APRIL 12, 2026 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday Bulletin

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Jesus, I Trust In You

FAITH FIRST

Why are there 50 Days of Easter: Most people treat Easter like a single day. Often, we are excellent at urgency, anxiety, reaction, and exhaustion. We know how to move quickly from one crisis to the next. Maybe a nice Mass, a meal, a few pastel-colored decorations, and then… back to normal life by Monday morning. But the Church does something very different. She stretches Easter into fifty full days. Which raises an honest question, one worth sitting with for a moment… if the Resurrection is real, why would we rush past it? And maybe the harder question underneath that… why do we so often move on from joy faster than we move on from pain?

The 50 Days of Easter, often called the Easter Season, begins on Easter Sunday and extends all the way to Pentecost. In the life of the Church, this is not a symbolic extension or a poetic gesture. It is treated as one continuous feast. The early Christians understood this deeply. For them, the Resurrection was not just an event to remember. It was a reality to live inside of. Note that the Sundays of this season are not "after Easter" in the sense of moving on. They are Sundays *of Easter*, as if the Church refuses to let the light fade.

Scripture itself gives us the rhythm. After the Resurrection, Christ does not immediately ascend. He remains with his disciples for forty days, appearing to them, teaching them, steadying their fear, reshaping their understanding. The Book of Acts tells us he presented himself alive "by many convincing proofs" (Acts 1:3).

Then comes the Ascension… and ten days later, Pentecost, when the Spirit is poured out and the Church is sent into the world. So, these fifty days are not filler, they are formation. They are the formation of disciples to bring good news to others.

DEAR PARISH

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, I once came across the following quote: ***"Don't let your fear of what could happen make nothing happen."*** How often are we paralyzed by fear and lack of trust in the word of God particularly during stormy times in our lives? The Apostles were afraid too following the death and burial of Jesus. God had gone quiet, no longer speaking to them or guiding them. How could they make sense of everything that had happened to Jesus? As their hopes crumbled around them, the Crucifixion brought darkness.

Then in this Sunday's gospel, everything changed. When Jesus first appeared to the Apostles on that first Easter Sunday, Thomas had been absent. Could it be that he was still overwhelmed by sadness? And I don't think it's fair to fault Thomas for being skeptical at the stories of Mary Magdalene and others seeing Jesus. With these same themes in mind, Pope Francis has reflected, *"Doesn't the same thing also happen to us when something completely new occurs in our everyday life? We stop short, we don't understand, we don't know what to do. Newness often makes us fearful, including the newness which God brings us, the newness which God asks of us"* (Homily for the Easter Vigil 2013).

And while we know that faith is a gift, believing is not automatic or easy. At the conclusion of this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proclaims, *"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed"* (20:19). When have your doubts and fears prevented you from recognizing God's grace and mercy? Who or what strengthened your faith in those times? Jesus says: *"Peace be with you, do not be afraid."*

Questions for Group Discussion: Why do you think the disciples were hiding behind locked doors even after hearing about the resurrection? How do you relate to Thomas's desire to see proof before believing? **Challenge for the week:** This week, identify one 'locked door' in your life: a fear, doubt, or hesitation that's holding you back. Invite Jesus into that space and pay attention to how he might be offering you peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

A Mass intention is the specific purpose for which a priest offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. While every Mass is an infinite act of worship offered to God, the Church allows us to unite particular intentions to each celebration—offering the spiritual benefits of the Mass for a person or need.

Monday, April 13, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass
(+) Neal Pahia
Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass
(+) Jose Ninon, Sr.
Thursday, April 16, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass
(H) Vincin Cruz
Friday, April 17, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass
(+) Ilona Tarsoly
Saturday, April 18, 2026, 8 a.m. Mass
(+) Antonio Guieb

(+) Deceased, (H) Healing, (B) Birthday, (A) Anniversary, (T) Thanksgiving, (S) Special Intention

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS

1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21
Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

REPOSE OF SOUL

+ **Shelia Silva, Wednesday, May 6, 10:45 a.m. Eulogy, 11 a.m. Funeral Mass and 2 p.m. Burial at Hawaiian Memorial Cemetery Park**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sat, Apr 11, 6 p.m. Divine Mercy Dinner in the parish hall**
- **Sun, Apr 12, Hospitality Weekend with refreshments after all Masses on the Fellowship Lanai**
- **Mon, Apr 13, 7 p.m. OCIA**
- **Wed, Apr 15, 7 p.m. Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
- **Fri, Apr 25, 7 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Women's Conference by Women Apostles for Catechesis at St. Elizabeth Church featuring the Mother Superior of the Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians**

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Read the full bulletin with the music leaflet and additional announcements in myParish App and on the parish website.

School News Your parish school offers a superior education with an emphasis on academics and faith. Our curriculum focuses not only on math, science and technology, but also encourages students to live their faith through service to others. Each child in our three-year-old Early Learning Center through our grade eight is encouraged to achieve the full potential of their God given abilities. Our goal for them is to succeed in life, serve their neighbors, and find joy in their lives. An investment in a Catholic education for your child or grandchild will provide lifelong, priceless benefits. Our focus is on the whole child: academically, physically, spiritually and socially. We make sure students are succeeding not only in their studies, but also to help them develop healthy social relationships and to make good decisions.

Our 2026 Summer School Program has been finalized. Class sizes are limited so please submit your applications as soon as possible. For more information, contact the school office at 808-261-4651.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

US Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11, 2026, coinciding with the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. This act aims to entrust the nation to Christ, promote devotion, and promote peace during the semiquincentennial. Stay informed of our parish's activities by going to our website, downloading myParish app, and subscribing to our weekly Good News email.

Divine Mercy Sunday is when the church focuses on the inexhaustible Mercy of our God. The nine-day Divine Mercy Novena which started on Good Friday ends today. After all Masses on Divine Mercy Sunday we will pray the Divine Mercy chaplet.

Evening Adoration on April 15

Attend our weeknight Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Wednesday evening April 15 between 7-8 p.m. Our parish has committed to offer a collective 250 Hours of Adoration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in anticipation of our nation's 250th anniversary. Your participation will help us achieve this goal.

Ko'olau Catholic Men's Fellowship on April 16

Dinner and special speaker presentation on Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Kailua with Leo Rodas, a former director of Hope Ministries, a Christ-centered recovery program for men. This year, Leo took steps for initiation into the Catholic Church. Come and hear his story.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend, April 17—19

If you or a friend are hurting from a past abortion and are searching for a confidential, non judgmental, safe place of healing and support to express and reconcile painful emotions and begin the healing process, look no further. Both women and men are impacted by abortion and greatly benefit from retreats. Singles, couples and family members of aborted children have come to Rachel's Vineyard for peace and inner healing. You are not alone. Retreats are held at a private retreat center for 3 days and 2 nights. A retreat fee of $200 covers materials, accommodations and daily meals/snacks. Need-based scholarships are available. To register, call Lisa Shorba at 808-490-4702, RvinHawaii@gmail.com.

Peace be with you! St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" During Mass we turn to each other and say, "Peace be with you!" As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul envelope you say, "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.

Parishioners and keiki enjoyed the 2026 Annual Egg Hunt made special by the generosity and dedication of our volunteers. Baskets and goodie bags were distributed while children beamed with joy as they posed with the Easter Bunny and searched for eggs. Mahalo to everyone whose hard work made this event a success and to our parishioners for their generous donations. The joy of Jesus Christ's Resurrection was truly felt throughout the day.

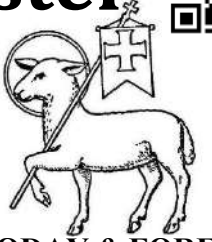
OFFERTORY—Our first fruits in thanksgiving to God for all our blessings

GIVE ONLINE

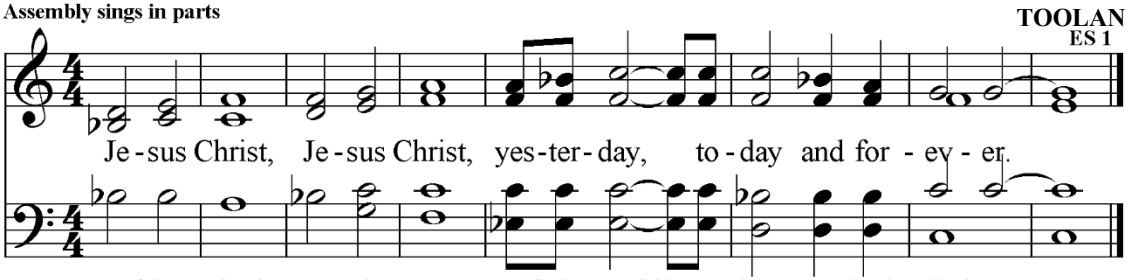
Week of Mar 21—27, 2026	Envelopes/Loose	Online Giving	Total	Goal	% of Goal
Sunday Offertory	$4,934	$3,820	$8,754	$9,460	92.53%
Repair and Maintenance	$687	563$	$1250	$2,135	59%

2nd Sunday of Easter

(Divine Mercy Sunday)



ENTRANCE PROCESSIONAL: JESUS CHRIST, YESTERDAY, TODAY & FOREVER



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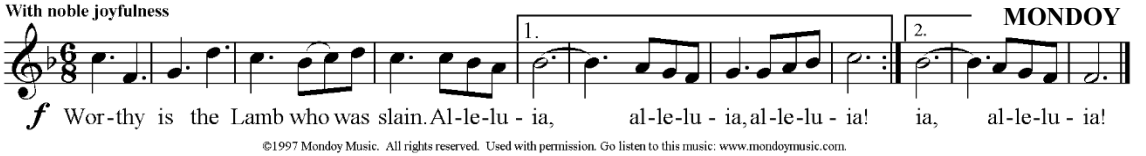

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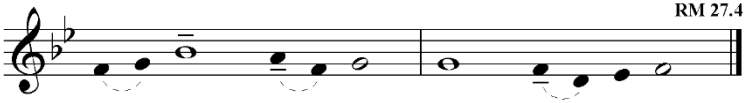
1. Power and riches, wisdom and strength; honor and glory and blessing to the Lamb: Alleluia…
2. The blood of the Lamb has purchased a people and made us a kingdom and priests for our God. Alleluia…

GLORY TO GOD



Glory to God in the highest, | and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
| we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. | Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, | Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, | have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, | receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, | have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
| you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, | in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *based on Congregational Mass, John Lee, 1970*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

With joyful vigor

Psalm 118 [5]

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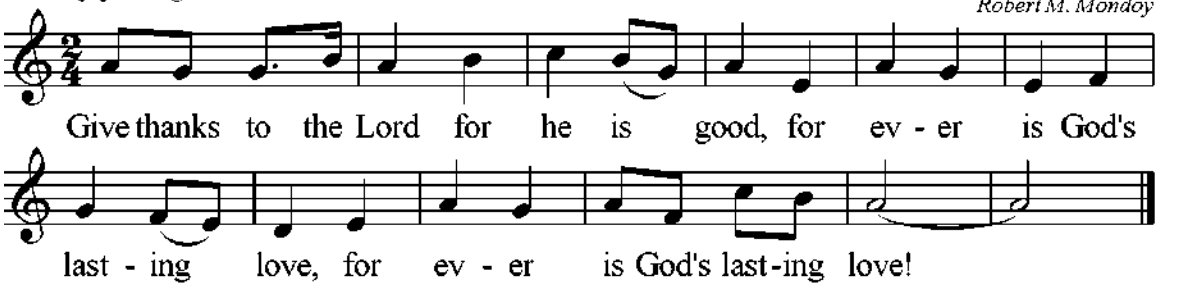

1. *Now let Israel say, "God's love is for ever!" Let the house of Aaron say. "God's love is for ever!" Let all who revere the Lord say, "God's love is for ever!"*
2. *I was pushed to falling, but the Lord gave me help. My strength and my song is the Lord, my savior. Glad songs of joy and victory sound in the tents of the just.*
3. *The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done, how wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made, we rejoice and are glad.*

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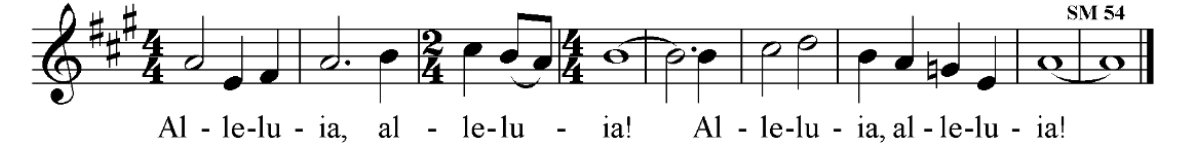
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Paschal Mystery Mass

Gospel Acclamation



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PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

211. WE WALK BY FAITH

1/5. We walk by faith, and not by sight: No gracious words we hear
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, But we believe him near.

2. We may not touch his hands and side, Nor follow where he trod;
Yet in his promise we rejoice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"

3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, And may our faith abound;
To call on you when you are near, And seek where you are found:

4. That when our life of faith is done In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are In full and endless sight.

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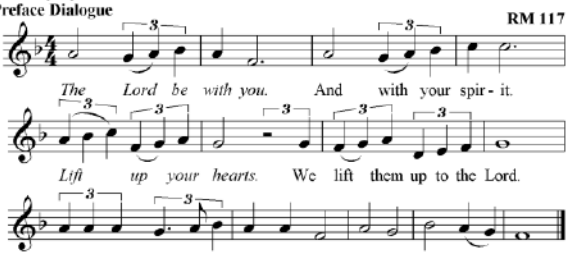
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

"Paschal Mystery Mass"

Preface Dialogue RM 117



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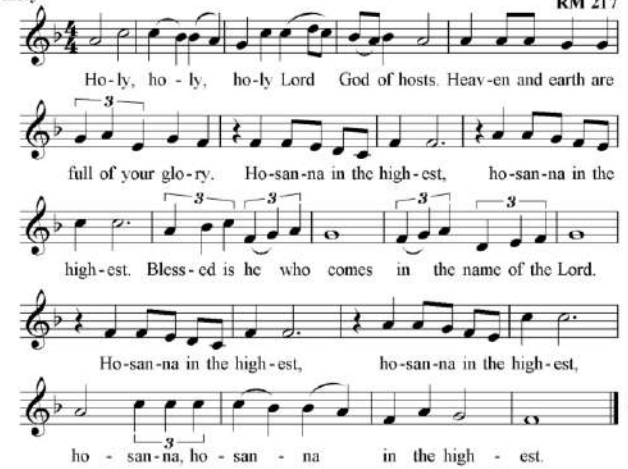

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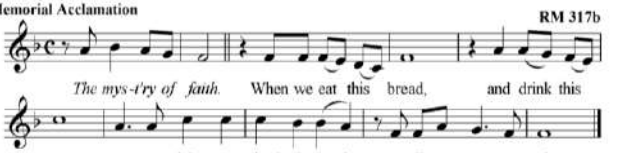

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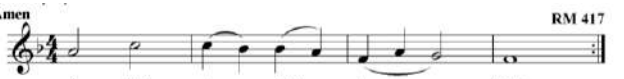

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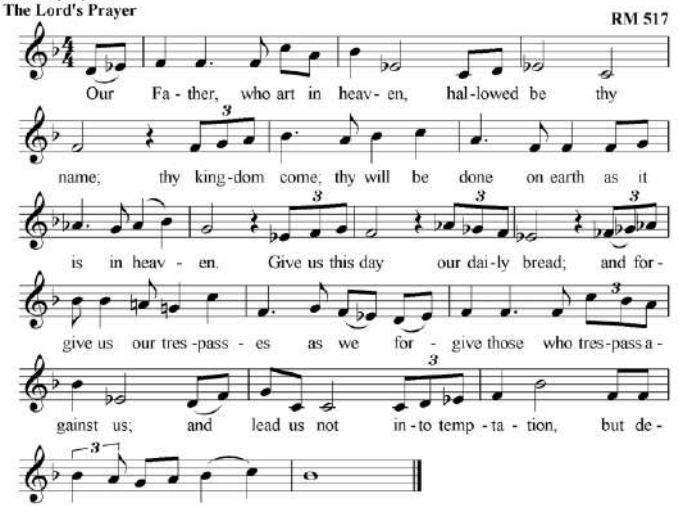
The Lord's Prayer RM 517



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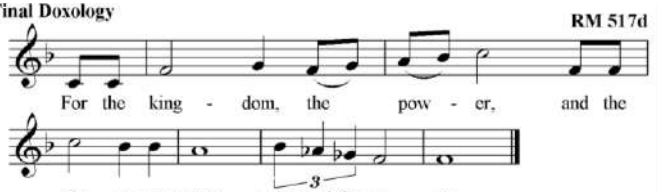

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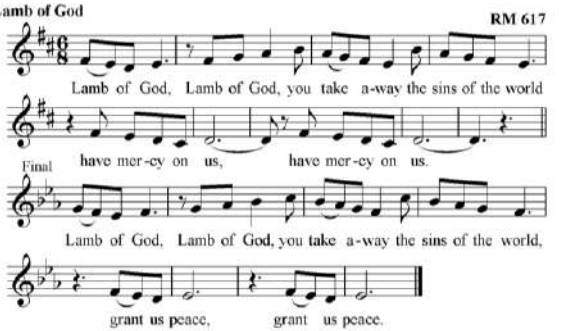
Lamb of God RM 617



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COMMUNION **357. YE SONS AND DAUGHTERS**
PROCESSION **Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

1. Ye sons and daughters let us sing! The King of heav'n, the glorious King,
O'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia!

2. That Easter morn, at break of day, The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!

3. An angel clad in white they see, Who sat, and spoke unto the three,
"Your Lord has gone to Galilee." Alleluia!

4. That night the apostles met in fear; Amidst them came their Lord most dear,
And said, "My peace be on all here." Alleluia!

5. When Thomas first the tidings heard, How they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!

6. "My pierced side, O Thomas, see; My hands, my feet, I show to thee;
Not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia!

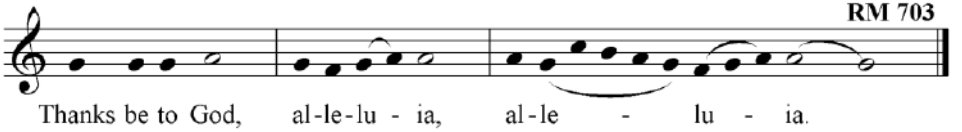
7. No longer Thomas then denied, He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"Thou are my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia!

8. How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

9. On this most holy day of days, To God your hearts and voices raise,
In laud, and jubilee and praise. Alleluia!

Text: *O Filii et Filiae,* Jean Tisserand, 15th c.; tr. John M. Neale (1818-1866) Tune: O FILII ET FILIAE, Chant Mode II.

EASTER DISMISSAL



LEAVETAKING **335. CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY** **MOLOKAI NUI A HINA**

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Christians, haste your vows to pay; Make your joy and praises known to the Paschal Victim; For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Sinless in the sinner's stead. Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Now he lives, no more to die.

2. Christ, the victim undefiled, God and sinners reconciled; Christ has fought with death and won for us life eternal. Christians on this happy day Raise your hearts with joy and say: Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Now he lives, no more to die.

3. Hallow'd, chosen dawn of praise, Easter, queen of all our days; Zion's children ev'rywhere come and share your glory Let the people praise you, Lord, Be, by all that is, adored: Let the nations shout and sing: Glory to their Paschal King.

4. Christ, who once for sinners bled, Now the firstborn of the dead. Throned in endless might and pow'r; Live and reign for ever. Hymns of glory, songs of praise, Father, unto you we raise: Risen Lord, we now adore, With the Spirit evermore.

Text: *Victimae Paschali Laudes,* asc. Wipo of Burgandy (d.1048); tr. Jane E Leeson (1809-1881, alt. R. Mondoy 1997, 1999.
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250 Hours of Adoration

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

250 Hours of Adoration during the 250th Anniversary of America

As the United States of America commemorates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All Catholics are encouraged to join the bishops in praying for the unity and healing of our country.

One opportunity for parishes and individuals to participate is by contributing to a collective **250 Hours of Adoration and 250 Works of Mercy**. This resource provides examples for 250 Hours of Adoration, and guidance for 250 Hours of Mercy is on the reverse side of this resource.

In his encyclical, *Dilexit nos*, Pope Francis instructs us to "nourish our lives with the strength of the Eucharist" in Holy Communion and Adoration, so that we might understand Christ's love for all more deeply and live out this love ourselves. Our contemplation of the Sacred Heart leads us deeper into the mystery of our salvation and deeper into our love for Christ found in the faces of our sisters and brothers—especially those most in need.

How to Participate

Parishes can participate in 250 hours of adoration together by offering a Holy Hour on a weekly or monthly basis leading up to the July 4 anniversary. Parishes and communities can decide how best to set up their holy hours, continue current practices, or invite new people to join. While 250 hours seems like a lot, each person present constitutes an hour prayed. Parishes and communities can also consider how to incorporate both the 250 Works of Mercy alongside the 250 Hours of Adoration. Afterwards, report your community's participation here.

Resources for Holy Hour include:

- Holy Hour for Life
- Holy Hour for Peace
- Holy Hour for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty
- Holy Hour for Vocations
- Holy Hour Against Racism
- Sacred Heart Holy Hour

Consider hosting a holy hour or series of holy hours at your parish using the templates provided above. You may have other ways to invite members of your community to spend some time in prayer for our country with Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. To prepare for the Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart, parishes can also incorporate the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus into their Holy Hour.

Additional resources to support prayer for healing and unity during the 250th Anniversary include podcasts, prayers, and reflections at usccb.org/weholdthesetruths.

250 Works of Mercy

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Catholic Review/ Archdiocese of Baltimore

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The seven Corporal Works of Mercy come to us directly from the Scriptures in the Gospel of Matthew. Rooted in our lives of faith, the actions that Jesus calls us to in feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick and imprisoned, burying the dead, and giving alms are central elements of our Catholic identity. Pope Leo XIV instructs in Dilexi te, "As we contemplate Christ's love, 'we too are inspired to be more attentive to the sufferings and needs of others, and confirmed in our efforts to share in his work of liberation as instruments for the spread of his love'" (no. 2).

How to Participate

Individuals and groups can participate in 250 Works of Mercy by engaging in the existing activities and efforts of their parishes, getting involved in new ways, and by participating with local and national organizations on a weekly or monthly basis leading up to the July 4th anniversary. Our works of mercy draw from the deep well of our faith and prayer, constantly reminding us that in tending to our brothers and sisters, we tend to Christ himself. Afterwards, report your community's participation here.

These works of mercy could take a variety of shapes, such as:

- Assisting women who face a crisis pregnancy
- Donating to food pantries and clothing closets
- Participating in a community beautification program
- Raising money for an overseas development project
- Sponsoring a refugee family
- Tutoring children
- Volunteering at homeless shelters

The Catholic Witness / Diocese of Harrisburg

Organizations to get involved with in your local community include:

- Local Catholic Charities agencies
- CRS chapters and clubs
- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Find prayers to incorporate before or after the works of mercy at usccb.org/weholdthesetruths.

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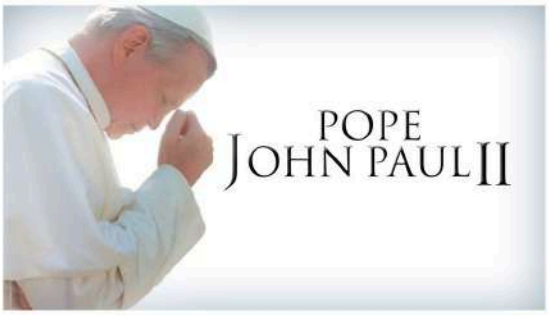
This Week on Formed

Week of April 12, 2026

Divine Mercy Chaplet | Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

Consider praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in a new way with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. This video on Formed includes breathtaking footage of Catholics across the world performing works of mercy and asking God to have mercy on us.



Pope John Paul II

Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.

Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

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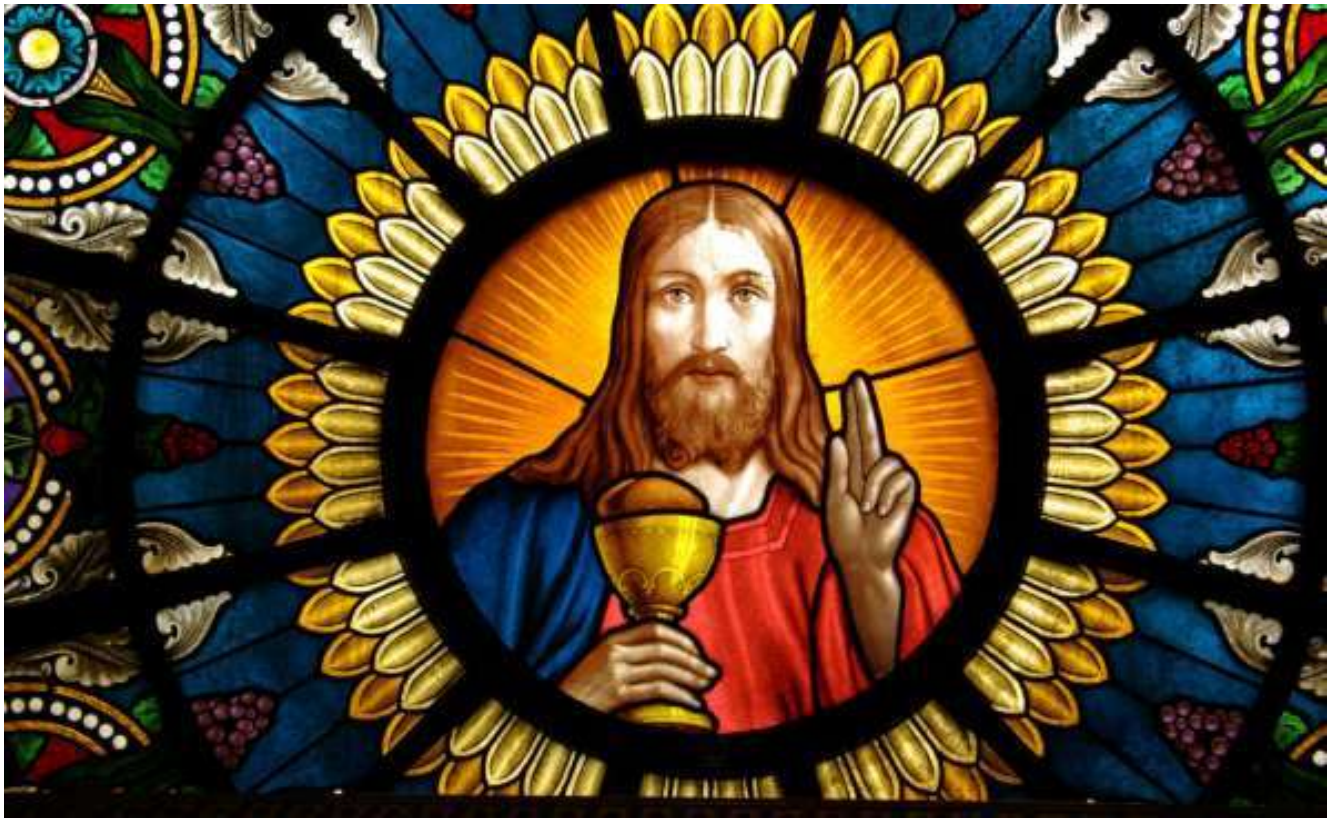

This Wednesday, April 15, 7-8 p.m.
Come to a profound Spiritual Experience

A chance to sit with Jesus
and be fully present with him
in a quiet and focused way.

A "Holy Hour" in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament
is a dedicated time to spend in prayerful adoration before Jesus,
believed to be truly present in the Eucharist.

Our parish has committed to offer a collective 250 Hours of Adoration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in anticipation of our nation’s 250 anniversary on July 4.
Your participation will help us achieve this goal

Ko`olau Catholic Men's Fellowship

Fishers of Men

Matthew 4:19

Men's Fellowship Meeting
Thursday April 16, 2026

St. Anthony Catholic Church
Kailua

Dinner at 6:30pm
INVITE A FRIEND

$10 Donation

Speaker:
Leo Rodas

Leo is the former director of Hope Ministries, a Christ-centered recovery program for men. This year, he took steps for initiation into the Catholic Church. Come and hear his story.

"The Lord will stay with you! Whenever you seek Him, you will find Him" 2 Chronicles 15:2

St John Vianney School Theatre Club

Presents

Music & Lyrics by
Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman,
Al Rinker and Floyd Huddleston,
Terry Gilkyson

Music Adapted and Arranged and Additional Music and Lyrics by
Bryan Louiselle

Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by
Michael Bernard

Based on the 1970 Disney film *The Aristocats*

April 15th at 9am
April 17th at 9am and 7pm
St. John Vianney Parish Hall

Director
Tiffany Gore

Set Designer
Jennifer Legault

Choreographer
Tiffany Gore

Stage Manager
Natalia Reyes

Disney's *The Aristocats KIDS* is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by
Music Theatre International, New York, NY
212-541-4684 mtishows.com

SJV SCHOOL'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

APRIL 2026

Commemorating 60 Years!!!

Please join us for a weekend of festivities as we commemorate sixty years of faith and education.

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24 FRI APRIL 5-7PM

FAMILY SPAGHETTI BINGO NIGHT

Enjoy a night of food, fun, & prizes!

SJV Parish Hall

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25 SAT APRIL 9AM HST

VIRTUAL SJV ALUMNI REUNION VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

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26 SUN APRIL 10AM-4PM

I LOVE KAILUA

*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE SJV TENT

Kailua Road, Downtown Kailua

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26 SUN APRIL 4PM-5:30PM

SJV OAHU CIVIC ORCHESTRA

WITH REFRESHMENTS AFTER

SJV Parish Church | SJV Fellowship Lanai

SJV PTSH presents

60th ANNIVERSARY

Spaghetti Bingo Night

Friday APRIL 24, 2026

win prizes!

SJV PARISH HALL

5–7 PM

FREE ENTRY

*Event ends at 7pm

Join us for an epic night of food, fun, & prizes! Enjoy a delicious Spaghetti & Meatballs dinner (complete with tossed salad & a dinner roll), PLUS 3 *complimentary* Bingo cards & a stamper to get the games started. **PRE-ORDER REQUIRED for Dinner Tickets!** Turn in your form and payment to the SJV School Office no later than **Friday April 17th, 2026** to secure your plate. Tickets will be sent home with the youngest student at a later date.

Pre-Order

SPAGHETTI PLATE DINNER FORM

ADULT TICKETS $10 **KEIKI TICKETS $5**

* Includes a Spaghetti & Meatballs Plate with tossed salad & a dinner roll, PLUS 3 *complimentary* Bingo cards & a stamper

Youngest Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Adult Tickets: _____ **x $10 each** = _____

Keiki Tickets: _____ **x $5 each** = _____

TOTAL DUE: $ _____

(Cash or checks payable to: "St. John Vianney School")

ptsh@sjvkailua.org

Oahu Civic Orchestra

Conductors Grant Okamura
and Joseph Nakamoto

Sun • April 26, 2026 • 4 pm
St. John Vianney

Free Admission

Reinhold Glière:
Russian Sailors Dance

Alexander Borodin:
Polovetsian Dances from Prince Igor

Rossano Galante:
Cadence Everlasting

Stephen Schwartz
(arr. Charles Sayre):
The Prince of Egypt

Do Whatever He Tells you

Women's Conference

25 April 2026

Saint Elizabeth Church

$30 Registration (includes breakfast and lunch)

7:00 Registration & Breakfast
Praise & Worship – 1st Talk – 2nd Talk – Mass – Adoration
2:30 Closing

Women Apostles for Catechesis

St. John Vianney Parish
Presents

THE YEAR OF APOLOGETICS

How to Explain and Defend our Catholic faith

Faith and Good Works

We must have faith that our savior is Jesus Christ,
but at the same time our actions must reflect that faith.
(See back side)

"By itself faith accomplishes nothing.
For even the devils believe and shudder.
No, faith must be joined to an active love of God
which is expressed in good works."
(St. Maximus the Confessor)

APOLOGETICS
DEFENDING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH
Faith and Good Works

- Catholics believe that salvation is a free gift of God's grace, received through faith and lived out through love. Grace empowers works, making them pleasing to God. (John 15:5)
- Jesus consistently calls us to action, teaching love through obedience and charity. (Matthew 25:31-46) Scripture never separates faith from obedience. (Romans 1:5)
- The Church rejects "earning" salvation, but affirms that love must be lived out. Love completes faith, giving it life. (Galatians 5:6)
- Faith without works is incomplete, because love must be expressed in action. (James 2:26) Good works do not replace faith; they are the fruit of genuine faith.
- Scripture teaches that true faith is never passive or alone. We Catholics believe in faith that saves and that faith always bears fruit. (Matthew 7:16)
- We are saved by God's grace, not by our own efforts. (Ephesians 2:8–9) Works cooperate with grace, meaning God empowers us to respond freely to Him.
- Jesus calls His followers not only to believe, but to obey, serve, and love. Judgment is based on deeds, according to Christ. (Matthew 25:40)
- As Catholics, we believe faith saves, but faith that saves is never alone. The phrase "faith alone" appears once in Scripture and it is rejected. (James 2:24)
- "So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead." (James 2:17)
- Jesus commands action, not belief only. (Matthew 7:21) Good works are prepared by God, not self-made achievements. (Ephesians 2:10)

Our Parish Faith Formation Committee encourages
all parishioners to learn more
about this specific topic during the month of April

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with aloha,

SJV PTSH

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