

APRIL 5, 2026 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sunday Bulletin

St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Kailua

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FAITH FIRST

Empty Tomb: Many of us have heard the story of the empty tomb so often that it no longer surprises us. It feels familiar and expected. But for the first followers of Jesus, it was anything but that. It was confusing, disorienting, and unsettling at first. Luke highlights the spiritual movement in these first witnesses of the resurrection from confusion and fear to joy. The Gospel of John brings us to the moment that rewrote history. Mary of Magdala, Peter, and John all experience the shock of the empty tomb. What's striking is that they *don't immediately understand*. John sees the burial cloths and *believes*. Not because he's given a theological explanation, but because something sacred stirred in him. The empty tomb speaks without words. And sometimes, that's how faith begins, in the quiet realization that something we once believed dead is now alive again. Resurrection takes time to sink in. If we listen and pay close attention, we'll find that same kind of transformation accessible to us.

When we reflect together, we see that while the resurrection of Jesus changed everything, it was not automatic. It had an element of invitation. Millions and millions of Christians have experienced this.

Resurrection Is Personal: Easter isn't just a historical celebration; it's a personal invitation. Jesus didn't rise so we could observe from a distance; he rose so we could *walk with him*, eat with him, and bear witness to his power in our own lives. What parts of your life feel sealed behind stones? What dreams, what hopes, what identities have you buried?

Easter declares: *He is not there. He is risen.* So let us live like resurrection people, eyes fixed on heaven, hearts full of hope, and feet ready to go proclaim: *His love has no end.*

DEAR PARISH

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! Three words stand out in scripture this day: **Christ is Risen!** For the disciples these words meant many things and chief among them was **joy**. How about you? What does resurrection mean? Victory over fear of death and sin? Eternal life with God? The gift of the Holy Spirit within us? I believe that for us as well, our list contains joy. It is a joy that despite the many hardships: economic, political, physical, health, or whatever it could be in our lives, no one can take it away. How are we to share in all of this? St. Paul reminds us: **"Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. Let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of integrity and truth."**

Easter is not only a time for celebration, for bunnies and Easter eggs, it is mainly a time for deep inner renewal, a time to recommit ourselves to the meaning of our Baptism and Confirmation. We need to remember that as we break and share together the unleavened bread of the Eucharist, we share the Body of Christ, and that body embraces the whole community. The apostles were people sent out on a mission to proclaim the Good News about the risen Jesus. We, too, share in that apostolic mission. No one will know about Jesus and what he means for our lives unless we tell them, they depend on us. **The Good News is not a secret, share it joyfully!** May the Risen Lord fill your hearts with serenity and the peace only he can give. Have a Blessed Easter!

Question for Group Discussion: The outstanding line on this day is: "We are witnesses of all that he did." How can you be a witness? **Challenge of the Week:** Pray for someone searching for truth and if possible, reach out and invite them to join your group.

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, April 6, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass

(+) Patrick Holbrook

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

(+) John Glorioso, Jr.

Thursday, April 9, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass

(+) Philomena and Primo Racuya

Friday, April 10, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass

(+) Neal Pahia

Saturday, April 11, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass

(+) Maura Zapanta

*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

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sun, Apr 5, 10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt at the parish lawn
- Sat, Apr 11, Anointing of the Sick in daily Mass at 8 a.m. followed by Reconciliation and a Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Sat and Sunday, April 11 and 12, Hospitality Weekend with refreshments after all Masses
- Fri, Apr 10, 9 a.m. Senior Bingo in the parish lounge. Bring a bagged gift and a dish to share.
- Sat, Apr 11, 6 p.m. Divine Mercy Dinner



Sign up to receive the weekly parish Good News email and the electronic bulletin.



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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 St. John Vianney School wishes everyone a happy and Holy Easter. We pray God will continue His blessings on our parish and our school.

The PTSH is taking the entire school to the movies in thanks for their incredible participation in our Disney Turkey Trot! We will all head to Kailua Cinemas on Thursday, April 9th to see *The Super Mario Galaxy* and popcorn and drinks will be provided!! We will walk together there at approximately 8 a.m. and afterwards, everyone will walk back to school in time for lunch!

The legacy of our Catholic education is more than the knowledge imparted to our students. It is the development of a deep and abiding sense of faith, the realization of the value of moral character and the inspiration of a life-long journey of learning.

Our goal is to develop the future leaders of Hawai'i and our Church. Excellent reasons for you to enroll your child or grandchild in our school for next year.

Happy Easter! As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl through the offertory or you can give online to www.osvhub.com/sjvhawaii.

Divine Mercy Sunday 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.



SJV SCHOOL'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

APRIL 20-26 Commemorating 60 Years!!!
Please join us for a weekend of festivities as we commemorate sixty years of faith and education.

24 APRIL 5-7PM FRI **FAMILY SPAGHETTI BINGO NIGHT**
Enjoy a night of food, fun, & prizes!
SJV Parish Hall

25 APRIL 9AM HST SAT **VIRTUAL SJV ALUMNI REUNION VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

26 APRIL 10AM-4PM SUN **I LOVE KAILUA *VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SJV TENT**
Kailua Road, Downtown Kailua

26 APRIL 4PM-5:30PM SUN **SJV OAHU CIVIC ORCHESTRA WITH REFRESHMENTS AFTER**
SJV Parish Church | SJV Fellowship Lane



60th Anniversary

Spaghetti Bingo Night

Friday APRIL 24, 2026

SJV PARISH HALL

5-7 PM FREE ENTRY
*Event ends at 7pm

BINGO GO GO win prizes!

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:



920 Keolu Drive, Kailua, HI 96734 - Phone (808) 262-8317

April 12 Early Registration Deadline 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 discounted fee 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.

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

GIVE ONLINE

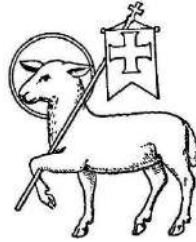
Week of Mar 14—20, 2026	Envelopes/Loose	Online Giving	Total	Goal	% of Goal
Sunday Offertory	\$19,513	\$4,229	\$23,742	\$9,460	251%
Repair and Maintenance	\$185	\$391	\$576	\$2,135	27%





Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord



Hallelujah

GATHERING SONG

Easter Canticle
Robert M. Mondoy, 1997

With noble joyfulness



- 2. The blood of the Lamb has pur - chased a peo - ple and
- 3. The Lamb on his throne will shep - herd his peo - ple and
- 4. Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might



made us a king - dom and priests for our God.
 lead them to springs of life - giv - ing water.
 be to our God and to the Lamb for ev - er. A - men.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Paschal Mystery Mass

Gospel Acclamation

SM 54



Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia!

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RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Baptismal Promises RM 105.12



Yes, I do, yes, we do, we the peo-ple of God.
I be - lieve, we be - lieve, we the peo-ple of God.
A - men, a - men, al - le - lu - ia.

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SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

Ezechiel 47¹

Robert M. Mondoy



I saw wa - ter flow - ing from the right side of the tem - ple.



It brought God's life and his sal - va - tion. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

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UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Byzantine, Arr. R. Mondoy



We pray to the Lord, hear our prayer. A - men.

Alleluia

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

344. Jesus Christ is Risen Today



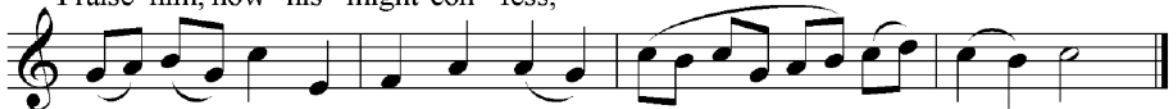
1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing,
3. But the pains which he en-dured,
4. Sing we to our God a - bove,



Our tri - um-ph'ant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly King,
Our sal - va - tion have pro-cured,
Praise e - ter - nal as his love;



Who did once up - on a cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en-dured the cross and grave,
Now a - bove the sky he's king,
Praise him, now his might con - fess,



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss, Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save,
Where the an - gels ev - er sing,
Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest,

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



"Paschal Mystery Mass"
Preface Dialogue

RM 117

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 217

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est,

ho - san-na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Memorial Acclamation

RM 317b

Alleluia

The mys-t'ry of faith. When we eat this bread, and drink this cup, we pro-claim your death, O Lord, un-til you come a - gain.

Amen

RM 417

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

"Paschal Mystery Mass"
The Lord's Prayer

RM 517

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-owed 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.



Final Doxology

RM 517d

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

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Lamb of God

RM 617

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

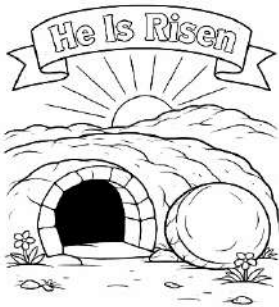
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COMMUNION PROCESSION 351. THE STRIFE IS O'ER

Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

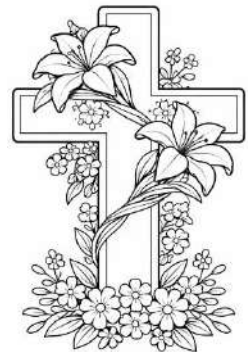
1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the victor's triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun: Alleluia!
2. Death's mightiest pow'rs have done their worst,
And Jesus has his foes dispersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst: Alleluia!
3. He closed the yawning gates of hell;
The bars from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



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

346. NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES

1. Now the green blade rises from the buried grain.
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.
2. In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
Thinking that he would never wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.
3. Forth he comes at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.
4. When our hearts are win'try, grieving or in pain,
Your touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.



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Tune: NOEL NOUVELET, French Carol.

EASTER DISMISSAL

RM 703

Thanks be to God, al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

LEAVETAKING

336. Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Lira 137

NĀ HALA O NAUE

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, 'e - ā, 'e - ā
 2. Love's re-deem - ing work is done, 'e - ā, 'e - ā
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, 'e - ā, 'e - ā
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, 'e - ā, 'e - ā

All God's peo - ple stand and say, "Al - le - lu - ia!"
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head. Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, 'e - ā, 'e - ā
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, 'e - ā, 'e - ā
 Once he died our souls to save, 'e - ā, 'e - ā
 Made like him, like him we rise, 'e - ā, 'e - ā

Sing, you heav'ns, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!"
 Christ has o - pened pa - ra - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) in his *Sacred Poems*, 1739, alt. Tune: *Nā Hala o Naue*, J. Kahinu, ca. 1870. Melody after current use.
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Christ is Risen! Christ is truly Risen!

St. John Vianney Parish
Presents

THE YEAR OF APOLOGETICS

How to Explain and Defend our Catholic faith



Faith and Good Works

We must have faith that our savior is Jesus Christ,
but at the same time our actions must reflect that faith.
(See back side)

*“By itself faith accomplishes nothing.
For even the devils believe and shudder.
No, faith must be joined to an active love of God
which is expressed in good works.”*
(St. Maximus the Confessor)

APOLOGETICS

DEFENDING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Faith and Good Works



- Catholics believe that salvation is a free gift of God’s grace, received through faith and lived out through love. Grace empowers works, making them pleasing to God. (John 15:5)
- Jesus consistently calls us to action, teaching love through obedience and charity. (Matthew 25:31-46) Scripture never separates faith from obedience. (Romans 1:5)
- The Church rejects “earning” salvation, but affirms that love must be lived out. Love completes faith, giving it life. (Galatians 5:6)
- Faith without works is incomplete, because love must be expressed in action. (James 2:26) Good works do not replace faith; they are the fruit of genuine faith.
- Scripture teaches that true faith is never passive or alone. We Catholics believe in faith that saves and that faith always bears fruit. (Matthew 7:16)
- We are saved by God’s grace, not by our own efforts. (Ephesians 2:8–9) Works cooperate with grace, meaning God empowers us to respond freely to Him.
- Jesus calls His followers not only to believe, but to obey, serve, and love. Judgment is based on deeds, according to Christ. (Matthew 25:40)
- As Catholics, we believe faith saves, but faith that saves is never alone. The phrase “faith alone” appears once in Scripture and it is rejected. (James 2:24)
- “So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” (James 2:17)
- Jesus commands action, not belief only. (Matthew 7:21) Good works are prepared by God, not self-made achievements. (Ephesians 2:10)

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

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 a 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.

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ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

TRUE NORTH

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

JUNE 15 - 19, 2026
1 - 4PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED





SJV SCHOOL'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND



APRIL 20
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JOIN US !!!

SJV PTSH presents



Spaghetti Bingo Night

Friday
APRIL 24, 2026

win prizes!



SJV PARISH HALL

5-7 PM
FREE ENTRY

*Event ends at 7pm



Join us for an epic night of food, fun, & prizes! Enjoy a delicious Spaghetti & Meatballs dinner (complete with tossed salad & a dinner roll), PLUS 3 complimentary Bingo cards & a stamper to get the games started. **PRE-ORDER REQUIRED for Dinner Tickets!** Turn in your form and payment to the SJV School Office no later than **Monday April 13th, 2026** to secure your plate. Tickets will be sent home with the youngest student at a later date.



Pre-Order



SPAGHETTI PLATE DINNER FORM

ADULT TICKETS \$10 **KEIKI TICKETS \$5**

* Includes a Spaghetti & Meatballs Plate with tossed salad & a dinner roll, PLUS 3 complimentary Bingo cards & a stamper

Youngest Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Adult Tickets: _____ x \$10 each = _____

Keiki Tickets: _____ x \$5 each = _____

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

(Cash or checks payable to: "St. John Vianney School")

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Open SJV PTSH

- (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.