

MARCH 29, 2026 — PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Sunday Bulletin

St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Kailua

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FAITH FIRST

What is the significance of palms on Palm Sunday? Each year, right before the Palm Sunday Mass, palms are distributed to us and we carry them in procession into the church.

Why Wave Palms? It was common practice in the ancient world to welcome home a king or war hero by laying out a path of palm branches for him to ride on or walk on, similar to rolling out the red carpet. But palm branches have also been recognized as a symbol of peace, victory, and eternal life.

Palms and Christianity: Today we use palms on Palm Sunday to commemorate Christ's sacrifice: we remember his death on the cross and continually praise him for our salvation. And we anticipate his Resurrection a week later at Easter: his victory over death holds out to us the hope of eternal life. Our procession with palms is a sign of our joy and gratitude to Jesus Christ, our King.

How to Dispose of Palms: The palm for Palm Sunday is blessed and thereby becomes a sacramental. Sacramentals, as opposed to Sacraments which are outward signs that give grace, are anything set apart or blessed by the Church to excite good thoughts and to increase devotion. If one wants to dispose of the palm, let them return it to the church or take it home and keep for the year. Sacramentals must be treated with respect and should never be put in the trash. Blessed palms can also be disposed by returning them to nature by being buried. Alternatively, just before Ash Wednesday, the palms are brought for the preparation of ashes used at the beginning of Lent.

DEAR PARISH

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Holy Week has begun. Passion or Palm Sunday can be said to be bittersweet. It's joyful and sorrowful at the same time. It recounts the enthusiasm of the disciples who greeted and acclaimed the Master with cries of joy, waving palms and laying down cloaks on the road. Yet on this day, we also solemnly remember the Gospel account of His Passion and death. Our Lord, who accepts the hosannas of the crowd, knows full well that these cries of welcome will soon be replaced with cries of "crucify him." What a shocking turnaround. He suffers all the pain of humanity to save them. So, as we joyfully acclaim our King, let's also think of the sufferings that he will have to endure in this coming Holy Week. Let us be immersed into the drama of Holy Week, so that Jesus, who gave absolutely everything for us out of divine and overflowing love and self-giving, will bring us through every trial and sin, all injustices and tragedies, into the new life of Christ, and a renewed, deeper faith and commitment to his good news. With arms opened wide on the cross, Jesus desires for us to draw near to his Sacred Heart of love.

This week we are invited in imitation of Jesus to carry our crosses and contemplate the face of Jesus, not only in the paintings, photographs, or video depictions, but in the face of many of our brothers and sisters who are suffering. Jesus is in them, in the disfigured face and broken voice. All he asks is to be looked at, to be recognized, to be loved. Let's ask for the grace to follow Jesus faithfully, not only in words, but in deeds.

Question for Group discussion: Why do some people reject Jesus today and how can you follow Jesus' example in reaching out to those who resist or ignore him? **Challenge of the week:** Each day this week, intentionally choose to pray for an unchurched person or a fallen away Catholic and invite them to Easter Sunday celebrations.

MASS INTENTIONS

A Mass intention is the specific purpose for which a priest offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. While every Mass is an infinite act of worship offered to God, the Church allows us to unite particular intentions to each celebration—offering the spiritual benefits of the Mass for a person or need.

Monday, March 30, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass

(+) Sandra Mateucci

Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass

(+) George Ponciano

*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

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

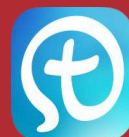
Gospel: John 20:1-9

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon, Mar 30, 7 p.m. OCIA
- Thu, Apr 2, No morning Mass
- Thu, Apr 2, 7 p.m. Holy Thursday-Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Fri, April 3, No morning Mass and Parish Office closed.
- Fr, April 3, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Services and Adoration of the Holy Cross at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Sat, Apr 4, No morning Mass, no Confessions, no Adoration, no 5 p.m. Mass
- Sat, Apr 4, 7 p.m. Mass for Holy Saturday At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter
- Sun, Apr 5, 7 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. The Resurrection of the Lord, The Mass of Easter Day



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

School News

Classes resume on Monday, March 30th after two weeks of spring intersession and spring break. Our students and staff look forward to returning for the last quarter of this school year. The goal of your parish school is to provide each child with on-going formation in their faith, to develop each students' God-given gifts, and to prepare them for success in higher education.

At St. John Vianney School, each child receives an exceptional education that combines academic excellence with our Catholic faith and teachings. Our teachers guide them with the technology and skills to be successful in life. They strive to form students into good citizens of this world and to love God and their neighbor. This is the difference in a Catholic education that encourages students to share and explore Christ's love through kindness and service to the community.

As we enter Holy Week, our entire staff want to wish our families and parishioners a happy and blessed Easter season.

Holy Week Schedule

In this holiest week of the year, we invite you to join in the Triduum liturgies celebrating the Paschal Mystery, the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and his victorious resurrection, his triumph over sin and death, and his glorification by his father.

- Holy Tuesday, March 31 at 7 p.m. Chrism Mass at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa
- Holy Thursday, April 2 at 7 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Reception of the Holy Oils, and Eucharistic Adoration until 9 p.m.
- Good Friday of the Lord's Passion and Adoration of the Holy Cross, April 3 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Begin the Divine Mercy Novena.
- Holy Saturday in the Holy Night of Easter, April 4 at 7 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass
- Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 5, Masses at 7 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- Note: There are no 8 a.m. Daily Masses during the Triduum (Holy Thursday through Holy Saturday) and no Reconciliation, no Adoration, and no 5 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend, April 17—19

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.

Both women and men are impacted by abortion and greatly benefit from 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 covers materials, accommodations and daily meals/snacks. Need-based scholarships are available. To register, call Lisa Shorba at 808-490-4702, RvinHawaii@gmail.com.

Called to Share Bread for Life



Holy Week, the heart of the liturgical year, invites us to journey with Christ through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. As we witness the Last Supper and Jesus' gift of the Eucharist, we are reminded of our call to be bread broken for others. Let us

draw strength from the Bread of Life and dedicate ourselves to serving our sisters and brothers who bear heavy crosses, bringing hope and resurrection to the world. Visit crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more. Rice Bowls will be collected on Holy Thursday. In lieu of coins, please make a check payable to St. John Vianney Parish or you can give online to www.osvhub.com/sjvhawaii.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt Sign-up Required



St. John Vianney's Easter Egg Hunt is right around the corner for children up to age 10 on Easter Sunday, April 5 after the 9 a.m. Mass. Pre-registration is required. Please scan the QR code to register your child online so that they may receive a ticket on the date of the egg hunt for a prize drawing of an Easter Basket! Parent supervision is required.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy is when the church focuses on the inexhaustible Mercy of our God. All parishioners are invited to pray the nine-day Divine Mercy Novena starting on Good Friday (April 3) and then join us after all Masses the weekend of April 12 to collectively pray the Divine Mercy chaplet. Please take home a pamphlet from Church this weekend for details on this devotion.

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.

Vacation Bible School early registration fee



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. 30 spaces available.

Society of St. Vincent DePaul—6 month report

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of poverty, suffering and pain. From Oct. 1, 2025 - March 19, 2026, the society has helped with utilities, rent, food, and other basic needs of 152 adults and 127 children with aid totaling \$67,788.35.

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

GIVE ONLINE

Week of Mar 7—13, 2026	<u>Envelopes/Loose</u>	<u>Online Giving</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>
Sunday Offertory	\$5,358	\$3,106	\$8,464	\$9,460	89.47%
Repair and Maintenance	\$1,275	\$994	\$2,269	\$2,135	106%





Palm [Passion] Sunday

March 28/29



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

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, O King of Israel! Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

PROCESSION
Verses

295. All Glory, Praise, and Honor



1. All glo - ry, praise and hon - or to you, Re - deem - er, King!
2. You are the king of Is - ra - el and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
3. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
4. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went:
5. To you be - fore your pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise.
6. Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring.



To whom the lips of child - ren made glad ho - san - nas ring.
 Now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bles - sed One.
 And mor - tals joined with all things cre - a - ted make re - ply.
 Our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 Great source of love and good - ness, our Sav - ior and our King.

Refrain



All glo - ry, praise and hon - or to you, Re - deem - er, King!



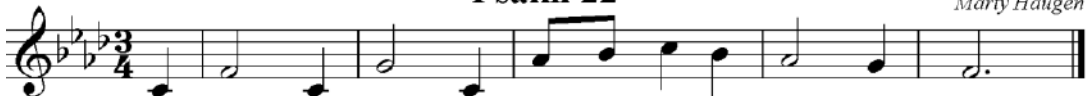
To whom the lips of child - ren made glad ho - san - nas ring.

Text: *Gloria, laus et honor*, Theodulph of Orleans (c.760-821)
Tune: Rev. William Queenan, 1969. Arranged by Robert M. Mondoy (b.1952)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22²

Marty Haugen



My God, my God, O why have you a - ban - doned me?

1. All who see me laugh at me, they mock me and they shake their heads; "He relied on the Lord, let the Lord be his refuge."
2. As dogs around me, they circle me about. Wounded me and pierced me, I can number all my bones.
3. My clothing they divided, for my garments casting lots. O Lord, do not desert me. but hasten to my aid.
4. I will praise you to my people, and proclaim you in their midst. O fear the Lord and praise him, give glory to his name.

OR: **Lento** **Psalm 22¹** *Robert M. Mondoy*

My God, my God, why have you a - ban - doned me?

1. *All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads: "He relied on the Lord, let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him."*
2. *Indeed many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.*
3. *They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O Lord, be not far from me, O my help, hasten to aid me.*
4. *I will proclaim your name to my brethren, in the midst of the assembly I will praise you. You who fear the Lord, praise him, all you descendants of Jacob give glory to him. Revere him, all you descendants of Israel.*

Mesa Kahiko

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Gospel Acclamation for Lent

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

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298. Passion Meditative Response



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and strong,
Ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy on us.

Text: Τρισάγιον, from the Orthodox liturgy, "Trisagion", 5th c. Tune: Robert M. Mondoy, ©1977 ("The Reproaches of Good Friday")

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS 323. TREE OF LIFE

1. Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry, in your death we are reborn,
Though you die in all of hist'ry, still you rise with ev'ry morn.
2. Seed that dies to rise in glory, May we see ourselves in you,
If we learn to live your story We may die to rise anew.
3. We remember truth once spoken, Love passed on through act and word,
Ev'ry person lost and broken Wears the body of our Lord.
4. Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit, Come inflame our hearts anew,
We may all your joy inherit If we bear the cross with you.
5. Christ, you lead and we shall follow, Stumbling though our steps may be,
One with you in joy and sorrow, We the river, you the sea.

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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.

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

We proclaim 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.

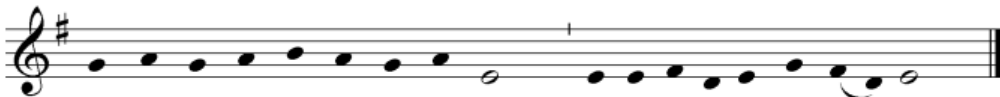
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LORD'S PRAYER (*chanted*)

(*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-against 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.

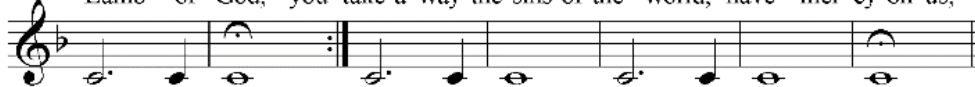
Adapted after Sacramentary 1985, p561 [Alexander Peloquin, 1974]

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

210. WE REMEMBER

Refrain:

**We remember how you loved us to your death,
and still we celebrate for you are with us here;**

**And we believe that we will see you when you come, in your glory, Lord,
we remember, we celebrate, we believe.**

1. Here, a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch you and be healed;
Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart.
2. Now we recreate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal;
Sign of grace and mercy, the Presence of the Lord.
3. Christ, the Father's great "Amen" to all the hopes and dreams of every heart;
Peace beyond all telling, and freedom from all fear.
4. See the face of Christ revealed in every person standing by your side;
Gift to one another, and temples of your love.

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LEAVETAKING

INSTRUMENTAL

(All depart after the ministers Recession)



This Week on Formed

Week of March 29, 2026



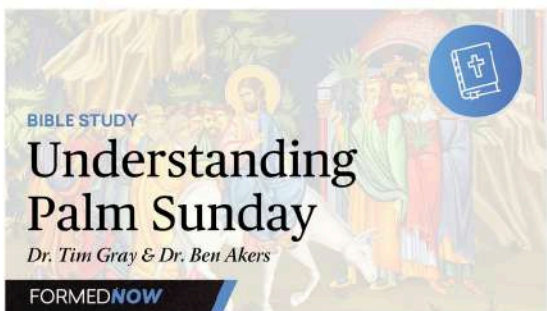
Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the Holy Land, the pilgrim is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie

This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death. The play has been seen by thousands worldwide, not only as a live performance but also in live streams and televised broadcasts.



Understanding Palm Sunday

Focusing on the Biblical account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers break open the meaning of why Jesus rode on a donkey, the significance of the palm branches and the singing of Hosanna, and how this event launched Holy Week and the redemption of the world.

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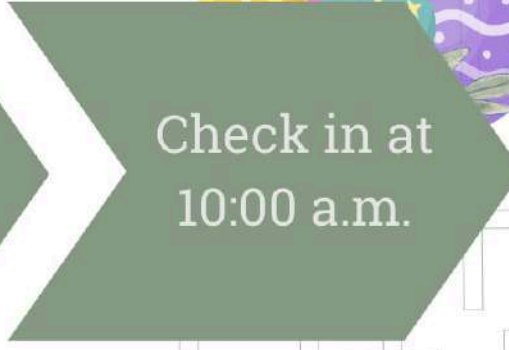
Easter Egg Hunt



Children Ages
10 and below



Pre-
registration
required



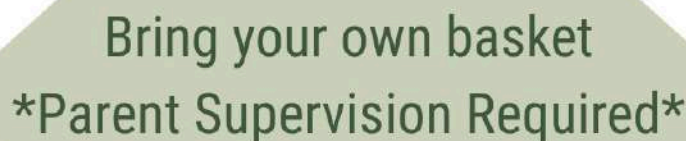
Check in at
10:00 a.m.

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:



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Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

JUNE 15 - 19, 2026
1 - 4PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



- (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.

ABOUT RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats for healing after abortion are offered throughout the year in 49 States and 70 countries (with many new sites in development).

The program is an opportunity to examine your abortion experience, identify the ways that the loss has impacted you in the past and present, and helps to acknowledge any unresolved feelings that many individuals struggle with after abortion.

Because of the emotional numbness and secrecy that often surrounds an abortion experience, conflicting emotions both during and after the event may remain unresolved. These buried feelings can surface later and may be symptoms of post abortion trauma.

It is often said that abortion is a woman's issue. However, both men and women are impacted by abortion and greatly benefit from the retreats. Married couples, mothers, fathers, siblings, and grandparents of aborted children have come to Rachel's Vineyard in search of peace and inner healing. To learn more about Rachel's Vineyard Ministries, **visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org**.

Rachel's Vineyard Hawaii is a ministry of
The Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii
and Priests For Life.



RACHEL'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES HAWAII

c/o The Respect Life Office of the
Roman Catholic Church in Hawaii
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If you or a friend are hurting from an abortion,
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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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

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

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats



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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)

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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