



St. Benedict Catholic Church

Sunday November 17, 2019

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MISSION CHURCH:

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
 Kealakekua

WEEKEND MASSES

St. Benedict, Honaunau
 Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 7:15 a.m.
St. John the Baptist
 Kealakekua
 Saturday 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday 9:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Benedict, Honaunau
 7:00 a.m. Tues., Thurs. & Friday
St. John the Baptist Kealakekua
 7:00 a.m. Wednesday

PASTOR

Rev. Siegfred Dosdos

DEACON

Craig Camello

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GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE

Peter Estoy

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Edwina Fujimoto

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT

Edwina Fujimoto

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Ariel Hadap

FOOD PANTRY

Francisco and Debra Javar

THE GOOD NEWS

“But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.”

In the Gospel Reading for this Sunday, Jesus talks about things that will happen to his followers at some end time. The Greek word translated “gospel” means “good news.” And what good things is Jesus predicting? Well, earthquakes, famines, plagues, wars, persecutions, betrayals, imprisonment, and executions.

In the final end time, everyone will be able to understand what is good about being Christ-like.

But what makes a life good for Christians? Isn’t it being Christ-like? What was Christ like?

In his infancy, he lived through the war that King Herod waged against the children of Bethlehem. In his childhood, he lived in a country that was conquered by the Romans. In his adulthood, he was betrayed by his intimate friend Judas. And at the end of his life he was persecuted and put to death by the rulers of his society. All the things—well, virtually all the things—that Jesus predicted for his people in the end time were part of his own life, too.

So if you were hoping for a life of ease, leisure and video games, you weren’t hoping to be Christ-like, were you? But what is *good* about Christ-likeness, you might think to yourself, if this is what it turns out to be? Why isn’t Jesus’ prediction just depressing?

Well, look at the First Reading. It seems to be depicting an end time, too, doesn’t it? Only this end time must come after the time Jesus is describing. In the time Jesus is talking about, the bad guys win. In the end time that the First Reading portrays, the bad guys lose; and they lose big. They don’t manage to hang on to either their past—their roots, or their future—their branches. Everything that goes to make them up is lost by fire. Who would want to be them?

In the final end time that the First Reading predicts, everyone will be able to understand what is good about being Christ-like. At that time, Christ will come as the Sun of Justice. All those who are like him will live forever with him; and, like him, they will shine like the sun. So if we are like Christ in his first coming, in his suffering, we will be found like him at his second coming, too. That *is* good news, isn’t it?

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — There will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays (Malachi 3:19-20a).

Psalm — The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — Paul speaks of his hard work among the Thessalonians (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

Gospel — Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers. But their perseverance will be their salvation (Luke 21:5-19).

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The office is closed on holidays and weekends.

BULLETIN: Articles and photos (with caption) for the bulletin must be emailed to st.benedict@rcchawaii.org **Submission deadline: TUESDAY at 5:00pm.**

WEBSITE: thepaintedchurchhawaii.org

HOSPITALITY



ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME

We welcome all visitors this weekend, and hope you will enjoy being part of our liturgical celebration. If you are living here, we invite you to become a member of our parish family. You may register by coming to our Parish Office during the week or by calling us at (808) 328-2227. There are also registration forms at the entry of the church.

“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”
Romans 15:7

WELCOME OUR LADY INTO YOUR HOME

This week Father Sieg will be commissioning The Poptis Ohana to take the “traveling statue” of the Blessed Virgin home where they will pray the rosary daily. If you would like to take part in this special devotion, please sign up at back of Church.

“The family that prays together stays together.”
-Fr. Patrick Payton

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Father Sieg will be available to hear confessions 20 minutes before each of the weekend Masses or by appointment.

EUCHARIST TO HOMEBOUND OR HOSPITALIZED

Call the office to make arrangements for a visit from a priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

*Thank God...
 for the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist!*

*****Hawaii Catholic Conference Presents***
 OUR FAITH, OUR FREEDOM—
 INTRODUCING THE HAWAII CATHOLIC
 ADVANCE HEALTHCARE DIRECTIVE**

The Hawaii Catholic Conference invites all adults, age 18 and older, to attend the following rollout session:
Saturday, November 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon at St. Michael the Archangel, Kailua-Kona.
 Learn how to start a conversation about end-of-life decisions with a loved one, how to make morally sound decisions about medical care when a person may be nearing death, how to choose an agent and complete the AHCD form, and about palliative care and the benefits of hospice services. For more information, visit www.catholichawaii.org/hcc.

**OUR STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL
 CAMPAIGN IS “PAU” . . . FOR THIS YEAR**

Thank you to all parish members for participating in our 2019 Stewardship Renewal Campaign. There were a total of 55 Talent Promise Cards turned in during the month of October. We hope that you have been inspired to share your Time, Talent, and Treasure with our parish and we pray for your continued commitment in service to our church. A big Mahalo goes out to our testifiers, Lisa Koene, Jerry Lomongo, Nora Olorvida, Bill Myers, Keiki Cabato-San Filippo, Susan Kim, Cheryl Ono, and Teddy Burgess. We greatly appreciate your courage and willingness to speak with our members about your stewardship callings. We all have a calling to help keep our parish alive and spiritually vibrant. Each person needs to recognize when God calls and to respond with a giving heart.

-The Stewardship Committee

COMING WEEK AT A GLANCE / PARISH CALENDAR

MON 11/18	TUES 11/19	WED 11/20	THUR 11/21	FRI 11/22	SAT 11/23	SUN 11/24
No Mass Pastor's Day Off *Veterans Day Office Closed	7am: Mass St. Benedict	7am: Mass St. John Mission *Cruise Ship: Pride of America	7am: Mass St. Benedict	7am: Mass St. Benedict	4pm Mass St. Benedict 6pm Mass St. John Mission Conference at St. Michael's 9am to Noon	7:15 am: Mass St. Benedict 9:30 am Childrens Mass St. John Mission



PRAYER



DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

As a spiritual devotion to Mary, our Blessed Mother and the Patron Saint of the U.S., the Rosary and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary are prayed at approximately 35 minutes before all weekend Masses at St. Benedict and St. John. Join in this powerful prayer to our Mother who intercedes for us.

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH FOR:

Dolly Primacio, Danny Burgess, Helen Doria, Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Robin Crusat, Guy Miranda, Stephen Texeira, Venancio Mendoza, Alexi Veloso, Keiki San Filippo, Chickie and Tony Dias, Michael and Lynne Suber, Bobbie and Eddie Navas, Theresa Flemming. Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O Father, you desire all of us to be happy. Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many men and women. Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves, their lives, their time and their talents to the service of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord and Savior and to His Holy Church. May more men and women go forth as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters to bring the truths of our Catholic faith to all others so that soon they, too, may know You better and love You more...and serving You, be truly happy. Amen.



FAITH FORMATION

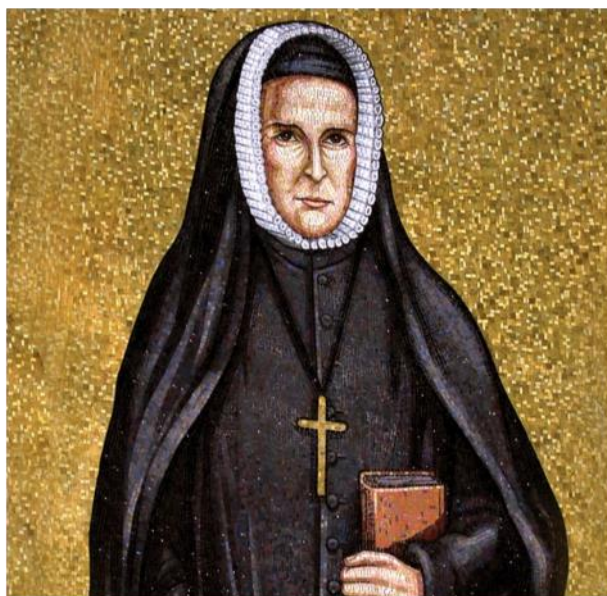
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE Faith Formation classes for all grades are every 2nd and 4th Sunday, from 10:45 am to 12:45 pm, St. John the Baptist Hall. Parents please meet with Fr. Sieg in the church.

R.E. NEWS

On Sunday November 24, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. there will be a **Childrens Mass** at St. John the Baptist Mission. All are welcome to attend. Children will liturgical ministers at this Mass.

Advent Retreat for grades 2 thru 12 on Saturday, November 30, 2019 at St. Michael the Archangel Church from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please register your children.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Growing up in a prosperous French family, Philippine joined the Visitation nuns, but returned to her family during the French Revolution. In 1804 she entered the Society of the Sacred Heart. After much preparation, she led a missionary journey to Missouri in 1818. She set up the first free school west of the Mississippi, Sacred Heart houses and Novitiate, and a school for Indians. Despite frontier hardships and ill health, she persevered in her early dream of serving Native Americans.

SERVICE

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Help your parish! It is high season for visitors. Come to the Painted Church and greet them. Remember the Pillar of Hospitality. Talk to Father or anyone on the Stewardship Committee or call the office. Bus tour days will be on the “week at a glance” schedule in the bulletin. That is when we really need your presence.

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on **every 2nd and 4th Friday** of the month. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Food Pantry, with monetary or food donations, or volunteering your time. Next open for distribution on Friday, November 22, 2019.

GOOD NEWS!

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the readings prepare us for the conclusion of our earthly pilgrimage. In this Sistine Chapel fresco, Moses is punishing the rebellious Israelites who were acting as priests without being authorized by him or called by God.

This chaotic scene seems similar to what Jesus describes of the end times in today’s Gospel. He warns us not to follow false prophets who will arise and claim to come in his name. He prophesies a time of war, natural disasters, famines, and plagues. Persecution will fall upon his followers, allowing them the chance to give testimony—martyrion in Greek. Jesus’ monitions for that time are simple: do not follow false prophets or prepare a defense, but persevere instead. In the section “I Believe in Life Everlasting,” the Catechism of the Catholic Church also speaks to us about the last times. We believe in heaven, hell and a personal, universal judgment. These last things await us all, and Jesus doesn’t keep us in the dark about these realities.

We don’t know when the end times may come. But regardless, our call is to live prepared by fulfilling God’s will and trusting in him. Jesus clearly wants us to be aware of the end of the world, but he doesn’t want us to be overly anxious about it. If we are in Christ, we are already a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold the new has come. Be not afraid!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

SERVICE

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

November 23, 2019 —St. Benedict: Peter.

St. John: Damon & Heather Ogata & Marjorie Fujimoto. We appreciate all of you who labor faithfully to keep our churches clean.

MAHALO FOR YOUR FRUIT DONATIONS!!

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate fruit to our gift shop. We are grateful for all. The tourists love the abundance of your tropical farm produce. We appreciate your continued generosity.



** ***** IMPORTANT ***** UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, 11/23/2019— Workshop on “Catholic Advanced Healthcare Directive” at St. Michael the Archangel, Kailua Kona from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Lunch to follow. **Very worthwhile to attend!!**
- Thursday, 11/28/2019—Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at St. John Mission, 8:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served after Mass in the hall.
- 12/01/2019—First Sunday of Advent.
- 12/04/2019—Advent Reconciliation Service, St. John Mission, 6 p.m.
- 12/09/2019, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—**Holy Day of Obligation**—Mass will be celebrated at St. Benedict at 7:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, December 24, 2019—Christmas Eve Mass at St. Benedict Hall 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 25, 2019—Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 a.m. at St. Benedict Hall
- Sunday, December 29, 2019—Fifth Sunday Unity Mass at St. Benedict. 10:00 a.m.
- 01/24—01/26, 2020, Marriage Encounter Weekend—Mark your calendars for the next Big Island Marriage Encounter Weekend which will be at Immaculate Conception Mission Church in Holoaloa on January 24-26, 2020. For more information and to register, please go to hawaiiwwme.org or call 808-268-1578.

*All the Holy Souls...
Pray for Us as We Pray for You*