

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday
In Ordinary Time
October 4, 2020*



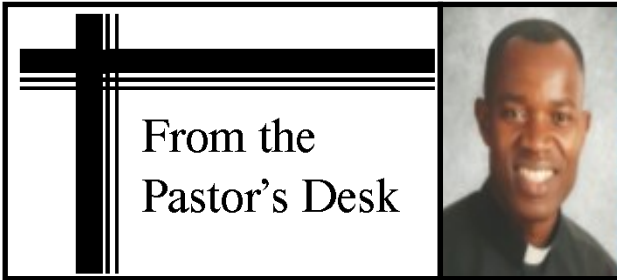
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DEAR PARISH FAMILY,

Both the First Reading and the Gospel focus on the Lord's vineyard, that is, the place where God's people are to be found. At first, God chose the Israelites to be his own people. He was with them on their wanderings in the desert on the way to "a land flowing with milk and honey". "What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?" the Lord asks in the First Reading. But the response of the people in the vineyard was far from the expectations of the master of the vineyard: "I expected my vineyard to yield grapes, instead it yielded sour grapes."

In Jesus' story the owner sends his servants to collect the harvest. Instead, the tenants mistreat and even kill the owner's messengers. This happened again and again. The message is clearly understood by Jesus' hearers. The Lord had sent his prophets to remind his people of their duty to serve, to be a fruitful people. Yet, one by one, God's messengers were rejected. And finally, the owner's own son was sent: "They will respect my son," the owner said. But no. He also was seized and killed. The killing of the son is a clear reference to Jesus dying on the cross.

Today, we are God's people and tenants in the vineyard and are expected to produce fruit, fruit that will endure. Our parish is our vineyard. The obvious question for us to ask ourselves is: "How are we doing? How much better are we than the people of old?" Each week we are invited to gather together to hear the Gospel message and to make it part of our lives. Do we measure the quality of our parish by what goes on in this building or by what happens when we leave it? Obviously both are important, but there cannot be one without the other. May we truly be good stewards of every grace God gives us as his messengers.

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
and on parish lanai at school doors.

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

Know your Catholic Faith Corner

Apologetics without Apology Catholic Church, Pillar of Truth

At any given time, you cannot avoid challenges to your Catholic faith. These might come from door to door missionaries who ask: ‘Are you saved?’ from peer pressure that urges you to conform to the morals of the world, or from a secular culture that whispers ‘there is no God.’ Sometimes when challenged, Catholics find themselves unable to answer and begin to doubt their faith and wonder whether the Catholic Church really was founded by Jesus. At other times their doubts lead them straight out of the Church. Through prayer and study, it could lead to a much deeper understanding of their faith.

In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus makes a promise: “And I say to you...I will build my Church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it” (Mt. 16:18). This means that his Church would be a beacon of truth for all time. It would never be destroyed and would always survive all sorts of doubts, storms and assaults until his return. Here Jesus clearly expressed His intention of instituting a new religious community, which will be dissociated from the Synagogue. From among His disciples, He chose the twelve apostles, sent to preach, heal and cast out devils. It wasn’t always easy, and leaders of the early Church described how the Holy Spirit guided their decisions during the Council of Jerusalem. (Acts 15:27-29)

Without demonizing other known Christian churches, only the Catholic Church has existed since the time of Jesus, which is over 2000 years, not by its own strength but by the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Every other Christian church is an offshoot of the Catholic Church. The Eastern Orthodox churches broke away from unity with the pope in 1054. The Protestant churches were established during the Reformation, which began in 1517. Jesus created the Church to be one. In this division may Jesus’ prayer to His Father become our prayer: “...all may be one, just as you and I are one...” (Jn. 17:31)

UPCOMING EVENTS

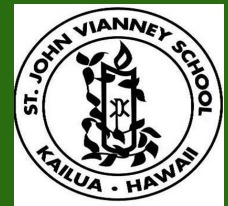
OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH **LIVE THE GOSPEL OF LIFE "TO IMITATE CHRIST AND FOLLOW HIS FOOTSTEPS"** **(THE GOSPEL OF LIFE) respectlife.org/respect-life-month**

<u>OCTOBER 3/4, (SAT/SUN)</u>	<u>HOLY LAND—SECOND COLLECTION</u> DONATION ENVELOPES—BACK OF THE CHURCH OR PARISH OFFICE
<u>OCTOBER 4, (SUNDAY)</u>	<u>RELIGIOUS ED CLASS 8:00AM— 11:45AM</u>
<u>OCTOBER 4, (SUNDAY)</u>	<u>ROSARY CONGRESS, 6AM,7AM,8AM,9AM,10AM 11AM</u> UNDER A TENT BY ST. MARY'S GROTTTO
<u>OCTOBER 5, (MONDAY)</u>	<u>RCIA: 7:00PM—8:30PM</u>
<u>OCTOBER 16, (FRIDAY)</u>	<u>WHITE MASS FOR MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS</u> CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. THERESA AT 6:00PM
<u>OCTOBER 17/18, (SAT/SUN)</u>	<u>WORLD MISSION SUNDAY</u> DONATION ENVELOPES—BACK OF THE CHURCH OR PARISH OFFICE

By: *Earl Walker*

SCHOOL NEWS

St. John Vianney School, 940 Keolu Drive, Kailua, HI 96734 * 808 261-4651



St. John Vianney School is currently on Fall Break for two weeks. We wish to thank our entire staff and our parents for helping to keep our students safe during this first quarter of in-class instruction. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work together in the best interest and safety of our students. Classes will resume on Monday, October 19, 2020

Parents have chosen our School for their children because of its high academic standards and a safe school environment. In addition, we offer our students religious, moral, and spiritual development. Family input and involvement is encouraged in the ongoing education of their child. We accept applications and enroll new students year-round, based on space availability. If your child is struggling with virtual learning, please inquire about enrolling them in our exceptional school. For more information, please see our website sjvkailua.org or call 261-4651.

Stewardship of Treasure



Offertory: Our weekly donation for **September 26th—October 2nd, 2020** is **\$6,303** and the weekly budget is **\$8,010**. Therefore, we have a **deficit** of **\$1,707**.

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

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/101120.cfm>

Reading I:
Isaiah 25:6-10a

Reading II:
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel:
Matthew 22:1-14

For the Healing of



*Thomas Schlemmer,
Frances Yoshimitsu,
Jeff Fontanilla, Barry Wong,
Milton McAngus, Francis Teixeira,
Jonathan & Malina Lewsczuk,
Kathleen Heirakuji, Edna Horiuchi,
Gordon Wong, Sandy Chong,
John Sutton, Jon Blumhardt,
Trish Robertson
And for the Homebound*

*Celebration of
Life*

Thursday, October 8th, 2020

Hawaiian Memorial Park
Cemetery & Funeral Services
45-425 Kamehameha Hwy
Kaneohe, HI 96744



Margaret Louie Wong
December 28, 1926 - September 05, 2020

**11:30am - 12:30pm
Drive By**

Flowers may be sent directly to
Hawaiian Memorial Park
Cemetery & Funeral Services

Donations maybe sent directly to:

Stephen Wong
P. O. Box 860855
Wahiawa, HI 96789

*"Ask and it shall be given to you..."
(Matthew 7:7)*

A Heartfelt Mahalo!

Last week in the bulletin we asked for a donation for an ornate medium chain censer, a couple was very generous to donate it to the church. God truly blesses! A big Mahalo to them, we are very grateful!

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
(2 Corinthians 9:7)*



40 Days for Life - Fall 2020 Campaign

The 40 Days for Life Fall 2020 campaign began on September 23 and continues to November 1.

People of all denominations in over 1000 cities in 63 countries around the world stand together to pray to end abortion.

As of Day 6 of the campaign, 43 babies that we know of have been saved from abortion!

Please join us and thousands of people around the world in this global and impactful event. We can participate in a couple of ways throughout the 40 days of the campaign: 1) pray and fast alone or with family and friends, and/or 2) join others in prayer vigils by registering on the 40 Days for Life website (<https://40daysforlife.com/honolulu>) on those days and times that are convenient to you.

If you choose to pray on your own or with family or friends, you can access the "Sign Up Genius" website to log in your hours of pray time:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4caeac2da0fe3-prayer>

Other important information such as key dates, rules of conduct, maps, parking, etc. can be found on the Diocesan Respect Life website at

<https://www.catholichawaii.org/diocesan-offices/respect-life/> in the presentation "40 Days for Life 2020".

The in-person prayer vigils will take place in front of the Planned Parenthood clinic located at 839 S. Beretania St. Bring your Rosaries if you wish; pro-life signs will be available.

COVID-19 Consideration: All that we do or don't do in terms of praying in front of Planned Parenthood is contingent on the orders that are issued, amended, and or lifted with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic. So, please, monitor the announcements that are issued by our city and state governments and respond accordingly so that we all keep in compliance both for our safety and the safety of others.

Please feel free to contact Fred Hagen at 492-0727 with any questions you may have about the campaign or accessing/signing up on the 40 Days for Life/Honolulu website.

Kawainui message

Sent by: Kathleen Jaycox—FACE Rep.
For St. John Vianney Church

City Council Rejects Kawainui Project
Faith Action for Community Equity

It was disappointing that the Honolulu City Council voted on Sept. 23 to reject the Kawainui Affordable Apartments project. For more information about this decision go to <https://www.faithactionhawaii.org/post/kawainui-affordable-housing-project-update>

Make Sure your Vote Counts for the Upcoming Election!
Faith Action for Community Equity

Learn "How to Vote by Mail" with a free online webinar co-sponsored by Faith Action. Topics include: time-frame for casting your ballot, mechanics of completing your ballot by mail, what to do if you do not receive your ballot or make a mistake on it, 'Can you still vote in-person?' and more! Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CShpNv0dT_uLGLbwCO-5xQ



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 4, 2020

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/100420.cfm>

Reading 1

IS 5:1-7

Let me now sing of my friend,
my friend's song concerning his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside;
he spaded it, cleared it of stones,
and planted the choicest vines;
within it he built a watchtower,
and hewed out a wine press.
Then he looked for the crop of grapes,
but what it yielded was wild grapes.
Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard:
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I had not done?
Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes,
did it bring forth wild grapes?
Now, I will let you know
what I mean to do with my vineyard:
take away its hedge, give it to grazing,
break through its wall, let it be trampled!
Yes, I will make it a ruin:
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
but overgrown with thorns and briars;
I will command the clouds
not to send rain upon it.
The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his cherished plant;
he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed!
for justice, but hark, the outcry!

Gospel

MT 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:
"Hear another parable.
There was a landowner who planted a vineyard,
put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower.
Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey.
When vintage time drew near,
he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce.
But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat,
another they killed, and a third they stoned.
Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones,
but they treated them in the same way.
Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking,
'They will respect my son.'
But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another,
'This is the heir.
Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.'
They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.
What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?'"
They answered him,
"He will put those wretched men to a wretched death
and lease his vineyard to other tenants
who will give him the produce at the proper times."
Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:
*The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
by the Lord has this been done,
and it is wonderful in our eyes?*
Therefore, I say to you,
the kingdom of God will be taken away from you
and given to a people that will produce its fruit."



Reading 2

PHIL 4:6-9

Brothers and sisters:
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.
Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,
if there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.
Keep on doing what you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me.
Then the God of peace will be with you.



St. John Vianney Parish
Presents a year of
APOLOGETICS

How to Explain and Defend your Catholic faith



Upon this Rock I will Build my Church
and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it.

The Catholic Church; Pillar of Truth

The Holy Spirit has guided our Church
throughout the centuries and continues to guide it today.
(see back side)

“Behold I am with you all days,
even to the consummation of the world.” (Mt. 28:20).

APOLOGETICS

DEFENDING THE FAITH

The Catholic Church; Pillar of Truth

- "And I say to you, that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18)
- "The Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name will teach you everything and remind you of all that (I) told you." (John 14:26)
- Leaders of the early Church described how the Holy Spirit guided their decisions during the Council of Jerusalem. (Acts 15: 27-29)
- The Catholic Church is the continuation of the early Christian community established by Jesus and no modern Christian Church can make that claim.
- The authority of the Apostles did not die with them, but was handed down to their successors, since Jesus instituted His Church to last until the end of the World.
- Only the Catholic Church can claim to be the living, historical embodiment of the Body of Christ on earth.
- The Church referred to as the body of Christ (Romans 12:4, 1Corinthians 12:12, Ephesians 1:22 -23, 5:23) can not be a path of error and corruption.
- The Holy Spirit, with his support, has helped our Church take Christianity to the four corners of the world.
- The Catholic Church has continued to exist and flourish for over 2,000 years due to God's grace, which is the unifying force that has held our church together.
- The Holy Spirit guides us to make the right decisions, comforts us in our times of need, and gives us strength when we cannot find it within ourselves.
- The Catholic Church is the messenger of salvation to the world, which has suffered fiery persecution from pagans to heretics to misguided separated brethren to Nazis to Communists, yet remains forever the Sacrament of Salvation for mankind, "an unshakable kingdom," against whom the "gates of the netherworld shall not prevail. (Matthew 16:18)



Our Parish Faith Formation Committee encourages
all parishioners to learn more
about this specific topic during October 2020

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
and
YOUTH MINISTRY

BEGINS SUNDAY
OCTOBER 4

IN-PERSON AND ONLINE
OPTIONS AVAILABLE

CONTACT THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR MORE INFORMATION

SHARE YOUR SKILLS

HELP OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP WITH

- * simple workworking
- * cabinetry
- * clay sculpting
- * Calligraphy
- * painting backgrounds
- * painting figures



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MAHALO TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SUPPORTED OUR PROGRAM WITH THEIR TIME, TALENTS AND SKILLS

**Ellen Huntley
Allan Spitzer
Jim Conroy
Annette Lewis**

Reflections from the Word of God to Prepare for the 2020 Elections

Prepared by Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu (9/23/20)

[Scripture quotes from the New American Bible, Revised Edition]

As faithful citizens of the United States, the State of Hawaii, and the local regions to which we belong, we not only enjoy the right to vote, but we have a civic duty to do so to make our democracy a government “of the people, by the people, and for the people.” The following are offered as an invitation to prayer and discernment about some of the issues facing our community to help all discern God’s will regarding the persons we elect for public office. We urge you to pray over them in this time leading up to our November 3 elections.

One Nation under God - Religious Liberty

Our nation was founded on “the laws of nature and nature’s God.” Do we still share this fundamental belief? For those who do believe, is that belief fostered or threatened by our culture and its leaders?

“Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with your whole heart, and with your whole being, and with your whole strength.” (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

The Sanctity of Life from Conception until Natural Death

Pope Francis has said that without the right to life, no other right has meaning. What can we do to halt and reverse the hidden Holocaust of abortion that is so accepted that it is protected by law? How can we assure that our leaders will work for a greater respect for life in all its stages, including the lives of convicted criminals, of the frail elderly, of the poor, and of other vulnerable persons?

“I call heaven and earth today to witness against you. I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live.” (Deuteronomy 30:19-20)

Unity of the Races

God has made every person in his image and likeness, yet we often live with biases, prejudices and closed hearts to people who are different from us. How can we all, as individuals and as communities, work toward justice, dignity and equality for all in our land?

“Glorious things are said of you, of city of God! Rahab and Babylon I count among those who know me. See, Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia, ‘This one was born there.’ And of Zion it will be said: ‘Each one was born in it.’” (Psalm 87:3-5a)

Welcoming Newcomers

Our country is a country of immigrants, and people are still coming here to escape persecution, oppression and debilitating poverty. How can we more effectively welcome immigrants as sisters and brothers and assist them in becoming integral members of our country of immigrants?

“You shall not oppress or afflict a resident alien, for you were once aliens residing in the land of Egypt.” (Exodus 22:20)

Care for the Poor and Homeless

What can be done to provide all with good healthcare – mental and physical? How can we as a community put more people to work to restore their dignity and their ability to care for themselves and their families? How can we work toward more affordable housing?

“And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’” (Matthew 25:40)

Pray! Vote! Stay involved! God bless our country, our beloved islands, and all our communities!

[For more information, visit the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Faithful Citizenship website at <https://www.usccb.org/.../forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship>.]