

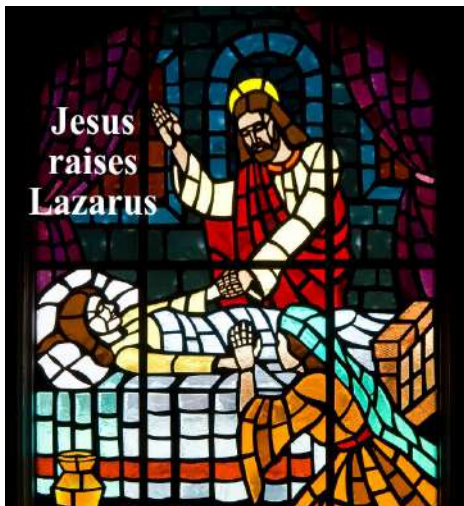
MARCH 22, 2026 — FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday Bulletin

St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Kailua

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FAITH FIRST

In parishes which have active OCIA programs, there is a fascinating moment at Mass on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent. The elect, adult candidates for baptism and confirmation, are called forward to undergo what are called the three scrutinies. In the OCIA process, this is the period of purification and enlightenment. The scrutinies follow upon the Gospel readings (from Year A): the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:5-42), the man born blind (John 9:1-41), and the rising of Lazarus (John 11:1-45). "Their purpose is to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to help them resist temptations, and to find strength in Christ."

The theme is deliverance: from thirst, from darkness, from death. We thus learn that catechesis is more than simply knowing what the Church teaches. We must also incorporate the truth into our lives. For the mind to understand and receive the truth, the soul must be pure. And so, the elect come forward and kneel, when all the faithful pray for them. Then they receive a prayer of exorcism and laying on of hands, to cleanse their souls from evil so that the Holy Spirit would enter. The exorcism prayer invokes the three Gospel events – thirsting for the living water, moving from darkness into the light, freedom from the tyranny of death.

The origin of the three scrutinies dates back to the early Church, but these preparatory rites had come to be incorporated into the one rite of baptism itself. It was the Second Vatican Council of 1962 which called for the restoration of the ancient catechumenate process (including the handing on of the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer after the third and fifth scrutinies). There is abundant testimony to what this journey encompassed.

Invite the unchurched and those who have fallen away from the church to return to Christ who always invites all back.

DEAR PARISH

This Sunday's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. Today's Gospel reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life. The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Into this scene of confrontation, word reaches Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. That delay seemed critical because Lazarus dies in the process. Martha and Mary are saddened by this death, and they feel hopeless because of the delay. Jesus prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. As we come closer to Easter, the Gospel calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

Question for Group Reflection: When have I felt like God was "late" in answering my prayers? How did that experience shape my trust in Him?

Challenge for the week: Identify one area of your life where you feel "stuck"; perhaps a habit, fear, or resentment that keeps you from living fully. Pray each day, asking God to "call you out" of that place into new life.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 23, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass

(+) Margaret Carlin

Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass

(+) Moana Parker

Thursday, March 26, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass

(B) Fr. Anthony Pillari

Friday, March 27, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass

(+) Connie Lopez

Saturday, March 28, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass

(+) Anna and Bernadette Crivello

*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

+Mai Thi Hai, Funeral Mass on Wed, Apr 1 at 10 a.m., Burial at 1 p.m. at Valley of the Temples

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS

Procession Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun, Mar 22, 11 a.m. Mass and Third Scrutiny for Parish Elect Nicole Eastman, Samson Ebia and Gordon Mattis
- Mon, Mar 23 at 7 p.m. Baptism class
- Mon, Mar 23, 7 p.m. OCIA
- Thu, Mar 26 Holiday, Parish Office Closed
- Thu, Mar 26, Registration deadline for *What We Believe* Bible study
- Fri, Mar 27, 7 p.m. This is the last Lenten communal Stations of the Cross held in church.
- March 29 Palm Sunday Masses. Meet in the church for distribution of palms. No procession from the Circle of Peace.



The best Catholic content can be found in one place. Go to [Formed.org/signup](https://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

The purpose of a Catholic education at St. John Vianney School is not only the transferal of knowledge, but also the formation of the whole person in terms of body, mind and spirit. Each child is taught that they are special in God's eyes, and that their life, and every life, is with a purpose. Our dedicated teachers promote a culture of collaboration, respect, and mutual support where students can thrive academically and personally. They also teach their students core values such as love, generosity, responsibility, self-discipline, and to care for their community.

An investment in a Catholic education for your child will provide lifelong, priceless benefits. We strive to form our students into good citizens and to love God and their neighbor. This is the difference in a Catholic education that encourages all students to share and explore Christ's love through kindness and service to the community. Applications for new students for next year may be downloaded at sjvkailua.org.



Please continue to pray for the children (pictured above) who are preparing for initiation into the Catholic Faith through the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Register for Divine Mercy Dinner



Our St. John Vianney Parish Religious Education Department invites you to a Family Faith Formation event on Saturday, April 11 after the 5 p.m. Mass for dinner, a special presentation, and fun activities that help foster love of the Divine Mercy devotion.

Embracing God's Love, United in Generosity

God created man and woman in his image, reminding us that every person is sacred and reflects God's love. Each of us has a purpose, woven into God's plan. Our support of CRS Rice Bowl provides hope and opportunity to families around the world. Let's reflect on how our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving can help our sisters and brothers fulfill their potential. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-5 to read this week's Story of Hope.

Love extended

The Gospel today challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness. It is only through your gifts that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is able to assist families with food, and pay for utility, rent and other needs. Envelopes are in the church.

Last Penance Service before Easter

Prepare your heart for Easter by returning to God's mercy. The last Parish Lenten Communal Penance Service for the Windward vicariate will be held on March 24 at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church. Experience the healing grace of God through communal prayer, scripture, and individual confession. All are welcome to come, reflect, and be renewed.

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.

Registration Open for Vacation Bible School

You may now register your children 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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<https://www.saintjohnvianneyhawaii.org/>



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- Small Fidget Toys

Bite Size Candy

- Hard Candy
- Gummy Candy
- Marshmallow
- Snack Chips/pretzels
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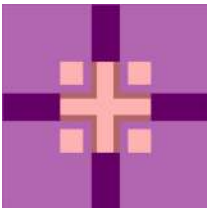


OFFERTORY—Our first fruits in thanksgiving to God for all our blessings

GIVE ONLINE

Week of Feb 28—Mar 6, 2026	Envelopes/Loose	Online Giving	Total	Goal	% of Goal
Sunday Offertory	\$6,373	\$5,707.90	\$12,080.90	\$9,460	127.70%
Repair and Maintenance	\$205	\$1078	\$1,283	\$2,135	60%





5th Sunday of Lent

March 21/22



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"

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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PSALM

Psalm 130²

Marty Haugen



With the Lord there is mer-cy and full-ness of re-demp-tion.

1. From the depths. I cry unto you, Lord, hear my voice, come hear my prayer;
O let your ear be open to my pleading.
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, then who could stand within your sight?
But in you is found for giveness for our failings.
3. Just as those who wait for the morning light, even more I long for the Lord, my God,
whose word to me shall ever be my comfort.

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Mesa Kahilo

Gospel Acclamation for Lent



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

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God of the living,
not of the dead:
Raise us to life
beyond our death!

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

137. DEEP WITHIN

Refrain: **Deep within I will plant my law,
not on stone, but in your heart.
Follow me, I will bring you back,
you will be my own, and I will be your God.**

1. I will give you a new heart, a new spirit within you, for I will be your strength.
2. Seek my face, and see your God, for I will be your hope.
3. Return to me, with all your heart, and I will bring you back.

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EUCHARISTIC 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.

Detailed description: This block contains musical notation for a preface dialogue. It consists of three staves of music in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature, then changes to 4/4. The second and third staves use a bass clef. The music is a simple, melodic line with some rests and ties.

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.

Detailed description: This block contains musical notation for the 'Holy' part of the Eucharistic Prayer. It consists of five staves of music in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature, then changes to 4/4. The second and third staves use a bass clef. The music is a simple, melodic line with some rests and ties. There are two endings at the end of the piece, marked with '1.' and '2.'.

Memorial Acclamation A

RM 324a

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

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LORD'S PRAYER (*chanted*)

(*Chant, minor*)

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.



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

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

172. NOW WE REMAIN

**Refrain: We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts.
Living, now we remain with Jesus, the Christ.**

1. Once we were people afraid, lost in the night.
Then by your cross we were saved; Dead became living, life from your giving.
2. Something which we have known, something we've touched.
What we have seen with our eyes: This we have heard; lifegiving Word.
3. He chose to give of himself, became our bread.
Broken, that we might live. Love beyond love, pain for our pain.
4. We are the presence of God; this is our call.
Now to become bread and wine: food for the hungry, life for the weary,
for to live with the Lord, we must die with the Lord.

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LEAVETAKING SONG

286. SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN' AT YOUR DOOR

1. **Somebody's knockin' at your door; Somebody's knockin' at your door;
O sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door.**
2. *Knocks like Jesus, Somebody's knockin' at your door;
Knocks like Jesus, Somebody's knockin' at your door;
O sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door.*
3. *Can't you hear him? Somebody's knockin' at your door;
Can't you hear him? Somebody's knockin' at your door;
O sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door.*
4. *Jesus calls you, Somebody's knockin' at your door;
Jesus calls you, Somebody's knockin' at your door;
O sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door.*
5. *Can't you trust him? Somebody's knockin' at your door;
Can't you trust him? Somebody's knockin' at your door;
O sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door.*



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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
KANEOTE**

MAR
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TUE

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

MAR
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WED

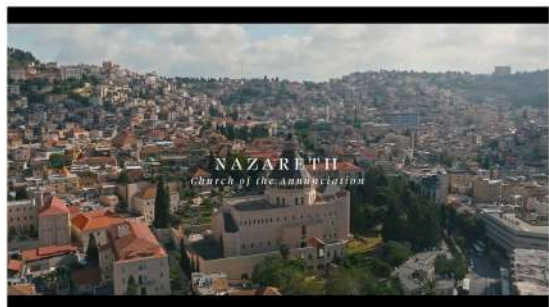
**SAINT JOHN VIANNEY
KAILUA**

MAR
24
TUE

**SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
KAILUA**

This Week on Formed

Week of March 22, 2026



The Annunciation

The Angel Gabriel appeared and all of Heaven trembled in anticipation. Mary gives her fiat and our long wait is over! Generation after generation of longing and aching for a Messiah comes to fulfillment.



The Annunciation | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.



The Annunciation: Hail Mary

Join Ms. Kim as she discusses devotion to Mary and the significance of Mary's "yes." All the while, you will learn new drawing techniques as you draw the Annunciation.

Our parish has a Formed subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.



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

Divine Mercy Sunday



Starting on Good Friday,
plan to pray the nine day Divine Mercy Novena.
Pamphlets will be available on Palm Sunday.

**On Sunday, April 11-12, 2026
Come pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Immediately following all Masses**

*Together we join those throughout the world
in prayer and adoration
seeking God's mercy for ourselves
and for the whole world.*

DIVINE MERCY EXPLAINED



A simple nun in Poland, Sister Faustina Kowalska, in 1931 received a mystical vision of Jesus in a white robe with red-and-white rays radiating from his heart. 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 the soul that will venerate this image will not perish.” Jesus had also instructed her that the image was to be venerated publicly on the first Sunday after Easter.

The Divine Mercy devotion began to spread, then in 1958 Church theologians banned it for 20 years. Meanwhile the archbishop of Krakow got permission for an extensive investigation into Sister Faustina and the Divine Mercy devotion. That archbishop was later elected Pope John Paul II, and the Church lifted the ban.

Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. That same day, he also instituted Divine Mercy Sunday as a feast for the universal Church. John Paul II 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 2014, he joined St. Faustina in the roll of saints, thus continuing together in heaven their mission of mercy to the world.

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday following Easter. It is no coincidence that Divine Mercy Sunday is the Sunday after Easter. This is because Divine Mercy is essentially a Resurrection image.

The “Image of Divine Mercy” is a painted depiction of Jesus as he appeared to St. Faustina. Jesus is clothed in white and raising his right hand in a gesture of blessing. Red and white rays are emitted from Jesus’ heart, signifying the blood and water that flowed from Christ’s heart at the crucifixion, and the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist.

The Hour of Divine Mercy is 3 p.m., the time of Jesus’ death on the cross. St. Faustina recounted that Jesus asked people to pray and reflect on his Passion during this hour, and to ask for God’s mercy on the world. He promised that “In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion.”

The Divine Mercy Novena is a nine-day series of prayers leading up to Divine Mercy Sunday and preparing for it. Each day invokes God’s mercy on a different group of souls, including priests, souls in purgatory, and those lukewarm in their faith.
(see pamphlets in back of church)

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a prayer recited on rosary beads asking God to have mercy on the world. St. Faustina said Jesus promised great graces to be granted through the chaplet, particularly when prayed at the hour of death.

The diary of St. Faustina says “Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given to you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy. Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will.

Saint John Vianney Parish Presents

Divine Mercy Dinner

Saturday, April 11th 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





HUAKA'I HIGHLIGHTS

HUAKA'I SEASON 3

82 Young Adults Walking Together in Faith

Huaka'i Season 3 continues to grow as young adults across Hawai'i gather in homes and parish spaces to deepen their relationship with Christ, build authentic friendships, and journey together in faith.

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SMALL GROUPS

meeting across the Hawaiian islands

82

YOUNG ADULTS

actively participating

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HOSTS

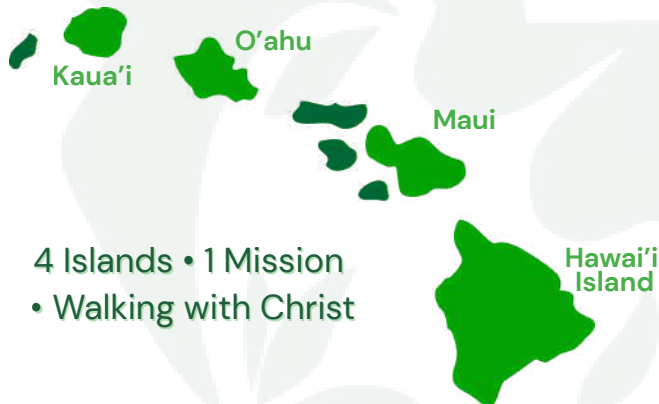
serving as a small group leaders

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PARISHES

represented throughout the Diocese of Honolulu

-Where Our Groups Are Located-



4 Islands • 1 Mission
• Walking with Christ

What Makes Huaka'i Special

- College Students
- Young Professionals
- Married Couples
- Parents
- Military members stationed in Hawai'i



7 Women's Group



7 Co-Ed Groups



3 Men's Group

Want to learn more about The Huaka'i Project?
Contact Kristine or Nellani
@808.630.1584/808.227.5513

SEASON 3 KICKOFF NIGHT

- St. Ann's Church – Kaneohe
- Participants joined from other islands via Zoom
- Young Adults gathered from around Hawai'i
- 🙏 Father Patrick blessed all hosts and participants.



Huaka'i small groups began the season with a Kickoff Night at St. Ann's Church in Kāne'ohe, while participants from the other islands joined virtually through Zoom. The evening was filled with food, fun, and meaningful conversations as young adults gathered to reconnect and welcome new members into the Huaka'i journey.

May Jesus be with you on this Journey



29 PARISHES REPRESENTED

- Annunciation, Kamuela
- Blessed Sacrament, Honolulu
- Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, Honolulu
- Christ the King, Kahului*
- Immaculate Conception, Lihue*
- Mary, Star of the Sea, Hawaii Kai*
- MCBH Chapel, Kaneohe
- Mystical Rose Oratory, Chaminade
- Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pearl City*
- Our Lady of Lourdes, Honoka'a
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Kaneohe*
- Our Lady Queen of Angels, Kula*
- Our Lady of Sorrows, Wahiawa*
- Resurrection of the Lord, Waipio
- Sacred Heart, Hawi
- Sacred Heart, Punahou
- St. Ann, Kaneohe*
- St. Anthony, Kailihi
- St. Anthony, Wailuku
- St. Anthony of Padua, Kailua*
- St. John Apostle & Evangelist, Mililani
- St. Joseph, Hilo*
- St. Joseph, Makawao
- St. Joseph, Waipahu
- St. Jude, Kapolei
- St. Michael, Waialua
- Sts. Peter & Paul, Honolulu
- St. Theresa, Kekaha
- St. Theresa, Kihei

**Represents the home parish of a Huaka'i small group host.*



- (In exceptional circumstances when marrying a non-Catholic, it is possible to get – in advance – a dispensation from canonical form.)

Why does the Church require canonical form?

- The Church wants to underscore the religious nature of marriage, especially as a sacrament between the baptized.
- The Church wants to make sure that couples receive suitable marriage preparation.

Are there negative implications for those married outside the Church?

- Unfortunately, yes. The civil or non-Catholic religious ceremony that the parties participated in is *invalid*.

“I would remind all married couples that marriage is not an ideal but the measure of true love between a man and a woman: a love that is total, faithful and fruitful.”

– Pope Leo XIV



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February 2026



Are you Married Outside the Catholic Church?

- The Catholic Church requires anyone baptized Catholic (or received into full communion) be married in the Catholic Church in order to have a valid marriage.
- Catholics are required to marry before an authorized Catholic priest or deacon. This requirement is called *canonical form*.
- The requirement of canonical form applies even when marrying a non-Catholic.

- Jesus gave his authority to St. Peter and the Apostles and their successors, the pope and bishops, to make such determinations.
- Those in an invalid marriage are not permitted to receive Holy Communion (or function as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion).

I've entered an invalid marriage. What can I do?

- Marry in the Catholic Church through a new marriage ceremony, commonly called a *validation*.



What does a validation require?

- A validation requires personal marriage preparation. Discuss this with your parish clergy. The preparation requirements are tailored to your individual needs as a couple.
- A marriage validation does not magically solve a troubled marriage. In those situations, preparation is even more important.
- A validation also requires some paperwork, including Catholics getting a newly issued baptism certificate from their parish of baptism (or a full communion certificate, if applicable).
- A validation does NOT require a new civil marriage license. Just provide a copy of your civil marriage certificate to your parish.

What does a new marriage ceremony entail?

- Some couples opt for a very simple ceremony, with just the priest or deacon and two witnesses present.
- Other couples want a big ceremony, with music, flowers, dresses, a veil, coins, etc.

What if one of us was married before?

- The party with a prior marriage needs to address this matter first, prior to any validation preparation.
- Talk to your parish clergy about this.

What if my spouse will not cooperate with this?

- It might be possible to validate your marriage instead through what is called a *radical sanation*.
- Talk with your parish clergy about this possibility.

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

Registrations are now being accepted for the April 17-19, 2026 Retreat!

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats



**Healing the Pain of Abortion...
One Weekend at a Time.**

If you or a friend are hurting from a past abortion and are searching for a confidential, non-judgmental, safe place of healing and support to express and reconcile painful emotions and begin the healing process, look no further, and come join us!

Both women and men are impacted by abortion and greatly benefit from the retreats. Singles, couples and family members of aborted children have come to Rachel's Vineyard for peace and inner healing. You are not alone.

Retreats are held at a private retreat center for 3 days and 2 nights. A retreat fee of \$200.00 covers materials, accommodations, and daily meals/snacks. Space is limited. Need-based scholarships are available. Calls us today for personalized assistance!

Upcoming Retreat: April 17-19, 2026

(Arrive on Friday at 5:30pm; Depart on Sunday at 5:00pm)

**To Register, call Lisa Shorba at: (808) 490-4702 or (808) 469-5470
or E-mail: RvinHawaii@gmail.com**

Registrations are Strictly Confidential.

Visit the national website at: www.rachelsvineyard.org

Rachel's Vineyard is the World's Largest Ministry for Healing After Abortion.

A Ministry of the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii's Respect Life Office.

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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
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call us today.

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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:
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E-mail: rachel@rachelsvineyard.org. National Headquarters: 808 N. Henderson Rd., 2nd Floor
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MORE ABOUT RACHEL'S VINEYARD HAWAII



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.

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

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. Geraldyn 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 and 2 nights and include overnight stay at a private retreat center on Oahu. Accommodations, meals/ refreshments, and retreat materials are provided. Space is limited.

A registration fee of \$200 is required per participant. Need-based scholarships are available.

Oahu Retreat Dates: April 17-19 & October 9-11, 2026 (2 retreats/year. Call for more 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 Vineyard Team