



St. Benedict Catholic Church

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
 Kealakekua

WEEKEND MASSES

St. Benedict Hall, Honaunau
 Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00 a.m.
 Sunday 10:00 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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A FREE MEAL, BUT WITH DEMANDS

When God invites you to a meal, you never have to pay. It might be free, but it does have its demands. In fact, you are expected to open yourself to a total transformation. In the first reading, Isaiah mentions the renewal of an everlasting covenant. Perhaps a small dinner fee might be easier to handle. This reading is quite tender. The needy are invited to a meal of grain, wine, and milk. Their neediness might explain why the meal is free. The invitation is magnanimous: "Come to me... that you may have life" (Isaiah 55:3). The Gospel story of the multiplication of the fishes and loaves reveals the same magnanimity. Jesus feeds all those who have followed him, no questions asked. This story follows a long tradition of miraculous feedings, which include the manna in the wilderness (Exodus 16) and Elisha multiplying bread (2 Kings 4:42-44). It's natural to wonder just how that bread and those fish were able to satisfy so many, but there is another aspect of the story that should not be overlooked. The words, "He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples" (Matthew 14:19) will appear again in the account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26). Though this was the ritual performed at the daily Jewish meal, the eucharistic allusion is unmistakable. Perhaps it is the psalm response that throws light on the primary focus of the readings. There the graciousness and kindness of the Lord are acclaimed: "You open wide your hand / and satisfy the desire of every living thing" (Psalm 145:16). —Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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For Reflection

☞ Think of the good things in your life that have been given to you free of charge. How grateful are you?

☞ Think of the times God has used you to bless others. How grateful are you for this?



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: All you who are thirsty, come to the water... **IS 55:1-3**

Psalm: The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs. **PS 145:8-9, 15-18**

Second Reading: What will separate us from the love of Christ? **ROM 8:28-30**

Gospel: "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Then he said, "Bring them here to me," ...Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children. **MT 13:44-52**

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

In compliance with Bishop Silva's directives, our Masses are being held at St. Benedict Hall Chapel. Social distancing and masks are required. Due to limited space it would be best to arrive early. No one has been turned away yet, however more are attending each week. Thank you for your understanding.

SACRAMENTS

Funerals may now take place again in St. Benedict Hall Chapel according to the same guidelines as weekend Masses, i.e. following all health and safety precautions. Funerals at this time may not include visitation times, only the Vigil for the Deceased, a Funeral Mass and Committal may be held.

Baptisms may take place according to the same guidelines as weekend Masses. They will be done in such a way that the same water is not poured on more than one person or stored in the font after use.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

At this time Father Sieg is available for Confessions by appointment, observing all proper precautions. Call the office 328-2227.

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospitalized

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

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic, Bishop Larry Silva extends the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass to all the people (and visitors) of the Diocese of Honolulu through August 31, 2020. All who are able to attend Sunday Mass without putting themselves or others at serious risk of infection, are encouraged to do so, but are not obliged to do so.

MAHALO FOR HELPING!

We want to thank everyone who volunteers to help set up, organize, instruct, sanitize, usher, and donate disinfectant products. We can always use more Clorox wipes and we are always grateful!

LIVE STREAMING ONLINE MASSES

Vatican News Live Stream of Pope Francis' Masses - Go to "Pope Francis-Holy Mass".

Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace—Oahu
Sunday: 9am (Bishop Silva) Mon—Sat: 8am

Watchthemass.com from the Catholic TV Network - Masses daily: check website for time.

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - go to nationalshrine.org/mass/ and click on the red box "Watch Mass Online".

FINDING OUR WAY BACK HOME (Part Two) —Getting Un-stuck in our Prayer Life

Where do I start? A good way to re-energize our life with God is to simply start with a quiet place, an empty lap and open hands. It also helps if we remember the wonderful news that our God absolutely delights in us and is thrilled that we are taking the time to get back in touch.

We can use our own words to begin to speak to God in our hearts. "I haven't been in touch for a while but I want to. Help me start again." We can let God know what is deepest in our hearts.

I am so excited about this upcoming pregnancy. I am in such grief about my father's death. I am angry because my sister's cancer returned, and I think I am angry at you." We can tell God exactly what has been locked in the silence of our hearts.

Why do we have trouble doing that sometimes? Because we don't always trust God's love for us. We can't seem to feel that we deserve to be loved in the unending way God loves us. We don't always trust or believe the depth of that love, especially a love that deep for me, personally. We look at God's love and compare it to our own limited love and can't seem to believe that God could love us. We know we are sinners and deep down, we don't believe we are worthy of God's love. The Good News of Jesus is that it doesn't matter whether we deserve it or not. We have that love already. We speak to God as we would to a friend.

Creighton University

(To be continued next week)

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the South Kona Catholic Church, comprised of St. Benedict, Honaunau and St. John, Kealahou; united in the Baptism of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, are committed to grow in understanding of and live as the people of God. Together we seek to create a warm and loving community of the Lord in our Church and families. We affirm our faith in the Living Body of Christ and reach out to our brothers and sisters in our community to share the Good News.



FAITH FORMATION

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Pray the Rosary Daily

"Seek refuge in Mary because she is the city of refuge. We know that Moses set up three cities of refuge for anyone who inadvertently killed his neighbor. Now the Lord has established a refuge of mercy, Mary, even for those who deliberately commit evil. Mary provides shelter and strength for the sinner."

Ask for Her Intercession

May we be assisted, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the worshipful intercession of Thy glorious Mother, the ever-Virgin Mary; that we, who have been enriched by her perpetual blessings, may be delivered from all dangers, and through her loving kindness made to be one heart and mind: who lives and reigns forever, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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.

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

Hilda Sebastian, Stephen Texeira, Dorothy Kelepolo, Rudy Crusat, Elizabeth Awa, Johnny Koene, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Chickie and Tony Dias, Robin Crusat, Charles Tripoli, Danny Burgess, Helen Doria, Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Guy Miranda, Venancio Mendoza, Alexi Veloso, Keiki San Filippo, Michael Suber, Eddie Navas, Theresa Kathy Flemming, Dottie. Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

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"Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise."

~ Jeremiah 17:14

CALENDAR

Monday AUGUST 3
Weekday Jer 28:1–17
Mt 14:22–36

Tuesday AUGUST 4
St. John Vianney,
Priest Jer 30:1–2, 12–
15, 18–22 Mt 14:22–
36 or Mt 15:1–2, 10–
14

Wednesday AUGUST 5
Weekday Jer 31:1–
7 Mt 15:21–28

Thursday AUGUST 6
Transfiguration of the
Lord Dn 7:9–10, 13–
14 2 Pt 1:16–19 Mt
17:1–9

Friday AUGUST 7
Weekday Na 2:1, 3;
3:1–3, 6–7 Mt 16:24–
28

Saturday AUGUST 8
St. Dominic, Priest Hb
1:12–2:4 Mt 17:14–
20

Sunday AUGUST 9
Nineteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time 1 Kgs
19:9a, 11–13a Rom
9:1–5 Mt 14:22–33

PRAY

Lord, Jesus Christ, I give you my entire self now and forever. Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Teach me to know the Father and to trust his abundant generosity. Strengthen me each day in listening to and following your will. Amen

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 re-
ceive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this mo-
ment receive You sacra-
mentally, 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.

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

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 especially during this Covid-19 crisis. Next open for distribution on **Friday, August 14, 2020.**

SAINT OF THE WEEK

1786-1859 Feast Day – August 4



Born near Lyon, France, this farmer's son studied for the priesthood for many years, and eventually was ordained more for his devoutness and good will than for other qualities. But he became a model parish priest in Arsen-Dombes, where he served for 40 years. He was devoted to his parishioners, and became famous for rigorous preaching and insights in the confessional. The Cure of Ars, as he was known, spent up to 18 hours a day hearing the confessions of pilgrims who sought him out. He is the patron of parish priests.

“The priest continues the work of redemption on earth...If we really understood the priest on earth, we would die not of fright but of love...The priesthood is the love of the heart.”

—*St. John Vianney*—

**DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK**

This week we can ask, in a variety of ways, in the situations of our daily lives, that our eyes might be opened to see Jesus as he really is - glorified, with the Father, and ready to renew our faith and trust in him. As we begin our day, and at brief times throughout our day, we can pull our consciousness together by letting the themes of this week's readings guide us.

Thursday is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.

Dear Padre,

Recently a visiting priest went completely off script during the eucharistic prayer at Mass. Is this allowed?

The eucharistic prayer is the summit of the entire Mass, culminating in what it means for the Church to celebrate the Eucharist. The Roman Missal offers ten options in English: Eucharistic Prayers 1, 2, 3, and 4; two for reconciliation; and four for various needs. Also, an additional three are available for Masses with children. Not all of these options appear regularly in missalettes. In exercising his office of celebrant, the priest is allowed to offer brief explanations, such as before the preface to the eucharistic prayer, but never during the prayer itself (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 31). In general, “the Priest will remember that he is the servant of the Sacred Liturgy and that he himself is not permitted, on his own initiative, to add, to remove, or to change anything in the celebration of Mass” (GIRM 24). The mystery of the Mass “is too great for anyone to permit himself to treat it according to his own whim, so that its sacredness and its universal ordering would be obscured” (Redemptionis Sacramentum, 11). Overall, presiders desire a meaningful ritual experience for those hungering and thirsting for holiness to encounter the living presence of Christ. If some actions and proclamations by presiders appear misguided, they're seldom due to a lack of genuine pastoral care.

—*Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR*

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Obedient to Jesus' commands, the Church organized the eucharistic liturgy into moments which correspond to the words and the actions performed by him on the eve of his passion....

In the eucharistic prayer, we give thanks to God for the whole work of redemption, and the offerings become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

—*GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 28, 2018*