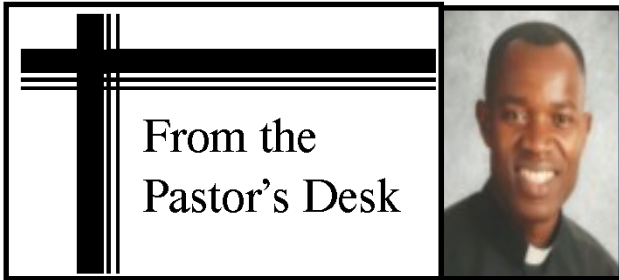


*Thirteenth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
June 28, 2020*



## **Saint John Vianney Parish Community**

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Dear Parish Family,

*Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ..." Mt 10:37-38*

We are offered a strong statement this weekend to evoke serious self-reflection. What is this statement from Jesus supposed to mean? In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. It is important to note that our understanding of the Gospel is often strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience. The conditions of discipleship outlined here may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth; choices have consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. First, we should realize that the only way to authentically love one's mother or father, son or daughter, is **to first love God with your whole heart, mind, soul and strength**. We must love God more than anything or anyone. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family and even death in some cases. To follow Jesus costs everything.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. While Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, he reveals that those who welcome the disciple also welcome him. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a sign of God's love. Jesus emphasizes this in Matthew 25:35 when he says: "**For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in; ...**" May we live as his disciples in truth and in deed.

In Christ,  
Fr. Peter

*Saint John Vianney Parish, a Christian Community in the Roman Catholic tradition, motivated by the love of God, provides opportunities in worship, education, ministry and outreach for its parishioners and the community at large.*

**Pastor** Fr. Peter Miti  
**Permanent Deacons**  
Clarence DeCaires Jerry Tokars Walter Yoshimitsu—Retired  
**Parish Administrator** Interim Gail Browne  
**Parish Secretary** Gail Browne  
**Music Ministry** Robert Mondoy  
**RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)  
Pam Aqui and Kamalani Rodrigues  
**Religious Education**—Steffanie Beissel, Coordinator  
**Pre-School & Elementary Youth Ministry**  
**Sacrament of Baptism and Sacrament of Marriage**  
Please refer to website for information or call the Parish Office: 808-262-8317  
**Annulment** Fr. Peter Miti & Deacon Jerry Tokars  
**Sick and Homebound** (Communion/ Anointing of the Sick)  
Call the Parish Office: 808-262-8317  
**Funerals**  
Call the Parish Office before making arrangements with the mortuary.  
**Online Giving** Go online to:  
saintjohnvianneyhawaii.org  
**PARISH SCHOOL** Website: sjvkailua.org  
Phone: 808-261-4651 Fax: 808-263-0505  
**Principal:** Caryn DeMello  
**Administrative Assistant:** Annie Chee  
**Director of Finance:** Sheryl Caldeira

**Sunday Liturgy of the Eucharist**  
Saturday: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
Hearing assistance devices available. See ushers.

**Weekday Liturgy of the Eucharist**  
Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat: 8:00 am  
Monday: Communion Service 8:00 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
After Saturday 8:00am Mass  
and by appointment only

**Welcome** New parishioners:  
please register at the parish office.  
**Aloha** Departing parishioners: please  
advise the parish office of your  
departure date.  
**AED** Available at back of church in  
cabinet under Divine Mercy picture

**Parish Office Hours**  
Monday: 8:30 am—12:30 pm  
Tuesday—Friday: 8:30 am— 4:00 pm  
Saturday: Closed

## Know Your Catholic Faith Corner

*Apologetics without apology!*

### *Our Belief in Purgatory*

**Recap:** Purgatory is an often misunderstood doctrine of our Church. What is it? Is it the place we have to go to be punished for our sins? Is it God's way of getting us back for the wrong we've done? Is it the result of God's anger? None of these questions really answer the question of Purgatory. Purgatory is nothing other than the burning and purifying love of our God in our lives!

When someone dies in God's grace they are most likely not 100% converted and perfect in every way. Even the greatest of saints most often would have some imperfection left in their lives. Purgatory is nothing other than that final purification of all remaining attachment to sin in our lives. This is ideally done while we are on Earth. This is the process of getting holy. But if we die with any attachment, then we simply say that the process of entering into the final and full vision of God in Heaven will purify us of any remaining attachment to sin. All may already be forgiven, but we may not have detached from those things forgiven.

Purgatory is the process, after death, of burning out the last of our attachments so that we can enter Heaven 100% freed of everything to do with sin. If, for example, we still have a bad habit of being rude, or sarcastic, even those tendencies and habits must be purged. It is therefore important to pray for those who have died. Let us present and entrust to God's mercy our brothers and sisters who have died.

*Lord, I pray for those souls going through their final purification in Purgatory. Please pour forth Your mercy upon them so that they may be freed of all attachment to sin and, thus, be prepared to see You face to face. Jesus I trust in you.*

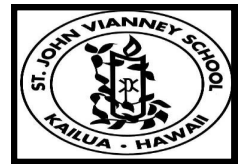


## **D I S P E N S A T I O N**

**Due to the ongoing Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic, Bishop Larry Silva extends the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Masses to all the people of the Diocese of Honolulu and all visitors to the Diocese of Honolulu through August 31, 2020.**  
**All who are able to attend Sunday Mass without putting themselves or others at serious risk of infection, are encouraged to do so,**

### **School News** *by Earl Walker*

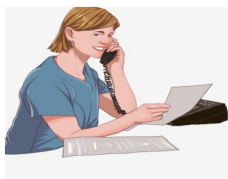
Several families financially affected by the coronavirus pandemic have expressed they are concerned about having enough funds to keep their child in our school. To assist them with their tuition the SJV Scholarship Fund was established.



Our entire staff wishes to thank all of you who have donated to this Fund. To date your donations total \$7,750 and will be used toward scholarships for those students who need financial aid to enroll in our school next year. Your thoughtful gifts are a testimony of your support for our mission to provide children with an exceptional education. Your donations support our goal to educate our youth to become productive citizens and the future leaders in our community. Please help us exceed our goal of \$10,000 and send your check to:

**SJV Scholarship Fund  
940 Keolu Drive  
Kailua, HI 96734**

**MAHALO FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



At Fr. Peter's request, the Parish Office Receptionists and Deacon Walter Yoshimitsu have been calling the SJV Parishioners to check how they are doing, if they need any assistance and/or prayers since COVID-19 pandemic.

These calls began April 2020 and is currently ongoing. These wonderful individuals have placed over 300 calls and are almost "pau" with their telephone calls.



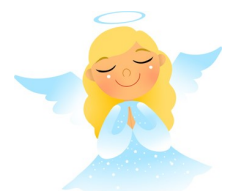
They also extended an invitation to attend either Virtual Mass or invite the Parishioners to attend Sunday Mass. The Parishioners have been advised, if they wish to attend Mass (in person) they need to make reservations either on line or call the Parish Office, wearing of mask is required and 6 ft distancing is observed.



The responses have been positive; except when they have contacted parishioners that have passed. Unfortunately, we were not able to get "old timers" to check over the list prior to these individuals placing their calls.

We caused some of those families to "hurt again" and we meant "no disrespect." Please find it in your hearts to "forgive" us for "causing you to hurt" again.

Thank you for being cordial to these faithful ladies who give of their time weekly as Parish Office Receptionists and to Deacon Walter for volunteering of his time.



Their "angelic" voices are so friendly, kind and joyful that you may see their "smiles" as they talk to you.

## *Stewardship of Treasure*



Offertory: Our weekly donation for **June 27-July 3, 2020** is \$ 6,341 and the weekly budget is \$ 9,288. Therefore, we have a **deficit** of \$ 2,947.

**MAHALO** for you continued **SUPPORT** to **GIVE**. If you give on line, please keep giving online, and if you give by envelope, you can put it in the collection box in the church or mail or drop off your donation at the Parish Office or place in the Slot Box.



### *Next Week Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Reading I:  
Zechariah 9:9-10

Reading II:  
Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel:  
Matthew 11:25-30



*Healing of  
Gordon Wong, Donald Secor  
Sandy Chong,  
Thomas Taum, Trish Robertson  
And for the Homebound*

*REST IN PEACE Al Tagab*



## **PATRIOTIC ROSARY**

As we celebrate  
Independence Day, now more than  
ever, our country needs  
prayer.

Plan to pray for our Nation next  
Saturday, July 4th during our

monthly Adoration Service as we recite

the Patriotic Rosary, a powerful devotion that prays for the  
people of all 50 states and all our governmental leaders.

Join us **Saturday, July 4th immediately after our 8 AM Mass.**



ONE NATION UNDER GOD





COVID-19 has impacted Blood Bank of Hawaii's operations and as a result, **our supply of O-positive blood is critically low**. While all blood is important, yours is especially so because it is universal and many people can receive it. Businesses are re-opening and the pace of life is beginning to accelerate again, including the rise of elective surgeries and the potential for traumatic events requiring O-positive blood.

Additional measures have been taken to ensure the health and safety of our donors, staff and blood supply. You may know that we have adjusted our operations to include taking **appointments only** and we have just **six locations**.

Oahu has done an incredible, inspiring job stepping up to provide blood for the entire state of Hawaii these past few months. As we open back up, we expect to be able to collect from our neighbor islands in the near future. Until then, I hope you can help us increase our supply of O-positive blood. You have the unique opportunity to save up to

three lives with your donation.

**If you're healthy, please donate.** To schedule an appointment or to learn more about safety precautions being taken during COVID-19, visit [bloodbanktough.org](http://bloodbanktough.org) or call **848-4770**.

Mahalo, Mercy Kuriyan, MD, MHA Blood Bank of Hawaii | Medical Director

## ROSARY MAKING

*resumes on*

***Thursday, July 2nd from 9am to 11am in the upstairs lounge. Please wear a mask. All Covid-19 procedures will be observed.***

*For more information contact Jody Barnhart at 775-340-2562. Mahalo*



## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

AVAH BENABESE, SHE HAS WAITED SINCE EASTER, NOW SHE WILL BE FULLY INITIATED TO THE CHURCH WITH THE SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION AT THE 11:00 AM MASS JUNE 28th, ALONG WITH HER MOM SHANNON ALIVADO WHO WILL BE CONFIRMED AT THE SAME MASS. GOD BLESS YOU BOTH AND YOUR FAMILY.



Shannon, Alijah, Avah, Aleana, and Anthony Benabese