



# *St. Benedict Catholic Church*

## *Sunday August 9, 2020*

### *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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**MISSION CHURCH:**

**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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**WHO ARE THE PEOPLE OF GOD?**

[Peter] became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him. MATTHEW 14:30-31 This is still an unresolved theological issue. For so long the resolute answer of many was: the Roman Catholic Church is the people of God. However, the Second Vatican Council's Decree on Ecumenism (Unitatis Redintegratio) opened the Church's understanding to include all Christian denominations, paraphrasing Ephesians 4:4-5: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one Baptism" (UR 2). The council went even further in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium), "calling together a people made up of Jew and Gentile, making them one, not according to the flesh but in the Spirit. This was to be the new People of God" (LG 9). To be united with Protestants is one thing; to be united with Jews is quite another. For centuries, many interpreted the New Testament to say that the Jews lost favor with God. Such thinking supported— even caused—various forms of anti-Semitism, ethnic and religious persecution, and killings. We realized how wrong this thinking was. Vatican II quotes today's second reading and later states: "This sacred synod wants to foster and recommend...mutual understanding and respect which is the fruit, above all, of biblical and theological studies as well as of fraternal dialogues" (Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions [Nostra Aetate], 4). We may have corrected some grievous errors in this matter, but we have not gotten much further than Paul did in resolving the issue. However, he experienced "great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart" (Romans 9:2) because of the separation. **Do we?**

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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**FOR REFLECTION**

☞ The original followers of Jesus were simply different kinds of Jews.  
 ☞ Much of our Christian religious tradition is grounded in the Old Testament.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:** "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." 1 KGS 19:9A, 11-13A

**Psalms:** Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. PS 85:9-14

**Second Reading:** I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie... ROM 9:1-5

**Gospel:** Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" MT 14:22-33

**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

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/](http://nationalshrine.org/mass/) and click on the red box "Watch Mass Online".

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

After we have spent a few minutes sharing our lives with God, we take a little time to sit in silence and listen. We can get antsy about sitting in silence, but it is in that profound quiet that God speaks to us. Wordlessly and lovingly, God begins to heal our grief or sadness and to rejoice with us in our happiness. Most of all, God wants us to feel deeply his love for each one of us individually.

If we have trouble hearing God speak, we can try to read from Isaiah 43 and simply say in our hearts what God has been telling us: "I have called you by name, \_\_\_\_." We use our own name as we whisper aloud God's words of love.

*Do not fear, \_\_\_\_ . I have called you by name. When you pass through fire, you will not be burned. If your life takes you through raging waters, you will not be swept away. I am with you. I have called you by name, \_\_\_\_.*

Simply saying those words from Isaiah 43 slowly and with feeling, is a wonderful beginning.

I thank God for the few minutes we spent together and sit gratefully, committed to meeting up with God again tomorrow.

Renewing our prayer lives is not a project to be crossed off the to-do list. It is a meeting with a friend who cares for me, as if over a cup of coffee. Our God loves us and calls to us, inviting us to draw closer.

*-Creighton University Online Ministries*

### 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.



PRAYER

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DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

*Pray the Rosary Daily*

In the beginning of his 2002 encyclical on the Rosary, Pope John Paul II said:

The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer. In the sobriety of its elements, it has all the **depth of the Gospel message in its entirety**, of which it can be said to be a compendium. It is an echo of the prayer of Mary, her perennial **Magnificat** for the work of the redemptive Incarnation which began in her virginal womb. With the Rosary, the Christian people **sits at the school of Mary** and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.

*Ask for Her Intercession*

A PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Faithful Lord Jesus,  
We lift up all those who are facing illness today.  
We ask that you would bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies and spirits.  
Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of your love. 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.



"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 10** St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr 2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26
- Tuesday**  
**AUGUST 11** St. Clare, Virgin Ez 2:8-3:4 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday**  
**AUGUST 12** Week-day Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday**  
**AUGUST 13** Week-day Ez 12:1-12 Mt 18:21-19:1
- Friday**  
**AUGUST 14** St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63 Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday**  
**AUGUST 15** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56
- Sunday**  
**AUGUST 16** Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 56:1, 6-7 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28

*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!*

**'Nothing created has  
ever been able to fill  
the heart of man.  
God alone can fill it  
infinitely.'**

*-St. Thomas Aquinas-*

## PLANNING FOR SUCCESSFUL FORMATION OF DISCIPLES

We are forming a Faith Formation team and would like to invite any interested persons and those called to share their faith to a meeting on Sunday, August 9th, St. John the Baptist Hall from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. It is always a blessing to add folks who love Jesus and want to assist in forming disciples.

## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

In the mystery of her Assumption, Mary experiences immediately what we all will experience eventually, a bodily resurrection like Christ's own. "The Immaculate Virgin. . . when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of death." (CCC, no. 966, citing LG, no. 59).

## SAINT OF THE WEEK FEAST DAY—AUGUST 14 MAXIMILIAN KOLBE 1894—1941



Raimund Kolbe, born in Russian Poland, was ordained a Franciscan, Maximilian Mary, in Rome. In the 1920's he reopened a ruined Polish friary, started a Marian press, and was diagnosed with tuberculosis. Despite his illness,

he had successful Marian missions to Japan and India before returning to Poland in 1936. After the 1939 invasion of Poland, the Franciscans' criticism of the occupiers prompted the arrest of Maximilian and four others, who ended up in the Nazi death camp Auschwitz. Maximilian volunteered for martyrdom, taking the place of a married man who was to be executed by starvation. This man was present at the saint's 1982 canonization. Maximilian is the patron of prisoners and journalists.

"Only love creates", [Maximilian Kolbe] repeated to all those who approached him. This is the expression which, like a lamp, illumines his whole life. It was this superior ideal, this essential duty of every true Christian, that enabled him to overcome the cruelty and violence of his tremendous ordeal by the splendid testimony of his brotherly love and his forgiveness of his persecutors.

*St. John Paul II, Feb. 18, 1979*

## Dear Padre,

### The Bible is critical to our Christian lives, but why is it so hard to understand?

The Bible is a unique piece of literature—perhaps the most distinctive in the world. In fact, it is not just one publication. The word Bible derives from a word meaning "library." The Bible is a library of books—seventy-two books, to be exact—dating from antiquity, written and edited by authors known and unknown. It contains, as any library would, a vast array of literary forms and expressions. It covers more than 3,000 years of history. Reading and understanding the Bible, and living up to its precepts, is indeed a formidable task and will take us all a lifetime to do.

The first key to the Bible is noting that this isn't just the work of human authors; it is the word of God. We acknowledge the human element of the Bible, the authors' lived experience, the historical circumstances that form the background of the revelation. But we believe unequivocally that the truth and meaning of the Bible is the inspiration of God. The Catholic view is that God was able to reveal truth through the work of sacred writers. The Scriptures are layered accounts. They begin with historical facts, followed by years of oral tradition, and ending with the author's final version. The best way to familiarize yourself with Scripture is to find a good Bible-study program or group. This will acquaint you with the history of Israel, the times and culture in which the Bible was written, and its rich variety of literary forms. Enjoy your biblical journey.

—Fr. Joseph Morin, CSsR

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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 especially during this Covid-19 crisis. Next open for distribution on **Friday, August 14 and Friday August 28, 2020.**