December 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday Bulletin

St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Kailua

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Second Collection—Retirement Fund for Religious

Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need —usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. You can also donate online through the parish's giving portal.

Advent Penance Services for the Windward Vicariate

A communal penance service includes a public prayer service including a Scripture reading, a brief exhortation by the priest, an examination of conscience, and then the entire community prays the Act of Contrition together. Individual confessions and prayer of absolution follows privately. All are welcome to attend any service in the below list which suits your availability. Priests from the Windward vicariate parishes will be available at each service to hear confessions.

- ♦ Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m., Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- ♦ Wednesday, December 13 at 7 p.m., St. John Vianney, Kailua
- ♦ Thursday, December 14 at 7 p.m., St. George, Waimanalo
- ♦ Tuesday, December 19 at 7 p.m., St. Anthony Padua, Kailua

"Prepared. For Life.®"

On the advent of a new calendar year, we send our BSA Scout Troop 311 off with our hopes for a new chapter of memory making and awesome adventures. In January of 2023, the Diocese of Honolulu made a decision to no longer sponsor BSA Scout activities on Catholic campuses and to end chartering of Scouting units. Although this was extremely sad news for our SJV Troop 311 after 40 years of active partnership with the parish, the leadership of the BSA Scouts and the parish administration worked together to facilitate a smooth transition for the program to find a new charter organization and facility "home."

Last month, the charters of Pack and Troop 311 were officially transferred to Le Jardin Academy in Kailua. On November 1, a welcome ceremony was held on the campus of Le Jardin Academy with an opening blessing of the Scouts by Fr. Vincent Vu in their new meeting space. Fr. Vincent Vu will continue to mentor the youth chaplain aides, and the parish will support the earning of religious emblems which fosters reverence to God, faithfulness in religious duties, and respect for the convictions of others.

This weekend, we will recognize some of the adult leaders of the Scouting program who have made the last 40 years of partnership with our parish so successful. They are Katie Barbieto, Mike Compton, Michele Compton, Dennis Djou, Vickie Fullard-Leo, Francisco Garcia, Chris King, Don King, Ryan King, Scott Nishikawa, Richard O'Malley, Glenn Perry, Theresa Rakotonirina, Jack Shriver. As part of our Hospitality Sunday activities, please meet the Scouts on the lanai for refreshments and make a trail mix bag to snack on.

Prayers for Healing

Ruth Alves Anna Asinsin Edward Balderston Jim Balderston Terry Barnaby Ralph Barney Hayes Beissel Clark Bernales **Robert Bernales** Aileen Blanc Michelle Brown **Donovan Caldeira** Sheryl Caldeira Rod Castanha **Carolyn Chong Mollie Chun Kathy Dean** John Dixon **Pat Drury** Hamilton Durante John Glorioso, Jr Tom Glorioso Angeline Goh Jayla Gomes Dan Gorecki Milli Gorecki Tim Hudson Svlvia Ann Pao Kruse Bruce Kumashiro **Charlien Kumashiro** Malia Lambertson Tony Lambio **Kailey Jong-Perez**

Myngoc Le **Annette Lewis Emily Lim** Kasey Lopes Mike Lauriano Sylvia Manlutac **Mary Matos** Sandy McAulton Gloria Medeiros **Beverly Mink Bobby Mink** Linda Morgan **Audrey Motonaga** Hope Montalvo Jennifer Ann Ng **Sharon Nisbet-Jones Mary Odom** Stephanie Pahia **Cayetana Paras Marie Perreira** James Reis Jean Rich **Bill Roman** Antonio Salcedo Par Salehi **James Severson Deni Smith Bernardo Soriano** John Sutton **Erin Tagupa Christine Taylor Gabrielle Taylor Terri Taylor**

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Upcoming Events

- Sat/Sun, Dec 9 & 10, Hospitality Sunday after all Masses and BSA Scouts Troop 311 Farewell
- Tue, Dec 12, 8 a.m. Mass, The Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Wed, Dec 13, 7 p.m. St. John Vianney Parish Communal Penance Service
- Fri, Dec 15, 7 p.m. Praise and Worship in the Parish Lounge
- Sat, Dec 23, Daily Mass at 8 a.m.
- Sat, Dec 23, Mass at 5 p.m. and Sun, Dec 24 at 7, 9 & 11 a.m. are Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent
- Sun, Dec 24, 5 & 9 p.m. are Christmas Vigil Masses
- Mon, Dec 25, 9 a.m. Christmas Mass (No 8 a.m. Daily Mass)
- Mon, Jan 1, 2024, 9 a.m. New Year's Day Mass (No 8 a.m. Daily Mass)

Use the QR code at the entrance to the church to read the full edition of the Sunday Bulletin online or in myParish app for more announcements.

Download the music leaflet to sing along during Mass from your smart device.



SCHOOL NEWS

This past Sunday, your parish school held its annual Open House. All of our classrooms were open, and our amazing teachers were on hand to answer any questions visitors had. Our awesome students personally escorted visitors around campus and let them know why they love their school. Classrooms featured displays of various student work, and our hula halau performed in front of the school. We also served light refreshments and were pleased to see several parishioners tour our campus, some for the first time.

All are invited to attend the St. John Vianney School CHRISTMAS PAGEANT this Friday, December 15th in the church at 10 a.m. Come enjoy our students performing some of your favorite Christmas songs, such as Silent Night, Joy to the World, Rocking around the Christmas Tree, Mele Kalikimaka and many more. The entire student body will participate in this very musical performance as we joyfully celebrate the birth of our savior Jesus Christ. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas.



Mark your calendar for Breakfast with the Bishop



St. John Vianney Parish School invites you to have "Breakfast with the Bishop" on January 28, 2024. Plan to enjoy a delicious buffet served by our teachers, parents, and several local celebrities, along with delightful entertainment by students in our hula halau and our music department. Tickets go on sale December 30. This event supports the tuition assistance program in your parish school.



CATHOLIC FAITH CORNER





Renew worshipping at Mass to encounter Jesus in a personal way.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis appeals to all to give ourselves to a "renewed personal encounter" with Jesus.

How is my relationship with Jesus now? For many of us, it is not easy to describe our relationship with Jesus. We might find it easier to describe our relationship with God, in general. We might even acknowledge, that though we attend Mass each weekend, receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in an intimate communion with him, we don't feel or experience a day to day conversational, personal relationship with him.

Asking for the grace of a renewed personal encounter with Jesus: The first grace is a desire - something stirring within us - which is open to this deeper encounter. As the Pope says, "It can start with an 'openness' to letting Jesus encounter me." Waiting for us with open arms is a quite comforting image. We can't let our having been away or distant or pre-occupied, or even having been selfish or deeply sinful get in the way of this renewal. The first part of the joy we can long for is the experience - perhaps for the first time in our lives - of being loved mercifully, with compassion and with open arms. So, with that desire, we simply ask for it. We can start by saying it out loud in some private place: "Dear Jesus, let me begin a renewed personal encounter with you."

As the days go by, we will find more and more specific ways of talking with Jesus and asking for this grace in ways that opens our hearts more and more.

39th DIACONATE ANNIVERSARY



On December 4, Dcn. Walter Yoshimitsu celebrated his 39th diaconate anniversary. His faith service to our parish is admirable. Although retired, he still teaches baptism classes we offer to parents and godparents. May God's goodness and kindness be with him and his wife Frances all the days of their lives.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2024

ALOHA KEKAHI I KEKAHI, LOVE ONE ANOTHER

The Diocese of Honolulu's Respect Life Office has planned the following events:

- Thu, 1/18/2024, 6 p.m. Mass and Adoration with Bishop Larry Silva at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa
- Fri, 1/19/2024, 3—6 p.m. March for Life at the State Capitol

ADVENT FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

What a way to start out the Advent Season! Over 100 people attended the Advent Wreath Making last Saturday. Dinner was served and the Advent Wreath making began while the children made arts and crafts. It was a fun filled affair for everyone. Thanks to all those who took part in making this event a success!

OFFERTORY Our gifts to God to steward the Church

Week of Nov 25-Dec 1, 2023 Envelopes/Loose **Online Giving Total** Goal % of Goal **Sunday Offertory** \$2.824.00 \$5,668,00 \$8,492.00 96.90% \$1,500.00 **Repair and Maintenance** \$395.00 \$955.00 \$1,350.00 90.00% **Major Repair and Maintenance** \$100.00 \$1,075.00 \$1,175.00 \$576.92 203.67%



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2nd Sunday of Advent

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GATHERING SONG



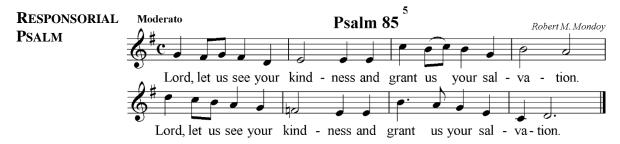
8. Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old



Joy Patterson, of Wausau, Wisconson, served on the editorial committee for The Presbyterian Hymnal, 1990.

This text was one of seven winning hymns published in New Hymns for Children by Choristers Guild and The Hymn Society of America.

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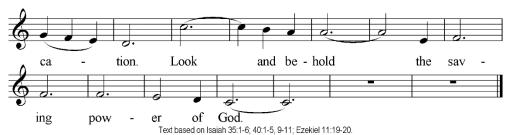


- I listen to God speaking: "I, the Lord, speak peace, peace to my faithful people who turn their hearts to me." Salvation is coming near, glory is filling our land.
- Love and fidelity embrace, peace and justice kiss. Fidelity sprouts from the earth, justice leans down, down from heaven.
- 3. The Lord pours out riches, our land springs to life. Justice clears God's path, justice points the way, points the way.

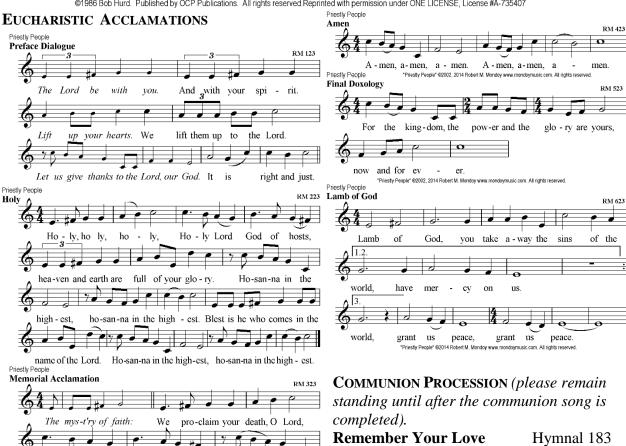
PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

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Remember your love and your

people and have mercy on us, Lord.

Remember your

faithfulness, O Lord.

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom should I fear? The Lord is my life and my refuge, when I call he hears

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2. If you dwelt, O Lord, upon our sinfulness, then who could stand? But with you there is mercy and forgiveness and a guiding hand.

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3. O Lord, hear the sound of my call and answer me. My heart cries out for your presence; it is you I seek.

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4. As sentinels wait upon the daylight, wait for the Lord.

I trust in his kindness and redemption; and his faithful word.

5. Before all the mountains were begotten and earth took shape,

even then, O Lord, you were our refuge throughout every age.

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Mother of America



Local Feast Day Celebrations:
Sunday Dec 10, Spanish Mass, 6:00 PM , St George, Waimanalo Reception afterwards

Tuesday Dec 12, 8:00 am at St John Vianney, Kailua

Tuesday Dec 12, 6:30 PM for Las Mananitas and floral offering at
St Anthony of Padua, Kailua, Bilingual Mass at 7 PM

followed by fiesta in Parish Hall

Our Lady of Guadalupe By Marianne Garcia

As December 12, the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe approaches, a quick look into the story and the message Our Lady brought to the world may make us as Catholics develop a greater appreciation for the loving compassion Christ extends to His children, as manifested through the intercession of Our Lady.

The year was 1531, 10 years after Hernan Cortes and his Spanish Conquistadors defeated the Aztec Empire. The sudden emergence and domination of Spain over the Natives caused great tension between the two cultures, as two worlds with nothing in common clashed against each other. Despite the best efforts of the missionaries, only a few Indians showed a desire to embrace Christianity.

Early in the morning in December, Juan Diego, a simple farmer, and Indian convert to the Church, was walking to daily Mass, when he heard the most beautiful music coming from the top of Tepeyac Hill, a place where an old Aztec Temple had once stood many years before. Following the sound of the music, Juan Diego climbed the hill and beheld a beautiful young girl. She assured the awestruck Juan Diego not to be afraid, and revealed her identity as the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Lady instructed Juan Diego to go immediately to the Bishop Juan de Zumárraga and tell him of her desire that a Church be erected on the very spot where she was standing.

After hearing Juan Diego's story, Bishop Zumárraga promised to comply, if the mysterious lady could provide him with a "sign." The same day, Juan Diego's uncle became sick, and Juan Diego was forced to remain at home the next day to tend to his uncle. On the third day, his uncle was so sick that Juan Diego left to fetch a priest. On his way, he was careful to avoid Tepeyac Hill, afraid that Our Lady would try to detain him. However, Mary came down the hill to meet him, and asked where he was going. Juan Diego poured out his troubles to Our Lady, to which she replied: "Do not fear any illness of vexation, anxiety or pain. Am I not here who am your mother? Do not let this illness of your uncle worry you, because he is not going to die of his sickness."

As requested by Our Lady, Juan Diego then climbed to the top of Tepeyac Hill, where he beheld an array of roses, blooming in the midst of the harsh winter. Gathering the roses into his tilma (cloak) Juan Diego brought them to Our Lady, who sent him to the bishop with the roses as his sign. Upon being received into the presence of the Bishop, Juan Diego once again related his story, and then let the roses hidden in his tilma drop to the floor. Astonished by this miracle, the bishop was further amazed to see an image of Our Lady on the tilma, exactly as she had appeared to Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill. Overnight, thousands of Indians converted and were baptized into the Catholic Church. A Church was erected upon Tepeyac Hill, where the tilma was framed and placed for veneration.

What was truly miraculous was Our Lady's ability to unite two completely different cultures together under the banner of Christianity. Juan Diego's uncle, who had been miraculously cured, was also visited by Our Lady, during which she gave herself the name "Guadalupe," which was also the name of a well-beloved Marian shrine in Spain. Using the name of Mary that the Spanish would have a particular devotion to, Mary finds a special place in the hearts of the Spaniards, while also appealing directly to the culture of the Mexican natives. For example, when a woman was expecting a child, it was the custom to wear a cord around the waist, which Mary is shown to do in the image on the tilma. Mary's empathy with the unique customs of each nation allowed Mary to eliminate the wide cultural divide between the cultures by drawing them all into the community of the Catholic Church.

The story of the apparitions of Guadalupe highlights Mary's role as Our Mother who cares for our needs, and listens compassionately to our troubles. Just as Mary continually sought to point the way to Christ during His life on Earth, she still continues to do so and to spread Christ's message of love and compassion to all people through the message of Guadalupe.

Our first pastor, Fr John Read, had a strong devotion to our Lady of Guadalupe. He used the framed image on display in the church for Novenas to the Blessed Mother. It was one of Fr Read's favorite pieces of sacred art and normally hangs on the wall in the parish center office. The inscription in Spanish in the lower right hand corner states that "This reproduction was touched to the original image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico on September 8, 1956."

St John Vianney Parish Praise and Worship December 15

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

Come and join us from 7 - 8 PM at SJV Parish lounge from some Christmas cheer.

We are called to Love One Another.
Our prayers and presence in the public square can change policies to promote a Culture of Life!

Friday, January 19, 2024

3 - 6 p.m.

State Capitol

Thursday, January 18, 2024 6 p.m. St. Theresa Co-Cathedral

Mass and Adoration with Bishop Larry Silva





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St. John Vianney Parish Presents The 2nd Year of Eucharistic Revival The Year of Parish Revival



Renew our Celebration of Mass and Personally Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist

At the heart of this call is to rediscover the beauty of the liturgy and the deep meaning behind each word and action.

"If we knew the value
of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass,
how much greater effort we would put forth
in order to assist at it!"
St. John Vianney

The Year of Parish Revival

Strengthen our worship at Mass to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist

- The Mass is the central action and aspect of our lives of faith and the primary way in which we Catholics worship God as a community. Mass offers a unique opportunity to encounter Jesus that is not available anywhere else.
- Attending Sunday Mass fulfills God's law. "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day."
 Catholics keep the Sabbath holy by fulfilling our obligation to attend Mass.
- It is right and just to give thanks to the Lord our God, and the Mass is the best prayer to offer thanks. When we attend Mass on Sunday, we thank God for our many blessings, and also ask God for help in all the things that are happening in our lives.
- Jesus promises that "where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them." So sing and pray, knowing that Christ is among us during Mass.
- We are called to prayerfully consider what is taking place before our eyes at Mass both spiritually and physically.
- We encounter Jesus through the Word of God proclaimed, for it is He himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read.
- At each Mass, we witness the power of the Holy Spirit descending upon the bread and wine, and changing them into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, a truly miraculous event in which we are invited to receive this miracle.
- Every Sunday Jesus waits for us to encounter Him, knowing the gift he wants to give us is his body and blood and the promise of eternal life. Mass truly offers us a unique opportunity to recognize Jesus with us, around us and within us.
- Leave home in time to arrive at church before Mass begins. Getting to Mass early allows you to pray and better prepare yourself to encounter Jesus.
- Participate in the songs and prayers, follow the readings and listen attentively to the homily. We are not attending a performance and simply observing.
- God comes down to meet us at every Mass. So, why not dress modestly and appropriately? Formal attire is not necessary, but it should be at least respectful of such a Heavenly Banquet!
- We should attend each Mass as if it was our first and possibly even our last.

Our Parish Faith Formation Committee encourages everyone in our parish family to learn more about this specific topic.