



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

## Sunday May 17, 2020

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

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**MISSION CHURCH:**

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
 Kealahou

**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

**PASTOR**

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**Peter Estoy**

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**Edwina Fujimoto**

**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT**

**Edwina Fujimoto**

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**

**Ariel Hadap**

**FOOD PANTRY**

**Francisco and Debra Javar**

### What Is Your Hope?

What Is Your Hope? We have hopes for ourselves and others. We hope for good health, for fulfilling work, for settled lives for our children. As valuable as such hope might be, that is not what Peter is referring to in today's second reading. He is talking about religious hope. Not hope that, but hope in. Not hope that God will give us what we ask, that God will supply what we cannot accomplish, that God will reward our faithfulness. That is also valid hope, but it is still not religious hope. Genuine religious hope is hope or trust in God. Period. Trust in God when we have no idea what the future might bring. Trust in God when all our best plans crumble before us. Trust in God when we face the terrors of illness and death. This is a trust or hope for which we do not provide God plans to follow so our needs get met as we think they should be. It is a hope that enables us to place ourselves into the hands of God. Period. This kind of hope asks for nothing and expects everything. Why? Because we are convinced that God loves us with a passion we can't possibly imagine and, therefore, wants what is best for us. This might seem like an impossible hope, but the reading goes on to list reasons to hope. God's love is exemplified by Jesus Christ, who "suffered for sins...that he might lead you to God" (1 Peter 3:18). Who could ask for more? ©2020 Liguori Publications • Liguori, MO



**For Reflection** – Think of times when you were surprised by God's love. – Pray for the gift of genuine religious hope. 2020 Liguori Publications • Liguori, MO

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:** Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit [Acts 8:5-8, 14-17](#)  
**Psalm:** Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. [Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20](#)  
**Second Reading:** Put to death in the flesh, He was brought to life in the Spirit [1 Pt 3:15-18](#)  
**Gospel:** If you love me, you will keep my commandments... [Jn 14:15-21](#)

**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

**After Mass a friend told me I belonged to “the priesthood of believers.” I’m not a priest! What did she mean?**

At baptism, all of us became part of the laity. The word laity comes from the Greek word laos, which means “people.” The laity are the people of God. As people of God, we all share in the priesthood of Christ. This is why the Church speaks of the “priesthood of all believers,” because when we were baptized we were incorporated into Christ’s priesthood. Each of us is called to exercise our common priesthood within the Church, strengthening and serving each other. The exercise of priesthood means, above all, to serve. The Church speaks of Jesus as our High Priest, the one who offers himself as the sacrificial animal. Jesus is the priest and victim, offering himself as a sacrifice to God. The priesthood that Jesus exercises is one of self-giving. All those who are called to the priesthood of Christ are called to serve as he did, offering themselves in a spirit of service and love. This “priesthood of all believers” shouldn’t be confused with the sacrament of Holy Orders, which ordains to the office of bishop, priest, or deacon. These men are called by God and ordained by the Church to exercise the particular ministry of preaching the good news and administering the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. During Mass, the ordained priest represents Christ and also acts on behalf of all the people of God. His sacramental priesthood represents the common priesthood of the whole Church.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR

## PROTECT HAWAII AGAINST COVID-19... CARE FOR THE COMMON GOOD

### Basic everyday actions recommended:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue.
- Keep a 6 ft. distance from others and wear a mask in public.
- Wash hands often—at least 20 seconds.
- Shaka or peace sign only-no handshakes or hugs.
- Clean common surfaces and objects –for example tables, countertops, light switches, doorknobs, cabinet handles. Use regular household detergent and water, then disinfectant products per manufacturer’s instructions.

*Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.*

*St. Joseph, hope of the sick, pray for us.*

*St. Rocco, protector against the plague, pray for us.*

### 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. Next open for distribution on Friday, **May 22, 2020.**

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE –MAHALO!!

**April 8—May 1**

**4/08 \$1,125.00 Offerings**

**4/23 \$1,800.00 Offerings**

**5/01 \$ 620.00 Offerings**

**Total Offertory \$3,545.00**

**Comm. Outreach and Bldg. Maint. \$195.00**

**April 8—May 1 \$534.96 Special Collections**

### 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 PRAYER ASKING FOR THE VIRGIN MARY'S INTERCESSION

Remember, most loving Virgin Mary, never was it heard, that anyone who turned to you for help was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, though burdened by my sins, I run to you for protection for you are my mother.



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.



Q. What lesson(s) have you learned from this pandemic?

We are looking for **your** responses, everyone! Please email, mail or call in, giving us permission to publish it in the bulletin. We would also be glad to hear from the **keiki** in your household. Nothing too formal, just a note about how you're doing, what you've learned and maybe pointers for others you think might benefit. This is a way to interact with other parishioners during this time. We miss you! Fellowship without touching. We will be happy to hear from you!

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.

CALENDAR

Monday MAY 18 Easter Weekday Acts 16:11–15 Jn 15:26–16:4a

Tuesday MAY 19 Easter Weekday Acts 16:22–34 Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday MAY 20 Easter Weekday Acts 17:15, 22–18:1 Jn 16:12–15

Thursday MAY 21 Easter Weekday Acts 18:1–8 Jn 16:16–20

Friday MAY 22 Easter Weekday Acts 18:9–18 Jn 16:20–23

Saturday MAY 23 Easter Weekday Acts 18:23–28 Jn 16:23b–28

Sunday MAY 24 The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1–11 Eph 1:17–23 Mt 28:16–20

**The Lord takes delight in his people.**

*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.*



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

(Continued from 05/10/2020 bulletin)

**Herald: Do you have plans for this year's Elect receiving the sacraments of initiation?**

**Bishop Silva:** This is not a firm decision since the situation is so fluid, but my thought is to ask the pastors to celebrate at least one of the Scrutinies (one of the steps in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), either on a Sunday or a weekday, then to ask them to choose a Sunday in the Easter season when they would like to celebrate the sacraments of initiation.

**Herald: Do you have plans for this year's Confirmations?**

**Bishop Silva:** Again, the fluidity of the situation will determine what actually happens, but I was thinking perhaps I could do Confirmation/first Communion liturgies on weeknights at various parishes as well as on weekends. I might also see if neighboring parishes might be open to combining for this celebration so that I can catch up more quickly.

**Herald: Do you personally know people who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, or their families, who have asked for prayers or reached out to you?**

**Bishop Silva:** I have known of a few people who either showed symptoms or who tested positive for COVID-19. For the most part, they are now recovered, thanks be to God!

**Herald: Your Easter homilies have been messages of hope. One result of this pandemic is an outpouring of charity, courage and cooperation. What other good have you seen come from this crisis?**

**Bishop Silva:** I am often amazed at how many of our people and parishes have outreach programs to the poor and needy, but this time of pandemic has brought even more generosity and heroism. I commend all who work our food pantries and other services that reach out to those who are most in need. Our diocesan staff has also been working very hard to assure that our parishes and schools are able to weather the economic storm that has come with the pandemic. HOPE Services, Inc., one of our Church's social service agencies on the Big Island, has been doing an outstanding job, as have Catholic Charities Hawaii and our Office of Social Ministry. They are the real messengers of hope!

(To be continued...)

**SCAM!**  
**Alert!** DON'T FALL INTO A  
SCAM!!!!

You have heard stories like this before. Now our Bishop Larry Silva's name has been used via email to trick people into sending THEM money. It appears like a request from Bishop (and also several other diocesan priests have been used). The perpetrators ask the victim to buy gift cards or send money. We can't be clear enough on this matter. NEVER send money or purchase gift cards without speaking to the individual whose name appears on the request! Several people have lost their money by trying to do a good thing. Don't be a victim! Keep your guard up!!



**SIDEWALK REPAIR—MAKING OUR CHURCH GROUNDS SAFER FOR US AND OUR VISITORS**