

MARCH 15, 2026 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

# Sunday Bulletin

St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Kailua

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## FAITH FIRST

**How a non-baptized person becomes a Catholic Christian:** At the beginning of Lent, many parishes participate in what is called the "Rite of Sending," in which the parish priest or pastor "sends" men and women who want to become Catholic to the local bishop. This liturgy is typically celebrated on the first Sunday of Lent and marks the final stage of preparation before they are welcomed into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. After being "sent" from the parish, these men and women participate in the *Rite of Election* at the local cathedral, in the presence of the bishop. It is an important liturgy, as it provides those wanting to become Catholic an opportunity to publicly profess their intention. **Rite of Election:** In 2025, 284 adults and children were welcomed to the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Honolulu by Bishop Larry Silva. This year, 2026, 329 adults and children have been welcomed in the diocese to be baptized. How does it happen? The Rite of Election begins with the bishop "examining" the individuals, ensuring that their godparents are confident in their knowledge and love of the Catholic faith when he says: "God's holy Church wishes to know whether these catechumens are sufficiently prepared to be enrolled among the elect for the coming celebration of Easter. And so, I speak first of all to you their godparents. Have they faithfully listened to God's word proclaimed by the Church?"

The bishop wants to make sure that these catechumens are ready for life as a Catholic. It is a decision that should not be made carelessly and should be made with much thought and prayer. Then the bishop officially enrolls them as "elect," thus granting them his blessing to enter into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Let us pray that the elect's journey may continue to be enlightened by the grace of Christ. And let us continue inviting more to walk with the Lord as Catholics.

## DEAR PARISH

In the Gospel, we hear about the cure of a man born blind. When he is cured, he will be able to see Jesus as his Lord, something the religious leaders were unable to do. The disciples ask Jesus: "Why was he born blind? Was it because of his sins?" There was in people's minds a close link between sin and a chronic sickness or disability. One was a punishment for the other, they felt. Jesus said that it was not but rather for the power of God to be at work in the blind man. To heal him then means the beginning of a completely new life. He will enter a new world of brightness, meaning that, not to know Jesus is to live in blindness and darkness. In fact, this story is an illustration of Jesus' statement: "I am the light of the world". By using mud to heal the man, Jesus also helps us to remember that God used mud to create Adam, the first man. Here, too, Jesus is using mud to make a new man, a new creation. The man is told to go and wash in the pool of Siloam, symbolic of his baptism. This incident changed and transformed the man such that some people would not recognize him anymore.

While we read this Gospel for the catechumens who are preparing to be baptized and enter the Christian community at the Easter Vigil, it is also for us who have already been baptized. We also need to see Jesus and the Gospel more clearly. Change and conversion is often a slow process. And when it continues to happen, let people say: "You are not like the way you were before! You seem to live a new life of conversion." In fact, daily conversion should be the goal of every Christian.

**Question(s) for Group Discussion:** In what ways do I sometimes "see" only with my physical eyes but fail to notice God's presence in everyday life? How can I become more attentive to the quiet ways God works around me? **Challenge for the week:** Each day, intentionally notice one person or situation you might normally overlook.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 16, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass

(+) Antoinette Pahia

Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass

(+) Bernard Freitas

Thursday, March 19, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass

(+) Laura Salamanca

Friday, March 20, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass

(+) Ruth Alves

Saturday, March 21, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass

(+) Thia Rossi

\*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: Ezekiel 37:12-14

2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun, Mar 15, 7 a.m. Mass and Second 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 16, 7 p.m. OCIA
- Wed, Mar 18, 7 p.m. Lenten Communal Penance Service in the Church. The Holy Hour of Adoration is cancelled. The faithful are encouraged to seek sacramental absolution through Reconciliation during Lent.
- Thu, Mar 19, 9 a.m. Sodality Rosary Making
- Fri, Mar 20, 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross in church every Friday during Lent



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

Friday, March 13th was the last day of the third quarter for this school year. For the next two weeks your parish school will be on spring intersession and spring break, with classes resuming on March 30th.

The value of a Catholic education is more than what your child can learn through books; it is in their personal development. Our curriculum offers an education that combines academic excellence with our Catholic faith and teachings. Our teachers believe that they should inspire the minds and hearts of our students, by taking the best of human wisdom and incorporating it into a life of faith, giving them a life filled with meaning. A Catholic education will prepare your child both academically and spiritually for the challenges they will face in further education and life itself. Applications for the 2026-2027 school year for **new students** may be downloaded from our website at [sjvkailua.org](http://sjvkailua.org). One may apply for tuition assistance. For more information call 808-261-4651.



Adriana in Timor-Leste

## Today's Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services

This weekend we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## Feeding Dreams in Timor-Leste

By participating in CRS Rice Bowl, we're helping young people in Timor-Leste find opportunities and support to fulfill their dreams of becoming leaders in their communities. Visit [crsricebowl.org/week-4](http://crsricebowl.org/week-4) to read about Adriana's dream of becoming a doctor in this week's Story of Hope.

## 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.

## End of Life Care—Preparing for the Journey

Are you spiritually prepared for the inevitable? Presented by Deacon Raul Perez, hospice chaplain, on Thursday, March 26 from 6—8 p.m. at St. Stephen Church in Nuuanu located at 2747 Pali Hwy., Honolulu.

## March 26 Deadline for Bible Study Registration

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. Register at the parish office. Cost is \$35 for materials.

## Registration Open!

You may now register your youth for Vacation Bible School being held at St. John Vianney from June 15-19, 2026. **An early bird discount of \$25 is available if paid before April 12th!** Each additional child is only **\$15!** Children entering 1st through 5th grades will discover they can trust Jesus in the wild outdoors. Activities include hands-on science experiments, exciting Bible adventures, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats. Register with QR code. 30 spaces available.



# Easter Egg Hunt



Sunday, April 5, 2026

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## Volunteer & Donations Needed

### Basket Items

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- Small Fidget Toys

### Bite Size Candy

- Hard Candy
- Gummy Candy
- Marshmallow
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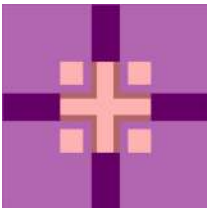


## OFFERTORY—Our first fruits in thanksgiving to God for all our blessings

GIVE ONLINE

Week of Feb 21—27, 2026	Envelopes/Loose	Online Giving	Total	Goal	% of Goal
Sunday Offertory	\$4055	\$4404	\$8459	\$9,460	89%
Repair and Maintenance	\$349	\$1438	\$1787	\$2,135	67%





# 4th Sunday of Lent

March 14/15



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## 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"

## 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  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy

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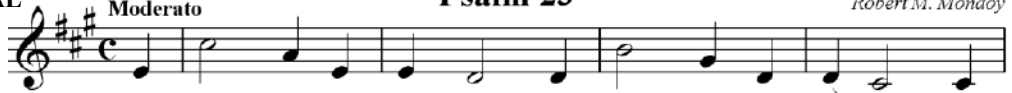
## RESPONSORIAL

## PSALM

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## Psalm 23<sup>8</sup>

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The Lord is my shep-herd, I need no-thing more. The



Lord is my shep-herd, I need no-thing more.

1. The Lord is my shepherd, I need nothing more. You give me rest in green meadows, setting me near calm waters where you revive my spirit.
2. You guide me along sure paths, O you are true to your name. Though I should walk in death's dark valley I fear no evil with you by my side, your shepherd's staff to comfort me.
3. You spread a table before me as my foes look on. You soothe my head with oil, my cup is more than full.
4. So goodness and love will tend me every day of my life. I will dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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Mesa Kahiko

## Gospel Acclamation for Lent



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

SM 92

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God of all mercy,  
restore our sight:  
lead us from darkness  
into light!

# 280. Just As I Am

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that your  
 2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with ma - ny a  
 3. Just as I am, you will re - ceive, will wel - come,  
 4. Just as I am, your love un - known has bro - ken

blood was shed for me, And that you called in -  
 con - flict, many a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -  
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause your pro - mise  
 ev - ery bar - rier down. Now to be yours, and

vi - ting me, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!  
 in with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!  
 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!  
 yours a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1836, alt. Tune: WOODWORTH, William Bradbury, 1849. This text appeared in Charlotte Elliott's *Invalid's Hymn Book* published in England in 1836. Disabled at age thirty, she continued a career of writing and editing. This hymn has been translated into many languages.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### Preface Dialogue

### Fullness of Faith RM 124

*The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it.*

*Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. It is right and just.*

### Holy

### RM 224

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. high - est.

## 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

One 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.



One 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

### 289. TURN TO ME

**Refrain:**                    **Turn to me, O turn and be saved,  
                                      says the Lord, for I am God;  
                                      there is no other, none beside me.  
                                      I call your name.**

1. I am God, who comforts you; who are you to be afraid  
of flesh that fades, is made like the grass of the field, soon to wither.
2. Listen to me, my people; give ear to me, my nation:  
a law will go forth from me, and my justice for a light to the people.
3. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth down below.  
The heavens will vanish like smoke, and the earth will wear out like a garment.

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## LEAVETAKING SONG

### 193. SONG OF ST. PATRICK

*Christ be ever before us, Christ be ever behind us, Christ be ever within.*

**Refrain:**                    **May the Spirit of Christ  
                                      be our hope through the day  
                                      be our guard through the night,  
                                      our companion on the way.**

1. Christ upon our left hand watching, at our right hand guiding,  
Christ above beneath us guarding, near to us abiding.
2. Christ be in each holy silence. Christ be in our speaking,  
Christ in every work we offer, ever in our seeking.
3. Let us be God's light in the darkness, let us be God's kindness;  
Let us be God's justice and mercy, hands and feet of Christ.
4. God Creator, bless and keep us, Christ be ever near us,  
Spirit, be the light before us, gentle be our pathway.

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# 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**

# REVEAL Christ's LOVE

Around noon on April 25, 2015, a powerful 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal. Strong aftershocks continued for days afterward. Not only did about 9,000 people lose their lives, but 23,000 others were injured, and more than 750,000 homes were destroyed or damaged. Families displaced by the disaster suffered the loss of loved ones and homes. They also confronted the poverty of lost livelihoods.

A grandmother named KunMaya not only lost her home but also suffered the loss of her son. For more than eight years following the earthquake, she and her husband lived in a temporary wooden shelter that offered little protection against weather. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), working with local partners, assisted KunMaya and more than 6,200 other families affected by the earthquake through the Resilient Communities through Vulnerable Earthquake Recovery (ReCoVER) project. Through this program, CRS-trained masons built an earthquake-resilient home for KunMaya and her husband. At the same time, ReCoVER offered KunMaya training in raising poultry and managing financial savings—training that helped her establish a growing poultry business that has allowed her to sustain her family while also saving and building for the future.

CRS relies on the support it receives through The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to victims of wars and natural disasters throughout the world. CRS carries out this work in ways that address immediate needs and provide long-term solutions to help build a stable, hopeful future.



Your donations help our brothers and sisters through grants to these agencies:

### In the United States

Reveal Christ's love by welcoming suffering refugees . . . through the **USCCB Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Reveal Christ's love through legal aid to struggling immigrants . . . through the **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Reveal Christ's love in ministry to people on the margins . . . through the pastoral work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

### And Around the World

Reveal Christ's love to hungry mothers and children in Nepal and elsewhere . . . through the humanitarian work of **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, the official overseas relief agency of the bishops of the United States.

Reveal Christ's love by working for peace . . . through the public policy and education and communication work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Justice and Peace**.

Reveal Christ's love to the victims of natural disaster . . . through the **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.

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## The Catholic Relief Services Collection 2024

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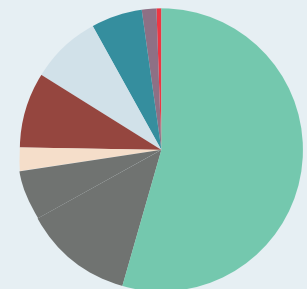
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- USCCB Migration & Refugee Services
- CLINIC (Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.)
- USCCB Cultural Diversity in the Church\*
- USCCB Justice and Peace†
- Holy Father's Relief Fund

### Administration

- Promotion & Education Costs
- Administrative Expenses

### Grant Amount Percentage

Catholic Relief Services	\$7,939,217	57.62%
USCCB Migration & Refugee Services	\$1,832,127	13.30%
CLINIC (Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.)	\$1,221,418	8.86%
USCCB Cultural Diversity in the Church*	\$1,221,418	8.86%
USCCB Justice and Peace†	\$755,629	5.48%
Holy Father's Relief Fund	\$500,000	3.63%
Promotion & Education Costs	\$291,423	2.12%
Administrative Expenses	\$17,185	0.12%



\* The USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church includes Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees, and Travelers (\$854,992) and Asian and Pacific Island Affairs (\$366,426).

† The USCCB Secretariat of Justice and Peace includes International Justice and Peace (\$671,427) and education and communication activities (\$84,202).



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# REVELA EL AMOR DE Cristo

Alrededor del mediodía del 25 de abril del 2015, Nepal fue remecido por un gran terremoto de 7.8 grados, seguido de unas fuertes réplicas en días posteriores. No solo perdieron la vida cerca de 9,000 personas, sino que otras 23,000 sufrieron daños personales y más de 750,000 viviendas fueron destruidas o dañadas. Este desastre desplazó a familias que sufrieron la pérdida de sus seres queridos y de sus hogares. También tuvieron que enfrentar pobreza ya que perdieron sus medios de subsistencia.

Una abuela llamada KunMaya no solo perdió su vivienda, sino que también sufrió la pérdida de su hijo. Luego del terremoto, y por más de ocho años, ella y su esposo vivieron en un albergue temporal de madera que ofrecía muy poca protección contra el clima. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), trabajando con sus asociados locales, ayudó a KunMaya y a más de 6,200 familias afectadas por el terremoto a través del proyecto Resilient Communities through Vulnerable Earthquake Recovery (ReCoVER). Mediante este programa, albañiles capacitados por CRS, construyeron para ella y su esposo una casa resistente a terremotos. Asimismo, ReCoVER le ofreció a KunMaya una capacitación en la crianza de aves de corral y en la gestión de ahorros financieros—una capacitación que le ayudó a establecer un próspero negocio de aves de corral y que le permite mantener a su familia, a la vez que ahorra y construye para el futuro.

CRS cuenta con el apoyo que recibe de The Catholic Relief Services Collection para revelar el amor de Cristo a las víctimas de guerras y desastres naturales alrededor del mundo. CRS lleva a cabo esta labor de manera que responde a las necesidades inmediatas y proporciona soluciones a largo plazo para ayudar a construir un futuro estable y esperanzador.



Sus donativos ayudan a nuestros hermanos y hermanas a través de subvenciones a estas agencias:

### En los Estados Unidos

Revelando el amor de Cristo al acoger a los refugiados que sufren . . . a través del **USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Revelando el amor de Cristo al dar asesoría legal a los inmigrantes que luchan por salir adelante . . . a través del **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Revelando el amor de Cristo al hacer su ministerio con las personas en la periferia . . . a través de la labor pastoral de **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

### Y alrededor del mundo

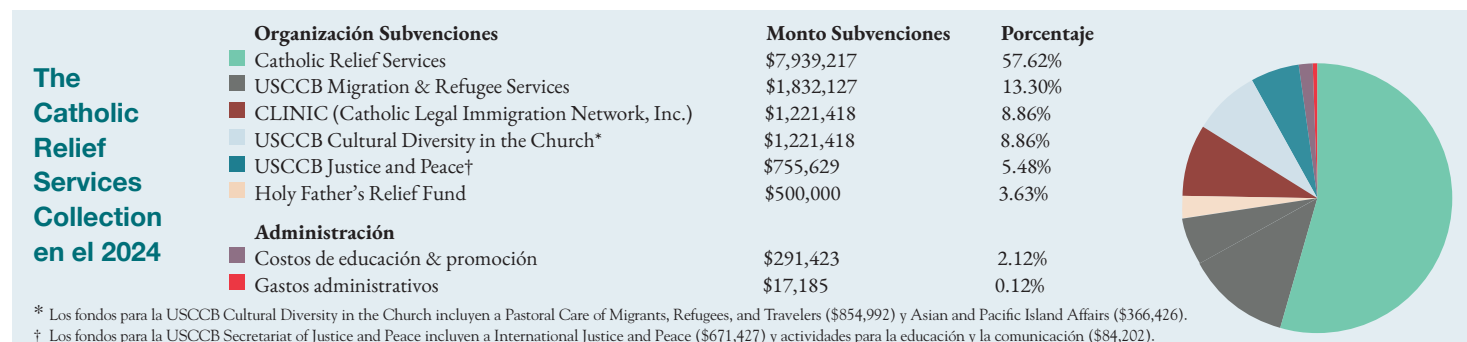
Revelando el amor de Cristo a las madres y niños con hambre en Nepal y en otros lugares . . . a través de la labor humanitaria de **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, la agencia oficial de socorro en el extranjero de los obispos de Estados Unidos.

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# 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](https://ascensionpress.com) for more details.



Saint John Vianney Parish

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# Easter


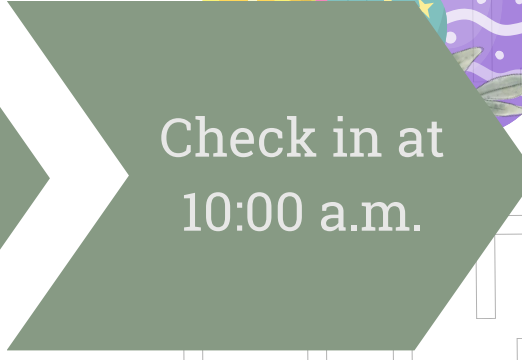
## Egg Hunt



Children Ages  
10 and below



Pre-  
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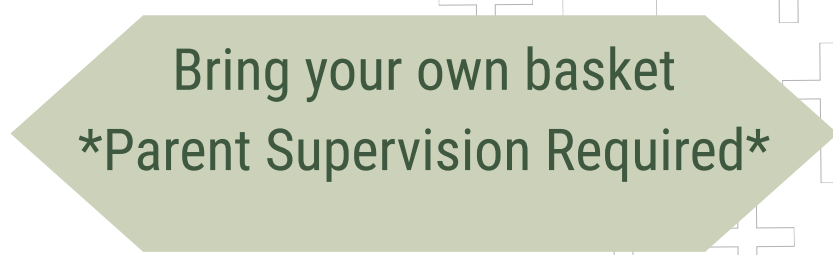
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*Sunday, April 5, 2026*



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Bring your own basket  
**\*Parent Supervision Required\***



Saint John Vianney Parish Presents

# Divine Mercy Dinner

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> after 5:00 pm mass  
in the Parish Hall.

Our Religious Education department invites you to join us for dinner.  
Your Family will learn more about the Divine Mercy Devotion.

How did it start?      What is Divine Mercy?      Who is St. Faustina?

We will have a special presentation, games, activities, crafts and more.

Register to let us know you are attending.

Use the QR code by April 3rd:



ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

# TRUE NORTH

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

JUNE 15 - 19, 2026  
1 - 4PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



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

**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**

Ko`olau Catholic Men's Fellowship



## **Fishers of Men**

Matthew 4:19

### **Men's Fellowship Meeting**

**Thursday March 19, 2026**

**6:30pm**

Saint George Catholic Church  
Waimanalo

**INVITE A FRIEND**

Pray the Rosary at 6:00pm (in the church)

+Instead of a monetary donation we are asking for toiletries to donate to the Hope Ministry Center.

#### **Speaker:**

Father Mark Bristol

*Father Mark is the Chaplain for the Marine Battalion on Kaneohe Marine Base.*

*"Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it" Luke 11:28*