



# *St. Benedict Catholic Church*

## *Sunday February 23, 2020*

### *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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**MISSION CHURCH:**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
Kealahoukua

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**St. Benedict, Honaunau**

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:15 a.m.

**St. John the Baptist**

Kealahoukua

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 Kealahoukua**

7:00 a.m. Wednesday

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**FOOD PANTRY**

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**BE PERFECT**

Wow, that's a tall order! But what does perfect mean? The Greek word means "full" or "complete." In the first reading, Leviticus calls us to be holy, a word with cultic allusions—to be set apart to be used for God. Though not possessing exactly the same sense, there is a connection between perfect and holy, for to be set apart, to be used for God, will certainly make us perfect, fulfilled, and complete. So what does Jesus mean when he tells us to be perfect, as God is perfect? Continuing our reflection on the Sermon on the Mount, we find Jesus telling us how we are to be perfect as God is perfect. He offers two examples of extraordinary behavior. The Mesopotamian code of Hammurabi states "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." The punishment may not exceed the crime. This was a step forward in ancient justice. Jesus said that this is not enough. There is to be no vindictiveness, no revenge, regardless of how equivalent it might appear. The reason for this is that God loves and cares for all, even those who do us injustice. God makes the "sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust" (Matthew 5:46). In this way, we must be like God; we must love all, no exceptions. This is what it means to be perfect. It is indeed a tall order. But it is the way to be fulfilled, to be complete.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

*FOR REFLECTION* ☒

*Where in your life are you being called to consecrate yourself to God and God's work?* ☒

*Where in your life are you being challenged to love more unselfishly?*

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:** You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

**Psalm:** The Lord is kind and merciful. Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

**Second Reading:** Do you not know that you are the temple of God? 1 Cor 3:16-23

**Gospel:** So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Mt 5:38-48

**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](mailto:st.benedict@rcchawaii.org) **Submission deadline: TUESDAY at 5:00pm.**

**WEBSITE:** [thepaintedchurchhawaii.org](http://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.

## WELCOME OUR LADY INTO YOUR HOME

This week Father Sieg will be commissioning The Carla Womack and 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, place your name on the **sign up sheet** at the back of Church.

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

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

## EUCARIST 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!*

## FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS

We continue with our Coffee, Snacks and Conversation Fellowship after Sunday Mass. It has been successful. We have the first and third Sundays at St. John Mission and 2nd and 4th Sundays at St. Benedict. Bring snacks if you want. Your joining in our fellowship can be part of your stewardship of time. Come, and be happy stewards!!



### \*\*\*\* UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES\*\*\*\*

- ◆ **2/25/2020** Burning of palms and Mardi Gras fellowship at St. John Mission, 6:30 pm. Bring your palms from last year.
- ◆ **2/26/2020** Ash Wednesday, Mass at St. Benedict at 7:00 am. Mass at St. John Mission at 7:00 pm.
- ◆ **2/28/2020** Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent. Outdoors at St. Benedict at 3:00 pm and in St. John the Baptist at 7:00 pm.
- ◆ **3/02/2020** St. Benedict Church and grounds will be closed until late afternoon 3/03/2020 due to the necessity of tenting all buildings for termites.
- ◆ **3/07/2020** One-day Stewardship Retreat at St. Michael the Archangel, Kailua-Kona—7 am to 1:30 pm. This year the theme is “Stewardship in the Family.” Sign up by calling St. Michael’s office at 808-326-7771 or email: [stmichaelarchangel@rcchawaii.org](mailto:stmichaelarchangel@rcchawaii.org)
- ◆ **3/14/2020** Annunciation Church, Waimea, **repeat** of Stewardship Retreat (held previously at St. Michael’s). 7 am to 1:30 pm. Please RSVP to Annunciation office at 808-887-1220 or email to: [merickson@rcchawaii.org](mailto:merickson@rcchawaii.org)
- ◆ **3/24/2020** Chrism Mass with Bishop Silva at St. Michael the Archangel at 6:00 pm.

### COMING WEEK AT A GLANCE / PARISH CALENDAR

MON 2/24	TUES 2/25	WED 2/26	THUR 2/27	FRI 2/28	SAT 2/29	SUN 03/01
No Masses <i>Father’s Day Off</i>	7:00 am Mass St. Benedict St. John Mission, 6:30 pm. Burning of palms and Mardi Gras fellowship	7:00 am Mass** St. Benedict 7:00 pm Mass** St. John Mission  *Cruise Ship: Pride of America	7:00 am Mass St. Benedict	7:00 am Mass St. Benedict Stations of the Cross +++++ St. B. 3:00 pm SJB 7:00 pm	4pm: Mass St. Benedict 6pm Mass St. John Mission	7:15 am Mass St. Benedict 9:30 am Mass St. John Mission



## PRAYER

## FAITH FORMATION

### 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.

### FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH, KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Cynthia Taylor, Rudy Crusat, Elizabeth Awa, Bill Myers, Johnny Koene, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Chickie and Tony Dias, Phyllis Blank Leathhead, Robin Crusat, Davies Lynn Carstens, Charles Tripoli, Dolly Primacio, Danny Burgess, Helen Doria, Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Guy Miranda, Stephen Texeira, Venancio Mendoza, Alexi Veloso, Keiki San Filippo, Michael Suber, Bobbie and Eddie Navas, Theresa Flemming. Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

### A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Dear Jesus our Lord,  
We ask you to have mercy on all who are sick. Give them your strength and your love, and help them to carry their cross with great faith in you. May their sufferings be one with yours. Help them to overcome the power of evil, and lead others to our Father in heaven. Lord Jesus, hear our prayer, for you are Lord forever and ever. Amen.

### A PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF LENT

Let us humbly ask him: *Lord, give us your Holy Spirit.*

May we be filled and satisfied,  
by the word which you give us.  
Teach us to be loving not only in  
great and exceptional moments,  
but above all in the ordinary events of daily life.  
May we abstain from what we do not really need,  
and help our brothers and sisters in distress.  
May we bear the wounds of your Son in our bodies,  
for through his body he gave us life.

### THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

At the burning bush, Moses asked God for his name. God replied, "I am who am. . . . This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you" (Ex 3:14). The Hebrews treated this name for God with such respect that they did not speak it. It was honored in silence. Only the high priest, once a year at the feast of atonement, pronounced this name at the incense offering in the Holy of Holies in the temple. Out of reverence for the revealed holy name, the people substituted the name Adonai, which means "Lord." Modern Jews adapt this custom by writing "G-d" instead of the customary spelling.

The Second Commandment calls us to the virtue of reverence for God, which trains us to know and to preserve the difference between the Creator and the creature. Respect for God's name keeps us from reducing him to a mere fact, or even a thing that we can control or manipulate. At the same time, a gracious God desires to be intimate with us, even becoming incarnate in Jesus Christ and dwelling in us through the Holy Spirit. In John's Gospel, Jesus applies to himself the expression "I Am" (cf. Jn 8:58), thus identifying himself with God. He distinguishes himself from his Father and from the Holy Spirit, whom he will send to the world after his Resurrection. This was one way Jesus opened us to understanding God as Trinity.

A name in some way conveys the reality of a person—the origin, the history, the very being of the person. That is why people are protective about their names and expect them to be treated with honor. The name of God obviously deserves the highest honor and respect. The Lord gives us a Commandment that asks us to reverence his name and not to use it in a disrespectful or manipulative way. When Jesus taught the Our Father, his first petition was "Hallowed be thy name." We also praise God's holy name in every Mass at the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer when we recite or sing the Holy, Holy, Holy.

We also draw strength from recalling our Baptism, which initiated us into the Church "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." To be baptized in the name of the Trinity means to be immersed into the very life of the Father, Son, and Spirit. God's name sanctifies us. In Baptism, we also commonly receive the name of a saint, a disciple of Christ who has led an exemplary life, to remind us of our call to holiness. Patron saints—that is, the saint or saints whose name we have been given—serve as examples of the way to holiness by their witness to faith, hope, and love. They also intercede with God for our benefit. God calls us by name. Our name is sacred. We need to honor God's name and the names of others to make our world a center of dignity and respect.

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## SERVICE

### ST. BENEDICT 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, **February 28, 2019**.

### CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

**February 29, 2020** —St. Benedict: Peter.

St. John: Wynn Hanato-Smith & Anastacia Abelera. 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. Your continued sharing is very much appreciated.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Beginning Friday, February 28, we will walk the Way of the Cross at St. Benedict outdoor stations at 3 p.m. every Friday of Lent. At 7:00 p.m. we will pray the stations indoors at St. John Mission, also on every Friday of Lent.

### Ash Wednesday:

#### What's with that dirt on your head?

Who hasn't gotten that question on Ash Wednesday before? Do you feel silly when people ask you about your ashes? And is it hard to answer their questions? Having ashes on your forehead isn't just some weird Catholic thing: it's a tradition that finds its roots in the Old Testament. "I turned to the Lord God, to seek help, in prayer and petition, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes" (Daniel 9:3). When the ashes are placed on our foreheads in the sign of the Cross, it is a reminder of several things. First, it is a call to repentance: a physical sign that we are sinners in need of forgiveness, which is how the prophets used it in the Old Testament. Second, it is to remind us that God created us from the earth and when we die, we will return to it. But here's the best part: As Pope Benedict XVI has said, "Man is dust and to dust he shall return, but dust is precious in God's eyes because God created man, destining him to immortality." God so loves us that, even when our bodies return to the dust, our souls are meant to live forever with him. The ashes symbolize all of this.

Not so silly anymore, is it?



## FAITH FORMATION

# Dear Padre,

**February 23, 2020**

**A Protestant friend says all the Catholic rituals aren't necessary to get to heaven. What can I say to convince her?**

Your friend is correct about heaven: God wishes the salvation of everyone— not just Catholics (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [Lumen Gentium], 13). Even so, Catholics believe—and Christ taught us—that certain rituals are necessary to enter heaven. Baptism is one example. But being Catholic isn't just about getting to heaven. Earthly benefits abound! Take the Mass: Holy Communion gives us Jesus Christ's very Body and Blood. The sacrament of reconciliation absolves our sins, bringing us peace, comfort, and a closer relationship to God. Our saints and the Blessed Mother inspire us and intercede on our behalf. Our Church leaders— ordained and religious— bring Christ to our lives. Our Catholic hymns and prayer traditions help us offer praise and thanks in a unique way. Your priest and the Catechism of the Catholic Church can explain in detail the spiritual and temporal benefits of our rituals and rich traditions. Once we get to heaven, the need for distinctions among those of different Christian faiths dissolves. But until then, we shouldn't follow the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church simply because it's the religion of our parents or spouse; we should follow them because we believe they show us how to deepen our relationship with God by living as Jesus wanted us to. So while "all the Catholic rituals" do prepare us for heaven, they also enrich and inform our earthly lives in ways we can't find anywhere else. I thank God for my Catholicism every day—and you should, too.

**Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSSR**

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"The whole journey of life is a journey of preparation... to see, to feel, to understand the beauty of what lies ahead, of that homeland toward which we walk.

*-Pope Francis*