



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

## Sunday May 10, 2020

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

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**MISSION CHURCH:**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
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**WEEKEND MASSES**

**St. Benedict, Honaunau**  
 Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday 7:15 a.m.  
**St. John the Baptist**  
 Kealahou  
 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 Kealahou**  
 7:00 a.m. Wednesday

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**Edwina Fujimoto**

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**

**Ariel Hadap**

**FOOD PANTRY**

**Francisco and Debra Javar**

### What is God really Like?

That is a very profound question, asked by children and adults alike. Answers range from the image of an old man in a white robe with a beard; the all-seeing eye on the back of the dollar bill; "the big guy" up there. Such answers seem frivolous when we think about the dynamic force behind the Big Bang from which evolved everything in the billions of galaxies that we know exist. What is such a God really like? The disciples were probably not thinking of astrophysics when they asked Jesus about God. Their questions flowed from Jesus' constant reference to God as Father. That title in itself tells us something about God. It tells us that God, like a father, is the source of Jesus' being and existence. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that he is about to return to his Father. He also assures them that they also will have a place with the Father. However, like us, they still are not sure what this Father is like. Jesus responds to their lack of understanding and suggests: "Look at me!" His life is lived for others. He is one who cares for those in need rather than walks past them, who forgives rather than condemns, who endures misunderstanding without retaliating, who tolerates the pettiness of others without being snide. Why is it so hard for us to realize that this is what God is really like?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY !!

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:** The word of God continued to spread... [Acts 6:1-7](#)

**Psalm:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. [Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19](#)

**Second Reading:** Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings... [1 Pt 2:4-9](#)

**Gospel:** Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life..." [Jn 14:1-12](#)

**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



### ONLINE MASS CELEBRATIONS

- ♦ Vatican News Live Stream of Pope Francis Mass go to **"Pope Francis-Holy Mass"**
- ♦ Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace—Sundays at 9:00 am, Mon-Sat at 8:00 am—go to **catholichawaii.org**
- ♦ Catholic TV Network—Daily Mass—go to **watchthemass.com**
- ♦ Daily Mass with Bishop Robert Barron—go to **wordonfire.org**

## Dear Padre,

*Are there models I can use to help me better understand what a mother is to do or be?*

A great model for mothers is the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Catechism of the Catholic Church uses the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix when speaking of Mary (CCC 969). These titles are important in explaining Mary's special relationship to us, her children. We can also use these titles to show how mothers today can relate to their children and spouses. Mary encourages us in our efforts to follow Christ. So it is the duty of all mothers to be a guiding presence to their children as they begin to pray and learn to follow the Lord. As Advocate and Helper, Mary assists us by her own prayer and example. Mary prays for us, and we only have to read Scripture to understand Mary's example of listening to God. Today's mothers share the task of praying for their children and spouses. A mother's example of listening for God can teach her children the importance of seeking God's will. As Benefactress, Mary is a patron and invites us to receive the graces that only her Son can bestow. In today's family, a mother offers a constant stream of love and encouragement to her spouse and children. She is the patron of love, a refuge from the harshness that life can bring. As Mediatrix, Mary brings people together to be coworkers with Christ in the work of salvation. Also, a mother is a mediator, a coworker with Christ, helping her children and spouse on their journeys toward salvation. Her family is a little church where heaven and salvation are proclaimed. **Happy Mother's Day!**

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR

## Rx for Body and Spirit

### For Your Body

Wash your hands often.

Avoid close contact with other people.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

Stay home if you're sick (except to get medical care).

Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue.

### For Your Spirit

Make an Act of Spiritual Communion.

Pray the Rosary.

Participate in a televised or live-streamed Mass.

Take time for family prayer.

Practice Lectio Divina.

Don't forget to help your parish with donations.



### 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, **May 22, 2020**. Mahalo to our Pantry volunteers for continuing this service as our island continues to take precautions against the COVID-19 pandemic.

### STEWARDSHIP DURING A PANDEMIC

Just as so many aspects of our lives have been impacted by the coronavirus, our parish is feeling the impact, too. We sincerely appreciate our ever-generous parishioners who are sending donations by mail or through [www.thepaintedchurchhawaii.org](http://www.thepaintedchurchhawaii.org) via PayPal. Our parish relies greatly also on the revenue received from those who come to visit and are, at this time, unable to come. With this, we are always grateful should you continue to practice your 'stewardship of treasure'. Please pray for me as I continue to pray for you. May God bless you. Stay well and safe.

- Fr. Sieg



PRAYER

FAITH FORMATION

MAY—MONTH OF MARY

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER



A Mother's Love

A Prayer of Our Lady of Fatima

We praise you, Lord, and bless you, for in a time of horrific war and

pandemic plague, You sent us your mother, Our Lady of Fatima.

We sing praises to you, for even in times of sorrow and fear the Earth is still touched by one such as she. And we are reminded, knowing that whatever war visits itself upon us, whatever deprivations, whatever want, whatever illness, whatever calamity endured by humankind that may cause us to look to the sky and despair, that your children do not toil in this world apart from your grace, that our prayers are not unheard and we do not go forth without a mother's love.

Keep us devoted to you, O Lord, devoted in our prayer, our words and our acts, that all souls in this world may know your compassion, peace and mercy, that all souls who have departed this world may find salvation.



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, Charles Tripoli, Danny Burgess, Helen Doria, Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Guy Miranda, Stephen Texeira, Venancio Mendoza, Alexi Veloso, 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.

THIS CALENDAR IS PROVIDED SO THAT WE MAY READ AND MEDITATE EACH DAY ON THE MASS READINGS DURING THE SUSPENSION OF OUR PARISH EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS.

*An Act of Spiritual Communion*

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.*

*Never permit me to be separated from You.*

*Amen.*

Monday

MAY 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5–18

Jn 14:21–26

Tuesday

MAY 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19–28 Jn 14:27

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Wednesday

MAY 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:1–6 Jn 15:1–8

Thursday

MAY 14 St.

Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15–17, 20–26

Jn 15:9–17

Friday

MAY 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22–31

Jn 15:12–17

Saturday

MAY 16

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1–10

Jn 15:18–21

Sunday

MAY 17

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5–8, 14–17 1

## MAHALO!!

Thank you Jocelyn and Jesse Lomongo and Regie and Vaughn Vasquez for making adobo and chicken papaya for the concrete workers on Tuesday May 5th. Mahalo for your kind stewardship during this unprecedented mandate of masks and social distancing.

## MAHALO!!

Thank you to Robert Tavares, Bobby Tavares and the crew of Captain Cook Pool & Spa who were contracted to replace our broken and buckled, mostly blacktop, sidewalks and the front steps of the Painted Church. When the pandemic is over, come to see the excellent work they have done!

## A HAWAII CATHOLIC HERALD INTERVIEW WITH BISHOP LARRY SILVA ON SHEPHERDING THE FLOCK DURING A PANDEMIC

**Hawaii Catholic Herald:** What's been your biggest challenge during this time of the coronavirus pandemic?

**Bishop Larry Silva:** The biggest challenge has been making the decision to cancel public liturgies. The Eucharist is the source and summit of who we are as a Church, the ultimate intimate communion with the risen Lord Jesus. And now, because we cannot meet in large groups and must basically stay home, this decision has been a great burden. Of course, it is a burden mostly on the faithful who are not able to participate in the Eucharist, but the decision is certainly burdensome to me.

**Herald:** How has this experience affected you personally?

**Bishop Silva:** This has been an extremely hectic time. In addition to all my normal responsibilities, I have been inundated with decisions to make about liturgical issues, financial issues, employment issues, and programs related to the poor and the homeless — all of which have become critical because of the coronavirus pandemic.

**Herald:** How is your health?

**Bishop Silva:** Thanks be to God, my health is fine. I do try to take a walk at least every other day, usually around the campus of St. Stephen Diocesan Center, where I live.

**Herald:** Have you been getting feedback from Catholics for your decisions to cancel or postpone services? Has it been negative? Supportive?

**Bishop Silva:** I think most Catholics understand the need to cancel or postpone services, even though it saddens them very much. I have received a few complimentary letters or emails in support of what I am doing. There are a few people, however, who think I have lost faith and am not being true to my responsibility as the chief shepherd of the diocese. I continually examine my conscience over this issue. Basically, I feel I am doing the right thing under the circumstances, but I do pray often for God's mercy and strength to do what is right.

**Herald:** What reaction have you received regarding your livestreamed and televised liturgies?

**Bishop Silva:** I have received very positive reactions to the livestreamed liturgies. There were some technical glitches at first, and I was happy people pointed them out so we could correct them. Of course, even though the livestreamed liturgies are important to so many people, no one pretends that this is in any way optimal. We all want to come back and worship together as soon as possible. Another aspect of this is how weird it is to preach to a camera rather than a congregation. The only saving grace is knowing that through that camera lens I am actually reaching hundreds or thousands of people with the Gospel of Jesus.

(to be continued...)