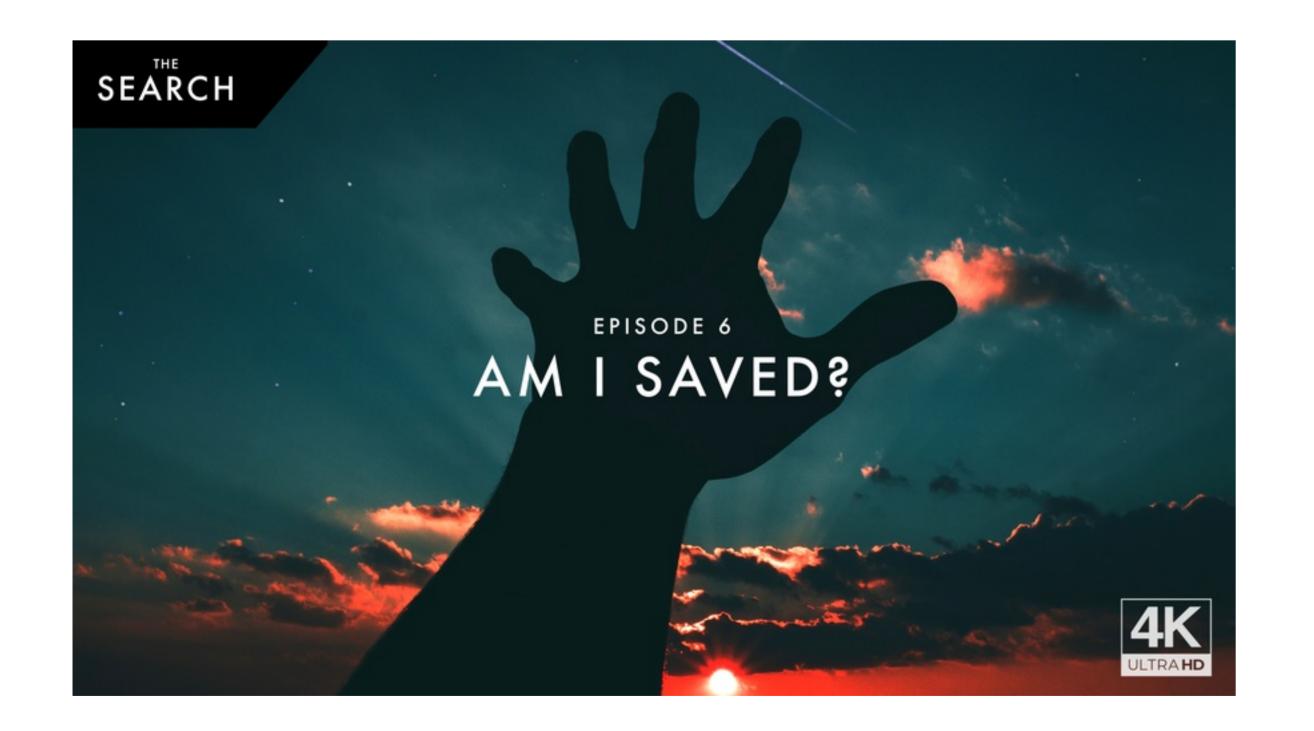
## Easter in Art: Mary Magdalene (Part 3 of 3)

Learn about the "apostle to the apostles" in this discussion with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp. They take a look at a famous painting of Jesus's encounter with Mary Magdalene following the Resurrection.



## He is Alive! | Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids

Why can we have hope? Because we know how the story ends . . . with the most incredible miracle ever! Follow along and experience the joy of Jesus' friends as they discover He defeated death and rose from the grave.



## Am I Saved? | The Search | Episode 6

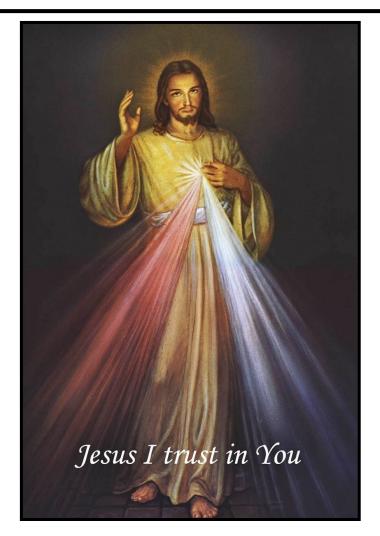
In this episode of The Search, explore how Jesus' profound act of love, revealed through his life, death, and resurrection, is a personal salvation for each of us. Despite feeling unworthy or burdened, God enters our messy human condition to transform us from within. His generous love, beyond what we deserve, reflects the amazing reality of God's mercy, shaping a relationship that forever changes our lives.

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Divine Mercy Sunday

#### April 6 & 7, 2024



#### 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 The Divine Mercy. org/Message/Devotions/PrayThe Chaplet.php

-Fr. Dwight Longenecker

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#### St. John Vianney Parish Presents The 2nd Year of Eucharistic Revival The Year of Parish Revival



#### Learn the Importance Of Reconciliation

Penance or Reconciliation is one of the Sacraments of Healing, since by the priest's sacramental absolution God grants the penitent "pardon and peace."

"If we acknowledge our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing." St. John Vianney

#### The Year of Parish Revival Learn the Importance Of Reconciliation

- The institution of the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation by Jesus was to help us reconcile with God. "*The whole power of the Sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God's grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship*." (CCC, no. 1468)
- Sin harms our relationship with God and damages our loving communion with the church and with others. Hence, Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation to repair the broken relationship with God and with others. At the same time, the Sacrament of Reconciliation gives the effect of renewing the vitality of the Church itself.
- In this Sacrament, the penitent receives the merciful judgement of God and is engaged on the journey of conversion that leads to future life with God. The Church also recommends that a person go regularly to confession, even if only for venial sins. This is because "the regular confession of our venial sins helps us form our consciences, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ and progress in the life of the Spirit." (CCC, no. 1458)
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an experience of the gift of God's boundless mercy. Not only does it free us from our sins but it also challenges us to have the same mind of compassion and forgiveness for those who sin against us. We are liberated to be forgivers. We obtain new insight into the words of the Prayer of St. Francis: "*It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.*"
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a sacrament in which the priest, as the agent of God, forgive the sins committed after Baptism, when the sinners is heartedly sorry for them, sincerely confesses them, and is willing to make satisfaction for them.
- Part of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is healing. Sometimes, we will need to practice a therapy that is more carefully focused on making choices about what we can practice doing and what we can practice avoiding so as not to make mistakes that will harm our relationship with God and with others.
- What to do: Priest will give a blessing or greeting. Make the Sign of the Cross and say "Bless me father, for I have sinned. My last confession was…" (Give weeks, months, years). Confess all your sins to the priest. (If you are unsure or uneasy, the priest will guide you.). The priest assigns a penance and offers advice to help you be a better Catholic. Say an Act of Contrition, expressing your sorrow for your sins. The priest, acting in the person of Christ, then absolves you from your sins.

Our Parish Faith Formation Committee encourages everyone in our parish family to learn more about this specific topic.

## BE STILL MY SOUL

**BE STILL MY SOUL Women's Contemplative Retreat** Silence will be our guest as this is a contemplative weekend! Friday, Apr. 26, 7:00 pm to Sunday Apr. 28, 2:00 pm St. Anthony Retreat Center, Kalihi Valley Available to 20 lovely ladies \$300 includes private A/C room and bath, Saturday meals and Sunday Brunch Liturgy will be celebrated Checks payable to: Scrub Bucket Gospel Ministry Mail to Maxine Pollock at 320-3 Molo St., Kailua, HI 96734 Free will offering will be taken **Questions or inquiries contact:** Pat Tom 729-2991 or Maxine Pollock 254-1091

Scrub Bucket Gospel Ministries Presents:

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Uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive marriage. This weekend retreat is a skill building experience, where together, you as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths.

### 2024 weekend dates on Oahu:

#### In English: Live your best life in love

April 12-14, 2024

St. Anthony Retreat Center - Kalihi Valley

#### En Español: Vive la vida enamorado

May 3-5, 2024

St. Anthony Retreat Center - Kalihi Valley

#### Please contact Dave and Sue Shanahan



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WWME is faithful to the Roman Catholic Church's teaching that marriage is a covenant that exists between one man and one woman. Any reference to marriage or couple made by WWME is in this context.

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The Permanent Deacon Formation Program is a five-year intensive program that prepares men spiritually, intellectually, and pastorally for Ordination. Men (and if married, their wives) will be formed and sent to teach, to guard and to bear witness to, and to serve the Church through their witness to Jesus, and their diaconal ministries of Word, Service and Charity.

#### INQUIRY WEEKENDS

These weekend retreats offer a spiritually enriching encounter, filled with valuable information, providing men and their wives a profound experience to deeply explore the diaconate vocation. Whether you've felt a diaconal calling or have just a faint inkling of one, you should attend. To be considered for the next cohort, applicants must attend one of these mandatory weekends, with their spouses if married.

- April 12 14
- May 3 5
- June 14 16

#### CONTACT US

We invite you to reserve a space online at our website:

catholichawaii.org/formation

For questions and concerns: deaconformation2@rcchawaii.org

Or call us at: (808) 203-6777

> All accomodations, plus airfare for neighbor islanders will be covered by the program.

#### WWW.CATHOLICHAWAII.ORG/FORMATION



#### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS

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.

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

#### 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.

Oahu Retreat Dates: April 26-28, 2024 & October 4-6, 2024 (2 retreats held annually. Call for info.)

Confidential Registrations. Call: (808) 490-4702 or e-mail: RVinHawaii@gmail.com

Women, men, family members and anyone hurting after abortion are welcome!

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

~ Your Rachel's Vinevard Team

#### 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.





#### 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 (808) 490-4702 or (808) 469-5470 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. This Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat is Catholic in context and is provided by the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii.

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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