

Third Sunday of Easter
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On the Road to Emmaus



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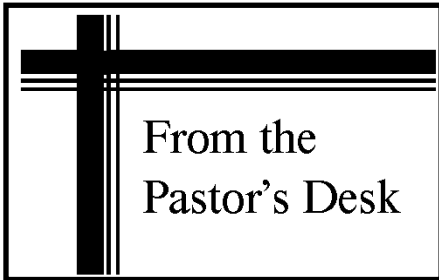
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Dear Parish Family,

On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke (24:13-35). As in last week's Gospel, this Sunday's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed.

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus walked and conversed with him at length, yet did not recognize him. They had left their community in Jerusalem and felt saddened that their friend, Jesus, had been crucified. Their hope in Jesus was gone. They were trying to make sense of what had occurred, so that they could put the experience behind them. We can only imagine the feelings felt by the two. Suddenly, Jesus joins them and invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples had done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word; what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture, in the Word of God.

As the story continues, we learn that the two would come to recognize Jesus in the breaking of bread. During the meal, in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened. They recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist, too, we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the two disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent forth from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others; especially in a moment of crisis such as one that we are experiencing.

In the Risen Christ,

Fr. Peter

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory: For the foreseeable future, we are not having Sunday Masses. Without a doubt, this has affected our weekly donations to support our Parish.

Our weekly donation for **April 18 –23** is \$ **12,197** and the weekly budget is \$ **9,288**. Therefore, we have a **surplus** of \$ **2,909**. **Good news!**

MAHALO for your continued SUPPORT to GIVE. If you give online, keep giving online, and if you give by envelope, you can mail or drop off your donation at the Parish Office or place in the Slot Box.

*Remember to Pray for the Sick—
Don Vickery, Keoni Keaunui,
Trisha Robertson
And for the Homebound
Let us know of others to pray for*

Are you in need? Call the Office so we can let everyone know how they could help!

School News by Earl Walker

Educating our children has always been a mission of the Catholic Church, and for over fifty years St. John Vianney School has been providing youth an outstanding education. Even during this pandemic, our **Distance Learning Program** of teaching and learning is providing consistent, professional and competent instruction, through communication and guidance. We are offering students the technology and skills necessary for higher education, as well as aiding parents in the on-going formation in their child's faith.

For the 2020-2021 school year, our staff and teachers are devoted to deliver the best education possible, either in the classroom or by continuing our **Distance Learning Program**. Your parish school is a blessing for our families, their children and a blessing for our Church. With your support we will continue to provide each child an outstanding education. Together, we will make it through these uncertain times.



Know Your Catholic Faith Corner

*Apologetics without apology!
Sacred Tradition Continued...*

In the month of April we learned that many non-Catholics or Protestants claim to base their faith on the Bible alone, a doctrine known as *sola scriptura*; and the most pertinent believe that Catholics look to Tradition instead of Scripture. But it is not like that at all. The question that we have asked is: Where did the Bible or scripture come from? The reality of the matter is that the Bible came from the Church, not vice versa. In apostolic times most people were illiterate. So what Christ said and did was passed on orally. Christ instructed the apostles to “*go into the whole world and preach the gospel to all creation*” (Mark 16:15). How could Our Lord order them to “*preach the gospel*” at a time when the gospels themselves did not exist in written form? Unless one is to accuse our Lord of being unreasonable, the only answer is that the gospel already existed in oral form as a part of the Sacred Tradition of the Church, “*handed on from the lips of Christ.*”

From the year of Christ's Resurrection until roughly 100, the New Testament itself was not completely written. And in the view of many, nothing was written prior to the year 50. Yet this was a period of tremendous growth for the Church. How could it have grown intact, with the same teachings being passed on orally and consistently, unless the Holy Spirit was safeguarding the transmission of Sacred Tradition? How were so many converted without the aid of Sacred Scripture, if not with the aid of Sacred Tradition?

Sacred Scripture positions itself as a part - albeit a very important part - of a much bigger picture: Sacred Tradition. At the end of his Gospel, John tells us that not everything taught by Christ was written down: “*There are also many other things which Jesus did. Where every one of them written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written*” (John 21:25).



Quarterly Report

January, February and March 2020

	Sunday	Sunday Goal	Surplus/(Deficit)
Envelopes/Loose	\$ 84,706.71		
Online Giving (OSV)	\$ 36,982.00		
TOTAL	\$121,688.71	\$120,750.00	\$ 938.71
	R/M	R/M Goal	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Envelopes/Loose	\$ 13,250.50		
Online Giving (OSV)	\$ 6,230.00		
TOTAL	\$ 19,480.50	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 17,855.50
	D/Maj R/M	D/Maj R/M Goal	Surplus/(Deficit)
Envelopes/Loose	\$ 500.00		
Online Giving (OSV)	\$ 2,820.00		
TOTAL	\$ 3,320.00	\$ 10,000.00	(\$ 6,680.00)
	Appeal	Appeal Goal	Surplus/(Deficit)
Envelopes/Loose	\$ 7,649.60		
Online Giving (OSV)	\$ 17,880.00		
TOTAL	\$ 25,529.60	\$ 37,750.00	(\$ 12,220.40)
GRAND TOTAL	\$170,018.81	\$170,125.00	(\$ 106.19)

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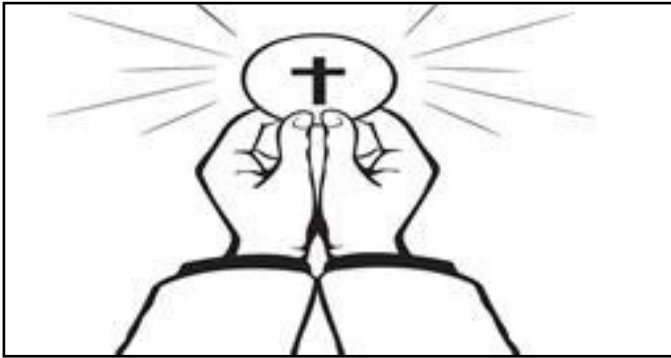
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Repair/Maintenance

Debt Reduction/Major Repair/Maintenance

Attending a Virtual Mass and Making an Act of Spiritual Communion

With public Masses cancelled in dioceses across the country for the foreseeable future, many Catholics are heartbroken that they cannot attend Mass and receive the Eucharist. But the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is still taking place, and while you cannot be present physically, there *are* ways for you and your family to participate! Throughout the Diocese our priests are still celebrating the Mass, and you can make an Act of Spiritual Communion to unite yourself to the Eucharist each day.



Here at St. John Vianney we are very committed to bring Christ to the quarantined. For years, Virtual Masses have been a particular solace to the sick and homebound. Now that we are all homebound, we have expanded and made the Mass available on our YouTube page: *sjv Parish Kailua Hawaii*. To participate live, tune in every Sunday at 9 AM.

While many have expressed their gratitude in being able to still participate in Sunday Mass, despite being unable to leave home, some have questioned why we cannot have the celebration inside the Church. The simple answer to that is that we do not have the hi-tech equipment to do so at this stage.

In the meantime, we will continue to do our best to bring Christ to all. Thank you for your patience and allowing us to do this.



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Fr. Peter