

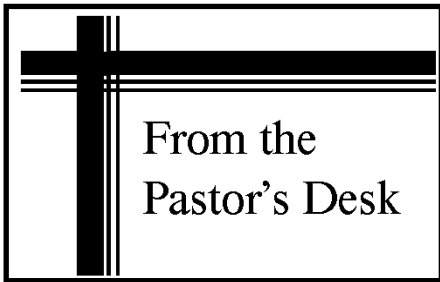
*The Epiphany of the Lord
Year B
January 3, 2021*



**Saint John Vianney Parish
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DEAR PARISH FAMILY,

Today we celebrate the 12th day of Christmas also known as Epiphany Sunday. The word 'epiphany' comes from the Greek word, and it means a 'showing' or 'manifestation'. The Epiphany shows that Jesus is Savior, not only of the Jewish people, but for every one, in every land and in every culture. The message, power and love of Christ are for everyone. At the center of the Epiphany were the Magi. These were people from the East, pagans, who had no clue about the meaning of the newborn. But deep down, there was a flicker of light that led them in the direction of the light. Nothing would stop them. We do not know how far they journeyed. Traveling was extremely difficult in those times. There were rivers to cross, trackless deserts to penetrate and perhaps mountains to climb, but they made nothing of the difficulties or the dangers. They were on a journey of seeking for the truth and would not rest until they found it. And so with determination they prepared and committed to following the star that led them to Christ.

As we begin a New Year, are we as determined as the Magi to follow the way that leads us to Christ? Whatever the past year has been for us, happy, joyful, full of failures, sorrows, hurt - follow the star;—it is here for you. The wise men represent us at the birth of Christ. God directed these magi to Bethlehem to let the entire world know that the birth of Jesus was for every human being.

We are being called and challenged to be faithful stewards to the light of Christ and in turn become the light that shines and lead others to Christ.

Away In Zambia: On January 5th, I will be travelling to visit family, especially my dad who has been ill for some time now. Please pray for me as I travel in the midst of this pandemic.

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 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.

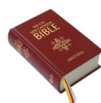
AED Available at back of church in
cabinet under Divine Mercy picture
and on parish lanai at school doors.

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

**Church is now open from 8:30am—10:30am for private
prayer and devotion, Monday thru Friday**

Know your Catholic Faith Corner

Apologetics Without Apology



Year of Reading the Bible

Last Sunday, we saw that the Lectionary is a compilation from the Bible which provides the readings and the responsorial psalm assigned for each Mass of the year (Sundays, weekdays, and special occasions). We also saw that the Lectionary is arranged in two cycles, one for Sundays and one for weekdays.

The *Sunday cycle* is divided into three years, labeled A, B, and C. 2020 is Year A. 2021 is Year B. 2022 is Year C, etc. In Year A, we read mostly from the Gospel of Matthew. In Year B, we read the Gospel of Mark and chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. In Year C, we read the Gospel of Luke.

The *weekday cycle* is divided into two years, Year I and Year II. Year I is read in odd-numbered years (2021, 2023, etc.) and Year II is used in even-numbered years (2022, 2024, etc.) The Gospels for both years are the same. During the year, the Gospels are read semi-continuously, beginning with Mark, then moving on to Matthew and Luke. The Gospel of John is read during Christmas, Lent, and the Easter season. For Advent, Christmas, and Lent, readings are chosen that are appropriate to the season. The first reading on weekdays may be taken from the Old or the New Testament. Typically, a single book is read semi-continuously (though some passages are not read) until it is finished and then a new book is started.

The year of the cycle does not change on January 1st, but rather, on the 1st Sunday of Advent (usually late November/early December) which is the beginning of the liturgical year. The liturgical year 2021 began on November 29, 2020 and will end on November 27, 2021.

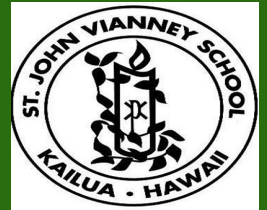
UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>JANUARY 3 (SUNDAY)</u>	<u>NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES</u>
<u>JANUARY 4-25 (MONDAYS)</u>	<u>RCIA—7:00 PM-8:30 PM</u> <u>PARISH OFFICE</u>
<u>JANUARY 8-29 (FRIDAYS)</u>	<u>UPPER ROOM—BIBLE SHARING-6:30 PM-8:00 PM</u> <u>LOUNGE</u>
<u>JANUARY 9 (SATURDAY)</u>	<u>YOUTH LED MASS—5:00 PM</u> <u>CHURCH</u>
<u>JANUARY 21 (THURSDAY)</u>	<u>PROTECTION OF LIFE MASS—6:00 PM</u> <u>CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. THERESA</u>
<u>JANUARY 22 (FRIDAY)</u>	<u>VIRTUAL MARCH FOR LIFE—3:45—6:00 PM</u> <u>REGISTER BY JAN 7—janet@hilifealliance.org or 808.225-4511</u>
<u>JANUARY 23 & 24 (SAT & SUN)</u>	<u>2ND COLLECTION—CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA, BLACK</u> <u>AND INDIAN MISSIONS</u> <u>CHURCH</u>
<u>JANUARY 25 (MONDAY)</u>	<u>BIBLE STUDY—9:00 AM-10:30 AM</u> <u>BOARD ROOM/LOUNGE</u>
<u>JANUARY 28 (THURSDAY)</u>	<u>BIBLE STUDY—7:00 PM-8:30 PM</u> <u>BOARD ROOM/LOUNGE</u>

By: Earl Walker

SCHOOL NEWS

St. John Vianney School, 940 Keolu Drive, Kailua, HI 96734



St. John Vianney School will resume classes on Monday, January 4, 2021. Our staff and students are looking forward to being back in the classroom. Our dedicated teachers not only provide an outstanding education, they offer students the technology and skills necessary to be successful in society. Every child is guided in their academic journey and prepared for entry into Hawai'i's finest high schools.

Your parish school offers so much more than just strong academics, it focuses on educating the whole child, mind, body, and most importantly spirit. Students are also taught love, care and concern for others. Parents choose our school for their child because of our high academic standards, values-added education and a safe school environment.

Applications for the 2021-2022 school year for **NEW STUDENTS** are now available. They can be downloaded from our website at sjvkailua.org or picked up in the school office. For more information, please call 261-4651.



Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory: Our weekly donation for December 24th thru December 30th, 2020 is **\$ 10,085** and the weekly budget is **\$8,010**.

Therefore, we have a **surplus of \$ 2,075**.

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

The BAPTISM OF THE LORD

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/011021.cfm>



Reading I:
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Reading II:
John 5:1-9

Gospel:
Mark 1:7-11

For the Healing of

Janis Palafox, Charles Gauthé Jr,
Robert Brown, John Glorioso, Frances Yoshimitsu,
Milton McAngus, Francis Teixeira,
Jonathan & Malina Lewsczuk,
Kathleen Heirakuji, Myngoc Le,
Michael Miti, Gordon Wong, Sandy Chong,
John Sutton, Jon Blumhardt,
Trish Robertson, Joseph Alves,
And for the Homebound



For the Passing of Thomas Schlemmer and Mike Dale



The Epiphany of the Lord — YEAR B

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<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/010321.cfm>

Reading I **Is 60:1-6**
Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth,
and thick clouds cover the peoples;
but upon you the LORD shines,
and over you appears his glory.
Nations shall walk by your light,
and kings by your shining radiance.
Raise your eyes and look about;
they all gather and come to you:
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see,
your heart shall throb and overflow,
for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you,
the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.
Caravans of camels shall fill you,
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;
all from Sheba shall come
bearing gold and frankincense,
and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Reading II **Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6**
Brothers and sisters:
You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace
that was given to me for your benefit,
namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation.
It was not made known to people in other generations
as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body,
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Gospel **Mt 2:1-12**
When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."
When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.
Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people,
He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.
They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:
*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*"
Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance.
He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child.
When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."
After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.
They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.
They prostrated themselves and did him homage.
Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod,
they departed for their country by another way.

St. John Vianney Parish
Presents

A Year of Reading the Bible

Hearing Scripture only on Sunday is not enough.



“Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ”

Saint Jerome (342 AD - 420 AD)

During January read the entire Biblical story:
from the Epiphany of Christ,
the Baptism of our Lord
to the beginning of His teaching with authority.
(See back page)

*Moses spoke to all the people, saying:
“A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you
from among your own kin; to him you shall listen.”*

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"Salvation, faith, unity and mercy all depend on knowing Christ and sacred Scripture."

Pope Francis



JANUARY GOSPEL READINGS

Please read the entire story

Jan 3: The Epiphany of the Lord

"Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

(Read more: Matthew 2:1-12)

Jan 10: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness."

(Read more: Matthew 3:13-17)

Jan 17: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah"

(Read more: John 1:35-42)

Jan 24: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."

(Read more: Mark 1:14-20)

Jan 31: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

(Read more: Mark 1:21-28)

**Our Parish Faith Formation Committee
encourages everyone in our parish family
to read these entire Gospel stories during January 2021**

for we are
God's
masterpiece
Ephesians 2:10



The 48th
Annual

March for Life

Thursday, 21 January 2021 at 6 pm

Mass with Bishop Larry Silva

Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm to 12:00 Midnight

Please register for Mass and Adoration Time @
<https://bit.ly/RespectLifeMassandAdorationJan21>

OR

Join your parish for Mass and Adoration

Contact Dcn. Gary @ Respect Life Ministry

Email: gstreff@rcchawaii.org



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63 million babies aborted in the U.S.
since Roe vs Wade 1973.**



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Saying "Yes" Brings Good Surprises By Evie Hao, President 2018-2020

Hello, members of Faith Action,

We welcomed our new officers for 2021-22 and thanked outgoing officers, chairs, and unit representatives at our last Delegated Council for 2020 on Dec. 19, via Zoom.

I share my departing thoughts with you as I did with the delegation that night:

Saying "yes" has brought me some of the best surprises of my life.

•Saying "yes" to teaching in the public schools and saying "yes" to George, my husband of 52 years, have given me a life full of good challenges and cherished memories.

•Saying "yes" to be president of Faith Action gave me two years of exponential personal growth that surprises me because they came during my retirement years. Fighting for the REITs bill for the past two years brought me up several notches in persistence, patience, and sheer doggedness. Plus I've met and worked with many Faith Action members like you who fight the good fight that transforms people's lives.

I consider the following accomplishments of the last two years to be key to Faith Action's growing strength and positive influence in our community:

Our Task Forces have attracted many new members with expertise and devotion to the issues of social justice. They are researching issues, visiting policymakers, and learning from each other. The synergy in the task forces are felt and seen in their meetings which are frequent and fruitful. They are preparing for robust and eventful legislation at state and city levels. Currently, Housing Now! and Environmental Justice are busy preparing for the 2021 Hawaii Legislature. Long Term Care and Living Wage are currently doing groundwork planning for their issues.

The new Communications Committee was created to fill a need for a consistent and strong Faith Action-wide communications vehicle. As the first/ key step, Communications trained unit reps on their key role as *connectors* between Faith Action and their individual members. Since April, announcements, articles on legislative issues, reports from task forces, etc. have been sent to unit newsletters and/or e-blasts *through* their unit representatives. The Communications Committee seeks input from unit reps and continues to explore other effective ways to communicate.

Ad hoc committees on Organizational Structure and Financial Planning were formed this year. The committees have started and will continue the work in the new year. Faith Action has undergone important changes in the last five years-- and so have our member units. In order to continue proficiency and effectiveness as an organization, we will be working on responsibilities, processes, and structures that address needed change.

These past 10+ COVID months have been very challenging. Yet those challenges brought growth to our Faith Action organization. Zoom meetings have definitely been the catalyst for a freeing of ideas, energy, and (travel) time. This has afforded committees and task forces to meet every week--lately two times a week

Go to this link: <https://www.faithactionhawaii.org/video-library> to see a visual rendition of **how we said "Yes"** to reaching out to our members and to the larger community.

We invite everyone who wants to be involved in any of our task forces and committees to contact Ashleigh at aloa@faithactionhawaii.org and she will put you in touch with the chair of the group. Also, when the legislature opens, we will be contacting everyone for a specific action on a bill. **We hope you will say "Yes"**.

Happy New Year. We look forward to 2021.

STRIPPED-DOWN BILL 2 PASSES Honolulu City Council *Faith Action for Community Equity*

Bill 2 was initially designed to make Honolulu's urban landscape more environmentally sustainable by changing parking requirements and setback requirements for buildings. It was passed with many of its environmental benefits removed. For more information, go to <https://www.faithactionhawaii.org/post/stripped-down-bill-2-passes>.



To all the families, friends and visitors, of St. John Vianney Church and School; thanks to all of you for the sharing of your talents, treasures and love during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We appreciate all the Ministers - Committees - their team leaders and numerous volunteers who make this parish the "best" on the Windward-side.

For those of you who contributed towards the numerous events sponsored by our parish, and for helping others who needed help, we commend your generosity and extend a big Mahalo.

For 2020 it was a year that will be remembered in the history books.

God bless you all and here's looking forward to 2021.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!