



St. Benedict Catholic Church

Sunday March 15, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

Water for Living, or Living Water?



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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

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Water flows through this Sunday's readings. In the passage from Exodus, the Hebrews cry out for the water so necessary for life. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of living water that provides eternal life. The exchange between the Hebrews and Moses is straightforward and startling. Physical thirst led them to question the divine care that miraculously delivered them from the hands of Egyptian oppressors. We shouldn't be too quick to shake our fingers at them. How many times have we looked past blessings we take for granted, only to focus on lesser immediate needs? These desert people are our ancestors in more ways than one. The Gospel of John is most interesting. Jesus is in Samaria, a land hated by the Jews. There he initiates a conversation with an inhabitant of the town of Sychar, someone who is an outcast in three major ways. She is a woman—no self-respecting man would be alone with a woman he didn't know. She is a Samaritan—Jews considered Samaritans unclean. And she is promiscuous—his own honor might be at risk. The woman's questionable social status does not prevent Jesus from engaging her, first in social etiquette ("Give me a drink" [4:7]), then in a theological exchange ("Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never

FOR Reflection- *Look at the deepest longings of your heart. What might quench your thirst? *The Samaritan woman may have been the last person we would expect Jesus to engage with. What does this say about us?

thirst" [4:14]). The Hebrews experienced God's saving action in their exodus, but they lacked trust. The woman, hated by the Jews, was an outcast of her own people, yet she believed. How do we respond to the water? —Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading: "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" [Ex 17:3-7](#)
Psalms: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. [Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9.](#)
Second Reading: And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts... [Rom 5:1-2, 5-8](#)
Gospel: Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you." [Jn 4:5-42](#)

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.

IN OUR DAYS OF LENTEN JOURNEY...

Lent is an excellent time to pray the holy rosary. We can ask the Mother of our Lord to accompany us as we follow the Way of the Cross. St. Louis de Monfort said, "The rosary is the most powerful weapon to touch the Heart of Jesus, Our Redeemer, who loves His Mother." Our traveling Virgin Mary would like to be welcomed into your home for the week so that you can take part in this special devotion. Just 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.

EUCHARIST TO HOMEBOUND OR HOSPITALIZED

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

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****

- ◆ **3/24/2020** 5:30 pm Chrism Mass with Bishop Silva presiding, at St. Michael the Archangel.
- ◆ **3/25/2020** 6:00 pm Penance Service at St. John Mission. Several priests to hear confessions.
- ◆ **3/26/2020** 6:00 pm Penance Service—Honoka'a
- ◆ **3/31/2020** 6:00 pm Penance Service—Waimea
- ◆ **4/01/2020** 6:00 pm Penance Service—Hawi
- ◆ **4/02/2020** 6:00 pm Penance Service—Kailua
- ◆ **4/09/2020** 7:00 pm Holy Thursday, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, St. Benedict Hall, with adoration to follow in the church.
- ◆ **4/10/2020** 3:00 pm Good Friday. Outdoor Stations of the Cross at St. Benedict.
- ◆ **4/10/2020** 7:00 pm Good Friday of the Lord's Passion. Adoration of the Holy Cross, St. Benedict.
- ◆ **4/11/2020** 7:00 pm Saturday, Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter. St. Benedict.
- ◆ **4/12/2020** 10:00 am Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord. Mass at St. Benedict with potluck brunch. More info to follow...

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next week a collection will be taken up for Catholic Relief Services. Your generous donations will fund CRS's programs such as the USCCB Office for International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, relief work of the Holy Father, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Ntwrk.

COMING WEEK AT A GLANCE / PARISH CALENDAR

MON 3/16	TUES 3/17	WED 3/18	THUR 3/19	FRI 3/20	SAT 3/21	SUN 03/22
No Masses <i>Father's Day Off</i>	7:00 am Mass at St. Benedict	7:00 am Mass St. John Mission *Cruise Ship: Pride of America	7:00 am Mass St. Benedict 7pm St. John Prayer Group Meeting	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...

Rudy Crusat, Elizabeth Awa, Johnny Koene, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Chickie and Tony Dias, Phyllis Blank Leathhead, Robin Crusat, Davies Lynn Carstens, Charles Tripoli, Danny Burgess, Helen Doria, Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Guy Miranda, Stephen Teixeira, 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

Almighty God, You are powerful and strong. You are the creative force behind all that is. You are the energy that flows through us all. I willingly believe Your strength is bigger than the weaknesses we may feel. I believe you can heal them. If it be Your will, Lord, we ask You to heal us, our families and our friends. Provide peace and comfort to those in need of it, in Your mercy. Amen.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Throughout Lent, we will walk the Way of the Cross at St. Benedict outdoor stations at 3 p.m. on every Friday. At 7:00 p.m. we will pray the stations indoors at St. John Mission. Join us wherever it is convenient for you (# small sacrifices).



THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER

The first three Commandments help us to understand how to love God with our whole selves. The next seven Commandments teach us how to love each other as we love ourselves.

The Fourth Commandment deals with all aspects of family life— parental and filial duties and responsibilities, that is, those of love from child to parent. This includes the duties of children toward their parents, the duties of brothers and sisters toward each other, and the responsibilities of adult children toward their older parents. This Commandment also addresses the duties of government and the duties of citizens (cf. CCC, nos. 2234-2246), including the responsibility of the state and society to foster family values and to strengthen the family in every possible way.

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH The Catholic family as a domestic church is the fundamental community or cell of the parish, the diocese, and the universal Church. Christ has called all family members to union with God through Baptism and the other Sacraments and to share in the mission of the whole Church. Family members carry out the Church's mission by fostering mutual love in the home and, through that love, by building up the community of the Church and society.

The Christian family is called to be a community of faith, hope, and love in an environment of prayer. Aided by a number of other virtues, such as prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance, the family that practices them begins to actualize its spiritual calling as a domestic church. When a family becomes a school of virtue and a community of love, it is an image of the loving communion of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is then an icon of the Trinity.

-CCC, nos.2196-2257

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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, **March 27, 2020**

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

March 21, 2020 —St. Benedict: Peter.

St. John: MaryAnn Mariano and family. We appreciate all of you who labor faithfully to keep our churches clean.

IF YOU ARE ABLE to join any of the church cleaning groups, or start a new one, please contact Ramona Ciriaco or the church office.

More volunteers are needed!

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.

LUNCHES FOR THE HOMELESS

Once each month, the Thursday Prayer Group has been preparing lunches to deliver to The Friendly Place in Kailua-Kona on Friday. The Friendly Place Campus is a part of Hope Services Hawaii. They provide shelter, meals and many other services to the homeless.



Call Ramona or the office if you can donate any items for this ministry, such as bread, sandwich makings, fruit, chips, packaged snack items, water, etc.

Thank you to those who generously volunteer in this community outreach ministry.

“He who oppresses the poor blasphemes his Maker, but he who is kind to the needy glorifies him.”

Proverbs 14:31

FAITH FORMATION

Dear Padre,

For many of us older Catholics, our children have either left the faith or they don't belong to any church. Consequently, their children aren't baptized. We were taught that anyone may baptize in an emergency. Can we baptize our grandchildren? If so, how?

When necessary, “any person,” even one who is not baptized, “can baptize provided that he has the intention of doing that which the Church does and provided that he pours water on the candidate’s head while saying: ‘I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit’” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1284). Church law permits baptism when at least one consenting Catholic parent or guardian plans to nurture the child in the faith and in the faith community. Some people—with the best intentions—may disregard these legal conditions and resort to baptizing a child in secret or against the parents’ will. However, while the Trinitarian formula used while pouring water over a child qualifies as the sacrament even under non-life-threatening circumstances, it’s also contrary to Church law. This has negative consequences both for the child being baptized and the grandparents doing the baptizing! May you find consolation in these words: “Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament” (CCC 1257). Should a child die without baptism, we can trust in God’s mercy, since the full proclamation of the gospel and request for the sacrament was not possible for the child. Moreover, Jesus’ tenderness toward children allows us “to hope that there is a way of salvation for children who have died without baptism” (CCC 1261).

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - GRADES 2 - 12 WEST HAWAII VICARIATE EVENTS

Saturday, April 4, 2020: Passion Retreat,
St. Benedict 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.