

April 24, 2022 Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday Bulletin

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy is not only the key to unlocking God’s perspective of the 20th century, it is the most powerful devotion for our times. All Catholics should embrace this important devotion that is illustrated on the painting based on visions of Jesus by Polish Saint Faustina. Plan to spend a few minutes after Mass today as we pray together the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

CRS Rice Bowl — Thank You!

Our community changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, and we want to say THANK YOU! Don’t forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl or donate online at <https://crsricebowl.org/give>.

SJV Altar Server Training

Who can be an Altar Server? Anyone 7 years or older who has been confirmed or is preparing to be confirmed... (adults, too!) **Today, April 24 and Sunday, May 1, 2022 from 12—1:30 p.m.** For more information and to sign up for the training visit our website or myParish app.

A Day with Father Damien Retreat

Saint Anthony's Retreat Center will be hosting a retreat on **Saturday, May 7, 2022** focusing on a day in the remembrance of Father Damien. There will be intimate articles, relics, and items from Fr. Damien’s time spent in Hawaii. These are pieces that are rarely displayed in the public eye. We hope you will be able to attend, to learn, and enjoy the wonderful life and works of Fr. Damien. Please contact Sr. Ivy at Saint Anthony's Retreat Center for reservations. See flyer on our website or myParish app.

The Great Fifty Days of Easter

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Sunday May 22, Masses at 7, 9 and 11 a.m.

Full Communion Candidates (Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist at the Vigil Mass on Saturday May 21, at 5 p.m.

Pentecost Sunday, June 5, Masses at 7, 9 and 11 a.m., Vigil on Sat., June 4, at 5 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt Event was a Success! Thank You!

Thank you to all the donors who helped make our 2022 St. John Vianney Parish Easter Egg Hunt a success. The event, held on Sunday, April 17 after the 9am Mass, included photo walls, goody bags, an egg hunt and basket give-away. The Easter Bunny and Master Shifu also visited to help with the hunt! With almost 100 keiki and their parents joining us, we were blessed with sunshine and a beautiful morning celebrating Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord. A special mahalo to all our volunteers including Donna Noguchi, Joe Lopiccolo, Glenn Chong and family, Chris King, Esther Tokars, Cora Panis and all our youth who helped before and during the event.

Jesus, I Trust in You!

Prayers for Healing

Ruth Alves, Kathy Asing, Edward Balderston, Jim Balderston, Peter Barcia, Sydney Bennett, Chuck Bernales, Robert Bernales, Michelle Brown, Sheryl Caldeira, Rod Castanha, Sandy Chong, Mollie Chun, Filomena Dalope, Eleanor Dodds, Barbara Fields, Jayla Gomes, Kathleen Heirakuji, Keone & Deborah Johnson, Tony Lambio, Myngoc Le, Bernice Lewis, Kasey Lopes, Lopes Ohana, Jonathan & Malina Leszczuk, Elizabeth Libby, Buck Marcum, Milton McAngus, Michael Miti, Patrick Miyachi, Hope Montalvo, Lauren Okumura, Christian Palacio, Trish Robertson, Herbert Rodrigues, Mary Sauvageau, Souza Ohana, Caroline Soriano, John Sutton, Sharon Sweat, Gabrielle Taylor, David Teves, Paulette Teves, Gordon Wong

Rest of Soul

+Douglas Barbieto,
++Harold “Hal” and Rowena Okita
+Ken Weir

Next Sunday’s Readings

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14
Gospel: John 21:1-19

Schedule

Sun, Apr 24, Divine Mercy Sunday
9 —2 p.m. Religious Education Program
12—1:30 p.m. Altar Server Training
1:30—3:15 p.m. Youth Band Rehearsal
3—5 p.m. Girl Scouts
4—5 p.m. BSA Scout Troop 311

Mon, Apr 25
9—10:30 a.m. Bible Study
7—8:30 p.m. RCIA

Tues, Apr 26
6—7:30 p.m. Altar Servers
7—8:30 p.m. Bible Study

Wed, Apr 27
6—7 p.m. Religious Ed Program
6:30—8:30 p.m. BSA Troop 311 Committee Mtg.

Thu, Apr 28
9—11 a.m. Sodality Rosary Making

Fri, Apr 29
6:30—8:00 p.m. Girls Bible Study

Sat, Apr 30
10 a.m.—1 p.m. Religious Ed Program

Sun, May 1
9 —2 p.m. Religious Education Program
12:00—1:30 p.m. Altar Server Training
1:30—3:15 p.m. Youth Band Rehearsal
3—4:30 p.m. People of Praise

SCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by Earl Walker

St. John Vianney School is thrilled to announce that we will be celebrating our first School Mass in person this Friday, April 29th hosted by grades 1 and 2. It has been two long years since we have gathered together in church as one body! Grades 1-8 will be attending the Mass. Because we will be together, with no social distancing, we are asking that all of the students who will be attending Mass to wear face masks while in the Church.

Provide your child an exciting and challenging summer experience by enrolling them in our **St. John Vianney Summer Program** from June 13 to July 8, 2022. See our website for classes offered that promises to help your child grow socially and intellectually. Your parish school is also accepting applications for **NEW STUDENTS** for the 2022-2023 school year. Financial aid and scholarships are available to help with tuition. For more information contact the school office at 808-261-4651.



FAITH ACTION FOR COMMUNITY EQUITY

Submitted by Kathleen Jaycox

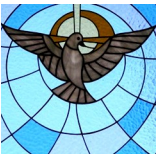
The advocacy issue identified as most important for Faith Action during this legislative session is cash bail. Students at U.H. Manoa have created a petition in support of HB1567, cash bail reform that reads: Hawai'i's cash bail system allows defendants with means to buy themselves out of pre-trial detention and condemns indigent defendants to jail solely because they lack access to money. Cash bail undermines public safety, contributes to jail overcrowding, wastes taxpayer resources, exacerbates economic and racial inequality, and inflicts punishment on poor people who have not been convicted of a crime. I support reforms to move away from cash bail in Hawai'i as we devise a more fair and effective pre-trial justice system for all. Please support HB1567. You can sign on in support of this message by going to: [Link to petition: change.org/hawaiibailreform](https://change.org/hawaiibailreform)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week of Apr 9—15, 2022	<u>Envelopes/Loose</u>	<u>Online Giving</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sunday Offertory	\$5,639.00	\$3,858.00	\$9,497.00	\$8,010.00
Repair and Maintenance	\$327.00	\$330.00	\$657.00	\$769.23
Debt/Major Repair	\$10.00	\$290.00	\$300.00	\$769.23
Appeal	\$250.00	\$523.18	\$773.18	\$2,307.69



CATHOLIC FAITH CORNER



Apologetics without Apology A Year of the Holy Spirit (The Gift of Understanding)

To recap, Understanding is the second gift of the Holy Spirit. While Wisdom is the desire to contemplate the things of God, Understanding allows us to grasp, at least in a limited way, the very essence of the truths of the Catholic Faith. Through understanding, we gain a certitude about our beliefs that moves beyond faith. The gift of Understanding helps us to really hear what another person is saying.

After the Resurrection, two of the disciples were walking along the road to Emmaus. (Lk 24:13-35) They felt dejected because of the Crucifixion. Suddenly, this stranger walks beside them. They didn't recognize the stranger, who was Jesus. He was risen. He was in the Spirit, somehow, but He gave them the gift of understanding. Scripture says that He opened their minds to all the Scriptures that pertained to Him, so that they too could believe (Lk 24:13-32). This is what happens to us in prayer. He can open our minds to this gift so that we, too, can truly believe. Understanding will deepen our faith.

Questions for Reflection: Why do we receive the gift of Understanding? How does the Gift of Understanding Operate? How does the gift of understanding help us? How does Understanding help us grasp the meaning of the truths of our Holy religion? How do we acquire the gift of Understanding? Listening can lead to better Understanding. What are the key attributes for good listening skills?

Lord, there are so many truths that I do not fully grasp. Your life and Your workings are glorious and mysterious all at once. Give me the grace of Understanding so that I may penetrate the depths of Your Truth and Your Mercy. Help me to know You and to understand Your actions in my life. Help me to especially turn to You in the most troubling moments of life. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Submitted by Melodie Sasaki

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" Indeed, the mercy of God centers our heart in peace. In the month of April the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help the poor celebrate the peace of Easter, by assisting them with food, personal needs, utilities and rent. Thank you for helping spread Christ's peace!

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 23 & 24, 2022



Come pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
immediately following all Masses
On Divine Mercy Sunday.

*Together we join those throughout the world
in prayer and adoration
seeking God's mercy for ourselves
and for the whole world.*

***Pray the nine day Novena starting on Good Friday.
Novena pamphlets are available in the back of the church.***

Divine Mercy Explained

Pope Francis called St. Faustina Kowalska the apostle of mercy. "May she, who was called to enter the depths of divine mercy, intercede for us and obtain for us the grace of living and walking always according to the mercy of God and with an unwavering trust in his love" (The Face of Mercy, 24).

Introduce your students to a saint who made divine mercy the mission of her life.

Story of St. Faustina

On a February night in 1931, a simple nun in Poland received a mystical vision of Jesus in a white robe with red-and-white rays radiating from his heart. Sister Faustina Kowalska remembered the words Jesus said to her: "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You.' I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and then throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish." In obedience to her vision, three years later she managed to get an artist to produce the now-famous Divine Mercy image.

Jesus had also instructed her that the image was to be venerated publicly on the first Sunday after Easter and that this was to be for the whole Church; even the pope would venerate the image. How could the lowly Polish nun ever hope to accomplish such a task? She had no contacts with people in power, and many doubted her supposed visions and conversations with Jesus.

She found support with one priest, Blessed Father Michael Sopocko, and over the next few decades the Divine Mercy devotion began to spread and gain approval. Then, in 1958 Church theologians detected potential errors in Sister Faustina's writings and both the devotion and her writings were suppressed. The ban on the Divine Mercy devotion lasted for 20 years.

Divine Mercy Devotion

Meanwhile, in 1965 the archbishop of Krakow—a certain Karol Wojtyla—got permission for a more extensive investigation into Sister Faustina and the Divine Mercy devotion. In 1978 Wojtyla was elected Pope John Paul II, and the Church lifted the ban on Sister Faustina's teachings and the Divine Mercy devotion. Pope John Paul II beatified Sister Faustina in 1993 and declared her a saint in the jubilee year 2000. At that time John Paul II also declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday for the universal Church. Thus, through divine providence, a Polish pope fulfilled the seemingly impossible prophecies given to the simple Polish nun.

As a sign of divine blessing on St. John Paul II's mission of mercy, he died on the vigil of the Divine Mercy in April 2005. On Divine Mercy Sunday 2011,

he was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI, and on Divine Mercy Sunday 2014, Karol Wojtyla joined his little sister Faustina in the roll of saints, thus continuing in heaven together their mission of mercy to the world.

Divine Mercy Image

The red-and-white beams represent the sacraments of baptism and Communion. We must participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church. Through regular confession and Communion we plug into the powerhouse of Divine Mercy. As Jesus was the Divine Mercy incarnate, our ordinary lives can become the Divine Mercy incarnate.

It is no coincidence that Divine Mercy Sunday is the Sunday after Easter. This is because the Divine Mercy is essentially a Resurrection image. Jesus steps out of the darkness of death, bringing new life and power to the world. As we contemplate this image and yield ourselves to Christ, the rays that emanate from his heart touch us and make the Resurrection life real in our lives.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

The *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska* chronicles God's message of mercy given through St. Faustina. In a revelation, Jesus encouraged the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given you (*Diary*, 1541). Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death (687). I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy (687). Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will. (1731)

Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, the Divine Mercy chaplet is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist, so it is especially appropriate to teach first Holy Communicants. It may be said at any time, but our Lord specifically told St. Faustina to recite it during the nine days before the Feast of Mercy (the first Sunday after Easter).

For more information and for instructions on how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, visit TheDivineMercy.org/Message/Devotions/PrayTheChaplet.php

—Fr. Dwight Longenecker



ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

*Offer your hands,
thoughts and time
to Jesus.*

- Pope Francis



WHO CAN BE AN ALTAR SERVER?

Anyone 7 years or
older who has been
Confirmed or is
preparing to be
Confirmed...
(adults, too!)

WHEN

Sunday
April 24 & May 1
12:00 - 1:30pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND TO SIGN UP FOR TRAINING,
VISIT OUR WEBSITE

SAINTJOHNVIANNEYHAWAII.ORG



A day with....

Damien

Sponsored by Saint Anthony Retreat Center

Presented by

Rev. Herman Gomes, ss.cc.

With Damien Display by

Stuart Ching, Archivist

May 7, 2022

8:30am to 2:30pm

Call Retreat Center office for reservations

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