



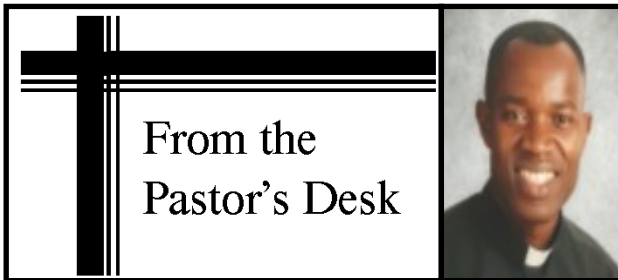
*Nineteenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
August 9, 2020*



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DEAR PARISH FAMILY,

What happens if you're playing baseball or softball and don't heed the coach's advice to keep your eye on the ball? What happens if you're dicing vegetables and get distracted? What happens if you're hammering in nails and lose focus on the task? In any of those cases you're likely to mess up what you're doing at best, and at worst could actually get hurt. When you're dealing with a dangerous task, whether you're chopping with a knife or driving a car, you want to stay focused so that you can do the job well and safely.

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, during the night watch on the Sea of Galilee, the disciples experienced a terrifying storm, and Jesus had a powerful lesson to teach them when He said: ***"Take courage, it is I. Do not be afraid."*** It was a lesson on faith. Your faith, like every other component of your life, needs focus. Without focus, there is no faith. Faith's most basic definition is trust, but if your trust is scattered all over the place, it doesn't actually trust in anyone or anything. Jesus urges us, and the Holy Spirit helps us, keep our faith's true focus.

What terrifying storms are in your life? Are sins plaguing you? Focus on your Savior who destroys them. Are problems weighing you down? Focus on your Savior, who takes care of all things for you. Are you worried about the future? Focus on your Savior, who will be there to help you, no matter what storms may arise. Find that focus in His Word, which reminds us of the unending love and forgiveness He has for us all. May our prayer be: ***Lord, help us to keep our focus on You today, tomorrow, and forever. Amen.***

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
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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.
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saintjohnvianneyhawaii.org
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Administrative Assistant: Annie Chee
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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 *Sacrament of Baptism*

In this month of August, we will focus on the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism is often called "*The door of the Church*," because it is the first of the seven sacraments, not only in time (since most Catholics receive it as infants), but in priority since the reception of the other sacraments depends on it. It is the first of the three Sacraments of Initiation; the other two being the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Once baptized, a person becomes a member of the Church. Traditionally, the rite (ceremony) of baptism was held outside the doors of the main part of the church, to signify this fact.

The Necessity of Baptism: Christ Himself ordered His disciples to preach the Gospel to all nations and to baptize those who accept the message of the Gospel. In His encounter with Nicodemus (John 3:1-21), Christ made it clear that baptism was necessary for salvation: "*Amen, amen I say to thee unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*" For Catholics, the sacrament is not a mere formality; it is the very mark of a Christian because it brings us into a new life in Christ.

What Makes a Baptism Valid? The form of the Sacrament of Baptism has two essential elements: the pouring of water over the head of the person to be baptized (or the immersion of the person in water); and the words "*I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*" In addition to these two essential elements, however, the person performing the baptism must intend what the Catholic Church intends in order for the baptism to be valid. In other words, when he baptizes, he must mean in the name of the Trinity, and he must intend to bring the person being baptized into the fullness of the Church.

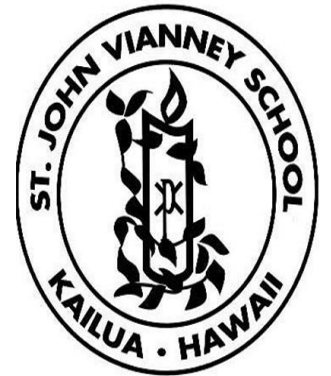
Next Sunday we will look at who it is that can baptize.



by: Earl Walker

Our first week back at school was one filled with laughter, children's voices and excitement as we greeted our returning students and extended a warm aloha to our new students and families. In spite of the challenges we are facing, we are making certain all our children are safe and healthy.

We also welcomed new teachers: Mrs. Christina Keepes, first grade, Ms. Brittany Restic, second grade and Mrs. Alexa Cortez, third grade. We also welcomed Mrs. Betsy Ponciano as another member of our business department, Mrs. Debbie Delicata who filled the position of Cafeteria Manager, and Mrs. Henrietta Hamachi into our kitchen staff. With much aloha, we bid farewell to Mrs. Jean Compton, First Grade, Mrs. Linda Opie, Cafeteria Manager, and Mrs. Celeste Akiona, Before and After School Care. Their presence at SJV was truly a blessing and we wish them much happiness in the future.



The Providence of God sustains us. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, since January 1, 2020, has received gifts of \$8,726. This enabled us to assist 12 families.

We provided \$11,024 for food, utility, rent, bills, and other needs etc.



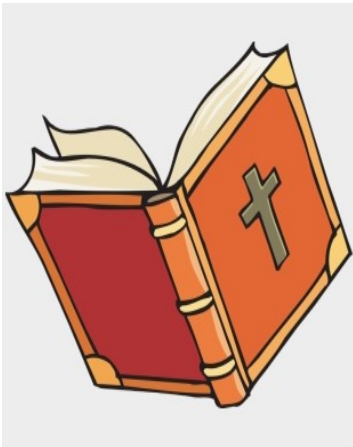
Stewardship of Treasure



Offertory: Our weekly donation for **August 1st—August 7th, 2020** is \$ 6,756 and the weekly budget is \$ 8,010. Therefore, we have a **deficit** of \$ 1,254.

MAHALO for your 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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/081620.cfm>

Reading I:
Isaiah 56:1,6-7

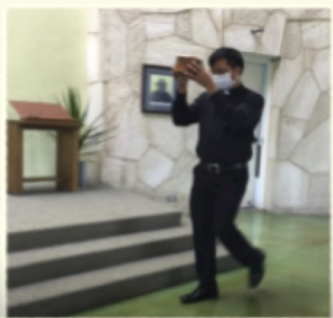
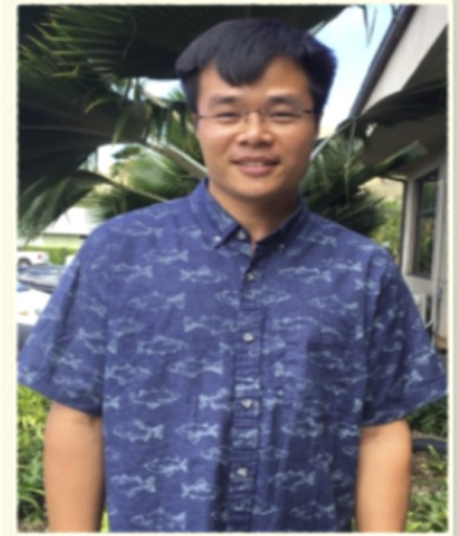
Reading II:
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel:
Matthew 15:21-28



Healing of
Gloria Medeiros,
Kathleen Heirakujū,
Edna Horiuchi
Gordon Wong,
Sandy Chong, John Sutton,
Trish Robertson
And for the Homebound

As You Continue Your Studies



Lord, we ask that you guide, support and strengthen this young man in his studies, as he works to fulfill your will. Amen



Francis Hai Thanh Pham, who has been with us at St. John Vianney for his internship for the past two months, will be returning back to continue his studies at St. Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park, California on August 17th. It is always a great pleasure as well as an opportunity to meet, interact and offer support to those who answer a calling to the priesthood, which has become so rare in our world today. Now, more than ever, we need more workers in the vineyard of the Lord. It is important to note here that those 'workers' do not appear out of nowhere, they come from our families. Let us therefore pray and "*ask the Lord of the harvest, to send out workers into His harvest.*" (Matthew 9:38)

Before Francis departs from us, he will lead a Holy Hour of Adoration next Saturday, August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, praying for vocations. Please join him and all other attendees in prayer for this important cause immediately following the 8AM Mass.



We celebrate 50 years! June 1970 - June 2020

We are 50 years old this month! In June 1970, Maui building contractor, Robert Pearson, established the first Crisis Pregnancy Center in the United States here in our state. In March of that year, shortly before Hawaii's liberalized abortion bill became law, Pearson announced his plan to establish a place where pregnant women who might be considering abortions could come to "think it over."

Pearson, operating out of his home, offered housing, counseling, prenatal care, and financial support to pregnant women. His goal in providing these services was "to let women know that they have alternatives to abortion," and his plan seemed to work. Pearson-type centers were clearly needed, and he and his wife Kathy traveled all over the country with seven of their children, setting up centers and holding seminars to explain the process.

At one point, Pearson set up a marathon 28 centers in 30 days and eventually established 200 centers in the U.S. and 20 in Canada. By 1971, still two years before the Supreme Court's decision in Roe v. Wade, there was a proliferation of pregnancy centers, crisis hotlines, and pro-life adoption agencies around the country.

Today, The Pearson Foundation of Hawaii, Incorporated continues to promote Bob Pearson's legacy and operates the Pearson Place Pregnancy Resource Center in downtown Honolulu.



Mahalo for your commitment to life, Bob!

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team

Ways to Give

Donate Online website: hipp.team

Donating to Pearson Place Pregnancy Resource Center is a snap.

Go to hipp.team to donate or By Check and Mail, you can mail us your financial gift as a

check or money order to:

**Pearson Place Pregnancy Resource Center
1145 Bishop Street
Honolulu, HI 96813**

All donations will be mailed a donation receipt.

Please call us at [\(808\) 942-0328](tel:(808)942-0328) if you have any questions about our services.

SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE

*As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10*

Coming together to celebrate the Eucharist is clearly one important way we form the community of St John Vianney, but coming **into** church is only a fraction of our identity. Also important is what we take **out** from church to share God's love with the broader community. This week we spotlight one example of such sharing via the work of Jackie Barney with the Women in Need (WIN) Program.

Jackie has been a member of St John Vianney Parish for more than forty years and many parishioners may recognize her name because she was a paid staff member of the parish office for many years. Jackie's involvement with WIN grew out of her prison ministry work with the inmates at the Women's Community Correctional Center in Kailua.

Led by Mary Scott Lau, another SJV parishioner, WIN is a transitional program for women following their release from prison. Its purpose is to assist former inmates with their return to "outside" life -- whether in the form of a basket filled with household and personal grooming needs, or in mentoring and teaching life and job skills. The program's goal is to reduce recidivism, and ultimately prevent a return to prison. Although based in a framework of Christianity, the services of WIN are available to women regardless of their religious beliefs.

Jackie's work involves both one-on-one and small group mentoring. The activities range from assisting with religious services and Bible study, to supportive services such as the Total Life Recovery Program, which prepares the women both academically and practically for job readiness. The key, Jackie notes, is tough love. These women need support, but they also need to learn responsibility and be able to make good choices for themselves moving forward. Jackie says it is so rewarding to witness success stories and see women turn their lives around.

Asked why she does this work, Jackie refers to Matthew 25:35-36: *"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me, in prison and you came to visit me."*

Would you like to join with other SJV parishioners, like Jackie, to volunteer with Women in Need? The program is always looking for more people who are willing to work personally with clients or prepare the transition "welcome home" baskets. If you would like to learn more, please call the parish office to leave your name and contact information.



Jackie is holding a "Welcome Home" basket filled with toiletries and linen to help women with the transition out of prison back to community.