

MARCH 8, 2026 — THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday Bulletin

St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Kailua

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“The water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

FAITH FIRST

March, the month of St. Joseph: Who is St. Joseph? We don't know much about him except what is mentioned in the Gospels. Joseph was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. Holy Scripture proclaims him as a "just man," and the Church has turned to Joseph for his patronage and protection. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical *Quamquam Pluries* (On the Devotion to St. Joseph) in 1889 explains why we place so much trust in this saint: "Thus, in giving Joseph the Blessed Virgin as spouse, God appointed him to, not only be her life's companion, but also a participator in her sublime dignity. And he shines among all mankind ... since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God. Hence it came about that God rendered to him all those offices that children are bound to render to their parents. From this two-fold dignity flowed the obligation which nature lays upon the head of families, so that Joseph became the guardian, the administrator, and the legal defender of the divine house whose chief he was. And during the whole course of his life, he fulfilled those duties. It is, then, natural and worthy that he should now cover with the cloak of his heavenly patronage and defend the Church of Jesus Christ." One hundred years later John Paul II echoes his predecessor in his 1989 Apostolic Exhortation *Redemptoris Custos* (Guardian of the Redeemer), hoping "that all may grow in devotion to the Patron of the Universal Church and in love for the Savior whom he served in such an exemplary manner ... "taking part" in the plan of salvation."

St. Joseph is invoked as patron for many causes. He is the patron of the Universal Church; the patron of the dying because Jesus and Mary were at his deathbed. He is also the patron of fathers, of carpenters, and of social justice. Many religious orders and communities are placed under his patronage. St. Joseph, pray for us.

DEAR PARISH

This Sunday's readings are centered around water. Water is the source of life and an obvious link to baptism, but also of destruction. So, we have the story of the Flood, which brought salvation to Noah and his family but death to a sinful world; the crossing of the Red Sea, which meant life and liberty to the Israelites but death to Pharaoh's army.

The Gospel is about the Woman at the well, and it also centers around the theme of water and life. A woman who is thirsting for water comes to meet Jesus and he sees the need and is ready to satisfy that need with life giving water. What is this water? It is closely linked to conversion and forgiveness of sin, it is God's Spirit which comes to us in Baptism. Baptism is not just a ritual producing magic effects. It is the outward, symbolic sign of a deep reality, the coming of God as a force penetrating every aspect of a person's life. As the Second Reading says: "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit". It is not just a question of a ritual washing or immersing and saying magic words but of a real drinking in of that Spirit. The spirit quenches our thirst, not by removing our desire for God's presence but by continually satisfying it. The woman was so moved that she became a great witness and brought to Jesus many more Samaritans. Then they asked him to stay with them. Jesus often needs to be invited to stay. Our faith is not meant to be static; we must bring it to others. **Question for Group Discussion:** Once the woman's inner thirst for God was quenched, her encounter with Jesus led her to share her story with others. How can you share your faith in natural, authentic ways? **Challenge for the week:** Identify your thirst and spend a few quiet moments reflecting: What is your soul truly longing for right now? Peace? Forgiveness? Purpose?

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 9, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass

(+) Alice Gonzales

Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass

(+) Bernard Freitas

Thursday, March 12, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass

(H) John Castanha

Friday, March 13, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass

(+) Antoinette Pahia

Saturday, March 14, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass

(+) Ruth Alves

*There will be no Mass Intentions during Communion Service on Tuesdays at 8 a.m. Please note: Mass Intentions during the week are limited to ONE per Mass. A donation of \$10 per Mass Intention is appreciated and you may receive a Mass card for the intention. If you have a last minute prayer request for the *Repose of Soul*, it will be added to the weekend Masses which are designated for multiple intentions. (+) Deceased, (H) Healing, (B) Birthday, (A) Anniversary, (T) Thanksgiving, (S) Special Intention

FUNERAL SERVICES

+George Ponciano, Funeral Mass on Sat, Mar 21 at 11 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sat, Mar 7, 5 p.m. Mass and First Scrutiny for Parish Elect Nicole Eastman, Samson Ebia and Gordon Mattis
- Mons, Mar 9, 16 and 23 at 7 p.m. Baptism classes for parents and godparents of children six years old and under. Register at the parish office.
- Mon, Mar 9, 7 p.m. OCIA
- Wed, Mar 11, 6 p.m. RE Power and Grace Session for parents
- Thu, Mar 12, 9 a.m. Sodality Rosary Making
- Fri, Mar 13, 9 a.m. Senior Bingo, bring a dish to share and a wrapped gift
- Fri, Mar 13, 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross in church every Friday during Lent
- Sat, Mar 14, Sodality General Meeting after morning Mass



The best Catholic content can be found in one place. Go to [Formed.org/signup](https://www.formed.org/signup) for a parish provided subscription.



Read the full bulletin with the music leaflet and additional announcements in myParish App and on the parish website.

SCHOOL NEWS

An eighth grader, David Conroy, wishes to purchase a gift for the school upon his graduation. The gift from his class would be a new table for the Lokahi Square area in front of the Parish Hall. He is asking for help in raising money to purchase it by collecting recyclable glass and plastic bottles and cans. He will gratefully accept them on Friday, March 13th before 1:30 pm at the drop off area near the ELC curb on the grass.

Congratulations to Kalai Palafox, grade 8, for being our Spelling Bee champion and Luke Zawacki, grade 5, for being our runner up at the Hawaii District Spelling Bee. We thank Mrs. Dudevoir for being our Bee Advisor!

February's schoolwide learning experience was to be a good Communicator, one who listens well, speaks clearly and uses technology effectively. On Thursday, February 26th, students from each grade were recognized at the morning assembly. In March our focus will be on Competent Learners.



Easter Egg Hunt

Volunteer & Donations Needed

Basket Items

- Bubble Wands
- Easter Themed Books
- Clay Dough
- Small Fidget Toys

Bite Size Candy

- Hard Candy
- Gummy Candy
- Marshmallow
- Snack Chips/pretzels
- Please no Chocolate

Volunteer

- Check in / Station support
- Egg Stuffing
- Kite Controller
- Hand out Snacks
- Water Station support
- Set up / Clean up support

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<https://www.saintjohnvianneyhawaii.org>



Baptism Classes for children under 6 years old

We joyfully invite all parents and godparents preparing for the baptism of their little one to join us for our Catholic Infant Baptism preparation classes. These gatherings are a beautiful opportunity to deepen your understanding of the sacrament, reflect on the gift of faith, and learn how to nurture your child's spiritual journey from the very beginning. Your presence and participation will help lay a strong foundation of love and faith for your child's life in Christ. Call the parish office to register for March classes.

Lenten Communal Penance Services

Lent is a season of return—a time to quiet the noise and allow God's mercy to heal the wounds of our hearts. A Communal Penance Service is a beautiful way for our parish family to gather, acknowledge our shared need for grace, and receive the liberating gift of absolution. Wednesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. in the church with priests from the Windward vicariate.

Register for bible study classes by March 26

Join us for *What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith* beginning from May 4th to July 7th and continuing every Monday at 10 a.m. and Tuesday at 7 p.m. for ten weeks. For more information or to register for the study, contact the parish office. Cost is \$35 for materials. Register by March 26, 2026.

Next Weekend's Second Collection

Next week our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need.

Nourishing futures in Guatemala

In Guatemala, nutrition classes and savings programs give mothers and families better opportunities to improve their health, nutrition and financial well-being. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-3 to read how your support of CRS Rice Bowl is helping the Guatemala community thrive.



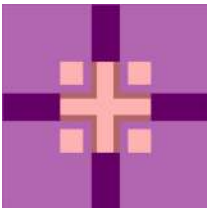
Thank you to our community of faith for your generous support of the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal! Your generosity helps meet the daily needs of others through Catholic schools and faith formation, outreach to individuals and families in need, evangelization efforts, and the formation of future priests. If you have not yet made your gift, we invite you to prayerfully consider supporting the CMAA by making a gift today by using the QR code at left or at Appeal.CatholicHawaii.org. We are deeply grateful for your faithful support of our Church in Hawai'i. Please identify your gift as a parishioner of SJV.

OFFERTORY—Our first fruits in thanksgiving to God for all our blessings

GIVE ONLINE

Week of Feb 14—Feb 20, 2026	Envelopes/Loose	Online Giving	Total	Goal	% of Goal
Sunday Offertory	\$5,614	\$3,497	\$9111	\$9,460	96%
Repair and Maintenance	\$375	\$366	\$741	\$2,135	35%





3rd Sunday of Lent

March 7/8



Thanks for placing these used leaflets in the recycling box after Mass.

ENTRANCE PROCESSION



Grant to us, O Lord, a heart re-newed; Re-cre-ate in us your own Spir-it, Lord.

"Light of the Nations"

ed.

Penitential Rite



Have mer-cy on us, O Lord For we have sinned a - gainst you.

RM 71.



Show us, O Lord, your mer-cy. And grant us your sal - va-tion. A-men.



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy
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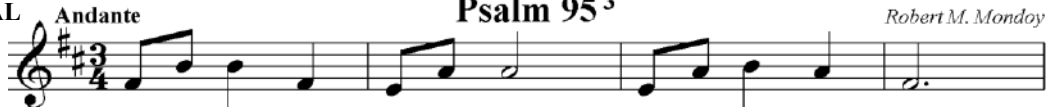
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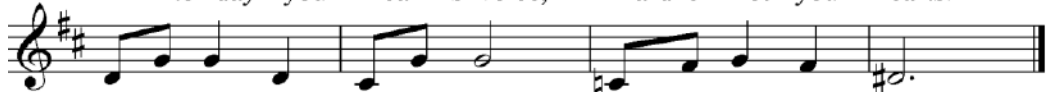
Psalm 95³

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PSALM



If to-day you hear his voice, hard-en not your hearts.



If to-day you hear his voice, hard-en not your hearts.

1. Come, sing with joy, sing to God, shout to our savior, our rock.
Enter God's presence with praise, enter with shouting and song.
2. Come, bow down, worship the Lord, kneel to the Lord, our maker.
This is our God, he our shepherd, we are the flock led with care.
3. Hear God speak, "Harden no heart as at Meribah in the desert of Massah.
There your people tried me, though they had seen my work."

Mesa Kahiko

Gospel Acclamation for Lent

SM 92



Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ, King of end-less glo - ry.

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God of all power,
fountain of grace,
O living water,
show your face!

PREPARATION OF
THE GIFTS

291. WHEN, LIKE THE WOMAN AT THE WELL



1. When, like the wom-an at the well, I lived with bro-ken dreams,
2. Christ knew my heart, my way-ward ways, yet gave me hope, not fear.
3. I learned I could for-ev-er live and wor-ship God a-right,
4. Each day I lift my cup a-bove, and I a-gain re-ceive
5. Since now I am in grace im-mersed, set free, for-giv-en, whole,



Christ came to me, good news to tell, of ev-er-liv-ing streams.
The God I once thought far a-way, I could ap-proach, draw near.
Could trust the power the Spir-it gives to guide me in truth's light.
The liv-ing wa-ter of God's love, re-vealed for my be-lief.
I share with those who are a-thirst the well-springs of my soul!

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

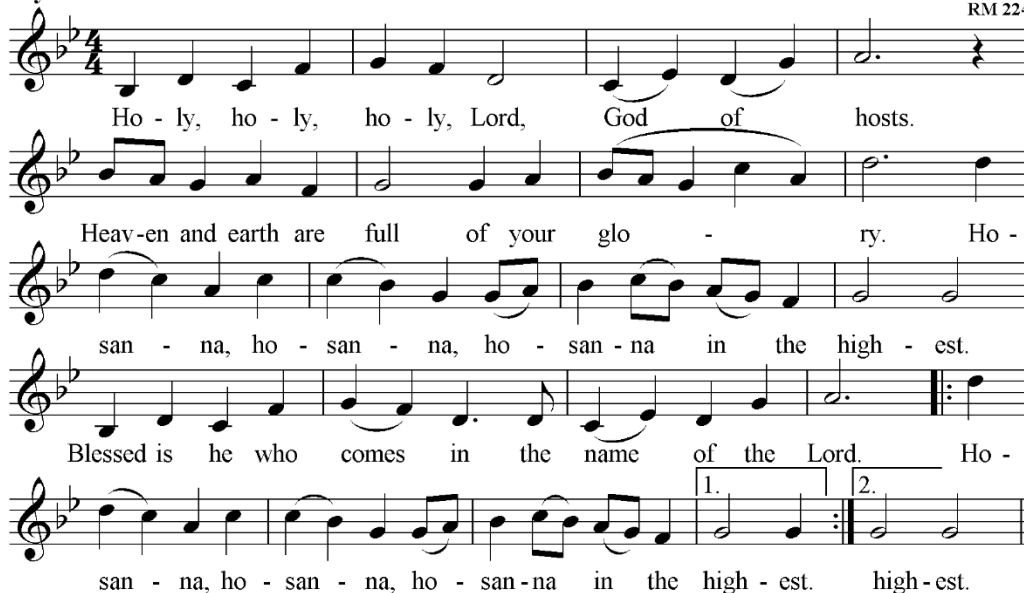
Preface Dialogue

Fullness of Faith
RM 124



Holy

RM 224



Memorial Acclamation A

RM 324a

Two staves of music in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and rhythmic, with lyrics written below the notes.

We pro - claim your death, O Lord, and pro - fess your res - ur - rec - tion, un -
til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

Amen

RM 424

A single staff of music in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and rhythmic, with lyrics written below the notes.

A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

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LORD'S PRAYER (*chanted*)

(*Chant, minor*)

Four staves of music in 4/4 time, key of D major. The melody is simple and rhythmic, with lyrics written below the notes.

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name; thy king - dom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;
and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us;
and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.



A single staff of music in 4/4 time, key of D major. The melody is simple and rhythmic, with lyrics written below the notes.

For the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er.

Adapted after Sacramentary 1985, p561 [Alexander Peloquin, 1974]

Lamb of God

SM 600

Two staves of music in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and rhythmic, with lyrics written below the notes.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us,
Lamb of God. Grant us peace, grant us peace. Peace.

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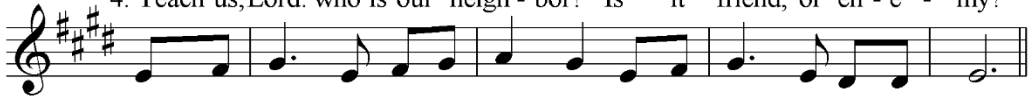
COMMUNION PROCESSION

GRACIOUS GOD

Verses



1. Lead us, Lord, in - to the des - ert; lead us through the wil - der - ness.
2. In this time of sa - cred strug - gle, in this time of sac - ri - fice,
3. Lord, we hun - ger for your pres - ence; Lord, we're thirst - ing for your grace.
4. Teach us, Lord: who is our neigh - bor? Is it friend, or en - e - my?

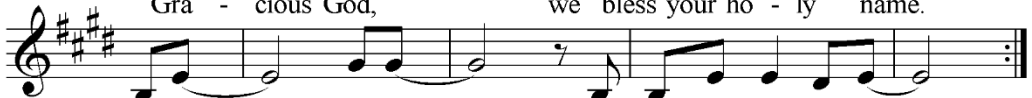


Through this jour - ney we will fol - low, for we long to see your face.
 we re - joice, for we re - mem - ber that you lead us in - to life.
 When con - sum - ing all but you, Lord, all we gain is emp - ti - ness.
 When we wel - come or con demn them, it is you, O let us see.

Refrain



Gra - cious God, mer - cy is your name.
 Gra - cious God, we bless your ho - ly name.



Re - deem - ing Love, you give your life a - way.
 Re - ceiv - ing love, we give our lives a - way.

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LEAVETAKING SONG 275. GIVE ME A CLEAN HEART



Give me a clean heart so I may serve you.



God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you.



For I'm not wor - thy of all these bless - ings.

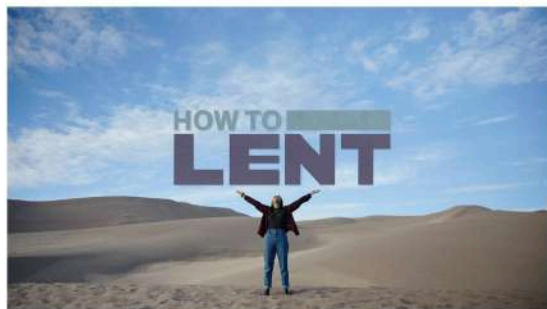


Give me a clean heart and I'll fol - low you.

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This Week on Formed

Week of March 08, 2026



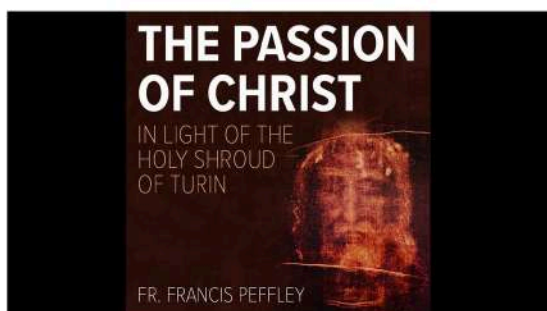
How to Lent

Lent is right around the corner. In How To Lent, you will be guided by priests and religious in the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that you can make this your best Lent yet.



St. Frances

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. <https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/>.



The Passion of Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud

The Holy Shroud of Turin was called the greatest relic in Christendom by Pope St. John Paul II. Fr. Peffley presents new, detailed scientific and medical evidence for the authenticity of the Holy Shroud.

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WINDWARD VICARIATE

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES 2026

*love &
mercy*

**BEGINS
AT 7PM**

MAR
4
WED

**SAINT GEORGE
WAIMANALO**

MAR
6
FRI

**SAINT ROCH
KAHUKU**

MAR
11
WED

**SAINT ANN
KANEOHE**

MAR
17
TUE

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
WAIKANE (BEGINS AT 6:30 PM)**

MAR
18
WED

**SAINT JOHN VIANNEY
KAILUA**

MAR
24
TUE

**SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
KAILUA**



Saint John Vianney Parish

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Saint John Vianney Parish

Presents

Easter

Egg Hunt



Children Ages
10 and below

Pre-
registration
required



Check in at
10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 5, 2026

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Bring your own basket
Parent Supervision Required

END OF LIFE CARE
A JOURNEY OF FAITH, HOPE &
LOVE

Join us on...

Thursday, March 26, 2026

6:00 - 8:00 p.m

St. Stephen's in Nuuanu

2747 Pali Highway
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817



DEACON
RAUL PEREZ

*The Dignity of the Human Person • Ordinary versus Extraordinary
Means • The Role of the Sacraments • Preparing for the Journey*

*"If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so
that, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."*

Isaiah 44:5

What We Believe

THE BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

EXPLORE THE **AMAZING RICHES** OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH



The Catholic Church is extraordinary. Founded by Christ himself, the Catholic Church is where we encounter God in his Word, his sacraments, and his saints.

The Church faithfully proclaims the fullness of faith, leaving no truth out. It proclaims the fullness of life, leaving no person out. It calls all to repent and to believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the source of all life and salvation.

Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church.

DATES | TIMES | LOCATION

10 SESSIONS at St. John Vianney Church

May 4 through July 6, 2026
Mondays from 9-10:30 a.m.

May 5 through July 7, 2026
Tuesdays from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

REGISTER BY MARCH 26, 2026
at the Parish Office.

Cost is \$35 for materials and shipping.

Visit ascensionpress.com for more details.



www.BCCHawaii.com



I OFFER MY LIFE

Retreat

What does it mean to truly hold nothing back?

In the hustle of daily life, we often offer only pieces of ourselves—our time, our energy, our spare moments.

But what happens when we offer the whole?

Join us for a transformative weekend retreat, where we will explore the profound theme: "I Offer My Life."

This is an invitation to pause, breathe, and surrender the burdens of control.

Through quiet reflection, guided sessions, and shared community, we will explore what it means to live a life fully offered—in service, in love, and in faith.

MARCH 20-22, 2026 in Honolulu

St. John Vianney Parish
Presents

THE YEAR OF APOLOGETICS

How to Explain and Defend our Catholic faith



The Catholic Doctrine of Purgatory

All who die in God's grace and friendship undergo purification,
so as to achieve the holiness necessary
to enter the joy of heaven.

(see back side)

*"For the souls in purgatory there is great joy as well as pain
as they know for certain they are bound for heaven!"*

(St. Catherine of Genoa)

APOLOGETICS

DEFENDING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

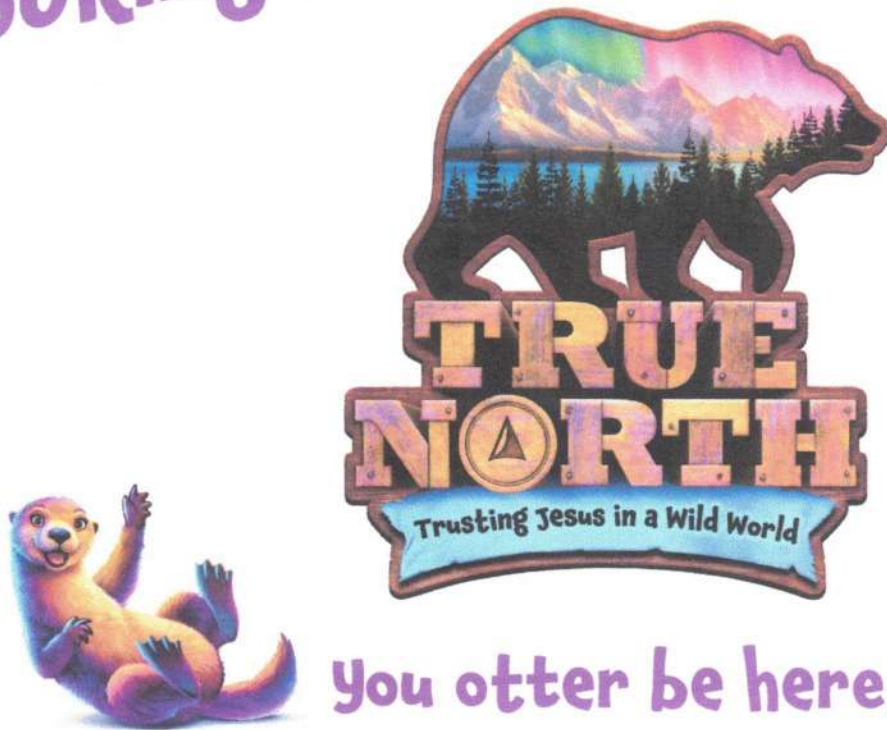
“The Catholic Doctrine of Purgatory



- The response of faith is that nothing defiled can enter heaven (Rev 21:27), and therefore anyone less than perfect must first be cleansed before he can be admitted to the vision of God.
- The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.
- The Church gives the name “Purgatory” to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. (CCC 1030-1031). Purgatory is more of a process than a place.
- Purgatory is not a place for those who are eternally condemned but it is a place for those who will eventually end up in heaven. They are on the road to purification, but they are not quite there yet.
- Purgatory is not heaven nor is it hell, it is like a pre-heaven that prepares you for final arrival.
- The Catholic Church defines Purgatory as a “purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven,” which is experienced by those “who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified.” (CCC)
- They need to go through a final purification process, which is unclear how long that will last, and when that process is complete at that point they will be ready for heaven.
- Jesus declared that we must be perfect as the heavenly Father is perfect. (Matt 5:48)
- There is also a teaching in Scripture from the Book of Maccabees: “It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins.” (2 Mac 12:43-46)
- Prayer for the Poor Soul by St. Faustina:
“O Jesus, my love reaches beyond the world to the souls suffering in Purgatory, and I want to exercise mercy toward them by means of indulgenced prayers.”

Our Parish Faith Formation Committee encourages
all parishioners to learn more
about this specific topic during the month of March

Looking for mountains of fun?



You otter be here!

New friends ▶ Amazing experiments ▶ Creative games
Super-fun snacks ▶ Surprising adventures ▶ Incredible music

Location: St. John Vianney Church, Parish Hall
(church name)

Save these dates: June 15-19, 2026
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun happens from: 1pm -4pm
(daily start and end times)

For more information, call or visit: michelecsjv@gmail.com
(church phone number and web address)

Register online here: Vacation Bible School is coming soon!
(registration web address)



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU
WITNESS TO JESUS

Memorandum

TO: All Clergy, Religious Orders, Catholic Schools & Parishes

FROM: Rev. Alfred Omar Guerrero, Director of the Office of Worship

DATE: January 29, 2026

RE: **Diocese of Honolulu 2026 Lenten Regulations**

FASTING

- ❖ In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday (**February 18, 2026**) and Good Friday (**April 03, 2026**).
- ❖ To *fast* means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (excepting water and medicine) is not permitted on days of fasting.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

- ❖ Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.
- ❖ To abstain means refraining from eating the flesh, marrow and blood products of beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

EASTER DUTY

- ❖ All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept is to be fulfilled during the Easter Season unless it is fulfilled, for a just cause, at some other time during the year. This period is extended to include all the weeks of Lent and the Easter Season up to Trinity Sunday (**May 31, 2026**).

LENTEN PRACTICES

- ❖ The faithful are encouraged during Lent to attend daily Mass, receive Holy Communion, participate in penance services, and receive sacramental absolution; to take part in public and private exercises of piety, give generously to works of religion and charity, perform acts of kindness toward the sick, aged, and the poor; to practice voluntary self-denial, especially regarding food, drink, and worldly amusements; and to pray more fervently, particularly for the intentions of the Holy Father.

- ❖ Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls this year on **February 18, 2026**. Ashes are to be blessed as a sign of our entry into a season of conversion, repentance, and reconciliation. Ashes are to be blessed by a bishop, priest, or deacon. Others may be associated with the clergy in the distribution of ashes.
- ❖ Funeral Masses may not be celebrated on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday, nor on the Sundays of Lent. When pastoral reasons require that a funeral be celebrated on these days, only a Funeral Outside of Mass may be held.
- ❖ To afford the faithful opportunities to participate in Lenten prayer services, pastors are encouraged to have such prayer services at least twice a week, including the Way of the Cross on Fridays, Exposition and Benediction, Evening Prayer, and evening Masses. A homily or instruction should be included.

BLESSING OF THE OILS AND CONSECRATION OF THE CHRISM

- ❖ In order to allow participation of Catholics throughout the islands, the Sacred Oils will be blessed during the Chrism Mass to be celebrated in several locations. All the faithful are encouraged to join in one of the following celebrations:
 - a. Maui-Lanai: **Tuesday, March 3rd at 7 p.m., St. Anthony Church, Wailuku.**
 - b. Big Island: **Tuesday, March 24th at 5:30 p.m., St. Joseph Church, Hilo**
 - c. Kauai: **Thursday, March 26th at 6:00 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church, Lihue.**
 - d. Oahu-Molokai: **Tuesday, March 31st at 7 p.m., Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Honolulu.**

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

- ❖ “Since Christ accomplished his work of human redemption and of the perfect glorification of God principally through his Paschal Mystery, in which by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life, the sacred Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year” (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, #18). Three major liturgical principles may be of help here:
 - a. The Triduum may be viewed a single liturgical action that occurs over a period of three days.
 - b. The Triduum is not part of Lent, but in its entirety, celebrates the Easter event.
 - c. The entire focus of the Triduum is on the Triumph of the Cross and the Resurrection.
- ❖ The Paschal Triduum begins on Holy Thursday, **April 02, 2026**, with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper until the evening of Easter Sunday, **April 05, 2026**. Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion is on Friday, **April 03, 2026** and the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil is on **Saturday, April 04, 2026**.

<p>NOTE: The above directives should be published in parish bulletins for the benefit of the faithful, adding any specific parish or vicariate events. What follows pertains only to clergy and liturgy planners and need not be published for parishioners.</p>
